

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

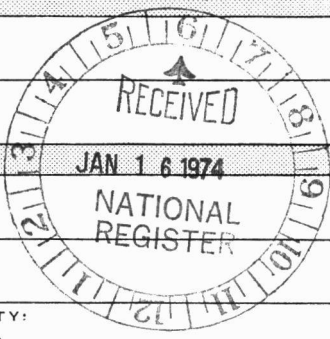
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STATE:  
**Illinois**

COUNTY:  
**Cook**

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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	<b>AUG 7 1974</b>



**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
**Jewelers' Building**

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**15-19 South Wabash**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Chicago**

STATE <b>Illinois</b>	CODE <b>17</b>	COUNTY: <b>Cook</b>	CODE <b>031</b>
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**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<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	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input 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

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
**Percy Wilson Mortgage & Finance Corporation**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**221 North La Salle Street**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Chicago**

STATE: <b>Illinois</b>	CODE <b>17</b>
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**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**Cook County Recorder of Deeds**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**118 North Clark Street**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Chicago**

STATE: <b>Illinois</b>	CODE <b>17</b>
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**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
**Historic American Buildings Survey (see continuation sheet)**

DATE OF SURVEY: **1966**  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
**Library of Congress**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Washington**

STATE: <b>D.C.</b>	CODE <b>11</b>
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S N O I T C U R T S N I E E S

7th Congressional District - Congressman Cardiss Collins

STATE: <b>ILLINOIS</b>	COUNTY: <b>COOK</b>	ENTRY NUMBER <b>AUG 7 1974</b>	DATE
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" 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 Jewelers' Building with exterior walls of brick, terra cotta, and iron has five stories above a basement. Its facade is divided into a wide center bay between two smaller end bays. The windows in the central bay are further sub-divided by cast iron mullions into three openings on the second to fourth floors, and into six on the fifth floor. The masonry portion is designed in a highly polychromatic red brick, terra cotta, and stone. The Jewelers' Building has a flat roof which slopes slightly. An ornamental parapet completes the design of the facade. The building has a frontage of approximately 60 feet on Wabash Avenue and a depth of 160 feet.

The major part of the ornament is concentrated under the arch of the central bay, and at the corners of the building. Cast iron ornament originally graced piers, now removed, on the first floor. The architectural decoration comes from Sullivan's first period of ornament (1873-1890), phase two (1880-1883). For the most part, the ornament consists of stylized plant forms that are carefully and rigidly delineated. The motifs do not overlap and are seen against a smooth ground.

On the interior, the columns bear no relationship to the facade. The beams run north and south across the building, while the arches are oriented along the east and west transverse axis. There has been considerable remodeling on the interior. The exterior on the ground floor has been completely remodeled.

**HISTORY**

The building at 134 Wabash (new number: 15-19 South Wabash) was designed in 1881 by Adler & Sullivan. It was one of four buildings this firm designed for Martin Ryerson, an early Chicago business man and real estate investor. Shortly after completion, the building was rented by Samuel A. Maxwell Company, a stationery store. According to Martin A. Ryerson, son of the original owner, the building was not named when finished. Therefore it must have been at some later time that it acquired the name Jewelers' Building. The building cost \$90,260 in 1881-82.



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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS, Continued.

Illinois Historic Structures Survey,  
October, 1972 (State)  
Records at: Glessner House, 1800 S. Prairie Ave., Chicago, Illinois

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES, Continued

- Randall, Frank A. The Development of Chicago Building Construction. Urbana: The University of Illinois Press, 1949.
- "Martin Ryerson Obituary", The Chicago Tribune, September 7, 1887.
- Rudd, J. William, comp. Historic American Buildings Survey: Chicago and Nearby Illinois Areas. Park Forest: The Prairie School Press, 1966.
- Sprague, Paul E. "The Architectural Ornament of Louis Sullivan and his Chief Draftsmen." (An unpublished doctoral dissertation, Princeton University, April 1968.)



**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) **1881-82**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---|--|--|
| <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 type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |  |  |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

**SIGNIFICANCE**

The Jewelers' Building is one of five structures (plus one remodeling soon to be demolished) still standing in Chicago's Loop designed by the internationally famous early modern architects, Louis Sullivan and Dankmar Adler. As the only remaining commercial building by that firm from the early 1880's, the Jewelers' is especially significant. In no other building is the polychromatic character of the firms' work so clearly revealed. The Jewelers' Building is also very important because of the large quantity of very early ornament by Sullivan still to be seen on its facade.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

The American Architect and Building News, Vol. X (July 2, 1881).  
 Condit, Carl. The Chicago School of Architecture. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1964.  
 Gilbert, Paul. Chicago and its Makers. Chicago: Felix Mendelsohn Publisher, 1929.  
Marquis' Handbook of Chicago 1884.  
 Nickel, Richard. "A Photographic Documentation of the Architecture of Adler & Sullivan." (An unpublished masters thesis from the Illinois Institute of Technology, June 1957).  
 SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

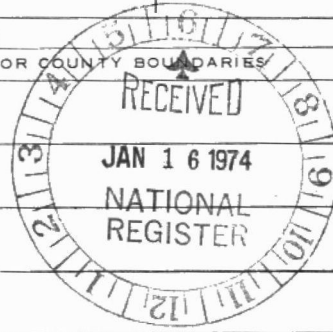
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SW	0	'	"	0	'	"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **Less than one**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
**Susan Karr Sorell, Architectural Historian**

ORGANIZATION: **Illinois Historic Structures Survey**      DATE: **December 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. Dean  
 Anthony T. Dean, Director

Title State Historic Preservation Officer

Date December 28, 1973

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

A. K. Muelhausen  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 8/7/74

ATTEST:  
W. J. M. [Signature]  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 8.1.74

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT: Thomas G. Yanul

DATE OF PHOTO: 1973

NEGATIVE FILED AT: Illinois Historic Structures Survey

Glessner House, 1800 S. Prairie Ave., Chicago

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

Exterior, looking northeast.

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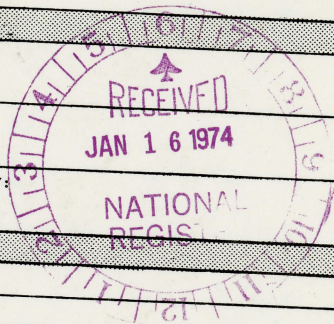
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DATE OF PHOTO: November 1973  
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Glessner House

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4. IDENTIFICATION  
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.  
Exterior: view looking east at main facade.



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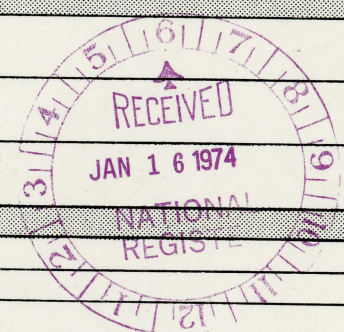
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STREET AND NUMBER: 15-19 South Wabash			
CITY OR TOWN: Chicago			
STATE: Illinois	CODE 17	COUNTY: Cook	CODE 031
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NEGATIVE FILED AT: Glessner House 1800 South Prairie Avenue, Chicago, Illinois			
<b>4. IDENTIFICATION</b>			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.  Exterior Detail: showing ornament above second and third floor windows of end bay on right (southern-most).			

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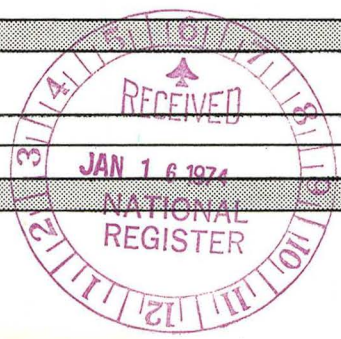
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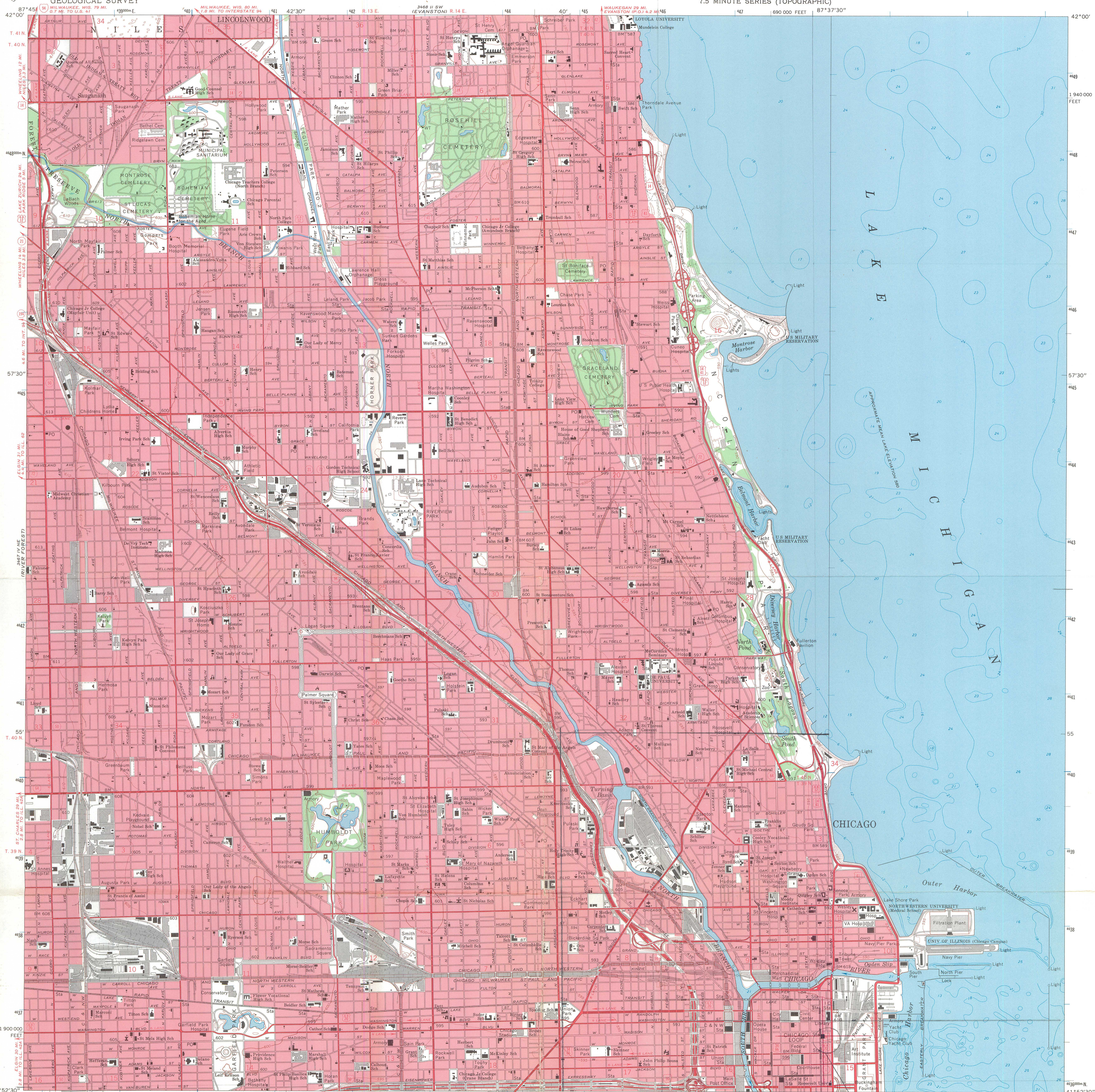
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TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

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2. North arrow.
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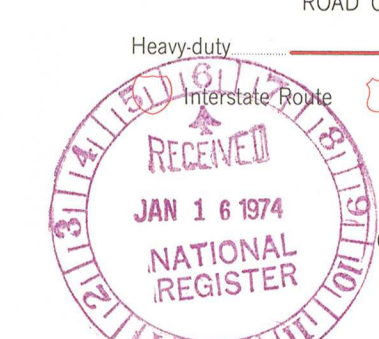
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Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Illinois coordinate system, east zone  
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Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown

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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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JEWELERS' BUILDING  
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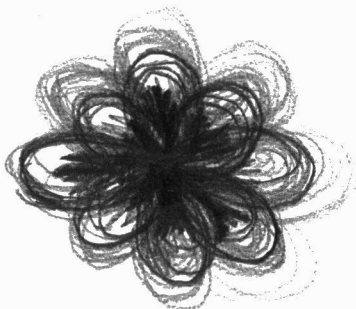
Dear Ms. Thorman:

Paul Sprague asked me to send you this survey photograph of the Jewelers' Building. He said that he tried to locate a negative of a photograph that was taken just after completion of the building & showed it in virgin state, but so far has had no luck in finding it. He will send you a print as soon as he locates the negative.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Quekko, Office Manager

Illinois Historic Structures Survey  
1800 South Prairie Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60616



ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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Date Entered      AUG 7 1974

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Also Notified

Hon. Charles H. Percy  
Hon. Adlai E. Stevenson, III  
Hon. Cardiss Collins  
Regional Director, Midwest Region

State Historic Preservation Officer  
Mr. Anthony Dean  
Director  
Dept. of Conservation  
602 State Office Bldg.  
400 South Spring St.  
Springfield, Illinois 62706

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