

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Franklin Square neighborhood

AND/OR COMMON

Franklin Park neighborhood

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 300 and 400 blocks of E. Chestnut and E. Walnut Sts.,  
and 900 block of N. Prairie & N. McLean Sts.

CITY, TOWN Bloomington

VICINITY OF 21st-Edward Madigan

STATE Illinois CODE 17 COUNTY McLean CODE 113

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Multiple

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Recorder of Deeds, McLean Co. Courthouse Square, Office  
of Assessor, 426 Unity Bldg. or Planning & Zoning Commission,  
207 W. Jefferson

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Bloomington

STATE

Illinois

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE Illinois Historic Landmarks Survey

DATE 1973

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS 1202 W. Main

CITY, TOWN Carbondale

STATE Illinois

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The historic residences that form a perimeter along the sides of Franklin Square produce a sympathetic environment in an urban sub-area.

The Square is 591 feet by 330 feet. The Square is located seven blocks northeast of the Courthouse Square, the center of downtown Bloomington.

The streets that front the Square on the south and north still show Bloomington's innovative 1877 brick pavement. Most of the sandstone block curbs are visible.

In the Park are many of the original plantings of white oak, hard maple, ash and buttonwood trees. There are 114 trees. Other amenities in the Park are the lamps, seats, swings and trash containers and fountain for drinking. The cement walks are along each side and bisect the center. From each corner the walks meet at the center to form an oval.

The perimeter of homes consists of 36 buildings. Twenty-one of these are constructions of the last half of the 1800s. Three of the homes are early 20th century classic modifications. The others are typical moderate range home construction. Nine of the buildings are constructed of brick, the others of frame and lapboard siding. The height of these homes, up to 40 feet, and the large scale with space between each structure gives a sense of massive strength. A high percent of the buildings are well preserved and relatively unaltered. The majority are in good repair. The useability of these structures is due to the internal structure where two by six studs are used behind solid box framing. The perimeter of homes is dominated by fifteen of the outstanding homes distributed around the Square. Color, structure, size, and style create a sense of support and integration. The photos show a compatible juxtaposition of Queen Anne Victorian, Georgian Revival, Romanesque, Bracketed Italianate and Richardsonian.

All of the buildings are used as single or multiple dwellings with but one exception.

Descriptive information, including early and present owners, date of construction, style, builder, or architect, has been collected on thirteen of the homes. In spite of evident alterations the homogenous aesthetic quality of workmanship is visible in the exteriors of the buildings. The interiors affirm the family motifs and the arts of carpentry characteristic of the Victorian period.

There are two intrusions into the perimeter. One is the small bungalow, marked A on the ink drawing, the other is a modification of one distinctive home for commercial use. The later is marked B on the ink drawing.

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The primary boundary line of the neighborhood is the back of the properties that face into the Square. This line is indicated by a penciled line on the ink drawing.

Some of the qualities that create this district area are: uniformity of facing into the Square, spacing between structures, traditional mix of an architectural theme with a strong commonality, the exterior fronts create a facade line or an horizontal binding (linkage) the perimeter to the Square. "Together they constitute the wall of continuity". (Murtagh, 1974).

Cross streets and walks provide entrance and egress from this Victorian neighborhood. Sandstone curbs and brick pavements are visual markers to let a person know when he moves out of the surrounding community into a distinct space with its own innate feel.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
	<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

Sympathetic environment  
Homes of Prominent people

SPECIFIC DATES: 1860-1900 to present BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The homes that surround Franklin Square represent, singularly and collectively, a mid-American replication of Victorian architecture. Although modified from the original construction design, the Dodson House, 901 N. McLean, constructed in the 1870s, the Luman Burr House, 210 E. Chestnut, constructed in 1864, the John T. Lillard House, 302 E. Walnut, constructed in the early 1890s, the Joseph W. Fifer House, 909 N. McLean, constructed 1895-1896, anchor at each corner of the Square a remarkable visual configuration. The size, lines, artifacts, shape space in an unmistakable style.

Each of these structures with its style, diversity and uniformity of form, color, texture, and spacing contribute to creating an atmosphere that is reminiscent of the 19th century neighborhood. These were the homes and the environment in which the men and women that shaped or influence the character of City and Nation lived. The happy combination of homes, walks, trees, streets, lots and park constitute an authentic neighborhood fixed in the flux of American life. Those who pause in their passage through the Square find the past persists into the present.

The Park, Franklin Square, has been and continues to be the setting for political celebrations, the scene for historic meetings, a play interlude for child or student, a mini-point of quiet intersecting the hurried walk of urban bound persons.

The intangible heritage of the past, issues, traditions, persons, are given substance in that which is seen and touched.

## HISTORY

The Square was given by three leading citizens of Bloomington: David Davis, Wm. F. Flagg, and Wm. H. Allin. The deed is dated April 26, 1856. The same deed records their intent; "to be used as a place of public resort, past time and recreation for citizens and strangers forever". The Square is named to honor Franklin Price, who was Mayor of the City of Bloomington at the time of the gift.

The families that have made their homes in these structures have directly influenced the political, commercial, educational, and religious life of the city, of the County, the State of Illinois, and of the United States.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 History of McLean Co., C.P. Merriman, 1879, LeBaron Jr. Co. Chicago.  
 Portrait & Biographical Album of McLean Co., Chapman Bros, 1887, Chicago.  
 Illustrated Bloomington & Normal, 1896, Pantagraph Printing, Bloomington  
 Pituresque Bloomington, 1907, Pantagraph Printing, Bloomington

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 26 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	B	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Latitude	NW	40° 29' 16"	Longitude	NW	88° 59' 32"
	NE	40° 29' 16"		NE	88° 59' 18"
	SW	40° 29' 08"		SW	88° 59' 32"
	SE	40° 29' 08"		SE	88° 59' 18"

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Charles K. Hartman

ORGANIZATION

Franklin Square Association

STREET & NUMBER

302 E. Walnut

CITY OR TOWN

Bloomington

DATE

1974

TELEPHONE

STATE

Illinois

## 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

*Anthony J. Dean*

TITLE State of Illinois-State Historic Preservation Officer DATE April 16, 1975

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*Acting*

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

*4/16/76*

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

*1-7-76*

*Acting*

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The Dodson House, 901 N. McLean, was the home of Adlai E. Stevenson I. He was elected Vice-President of the United States in 1892. Across the street to the south, 809 N. McLean, was the home of Judge Kerrick, and later Judge Edward Barry. On the north end of this block, 909 N. McLean, is the home of the former Governor of Illinois, Joseph W. Fifer. In between these is the home of Frank Funk, Congressman from 1921 to 1927. On the west side of the Square, 210 E. Chestnut, is the home of Luman Burr. He was a circuit court clerk and a personal friend of Abraham Lincoln. This house is constructed of a pinkish cream brick kilned here in Bloomington. Diagonally across the intersection, 815 N. Prairie, is the Isaac Funk Home. It was constructed in the period 1869 to 1871. Isaac was the son of the Honorable Isaac Funk of Funks Grove. He was a farmer and livestock man. He owned 2260 acres of land. On the northwest corner of the Square, 302 E. Walnut, is the home of John T. Lillard. Mr. Lillard was an attorney, trustee of Wesleyan University, organizer of the Union Gas and Electric Co., and the Kinlock-Bloomington Telephone Co.

William Jennings Bryan delivered one of his orations in the Square. The square was the point of origin of the Torch Light Parades. The most elaborate of which was staged in September, 1848. The floats extended several blocks. In November of 1892, the Square was the setting of the celebration of Adlai Stevenson's election. General John McNulta delivered his address in the Square on this occasion.

In November of 1893, the Square was the setting of the celebration of the wedding of Jewell Stevenson, daughter of Adlai Stevenson, I, to the Reverend Mr. Martin Hardin. Guests on this occasion included Chief Justice Fuller of Cleveland, Secretary of the Navy Hillard A. Herbert, General John C. Black, and Governor and Mrs. Altgelt.

Through this Square came the distinguished guests of those families that lived in these homes. Among the friends of Adlai Stevenson I were Ulysses S. Grant, Henry Wellcome, and Roger Ingersol. Eugene Talmadge of Georgia, Theodore Roosevelt, and Clarence Darrow were house guests of Governor Fifer. Carl Sandburg spent several days with the Fifer's while he was writing his biography of Abraham Lincoln.

The local coloring of Grace Jewett Austin's novelette, "Yet He Was A Gentleman" is drawn from Franklin Square.

<u>House known as</u>	<u>Date/Construction</u>	Architect (A) <u>Builder (B)</u>	<u>Orig. Owner</u>
Burr-Soper 812-814 N. Prairie	1860		Hudson Burr Clinton P. Soper

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Hudson Burr 210 E. Chestnut		1864		Luman Burr
The Castle 908 N. Prairie		1901	(A) George Miller	Marion Lee McClure
Bungalow 912 N. Prairie				
Flynn 210 E. Walnut				
John T. Lillard 302 E. Walnut		1893		John Lillard
Mary McDonald 304 E. Walnut				
Martin Glover 306 E. Walnut		1870		Geo. P. Brown
308 E. Walnut				
The Hungerfords 310 E. Walnut		1883-85		Mary Sweeney
McGowan 410 E. Walnut		1870 cir.		J. A. Kerr
Joseph Fifer 909 M. McLean		1895-96		Fifer-Bohrer
Frank Funk 907 N. McLean				
Stevenson 901 N. McLean		1870		W. K. Dodson
Carmondy 809 N. McLean		1886	Tom Kerrick	Ed Barry
Bracken 321 E. Chestnut		1853-54		Pillsburg

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	Phi Gamma Delta 317 E. Chestnut	1925		Arthur Moratz	
	Hoblett 315 E. Chestnut	1882			Alvin B. Hoblett
	Burkhart-Charles 305 E. Chestnut	1870			Martin Burkhart
	Mammen House 303 E. Chestnut	1891			Sarah Mammen
	Isaac Funk 815 N. Prairie	1869-71			Isaac Funk

Property Franklin Square Neighborhood

76002164

McLean

State Illinois

Working Number 4.29.75.781

**TECHNICAL**

Photos 10  
Maps 1 + 1 sketch map (arrived 12/8/75)

**CONTROL**

OK cm  
4.30.75

Form mentions sketch map in several places.  
With sketch map . . . .

**HISTORIAN**

Accept Accept  
W.R. Luce 12/9/75  
10/29/75

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

called Bill Farrar for sketch map -  
Hold til it arrives. 3/22/75. Bill F. does not have map - wants to know if one is absolutely necessary. I think that one would be a great help to identify intrusions and relation of one bldg. to another. No boundary description either.

ACCEPT  
Jandl  
12/28/75

**ARCHEOLOGIST**

**OTHER**

**HAER**

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_  
Review \_\_\_\_\_

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

Accept  
Cole  
1-2-76

**BRANCH CHIEF**

actup

**KEEPER**

Accept  
Hunt  
for Muntz  
1-7-76

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_

Send-back \_\_\_\_\_

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

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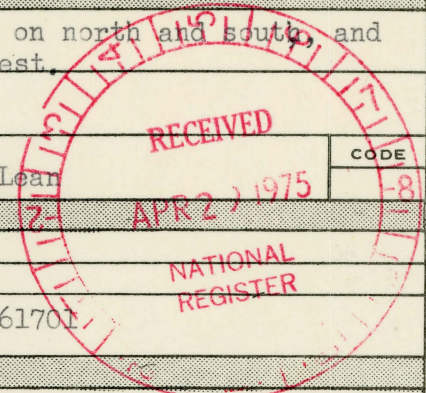
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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>			
COMMON: Franklin Park			
AND/OR HISTORIC: Franklin Square			
<b>2. LOCATION</b>			
STREET AND NUMBER: Between Walnut and Chestnut Streets on north and south, and N. McLean on east and N. Prairie on west.			
CITY OR TOWN: Bloomington			
STATE: Ill.	CODE	COUNTY: McLean	CODE
<b>3. PHOTO REFERENCE</b>			
PHOTO CREDIT: C.K. Hartman			
DATE OF PHOTO: Nov., 1974			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: 302 E. Walnut, Bloomington, Ill. 61701			
<b>4. IDENTIFICATION</b>			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. Looking out of the Park south west towards the Consistory and center of down town Bloomington			



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NPS Number 1/11/76

Title: Franklin Square  
McLean County, Illinois

Loc. Looking out of Park southwest  
towards the Consistory + center of  
downtown Bloomington

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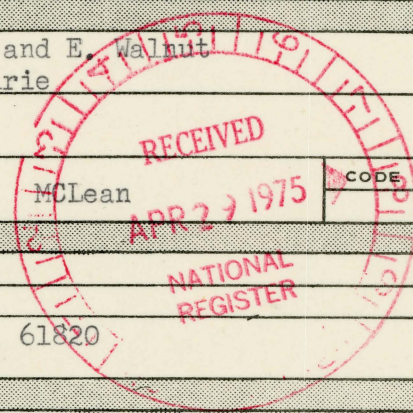
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PHOTO CREDIT: B. Hutchings			
DATE OF PHOTO: nov. 1974			
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<b>4. IDENTIFICATION</b>			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. From the south eastern corner looking through the Park on a north west diagonal, includes intersection, street sign, bench, nine houses on E. Walnut.			



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LOG. From S eastern corner looking  
park on a NW diagonal, includes  
intersection, street sign, bench, 9 houses  
on E. Walnut 2 of 10



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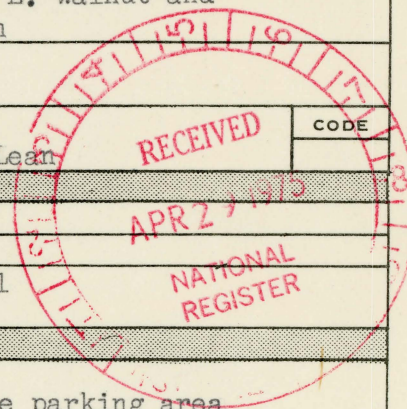
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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. Looking west out of the Park past The Castle to the parking area of Memmonite Hospital two blocks west of the Franklin Square.			



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to parking area of Memmonite Hosp.  
two blocks W of Franklin Sq.  
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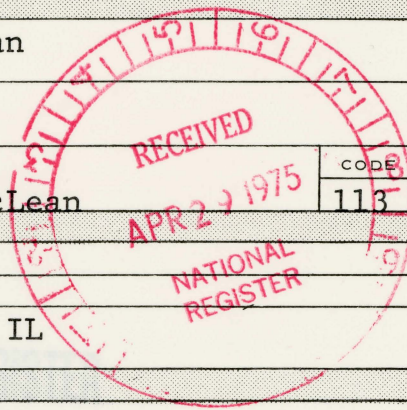
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1. NAME <b>Franklin Sq.</b>			
COMMON: <b>From left to right Gov. Fifer, Congressman Funk, Baker</b>			
AND/OR HISTORIC: <b>and Adlai Stevenson homes</b>			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: <b>909, 907, 905, 901 N. McLean</b>			
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Bloomington</b>			
STATE: <b>Illinois</b>	CODE <b>17</b>	COUNTY: <b>McLean</b>	CODE <b>113</b>
3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT: <b>Charles K. Hartman</b>			
DATE OF PHOTO: <b>February 1974</b>			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: <b>302 E. Walnut, Bloomington, IL</b>			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.  <b>From left large, 3-story, red brick, porch across front, two frame buildings, two and one half brick, painted gray, complete block long, east portion of perimeter of homes on Franklin Square.</b>			



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Loc. from left, 3 story red brick, 2 frame  
blcks, two + one half brick, painted  
gray, east portion of perimeter of homes  
on Franklin Sq. 4 of 10

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Congressman  
Stevenson



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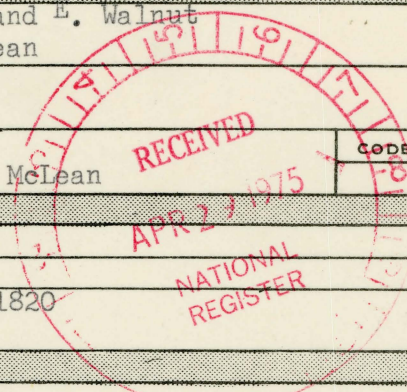
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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. From north side of park looking south at midway, includes the drinking fountain, and 6 houses on Chestnut, also present central oval.			



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midway, 6 houses on Chestnut, also present  
central oval 50710



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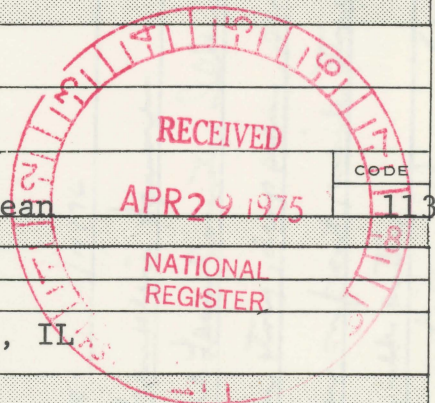
COMMON: The John T. Lillard Home *Franklin Square*  
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
302 E. Walnut

CITY OR TOWN:  
Bloomington

STATE: Illinois	CODE 17	COUNTY: McLean	CODE 113
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3. PHOTO REFERENCE

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DATE OF PHOTO: February, 1974

NEGATIVE FILED AT: 302 E. Walnut, Bloomington, IL

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

Three story, drop siding, prominent tower on front, white stone posts at walk entry.

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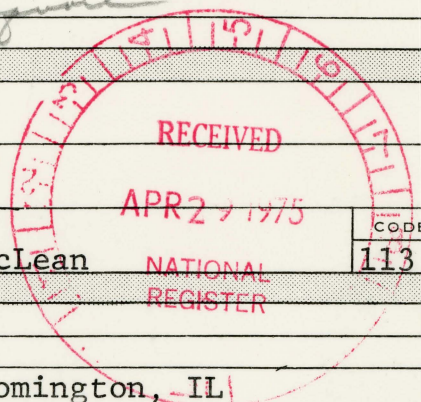
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COMMON:	Hudson Burr Home <i>Franklin Square</i>		
AND/OR HISTORIC:			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: 210 E. Chestnut			
CITY OR TOWN: Bloomington			
STATE: Illinois	CODE 17	COUNTY: McLean	CODE 113
3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT:	Charles K. Hartman		
DATE OF PHOTO:	February, 1974		
NEGATIVE FILED AT:	302 E. Walnut St., Bloomington, IL		
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.  Three story, light pink brick, shuttered windows, property surrounded by iron fence, located at southwest corner of the Franklin Square.			



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Title: Franklin Square  
McLean County, Illinois  
Loc. Three story, light pink brick,  
shuttered windows, surrounded by  
iron fence, located at SW corner of  
Franklin Sq.  
Hudson Burr Home 7 of 10

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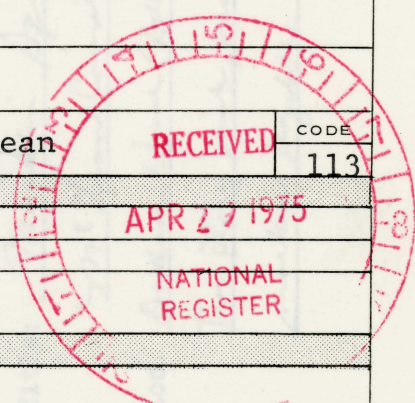
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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME			
COMMON:		The Dodson Home <i>Franklin Square</i>	
AND/OR HISTORIC:		Adlai E. Stevenson Home	
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
901 N. McLean St.			
CITY OR TOWN:			
Bloomington			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Illinois	17	McLean	113
3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
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DATE OF PHOTO:		February, 1974	
NEGATIVE FILED AT:		302 E. Walnut, Bloomington, IL	
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			
Two story brick, painted, approached from street by five stone steps, historic marker legible.			
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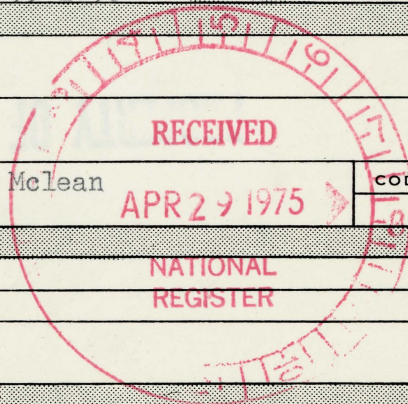
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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>			
COMMON: Fifer-Bohrer Home			
AND/OR HISTORIC: Home of Governor Joseph W. Fifer, 1895-1896			
<b>2. LOCATION</b>			
STREET AND NUMBER: 909 N. McLean			
CITY OR TOWN: Bloomington			
STATE: Ill.	CODE	COUNTY: McLean	CODE
<b>3. PHOTO REFERENCE</b>			
PHOTO CREDIT: Charles K. Hartman			
DATE OF PHOTO: Feb., 1974			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: 302 E. Walnut, Bloomington, Ill.			
<b>4. IDENTIFICATION</b>			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			
Three story red brick house, slate roof, poarch across front, historic marker visible but not ledgible.			
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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

**1. NAME**

COMMON: Burr-Soper Home on Franklin Park *Franklin Sq.*  
AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
812-14 N. Prairie

CITY OR TOWN:  
Bloomington

STATE: Illinois	CODE 17	COUNTY: McLean	CODE 113
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**3. PHOTO REFERENCE**

PHOTO CREDIT: Charles K. Hartman

DATE OF PHOTO: February 1974

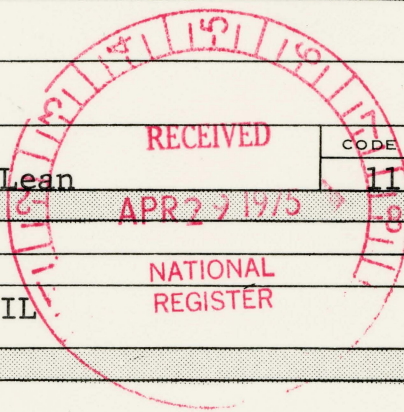
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**4. IDENTIFICATION**

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

Two story, white, drop siding, multiple residence, 814 legible on post.

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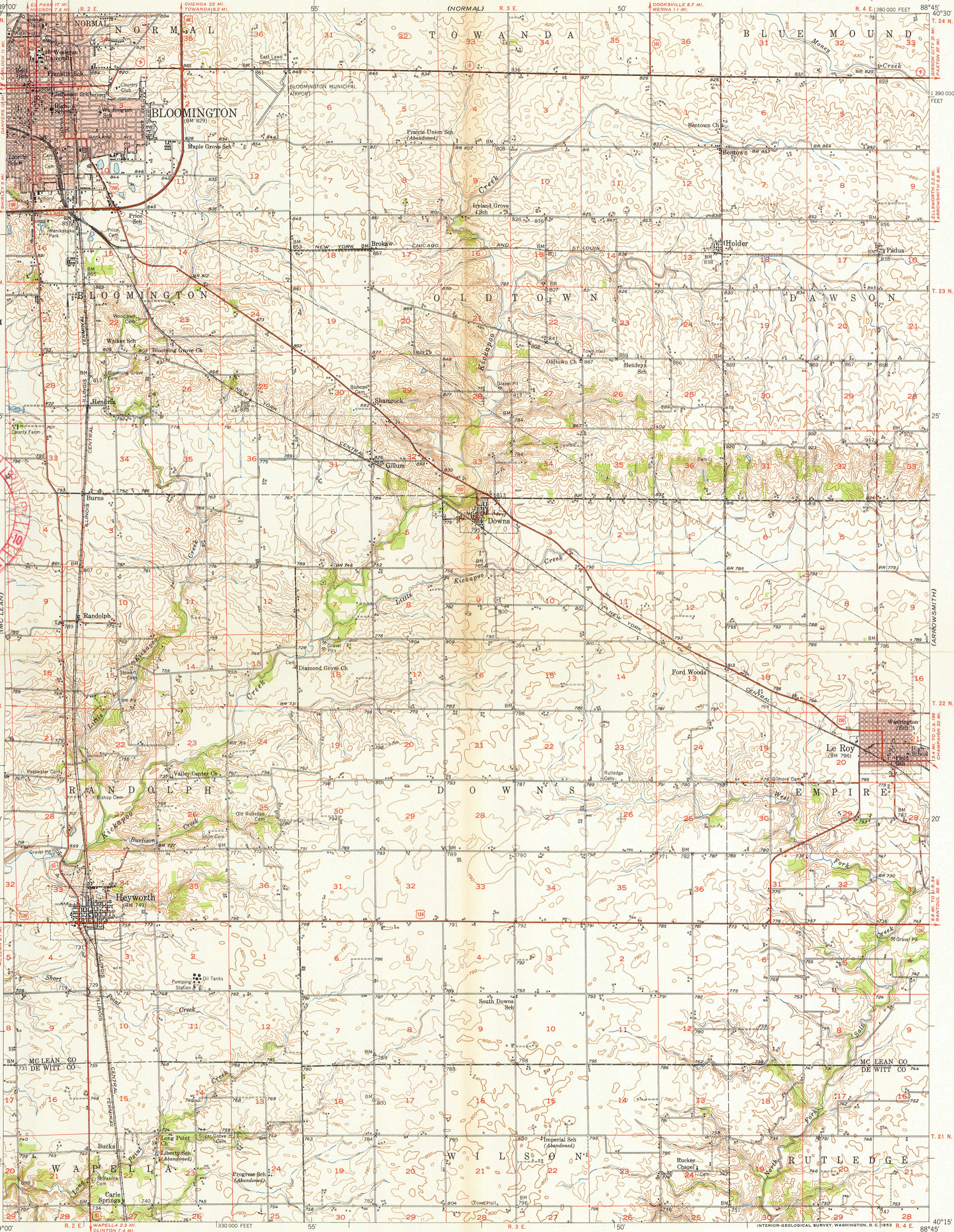
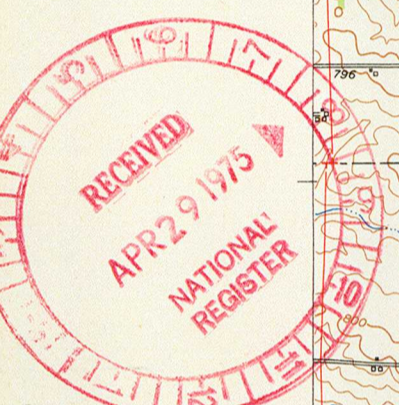


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FRANKLIN SQUARE HIST. DIST. (DANVERS)

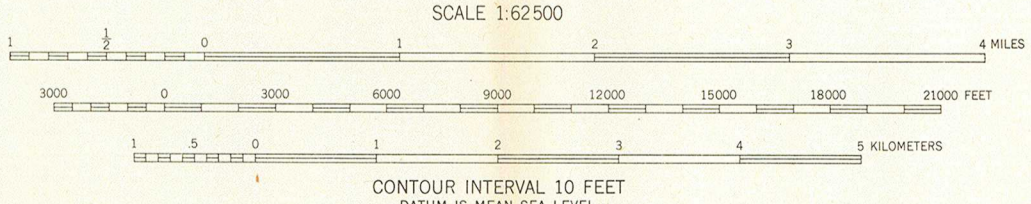
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NW 40° 24' 16"  
NE 40° 24' 16"  
SW 40° 29' 08"  
SE 40° 29' 08"

LONG  
NW 88° 59' 32"  
NE 88° 59' 18"  
SW 88° 59' 32"  
SE 88° 59' 18"



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Culture and drainage in part compiled from aerial photographs taken 1940. Topography by plane-table surveys 1930 and 1950-1951  
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Illinois coordinate system, east zone  
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown

TRUE NORTH  
MAGNETIC NORTH  
APPROXIMATE MEAN DECLINATION, 1951



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

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
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LE ROY, ILL.  
N4015-W8845/15  
1951

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

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

**1. NAME**

COMMON

Franklin Park neighborhood

AND/OR HISTORIC

Franklin Square Neighborhood

NUMERIC CODE *(Assigned by NPS)*

JAN 11 1976

**2. LOCATION**

STATE

Illinois

COUNTY

McLean

TOWN

Bloomington

STREET AND NUMBER

300 and 400 blocks of E. Chestnut and E. Walnut and 900 block of  
N. Prairie and N. McLean

**3. MAP REFERENCE**

SOURCE

LeRoy Quad

DATE

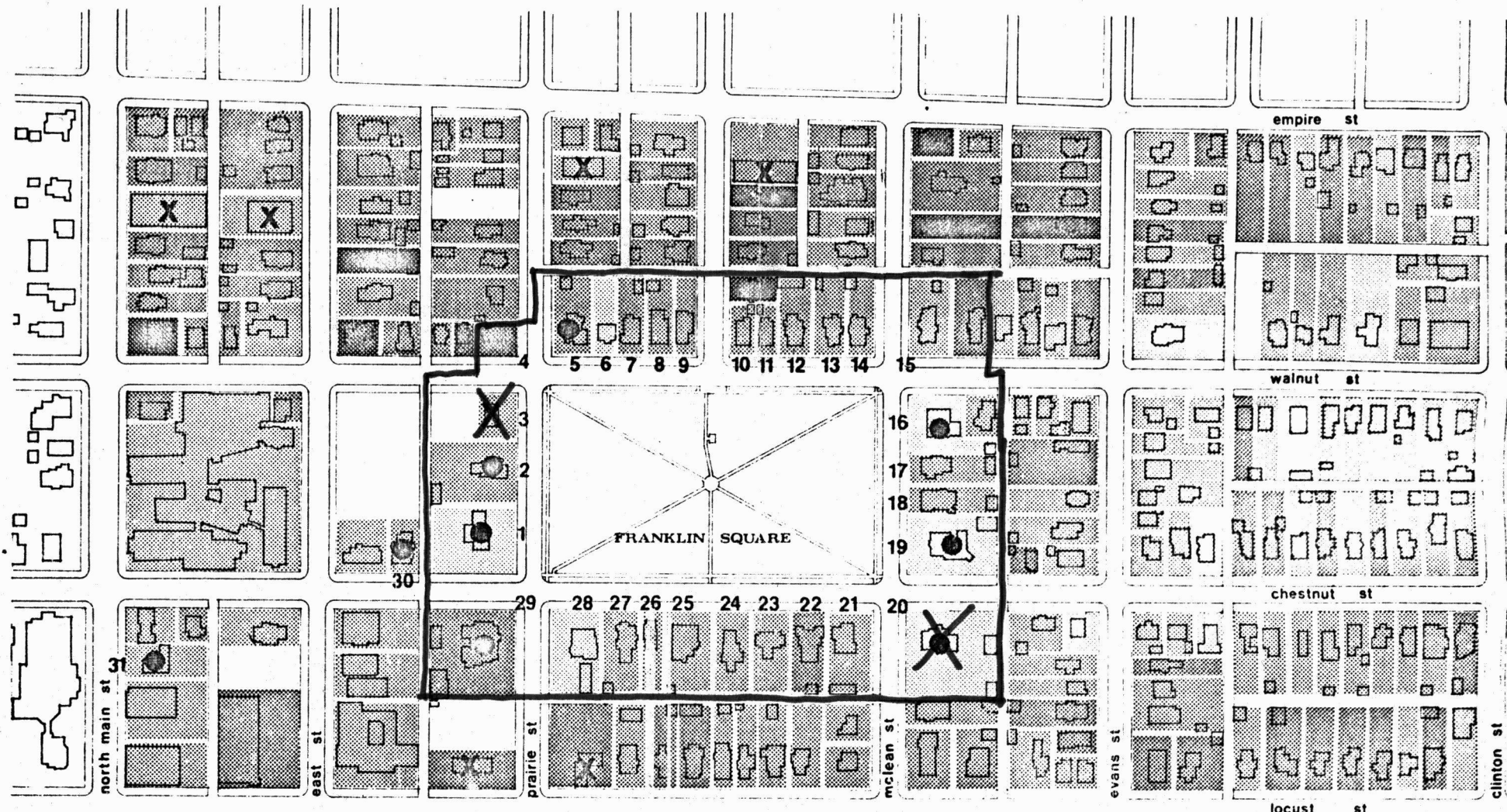
1951

SCALE

1:62,500

REQUIREMENTS: PROPERTY BOUNDARIES, WHERE REQUIRED, AND NORTH ARROW:





north main st

east st

prairie st

mclean st

evans st

clinton st

empire st

walnut st

chestnut st

locust st

FRANKLIN SQUARE

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STATE OF ILLINOIS

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

605 STATE OFFICE BUILDING  
400 SOUTH SPRING ST.  
SPRINGFIELD 62706

CHICAGO OFFICE—1227 S. MICHIGAN AVE. 60605

April 21, 1975



Mr. William J. Murtagh  
Keeper of the Register  
National Register of Historic Places  
National Park Service  
Department of Interior  
Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Mr. Murtagh:

Enclosed is a nomination form for the Franklin  
Park Neighborhood.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this  
nomination.

Sincerely,

*Bill Farrar*

WILLIAM G. FARRAR  
Director  
Illinois Historic Landmarks Survey  
P. O. Box 986  
Carbondale, Illinois 62901

Enclosure  
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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE ILLINOIS

Date Entered JAN 11 1976

Name

Location

Sheffield Historic District

Chicago  
Cook County

Franklin Square ~~Neighborhood~~

Bloomington  
McLean County

*Bot  
Delete  
has no card*

Also Notified

Hon. Charles H. Percy  
Hon. Adlai E. Stevenson  
Hon. Dan Rostenkowski  
Hon. Edward R. Madigan  
Regional Director, Midwest  
Region

State Historic Preservation Officer  
Mr. Anthony Dean  
Director, Department of Conservation  
605 State Office Building  
400 South Spring Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62706

PR Mmott/row 1/21/76

# NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

① NAME as it appears on federal register: Franklin Square  
 ② OTHER NAMES: Franklin Park Neighborhood  
 ③ date of entry: 1-11-76  
 ④ county code: 113

⑤ LOCATION street & number reverse side: \_\_\_\_\_  
 city / town: Bloomington  
 vicinity of: \_\_\_\_\_  
 state: IL  
 county: McLean  
 ⑥ NPS REGION: Midwest

⑦ OWNER  PRIVATE  STATE  MUNICIPAL  COUNTY  MULTIPLE  FEDERAL (agency name): \_\_\_\_\_  
 ⑧ ADMINISTRATOR: \_\_\_\_\_

⑨ EXISTING SURVEYS  HABS  HAER  NHL  
 ⑩ FUNDED?  YES  NO  
 ⑪ CONGRESS. DISTRICT: 21  
 ⑫ SOURCE of NOMINATION:  STATE  FEDERAL  
 if state who prepared form? \_\_\_\_\_

⑬ WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT?  YES, NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ⑭ WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK?  YES, NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ⑮ ACREAGE: 26  
 LOCAL  PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

⑯ CONDITION  deteriorated  altered  original site  
 excellent  ruins  unaltered  moved  
 good  unexposed  reconstructed  unknown  
 fair  unexcavated  excavated  
 ⑰ features:  SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1  SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2  SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3  
 NOT INTACT-0  NOT INTACT-0  
 UNKNOWN-4  UNKNOWN-5  UNKNOWN-6  
 NOT APPLICABLE-7  NOT APPLICABLE-8  NOT APPLICABLE-9

⑱ ACCESS  YES-Restricted  YES-Unrestricted  No Access  Unknown  
 ⑲ ADAPTIVE USE  YES  NO  
 ⑳ SAVED?  YES  NO  
 IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT?  YES  NO

㉑ AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE:  
 ARCHEOLOGY-prehistoric-2  COMMERCE-6  ENGINEERING-11  LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15  POLITICS/GOVT.-21  RECREATION-28  
 ARCHEOLOGY-historic-1  COMMUNICATIONS-7  ENTERTAINMENT-26  LAW-16  RELIGION-22  SETTLEMENT-29  
 AGRICULTURE-3  CONSERVATION-8  EXPLORATION-12  LITERATURE-17  SCIENCE-23  URBAN PLANNING-31  
 ARCHITECTURE-4  ECONOMICS-9  HEALTH-27  MILITARY-18  SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN-24  OTHER (SPECIFY) \_\_\_\_\_  
 ART-5  EDUCATION-10  INDUSTRY-13  MUSIC-19  SOCIAL/CULTURAL-30  
 INVENTION-14  PHILOSOPHY-20  TRANSPORTATION-25  
 ㉒ CLAIMS: explain  
 'first'   
 'oldest'   
 'only'

㉓ functions  
 WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: PARK & PRIVATE RESIDENCES  
 CURRENTLY: PARK & PRIVATE RESIDENCES  
 ㉔ dates of initial construction: 1860s - early 20th c.  
 major alterations: 1 residence modified to commercial use  
 historic events: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ㉕ ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION

㉖ architectural style(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 ㉗ architect: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ㉘ master builder: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ㉙ engineer: \_\_\_\_\_

㉚ landscape architect / garden designer: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ㉛ interior decorator: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ㉜ artist: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ㉝ artisan: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ㉞ builder/contractor: \_\_\_\_\_

㉟ NAMES give role & date  
 PERSONAL:  
 EVENTS:  
 INSTITUTIONAL:

㊱ NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP  
 Primarily residential district of 36 brick and frame dwellings surrounding city park. Includes examples of Gothic, <sup>Revival</sup> Richardsonian Romanesque, Queen Anne, ~~and~~ Italianate and Greek Revival styles. Homes of Adlai Stevenson and other prominent citizens. Well-preserved example of late 19th - early 20th c. neighborhood; contains

✓  
5. 300 and 400 blocks of E. Chestnut and E. Walnut Sts., 900 block of N. Prairie and N. McLean Sts.