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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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STATE:	Illinois
COUNTY:	Cook
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ENTRY DATE	DEC 30 1974

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
SHEDD PARK FIELDHOUSE

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
SAME

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
3660 W. 23rd Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Chicago

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
7th-Congresswoman Cardiss Collins

STATE: Illinois CODE: 17 COUNTY: Cook CODE: 031

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PUBLIC ACQUISITION: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered			
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
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**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
Chicago Park District-City of Chicago

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Adm. bldg.--425 E. McFetridge Dr.

CITY OR TOWN: Chicago STATE: Illinois CODE: 17

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

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

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Cook County building, Clark & Washington Sts.

CITY OR TOWN: Chicago STATE: Illinois CODE: 17

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Illinois Historic Sites Survey

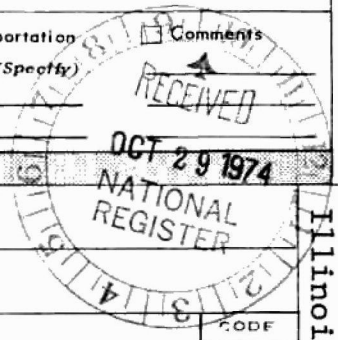
DATE OF SURVEY: 1974  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Glessner House

STREET AND NUMBER:  
1800 S. Prairie Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Chicago STATE: Illinois CODE: 17

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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)		
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

DESCRIPTION:

The Shedd Park Fieldhouse is sited in the southwest corner of Shedd Park, a 1.13 acre public park located in the South Lawndale neighborhood of Chicago. The area contains typical urban park-playground furniture, basketball courts, grassy lawns and bench seating. The park is bounded on the south by 23rd St., by Millard Av. on the east, Lawndale Av. on the west, and the high berm of the C.B.&Q. R.R. tracks to the north. The railroad line actually runs northeast-southwest, creating a trapezoidal shaped park site.

The fieldhouse is a rectangular two-story brick building, 36x78', set on a concrete foundation with partial basement. Dressed Indiana limestone is used for trim at the base of the wall, for lintels and sills of the first floor windows, and for a string course at the second story level. The walls are of rough textured mottled brown brick with horizontally raked mortar joints. The gabled roof, originally sheathed in Spanish tile, is now covered with asbestos asphalt shingles. The roof pediment is trimmed with decorative woodwork and contains thin glass windows between the vertical woodwork in the tympanum. The trim is painted a pale yellow.

A monumentally scaled entrance with wood trellis is located on the south end of the building. Entry is into a vestibule containing washroom facilities and a stairway to the second floor. Vestibule walls are of the same face brick as the exterior. The central portion of the ground floor is a 34' square game room with staff office. To the north are two small meeting rooms and a hallway with two stairways leading to the second floor auditorium.

The auditorium runs the length of the building (north-south). It has a stage with decorative piers on the north end, and a 60 seat balcony on the south end. Walls are of common brick. The exposed roof decking is varnished and rests upon decorative double beamed arches.

A gymnasium addition was added some years later, located just behind (north) and slightly to the west of the fieldhouse. The gymnasium is constructed of similar materials to the fieldhouse and designed in a complimentary style.



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**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) 1916

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Shedd Park Fieldhouse is among the most important monuments of the Prairie School of Architecture. Its architect, William Drummond, a chief draftsman to Frank Lloyd Wright, was one of the four excellent architects to come out of the Oak Park Studio. His fieldhouse is an impressive example of a well designed and detailed building in the early modern idiom. Buildings of this character are rare, and one of this size and quality is of exceptional interest. The building type is also uncommon in the work of these architects, and among fieldhouses built by Prairie School style architects, it is certainly the best. A building of this character in the Prairie style is of considerable significance internationally as well as regionally and locally.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Prairie School Review, Vol.1, No.2, (1964) & Vol.VI, No.2, (1969)  
Book of Chicagoans, Marquis & Co., (1917)  
 Chicago Park District, Original plans & reference library.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: .6

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

STATE:	CDDE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
 Thomas G. Yanull & Paul E. Sprague

ORGANIZATION: Illinois Historic Structures Survey      DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET AND NUMBER:  
 1800 S. Prairie Av.

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 J. Ryan*

Title: State Historic Preservation Officer

Date: 10/1/74

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

*A. P. Martensen*  
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 10/30/74

ATTEST:  
*W. Martensen*  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: DEC 27 1974

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HISTORY:

The Shedd Park Fieldhouse was built in 1916 for the West Park Commission, the predecessor of the present Chicago Park District. The building was designed by architect William Drummond (1876-1948), trained at the University of Illinois and apprenticed in the Oak Park office of Frank Lloyd Wright. Drummond continued as a draftsman and designer in the Wright Studio off and on until 1910 when he joined in partnership with Louis Guenzel, lasting until 1915.

After Frank Lloyd Wright and Walter B. Griffin, Drummond is considered the best exponent of the midwestern early modern design idiom which became known as the Prairie School of Architecture. It is this style that Drummond used for the Shedd Park Fieldhouse.

The gymnasium addition was built in 1928 and designed by the firm of Michaelsen & Rognstad.

The Park is named for John G. Shedd (1850-1926), a noted Chicago merchant and philanthropist. Shedd is best remembered for the John G. Shedd Aquarium on Chicago's lakefront. Shedd was the instigator and major donor of the project.

It was the practice of the West Park Commission, and today of the Chicago Park District, to name public parks after notable Chicago business and civic leaders.



T.G.Y.

PROPERTY Shedd Park Fieldhouse STATE Ill.

WORKING NUMBER 10.29.74.1808

Cook, County

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ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN  
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LEBORCH  
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REVIEW UNIT CHIEF  
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Cole  
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National Register Write-up 1/25  
Federal Register entry 2-4-75

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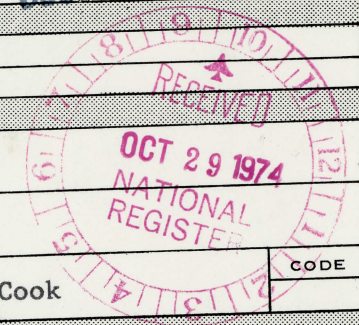
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<b>4. IDENTIFICATION</b>			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. Interior: Looking north on second floor, showing stage/			

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CITY OF PARK

KEEP PARKS CLEAN

NO BICYCLES OR DOGS ALLOWED IN THIS PLAYGROUND

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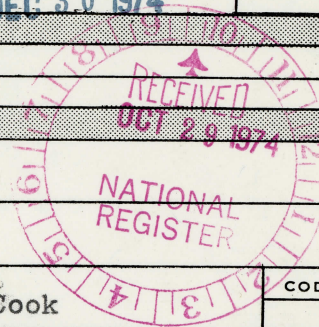
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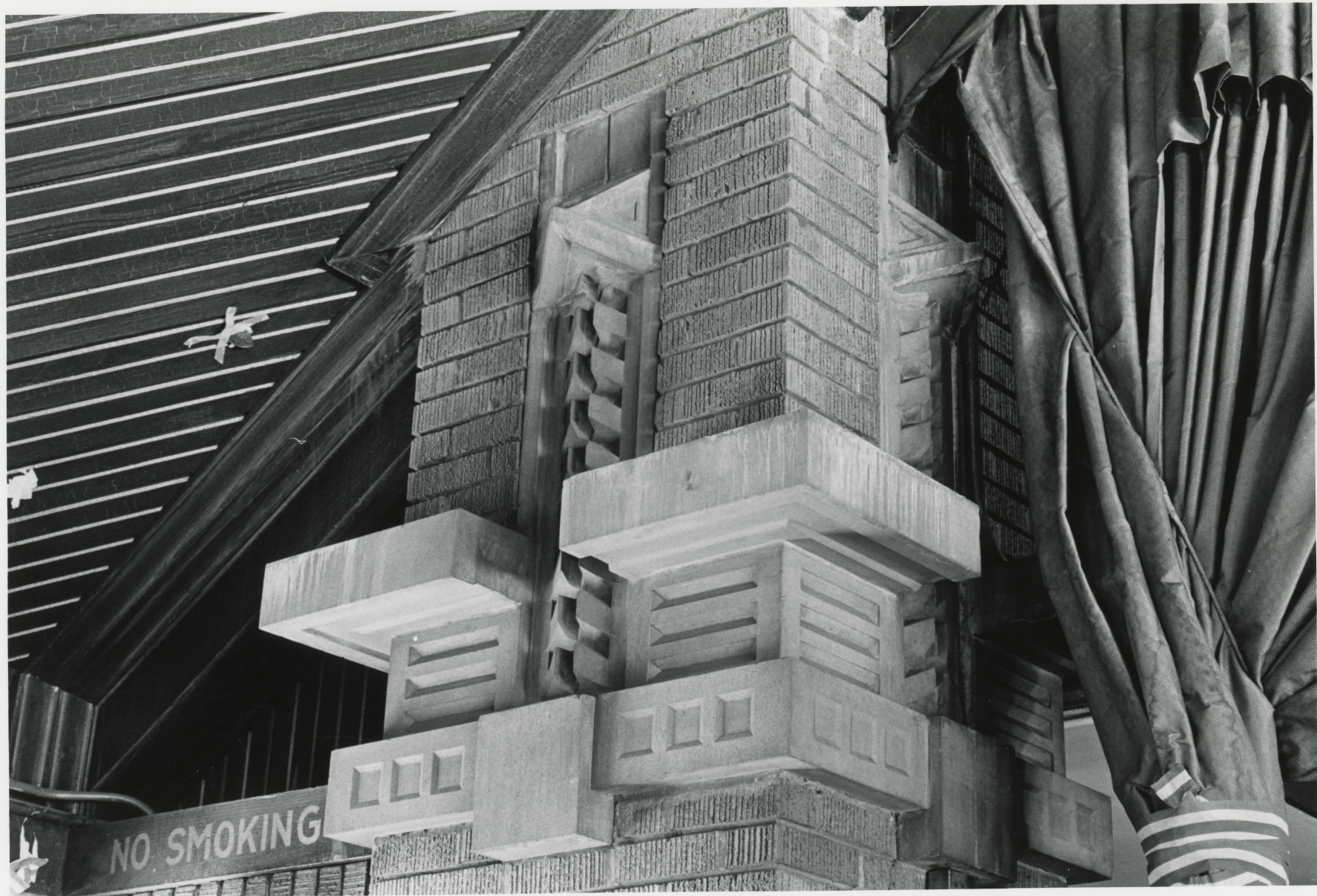
4. IDENTIFICATION

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View is looking north showing main entry located south end of original fieldhouse building. (1916)

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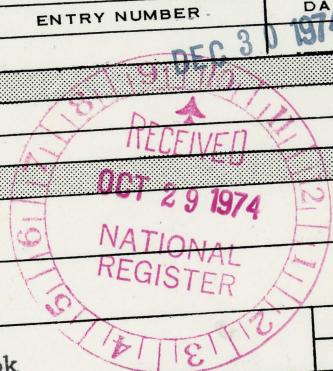
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<b>4. IDENTIFICATION</b>			
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Interior: View of capital-like limestone decoration on column located on side of auditorium stage. North end of second floor.			



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Interior! In second floor auditorium, looking south showing balcony.

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1800 S. ~~Franklin~~ Prairie Av., Chicago, Ill.

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Exterior: Looking northwest showing south main entry and east facade.

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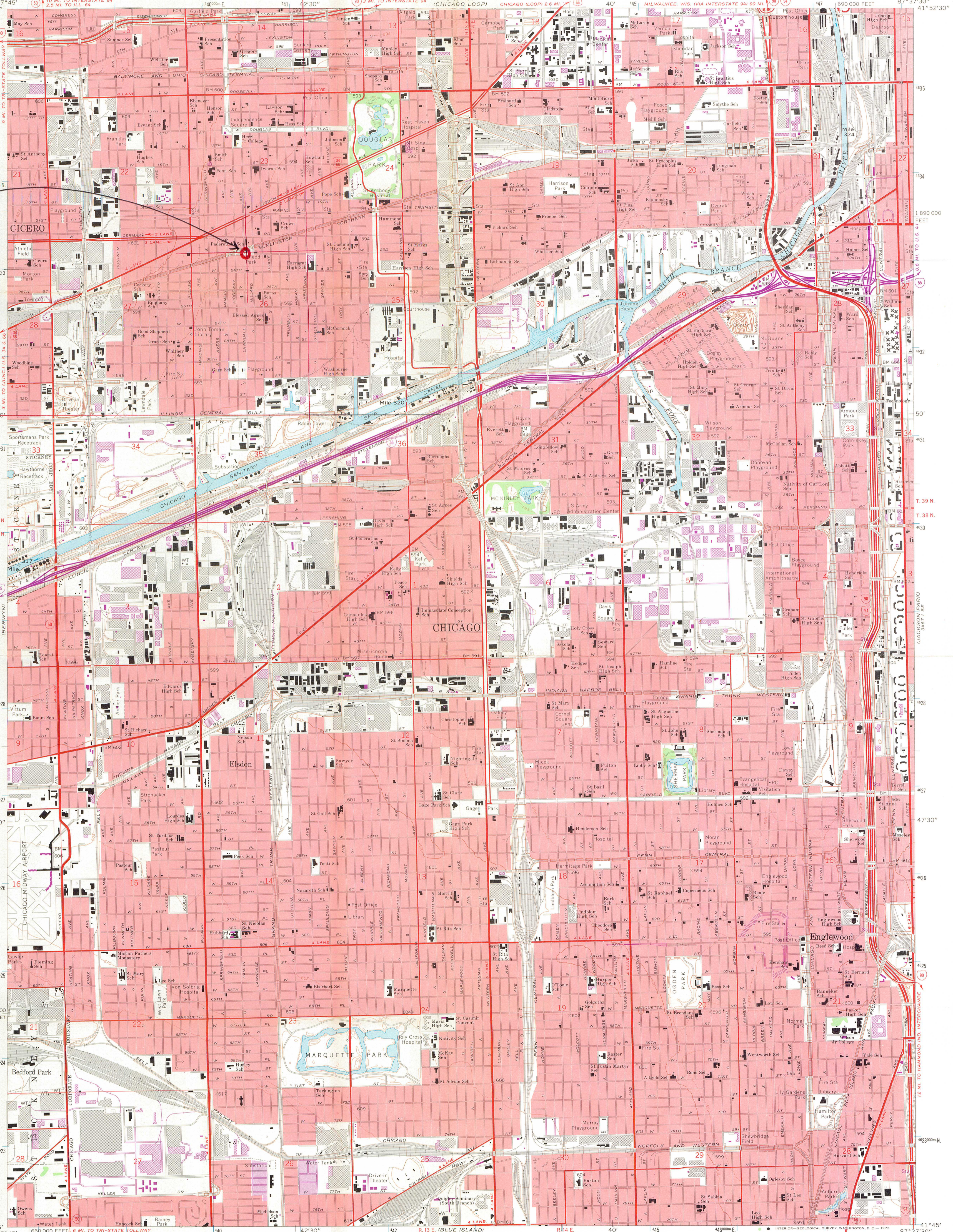
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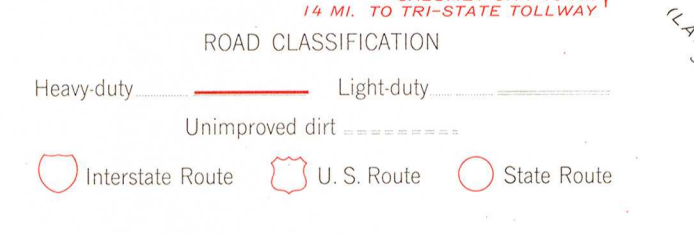
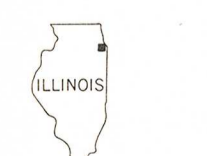
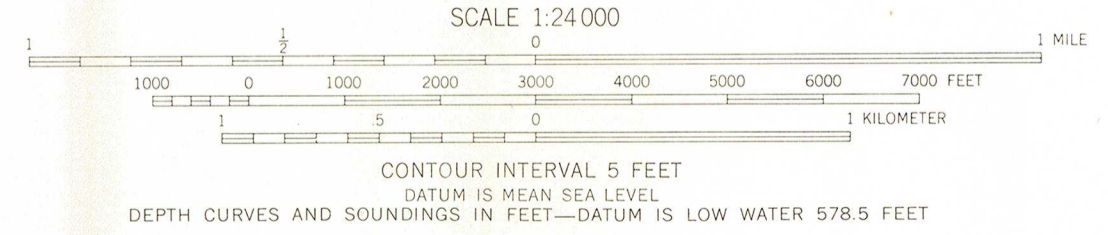
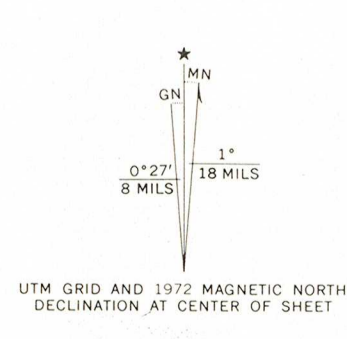


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Hon. Allan E. Stevenson, III  
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Hon. Cardiss Collins**

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