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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

### NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

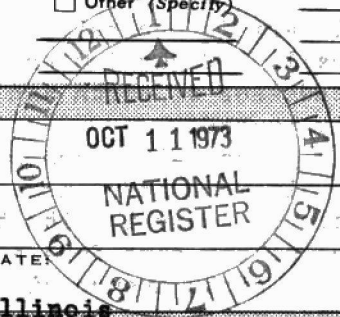
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STATE: <b>Illinois</b>	
COUNTY: <b>Ogle</b>	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	<b>OCT 25 1973</b>

16th Congressional District -- Congressman, John Anderson

STRUCTURE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON: <b>Carl Vandre House</b>				
AND/OR HISTORIC: <b>William H. Holcomb House</b> <i>use this</i>				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: <b>526 North Seventh Street</b>				
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Rochelle</b>				
STATE <b>Illinois</b>		CODE <b>17</b>	COUNTY: <b>Ogle</b>	CODE <b>141</b>
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
				Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: <b>Mr. and Mrs. Carl Vandre</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: <b>526 North Seventh Street</b>				
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Rochelle</b>		STATE: <b>Illinois</b>	CODE: <b>17</b>	
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: <b>Ogle County Courthouse</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: <b>Washington and Fourth Streets</b>				
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Oregon</b>		STATE: <b>Illinois</b>	CODE: <b>17</b>	
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY: <b>Illinois Historic Structures Survey</b>				
DATE OF SURVEY: <b>1971-73</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: <b>Glessner House</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: <b>1800 South Prairie Avenue</b>				
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Chicago</b>		STATE: <b>Illinois</b>	CODE: <b>17</b>	



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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)		
	<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

## DESCRIPTION:

The Holcomb house is two stories high of locally made brick with limestone trim and is topped by a large wooden cornice. Its widely projecting eaves are supported by ornate brackets. The cornice, the wide eaves with supporting brackets, and the general proportions of the house are typical of the Victorian Italianate style.

The house, arranged in a formal plan, has a central hall featuring at one end a spectacular oval, spiraling staircase lit by an oval skylight. At the entry, a delicate design is etched in the glass of the richly carved front doors.

To the right of the hall is the parlor, accented by a carved marble fireplace with a decorative, gold-leafed wood overmantle containing a mirrored backing.

Behind the parlor and also opening off the hall is the dining room. It has a modeled, papier mache wall covering giving a leather-like appearance. The upper portion of the room was originally stenciled, but about 1911 a local artist painted in that space a mural of the Grand Detour area. This room also has a marble fireplace and mirrored overmantle.

Behind the dining room at the rear of the house is the kitchen.

At the front of the house to the left of the hall is the living room. It, like other rooms opening off the hall has carved, wood grained sliding doors.

The library is accessible from both the adjoining living room and the central hall. Of particular interest on the library mantle are the gold-leafed goddesses of earth and sea holding torches from which a gas flame originally burned.

A small glassed-in porch opens off the library and behind the library is a bedroom. Six more bedrooms are on the second floor.

The Holcomb house is situated on a corner lot surrounded by a wrought iron fence of the same date as the house. There are wrought iron hitching posts on the Sixth Avenue side.

The house which had undergone minor alterations has been returned almost to its original condition by the present owners. The door on the second floor above the entrance was originally a window. A temporary partition wall exists on the second floor to separate two apartments. Some ceiling fixtures have been removed. The cloisonne light fixtures which topped the newel posts have been removed but still exist.

## HISTORY:

The original owner, William Horace Holcomb, was born in Knoxville, Illinois in 1840. He was educated at Knox College. From 1861-1865 Holcomb served in the Civil War. In December of 1866 he married Elizabeth Munson. She died in 1892 and 1896 he married Mary Crossette. Mr. Holcomb came to Rochelle in 1871 as a freight agent for the Chicago and Iowa Railroad. The section of that railroad between Aurora and Forreston and the Rockford branch were being built by his cousin, F.E. Hinckley. Holcomb moved his family to Rochelle shortly after 1871. In 1877 he was appointed receiver for the railroad. Holcomb was also an alderman in Rochelle from 1874-77 and between 1878-80 he was

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mayor of the town. In addition, he served on the school board.

When the Chicago and Iowa Railroad was absorbed by the Burlington Northern Railway Holcomb became superintendent of the latter. He also held the position of Superintendent of the Oregon Short Line and the Union Pacific Railroads. Furthermore, he took an active part in the Transportation section of the World's Fair of 1893 held in Chicago. W. H. Holcomb died in March of 1908 in Hinsdale, Illinois.



**6. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1872-73**

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	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

**SIGNIFICANCE:**

The W. H. Holcomb House is significant both for its architecture and elaborate interiors, and for the local historical importance of the man who built it.

Architecturally, it offers an excellent example of a handsome 1870's design. The interiors illustrate the architectural ornament of that period. The elaborate woodwork, parquet floors, etched glass, and ornate fireplaces and overmantles are seldom seen in the more elegant houses of this period, even in Chicago.

In addition to serving as Rochelle's third mayor, W. H. Holcomb's career was very important to the development of railway transportation in the United States. He was superintendent of four railroad lines. The city of Holcomb, Illinois was named after his family.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Rogers, Mary. "Hathaway House is Gem of Bygone Era". (Clipping from local newspaper October 23, 1941)

Vandre, Charlene. Letter to Illinois Historic Sites Survey. July 3, 1973.  
 . Interview.

Vested, Mari Jane. "Vandre House Restored to Victorian Elegance". (Clipping from local newspaper)

Numerous clippings in possession of Mrs. Vandre.

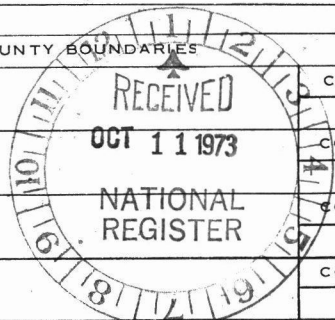
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NE	0	'	"	0	'	"	41 <sup>0</sup>					
SE	0	'	"	0	'	"						
SW	0	'	"	0	'	"						

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Susan Karr Sorell Research Assistant

ORGANIZATION

Illinois Historic Structures Survey

DATE

Aug. 7, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER:

1800 South Prairie Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:

Chicago

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

Anthony T. Deary  
 Director

Title

Illinois Dept. of Conservation

Date

October 4, 1973

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

*Ernest A. Connolly*

Associate Director, Professional Services

Date

OCT 25 1973

ATTEST:

*Wendy Smith*  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date

10-17-73

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PROPERTY

William H. Holcomb  
~~Vander, Carl, House~~

STATE

Ill.

Ogle, County

WORKING NUMBER

10.11.73. 3745

TECH REVIEW

Photos 1

Maps 1

73000714

CONTROL REVIEW

*Not incorrect*

OK  
~~OK~~

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HISTORIAN

Use historic name Accept  
10-12-73  
C. Shull

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Accept  
KAC  
10/12/73

ARCHEOLOGIST

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

Accepted  
R... 10/14/73

KEEPER

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10/17

National Register write-up 3-7-74

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Federal Register entry 12-4-73

Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_

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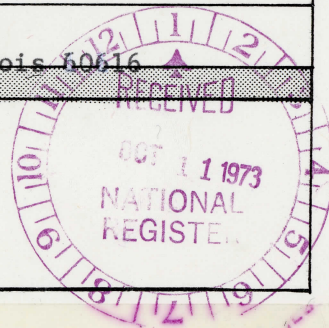
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<b>3. PHOTO REFERENCE</b>			
PHOTO CREDIT: Tom Yanul			
DATE OF PHOTO: August, 1973			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Glessner House 1800 S. Prairie Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616			
<b>4. IDENTIFICATION</b>			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. View of South facade looking North			



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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY MAP FORM**

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**3. MAP REFERENCE**

SOURCE:  
U.S.G.S Rochelle Quad

SCALE: 1:62500 15'

DATE: 1952

**4. REQUIREMENTS**

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

- Property boundaries where required.
- North arrow.
- Latitude and longitude reference.

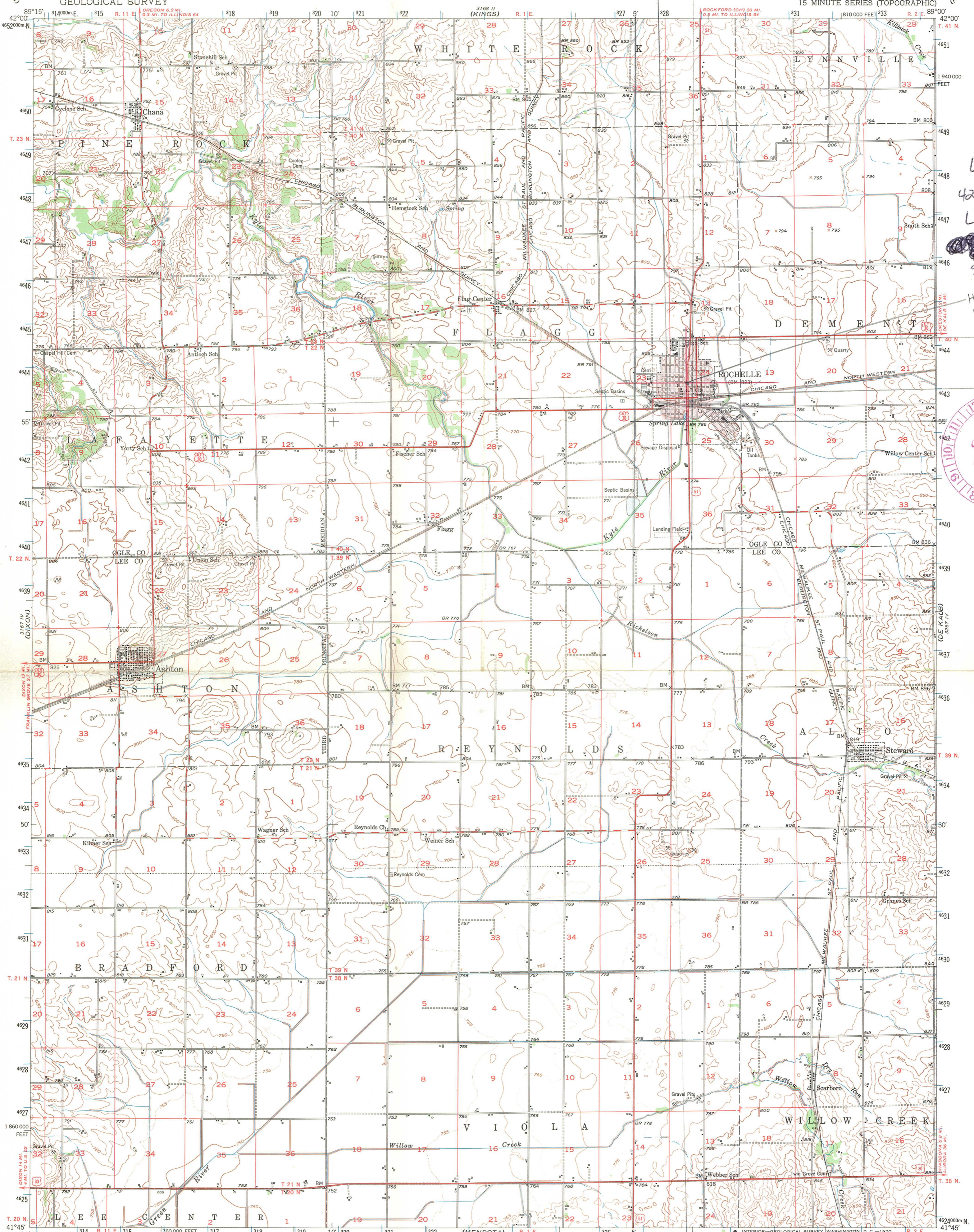


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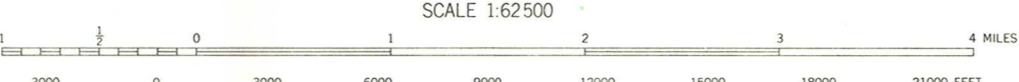
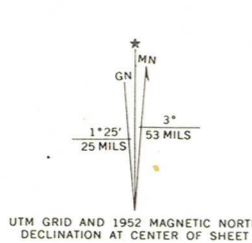
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ILLINOIS  
15 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

HB 2n16  
E 329 180  
N 4643 106

LAT.  
42° 55' 25"  
LONG.  
89° 04' 04"  
HOLCOMB HOUSE



Maped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey  
Control by USGS and USC&GS  
Culture and drainage in part compiled from aerial photographs taken 1951. Topography by plane-table surveys 1952  
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum 10,000-foot grid based on Illinois coordinate system, west zone  
Red tint indicates area in which landmark buildings are shown  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 16, shown in blue



CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET  
DOTTED LINES REPRESENT HALF-INTERVAL CONTOURS  
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL



ROAD CLASSIFICATION  
Heavy-duty 4 LANE 16 LANE Light-duty  
Medium-duty 4 LANE 16 LANE Unimproved dirt  
U. S. Route State Route

ROCHELLE, ILL.  
N4145-W8900/15

1952

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE ILLINOIS

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Holcomb, William H., House	Rochelle Ogle County
Glidden, Joseph F., House	DeKalb DeKalb County
Flagg Township Public Library	Rochelle Ogle County

Also Notified

Hon. Charles H. Percy  
 Hon. Adlai E. Stevenson, III  
 Hon. John B. Anderson  
 Hon. Leslie C. Arends

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 Mr. Anthony Dean, Director  
 Department of Conservation  
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 400 South Spring Street  
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Director, Northeast Region

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