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Form 10-300
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Illinois	
COUNTY: Fayette	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	JUN 4 1973

1. NAME

COMMON:
The Little Brick House

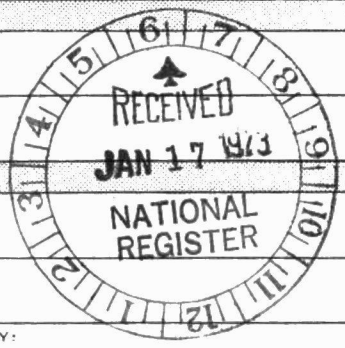
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
621 St. Clair

CITY OR TOWN:
Vandalia

STATE: Illinois CODE: 17 COUNTY: Fayette CODE: 051



3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____
		<input type="checkbox"/> Comments	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Miss Josephine Burtschi

STREET AND NUMBER:
307 North Sixth

CITY OR TOWN: Vandalia STATE: Illinois CODE: 17

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Burtschi Bros. & Co., (abstract)

STREET AND NUMBER:
415 West Gallatin

CITY OR TOWN: Vandalia STATE: Illinois CODE: 17

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

S N O I T C U R T S I N I E E S

22nd Congressional District - Congressman George Shipley

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	slightly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Little Brick House is a six-room dwelling of Italianate style. Its hip roof, clean lines, and long narrow windows with segmental arches are characteristic of the Tuscan Villa style in its very simplest form. At the windows are the original wooden shutters, still functional, made with wooden pegs by a skillful carpenter. Only one or two slats were missing and were replaced. The little iron locks with porcelain knobs are on the windows, and the old hardware on the doors. The windows still have the old glass panes with the possible exception of one or two which may have been broken. Some are cracked but the pane remains.

The two-story square brick portion in front with two one-story brick rooms attached one behind the other in the back has an attached frame room at the end which was used for a storeroom probably. The pillared wooden porch was possibly added sometime after 1910 with its concrete floor. Originally it had a small entrance porch with wooden floor and railing just at the front door. The roof may have had a railing. Just above the roof, which was attached by iron hooks, is supposedly a window but which is a door out from the upstairs hall.

The original brick pathways in the front and back yards remain. The summer kitchen and woodshed are original buildings. The chimney has been removed, however, from the summer kitchen and a new cement floor has been constructed in place of the rotted wooden floor.

The house is surrounded by native plantings of trees, shrubs, flowers, wildflowers, kitchen garden, fruit trees and berries. The well, cistern, rain barrel, grinding stone and chopping block are included in the lesson of social living. The trees are oak, walnut, wahoo, gum, yellow poplar and very old maples, mulberry and black wild cherry.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Art | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Little Brick House possesses characteristics of national significance inasmuch as it is identified prominently with literary, cultural, and social history from which an understanding and appreciation of our American heritage may be gained. Secondly, the house itself represents the work of a master craftsman as well as an architectural type specimen. Finally, the property was owned by James William Berry, the first talented artist of Illinois, and probably the first talented painter of the early Midwest. Charles Prentice, first storekeeper of Vandalia, also owned the property. Joseph C. Burtschi, prominent financier, historian, author, banker, titleman, and community leader, resided here. He edited the Documentary History of Vandalia, Illinois, the first major book to cover the history of the early Illinois capitol (1820-1839).

The museum houses a James Hall Library, in which the author's own copies of his prominent books are kept. James Hall, the foremost literary figure of the early west, did his best writing in Vandalia and established the town as the first literary center west of Cincinnati. He wrote the first book of literary style in Illinois, Letters from the West (1828). In the same year he compiled the first western annual, the Western Souvenir. He edited the Illinois Monthly Magazine, (1830-32), the first literary periodical in Illinois. In 1832 he wrote Legends of the West, in which appeared his best short stories. After his move to Cincinnati, he wrote numerous other books.

In the James Hall Library are also manuscripts, original letters, and mementos of Hall. Books, magazine articles, and letters on the subject of James Hall are included in the library. The Illinois State Historical Library has a complete bibliography, listing of the items, of the James Hall Library.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

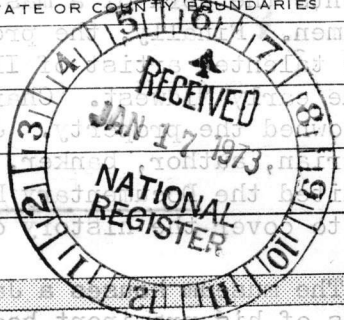
See attached sheet

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		38° 57' 33"	89° 05' 19"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: $\frac{1}{2}$ acre

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Miss Josephine Burtschi

ORGANIZATION: 621 St. Clair DATE: _____

STREET AND NUMBER: _____

CITY OR TOWN: Vandalia STATE: Illinois CODE: 17

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: [Signature]

Title: Director/State Liaison Officer

Date: January 12, 1973

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

[Signature]
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 6/4/73

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Acting Keeper of The National Register

Date: 5/30/73

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(Continuation Sheet)

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(Number all entries)

No. 9 - Major Bibliographical References

BOOKS

1. Burtschi, Mary. Vandalia: Wilderness Capital of Lincoln's Land. Decatur: Huston-Patterson, 1963, pp. 112-117.
2. Carpenter, Allan. Illinois, Land of Lincoln. Chicago: Children's Press, 1968, p. 191.

MAGAZINES

1. Burtschi, Mary. "The Little Brick House of Vandalia, Illinois." Daughters of the American Revolution Magazine, March, 1965, pp. 264-267, 385.
2. "A Memorial to James Hall." Outdoor Illinois, July, 1966. pp. 18-23.
3. "Little Brick House Rich in Vandalia, Illinois History," Tri-State Trader, April, 18, 1970, p. 10.
4. "Vandalia's Little Brick House," Outdoor Illinois, August, 1967, pp. 31-32.

PAMPHLET

1. Burtschi, Mary. A Port Folio for James Hall: A Commemorative Booklet Regarding the 175th Anniversary of James Hall's Birth (1793-1968), Vandalia: Vandalia Historical Society, 1968, p. 13.



PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WHEN THE PROPERTY IS RESUBMITTED. DATE: _____

NAME OF PROPERTY Little Brick House

The attached National Register Inventory-Nomination form is being returned to your office for clarification of the information indicated below.

- ____ 1. Name. _____
- ____ 2. Location. _____
- ____ 3. Classification. _____
- ____ 4. Owner of Property. _____
- ____ 5. Location of Legal Description. _____
- ____ 6. Representation in Existing Surveys. _____
- ____ 7. Description. _____
- ____ 8. Statement of Significance. _____
- ____ 9. Bibliography. _____
- ____ 10. Geographical Data.
 - a. Longitude and Latitude Coordinates. Longitude (or Latitude) appears to be off by about 18 seconds. Please check.
 - b. Acreage. _____
- ____ 11. Form Prepared By. _____
- ____ 12. Certification. _____
- ____ Photographic Coverage. _____
- ____ Map Coverage. _____
- ____ Other. _____

Clarification or correction of the above items must be made prior to the initiation of our professional review. Correction of these technical errors does not necessarily insure that the nomination will then satisfy the National Register criteria in full.

Thank you for your attention to the above items checked. *Thanks*

SIGNED: _____



DAN WALKER
GOVERNOR

RICHARD B. OGILVIE
GOVERNOR

STATE OF ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
SPRINGFIELD 62706

HENRY N. BARKHAUSEN
DIRECTOR

January 12, 1973



Dr. William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register
Room 3209
1100 L Street N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20005

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

Please find enclosed, for your consideration, nominations to the National Register of Historic Places of the Clayville Stage Coach Stop, Sangamon County; Millstone Bluff, Pope County; the Little Brick House, Fayette County; and the McLean County Court House and Square.

Thank you.

Sincerely

Henry N. Barkhausen
State Liaison Officer

HNB:gjf
encs.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WHEN THE PROPERTY IS RESUBMITTED.

DATE:

NAME OF PROPERTY

LITTLE BRICK HOUSE

ell

3/28/73

The attached National Register Inventory-Nomination form is being returned to your office for clarification of the information indicated below.

1. Name. _____

2. Location. _____

3. Classification. _____

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5. Location of Legal Description. _____

6. Representation in Existing Surveys. _____

7. Description. _____

8. Statement of Significance. _____

9. Bibliography. _____

10. Geographical Data.

a. Longitude and Latitude Coordinates: _____

b. Acreage. _____

11. Form Prepared By. _____

12. Certification. _____

Photographic Coverage. _____

Map Coverage. PLEASE SEND A USGS MAP AND DOUBLE CHECK LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE, OUR COMPUTATIONS SHOW LATITUDE INCORRECT ON PRESENT MAP.
Other. _____

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Thank you for your attention to the above items checked.

SIGNED:

John A. [Signature]



STATE OF ILLINOIS

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

605 STATE OFFICE BUILDING

400 SOUTH SPRING ST.

SPRINGFIELD 62706

CHICAGO OFFICE—1227 S. MICHIGAN AVE. 60605

April 5, 1973

Mr. William J. Murtagh
National Register of Historic Places
Department of the Interior
National Park Service
18th and C Streets, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Mr. Murtagh:

Enclosed please find the revised nomination form for the Little Brick House, Vandalia, Fayette County. The latitude coordinate was in error and I have changed it from $39^{\circ} 57' 03''$ to $39^{\circ} 57' 33''$.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

William G. Farrar

William G. Farrar, Director
Illinois Historic Landmarks Survey
320 South Main Street
Benton, Illinois 62812

WGF/jah

Enc.



PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WHEN THE PROPERTY IS RESUBMITTED.

DATE: 4.16.73

NAME OF PROPERTY Little Buck House, Ill.

The attached National Register Inventory-Nomination form is being returned to your office for clarification of the information indicated below.

- 1. Name. _____
- 2. Location. _____
- 3. Classification. _____
- 4. Owner of Property. _____
- 5. Location of Legal Description. _____
- 6. Representation in Existing Surveys. _____
- 7. Description. _____
- 8. Statement of Significance. _____
- 9. Bibliography. _____
- 10. Geographical Data.
 - a. Longitude and Latitude Coordinates. Latitude seems to be incorrect. Please recompute.
 - ~~b. Acreage. indicate that the latitude should be less than 39.~~
- 11. Form Prepared By. _____
- 12. Certification. _____
- Photographic Coverage. _____
- Map Coverage. _____
- Other. _____

Clarification of the above items must be made prior to the initiation of our professional review. Correction of these technical errors does not necessarily insure that the nomination will then satisfy the National Register criteria in full. **RECEIVED** APR 18 1973

Thank you for your attention to the above items checked. *Thanks,*

DIVISION OF LONG RANGE PLANNING

SIGNED: *[Signature]*

PROPERTY The Little Brick House STATE Ill.

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Yayette, County

WORKING NUMBER 1.17.73.2126

TECH REVIEW

Photos 1

Maps 1

CONTROL REVIEW Lat. is incorrectly computed. Map returned 4.10.73 but lat is still incorrect. New map received 5.4.73 Lat still incorrect

WJ
3-15-73

HISTORIAN probably enough evidence to accept but museum appears mainly concerned with James Hall who is not tied to house in #8 - concerned about integrity of historic place. ~~concern~~ honoring an author not identified with house

return for further #8
SML
3/22/73

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN I admit Hall isn't connected w/ building #8 but other people listed in #8 seem significant to them. Not much architectural signif, though.

WJ
3-23-73
ACCEPT
KH

ARCHEOLOGIST

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

WJ
5/23/73

KEEPER

National Register write-up _____

Send-back 3-29-73 4.16.73

Federal Register entry 8-7-73

Re-submit 4.10.73 ~~4.16.73~~ 5.14.73

Entered JUN 4 1973



621
THE LITTLE BRICK HOUSE

OPEN

NPS Number 64/73

Title: Little Brick House

Loc.

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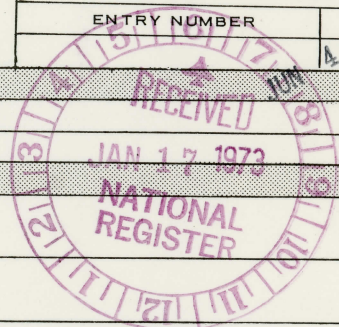
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

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1. NAME			
COMMON: Little Brick House			
AND/OR HISTORIC:			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: 621 St. Clair			
CITY OR TOWN: Vandalia			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Illinois	17	Fayette	051
3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT: Josephine Burtschi			
DATE OF PHOTO: October 1972			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Illinois Historic Sites Survey, 320 S. Main St., Benton, Ill.			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. Front of house facing North			



PRO

GPO 921-737

ILLINOIS HISTORICAL LANDMARKS SURVEY
320 SOUTH MAIN STREET
BENTON, ILLINOIS 62812

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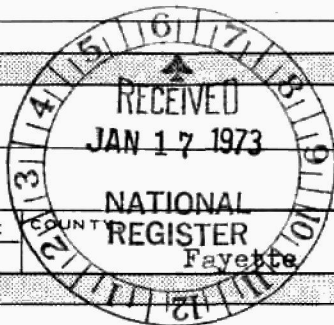
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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621 St. Clair			
CITY OR TOWN:			
Vandalia			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
Illinois	17	Fayette	051
3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE:			
U.S.G.S. Vandalia Quad			
SCALE: 1:62,500 15'			
DATE: 1945			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			



ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE **ILLINOIS**

Date Entered JUN 4 1973

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
The Little Brick House	Vandalia Fayette County
Ratcliff Inn	Carmi White County

Also Notified

Hon. Charles H. Percy
Hon. Adlai E. Stevenson, III
Hon. Melvin Price
Hon. Edward Madigan

**State Historic Preservation Officer
Mr. Anthony Dean, Director
Department of Conservation
602 State Office Building
Springfield, Illinois 62706**

Director, Northeast Region

PHR

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