

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 North Sangamon United Presbyterian Church
AND/OR COMMON Indian Point United Presbyterian Church

2 LOCATION

W of Athens on SR 2
STREET & NUMBER R. R. #2
CITY, TOWN Athens *mc* VICINITY OF NOT FOR PUBLICATION CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 21st
STATE Illinois CODE 012 COUNTY Menard CODE 129

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" 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 Indian Point United Presbyterian Church ✓
STREET & NUMBER R. R. #2
CITY, TOWN Athens VICINITY OF STATE Illinois

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Menard County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN Petersburg STATE Illinois

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Illinois Historic Landmarks Survey
DATE December, 1973 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS 405 E. Washington
CITY, TOWN Springfield STATE Illinois

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input 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 original portion of the Indian Point United Presbyterian Church is a rectangular structure thirty-seven by sixty-three feet. Exterior walls of hand-fired brick are thirteen inches thick. Pilasters the width of one brick divide the north and south facades into three bays; the east and west facades, into five. Tall, full-arched windows retain original wooden shutters and limestone sills. Also original are the paneled entrance doors. Doors and windows are topped with brick arches. A pedimented brick gable featuring a semicircular vent and craved wooden cornice with dentils surmounts the south facade. The cornice is continued along the east and west facades. Exterior paint colors duplicate the original appearance of the church: white doors, window frames and cornice; green shutters. A modern light fixture and handrails constitute the only alterations to the main facade. However, a one-story brick "Fellowship Hall" built in 1960 extends from the northeast corner of the original structure. One window has been bricked up to accommodate the addition.

The plan of the church is simple. A vestibule flanked by a small cloakroom to the west and an enclosed staircase to the east extends across the width of the building. The gallery above overlooks a sanctuary with twenty-one foot ceiling. The original plaster ceiling was replaced in the 1920s. Original pine flooring has also been replaced. Interior trim and hardware, however, are original. Double-hung windows twelve by four and one-half feet contain eighteen lights of early American plate glass. Fanlights are ornamented with carved, wedge-shaped imposts and keystones. The gallery front and most interior doors are paneled. Especially noteworthy are two doors in the south wall of the sanctuary; they are topped with semicircular wooden panels carved in a fan-like pattern. Interior trim was originally painted white but has been repainted a dark brown. Other interior alterations include the addition of sliding panels which now enclose the gallery, new lighting fixtures, and minor changes to accommodate modern heating and sound systems. Pews are said to be original, but partitions which once separated men and women congregants have been removed.

The proposed site, three acres in area, follows the lines of the original parcel of land conveyed to church trustees in 1844. The grove of oak, maple and walnut trees which covers the site is said in large part to predate construction of the brick church. Historical photographs confirm that the setting has remained almost unchanged since 1905.

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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES _____ BUILDER/ARCHITECT Charles Thatcher, builder

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

While similar in form and construction to a number of mid-nineteenth century Illinois churches, the Indian Point Church is an unusually fine--and unusually late--example of restrained classical styling. Built between 1860 and 1862, the structure nevertheless embodies features which recall the Georgian tradition: a relatively high-pitched pediment with semicircular vent, the ornamental "fan" motif, interior window treatment. The inspiration for this use of a long-outmoded style remains unclear. Little is known of the builder, Charles Thatcher of Chandlerville, or the pastor, Reverend Robert R. Criswell. The fact that many of the original members of the congregation came to Illinois from Virginia (via eastern Kentucky) may well have influenced the design.

This architecturally distinctive structure possesses considerable local historical significance as well. First organized in 1832 as the "North Sangamon Presbyterian Church", this congregation gave birth to daughter churches throughout Menard County, in Athens, in Sweetwater, and in Irish Grove. The church-sponsored "North Sangamon Academy" (built across the road in the 1860s and replaced by a modern structure in the 1920s) drew students from a wide area in central Illinois and later became a nucleus of the Menard County public school system.

Property North Sangamon United Presbyterian Church

State Ill.

Working Number 1.29.79. 154

79000858

TECHNICAL

Photos 4
Maps 1

Atkinson

CONTROL

OK - 1.31.79

3 acres is original parcel of land conveyed to church in 1844

HISTORIAN

*Accept
Franklin
3.21.79*

~~Classically designed brick structure - rather late for its date of construction.~~
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ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

*accept
Brakham
3.18.79*

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

This church is architecturally significant as a very fine, but late, example of Georgian church architecture.

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

*Accept.
Franklin
3.21.79*

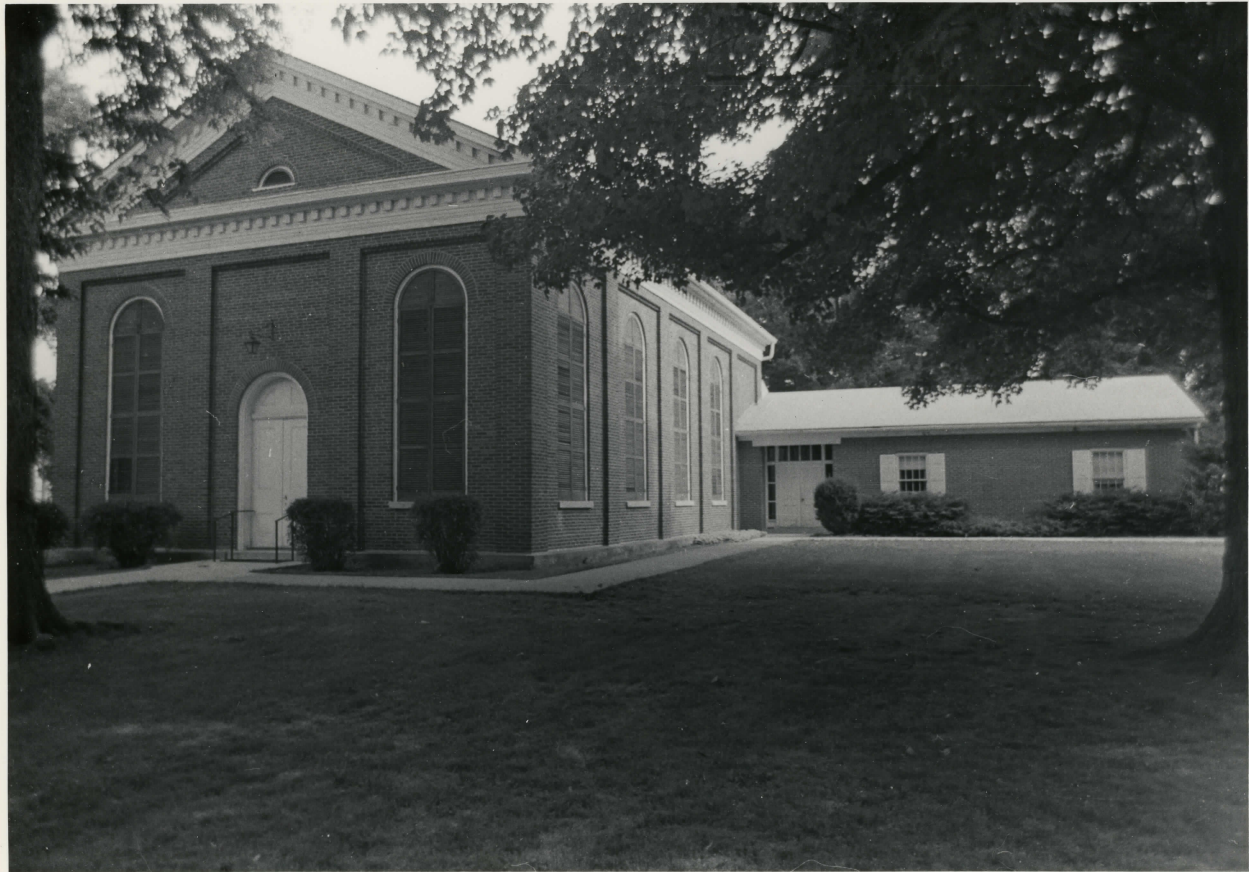
BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up _____
Federal Register Entry 3-1-79

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Re-submit _____

Entered MAR 23 1979



Indian Point Presbyterian Church

R. R. 2, Athens,

Photographer: Vern Maxwell

Taken: 6-78

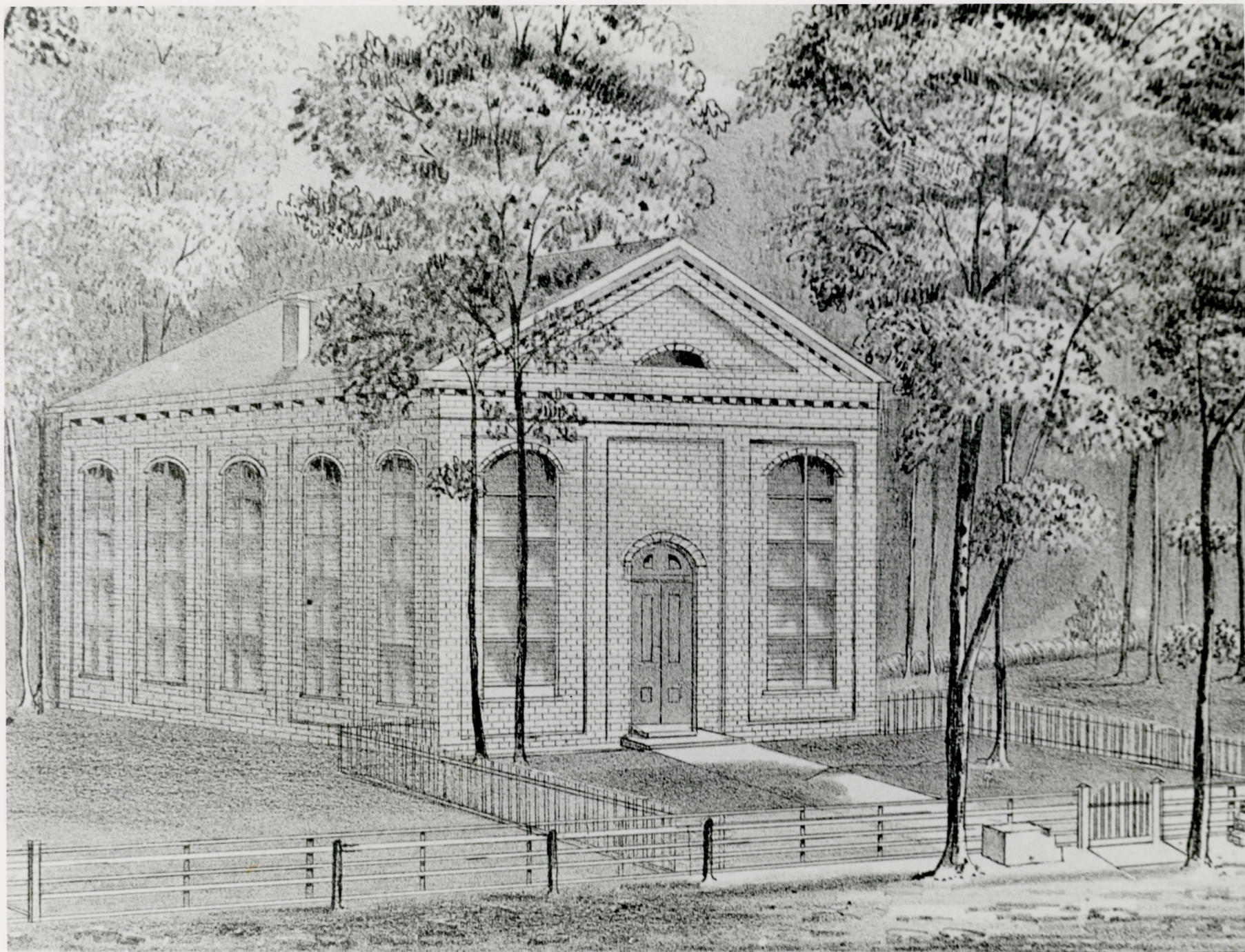
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Camera Pointing--Northwest

JAN 29 1979

MAR 23 1979

North Sangamon United Presbyterian Church
Menard County
#1 of 4



NORTH SANGAMON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Indian Point United Presbyterian Church
R. R. 2, Athens

Photographer: Roger Malcolm

Taken: 6-78

Negative at Rober Malcolm's, Kewanee, Il.
Picture taken from page in Atlas

Camera pointing: Northeast (originally)

JAN 29 1979

MAR 23 1979

North Sangamon United Presbyterian Church
Mendota County
#3074

PHOTOGRAPHY BY
R. E. MALCOLM



Indian Point Presbyterian Church

R. R. 2, Athens

Photographer: Vern Maxwell

Taken: 6-78

Negative at: Vern Maxwell, R. R. 1, Cantrall, Il.

Camera Pointing--Northeast

JAN 29 1979

MAR 23 1979

North Sangamon United Presbyterian Church
Menard County
#2074



Indian Point Presbyterian Church

R. R. 2, Athens

Photographer: Vern Maxwell

Taken: 6-78

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Camera Pointing --North

JAN 29 1979

MAR 23 1979

North Sangamon United Presbyterian Church
MORNING
#2 of 4

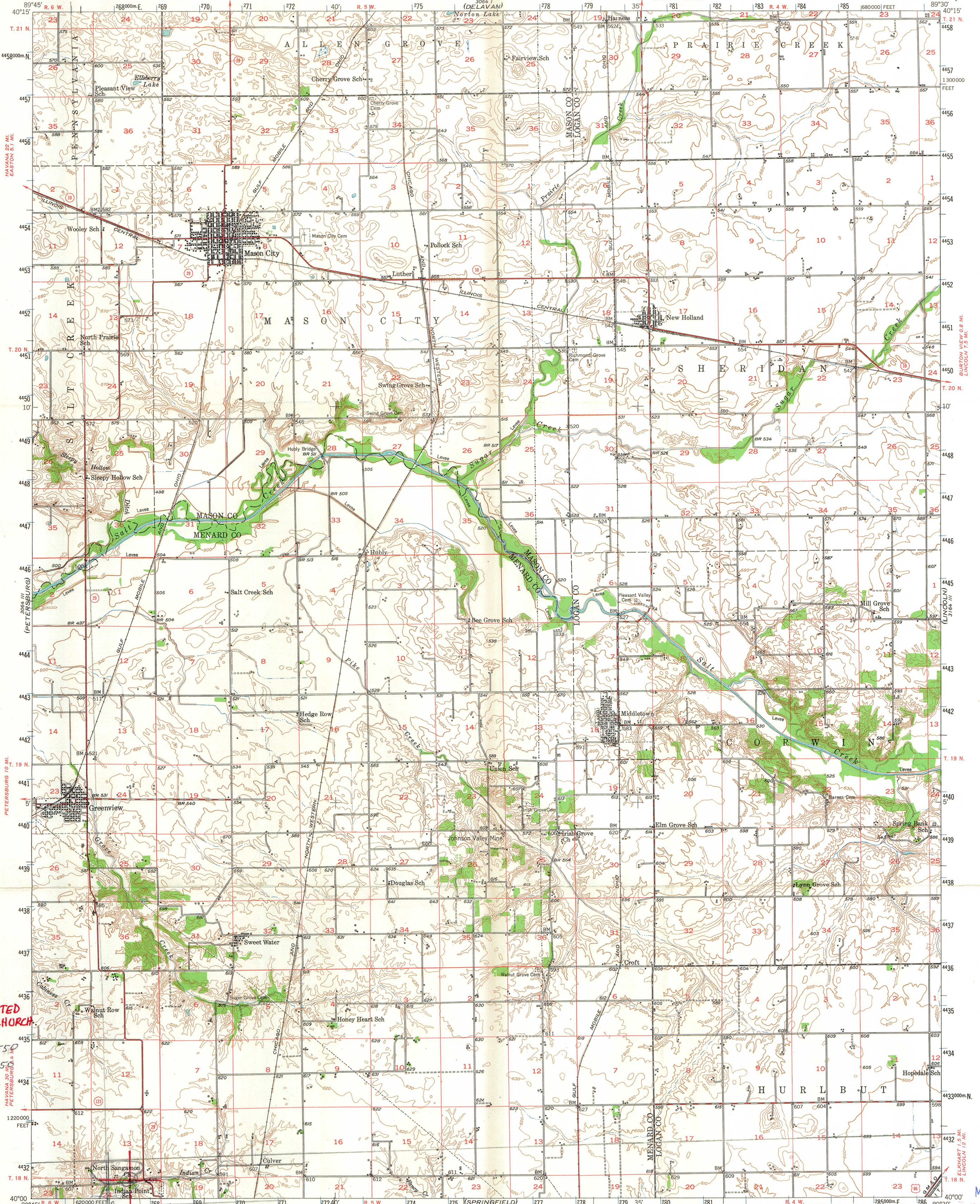
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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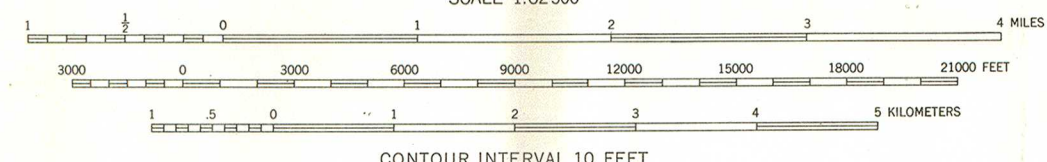
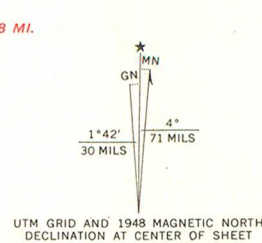
STATE OF ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF REGISTRATION AND EDUCATION
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY DIVISION

MASON CITY QUADRANGLE
ILLINOIS
15 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)



INDIAN POINT UNITED
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ZONE 16
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N: 4 431 220 550
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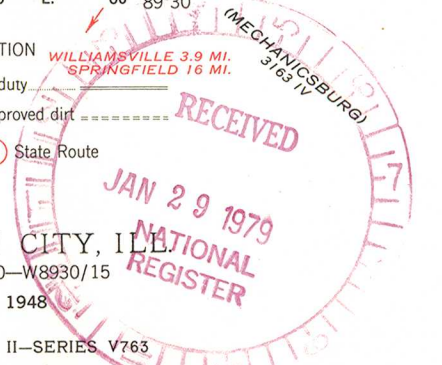
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Culture and drainage in part compiled from
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Topography by plane-table methods 1947-1948
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Illinois coordinate system,
west zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 16, shown in blue



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
U. S. Route ——— State Route ———

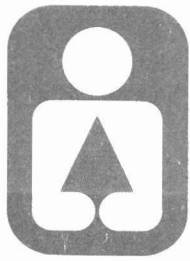
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AND BY THE STATE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, URBANA, ILLINOIS
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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1948
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MAR 23 1979

Illinois



Department of Conservation

life and land together

605 WM. G. STRATTON BUILDING • 400 SOUTH SPRING STREET • SPRINGFIELD 62706

CHICAGO OFFICE — ROOM 100, 160 NO. LASALLE 60601

David Kenney, Director • James C. Helfrich, Assistant Director

January 18, 1979



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

Dear Mr. Murtagh:

Enclosed are National Register nomination forms for Indian Point United Presbyterian Church, Reebie Storage & Moving Co., the Compana Factory, the George Clayson House, and the Mueller House. Thank you for your prompt attention to these forms.

Sincerely yours,

Keith A. Sculle
JF

Keith A. Sculle
National Register Coordinator
Division of Historic Sites

KS/js

Enclosure

North Sangamon United Presbyterian Church

2-13-79

2-6-79 TRH

Athens, Illinois
February 21, 1979

Mr. William J. Murtagh
Washington, D.C. 20243

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your letter concerning the nomination of our Indian Point United Presbyterian Church (formerly North Sangamon Presbyterian Church).

All the members of our Church strongly support the approval of this nomination and earnestly hope you will see fit to name this property to the National Register of Historic Places.

Sincerely,
Margaret H. Kincaid
Mrs. J. Kennedy Kincaid, Jr.
Chairman

Indian Point Presbyterian Church

RR#2

Athens, Ill. 62613

(North Sangamon United Presbyterian Church formerly)

THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

INDIVIDUAL

DATE OF REGISTRATION

INITIALS

7/3/79

Athens, Illinois
February 21, 1939

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Washington, D.C. 20543

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Chairman

Indian Point Presbyterian Church

RR#2

Athens, Ill.

Presbyterian Church (formerly)

THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES	
DATE REC'D	FEB 28 1939
INDIVIDUAL OR ESTATE (ATTACHED)	
INFORMER (NAME AND ADDRESS)	
TELEPHONE CALL (ATTACHED)	
DATE ACTION TAKEN	
INITIALS	<i>h/3/179</i>

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE ILLINOIS

Date Entered MAR 23 1979

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
State Savings Loan and Trust Company	Quincy Adams County
Moore, C. H., House	Clinton DeWitt County
North Sangamon United Presbyterian Church	Athens vicinity Menard County
Muller House	Arlington Heights Cook County

Also Notified

Honorable Adlai E. Stevenson
Honorable Charles H. Percy
Honorable Paul Findley
Honorable Edward R. Madigan
Honorable Phillip M. Crane

State Historic Preservation Officer
Dr. David Kenney
Director, Department of Conservation
602 State Office Building
400 South Spring Street
Springfield, Illinois 62706

NR Byers/bjr 3/27/79

For further information, please call the National Register at (202)343-6401.

NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

① NAME as it appears on federal register: North Sangamon United Presbyterian Church
 ② OTHER NAMES: Indian Point United Presbyterian Church
 ③ date of entry: MAR 23 1979
 ④ county code: 129

⑤ LOCATION street & number: N of Athens on SR 2
 city / town: Athens
 vicinity of: Athens
 state: IL
 county: Menard
 ⑥ NPS REGION: Lake Central

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 _____ NO
 ⑭ WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES, NAME _____ NO
 ⑮ ACRES: _____
 LOCAL PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

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

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

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

㉓ functions
 WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT:
 CURRENTLY:
 ㉔ dates of initial construction:
 major alterations:
 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