

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic J. L. Robinson General Store

and/or common Hagaman Store

2. Location

OH IL 108

street & number R. F. D. _____ not for publication

city, town Hagaman _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district 20th

state Illinois 62630 code 012 county Macoupin code 117

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input 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 Chester A. Jacoby, Jr.

street & number R. F. D.

city, town Chesterfield _____ vicinity of _____ state Illinois 62630

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Macoupin County Court House

street & number East Main Street

city, town Carlinville _____ state Illinois 62630

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title None known has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date _____ federal state county local

depository for survey records _____

city, town _____ state _____

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The J. L. Robinson General Store is a wood frame, false front structure. The overall shape is rectangular and measures 80 x 40 feet. The structure is comprised of two stories in the main operational area and one story on the south side. The south side of the structure is original and was built to accommodate dry goods sales. The store was built with all native materials located within the general vicinity of the store. The foundation is comprised of piled granite rocks at stress points with 12 x 12 oak sills set upon them. Each sill is quarter notched and lap-jointed at these stress points.

The outside walls are sheathed with 1 x 16 inch boards and 1½ inch shiplap nailers. The hipped roof was originally cedar shingled but a roll tar paper roof was installed to protect the inside tin ceiling.

A roofed portico adorns the front of the building and runs the width of it. Large windows, approximately 4 x 6 feet, are next to the front entrance allowing for great quantities of light and heat to infiltrate the trading area. The entrance doors are double and open to the inside. One chimney, located at the center of the building, was utilized by three wood and coal stoves to heat the building. A tin ceiling adorns the main trading area. A single set of stairs allows access to the upper story. The original lighting was by kerosene and later, over hanging electric lights were installed.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1881 **Builder/Architect** Charles Crossland Robinson

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The J. L. Robinson General Store is significant in the fields checked above because it was the focal point for the Chesterfield area's needs. Built in 1881 by Charles Crossland Robinson with his earnings as a railroad worker, the Robinson General Store supplied the area with seed, fertilizers, and general household goods. The Robinson Store also functioned as the Post Office for the Western Mound Township and as an express agency shipping the area's produce and livestock on the two railroads that served Macoupin County at the time; the Chicago, Peoria, and St. Louis and the Litchfield, Carrolton, and Western. When C. C. Robinson died his son, James Leo, took over the business hence the name The J. L. Robinson General Store. The store is still in the Robinson family today and functions much like it did a hundred years ago.

The J. L. Robinson General Store was the site of several "firsts" in the Chesterfield community. It was the first building to have electricity. The electricity came from a Delco System and was run to some of the neighboring homes. Part of the Delco System still exists today. The first telephone was located here as was the first telegraph.

The J. L. Robinson General Store contributed to local politics in that it was the headquarters for the Democratic Party Organization prior to the 1932 election. The writer has two letters from Franklin Delano Roosevelt to C. C. Robinson thanking him for organizing the party in Western Mound Township.

The J. L. Robinson General Store is architecturally significant because it is the only extant building in the Chesterfield area of pre-1900 architecture. It along with St. Catherine's Church (1905) and the Hagaman Town Hall (1913) are the only surviving buildings that once made up the town of Hagaman.

An interesting footnote to the history of the Robinson Store occurred in the winter of (c.) 1900 or 1901. Orville and Wilbur Wright were traveling in the Chesterfield area trying to raise money to finance their flying machine. They tried to induce the people of Macoupin County, including C. C. Robinson, to invest in it but were unsuccessful.

9. Major Bibliographical References

The Story of Macoupin County, 1829-1979, General Reference, June, 1979.
The Northwestern News, Vol. 9, Dec. 1977.
The Carlinville Globe Democrat, 1978.
History of Macoupin County, Brink, McDonough & Co., 1879.

10. Geographical Data **ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED**

Acreege of nominated property less than one

Quadrangle name Greenfield

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle scale 1:62500

UMT References ---UTM not available

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Zone	Easting			Northing					

B

Zone	Easting			Northing					

C

Zone	Easting			Northing					

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Zone	Easting			Northing					

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Zone	Easting			Northing					

G

Zone	Easting			Northing					

H

Zone	Easting			Northing					

Verbal boundary description and justification Ninety feet off the east end of lot numbered one (1) in block numbered one (1) in the original plat of the town of Haganan, Macoupin County, Illinois said plat being executed by John Haganan and wife and shown recorded in the recorder's office, Macoupin County.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state none code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title William R. Jacoby

organization J. L. Robinson General Store date April 21, 1980

street & number 10409 S. Menard Avenue telephone (312) 636-9692

city or town Oak Lawn, Illinois state

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature [Signature]

title Div., Adm. Dept. of Conservation date 6/27/80

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

[Signature] date 9/12/80
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: [Signature] date 9/15/80
Chief of Registration

Property Robinson, J.L., General Store

80001380

State Ill., Macoupin Working Number 7.22.80.1900

TECHNICAL

CONTROL

Photos 7
Maps 1

HISTORIAN

Typical of such rural resources this general store was vital to the region's daily needs. It served as post office, shipping point (at intersection of 2 railroad lines), commercial center, as well as social center. It reflects the historic identity (and simple frame construction and functional interests) of late-19th-century and early-20th-century general store.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ARCHEOLOGIST

Accept
Linda Hint McClelland
9/5/80

OTHER

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Inventory _____
Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept


BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up _____
Federal Register Entry 2.3.81

Send-back _____
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J.L. ROBINSON
GENERAL STORE

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GENERAL
STORE

#1/17

J.L. ROBINSON, GENERAL STORE
HAGMAN, ILL *Macoupin co.*

PHOTO BY W. JACOBY 3/5/80

NEGATIVE---10409 S MENARD AVE

OAK LAWN, IL 60453

VIEW-----FACADE

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#2

JL. ROBINSON GENERAL STORE,
HAGAMAN, IL *Macoupin Co.*

PHOTO BY W. JACOBY

SEP 12 1980

3/5/80

NEGATIVE---10409 S MENARD AVE
OAK LAWN, IL 60453

VIEW-----SOUTH TO NORTH FROM

2/7 JUL 22 1980 PORCH. INCLUDES TOWN
HALL AND CHURCH



#3

J.L. ROBINSON, GENERAL STORE,
HAGAMAN, IL *Macoupin Co.*

PHOTO BY W. JACOBY 3/5/80

NEGATIVE---10409 S MENARD AVE, OAK
LAWN, IL 60453

VIEW-----SOUTH SIDE OF STORE
LOOKING NORTH. INCLD'S

SOUTH WING SEP 12 1980

JUL 22 1980

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#4

J.L. ROBINSON GENERAL STORE,
HAGAMAN, ILL, *Macoupin Co.*

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NEGATIVE---10409 S MENARD AVE

OAK LAWN, IL 60453

VIEW-----WEST SIDE OF STORE

(REAR) LOOKING EAST

JUL 22 1980

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SEP 12 1980



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J. L. ROBINSON, GENERAL STORE
HAGAMAN, ILL. *Macoupin Co.*

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NEGATIVE---10409 S MENARD AVE

OAK LAWN, ILL 60453

VIEW-----NORTH SIDE OF STORE

LOOKING SOUTH-EAST

SHOWING SHIP-LAP CONST.

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J.L. ROBINSON GENERAL STORE
HAGAMAN, ILL / *Macoupin Co.*

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NEGATIVE---10409 S MENARD AVE

VIEW-----OAK LAWN, ILL 60453

INTERIOR EAST TO WEST
SHOWING 75% COMPLETION
OF THE MAIN TRADING
CENTER

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#7

J.L. ROBINSON, GENERAL STORE
HAGAMAN ILL. *Macoupin Co.*

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NEGATIVE---10409 S MENARD AVE

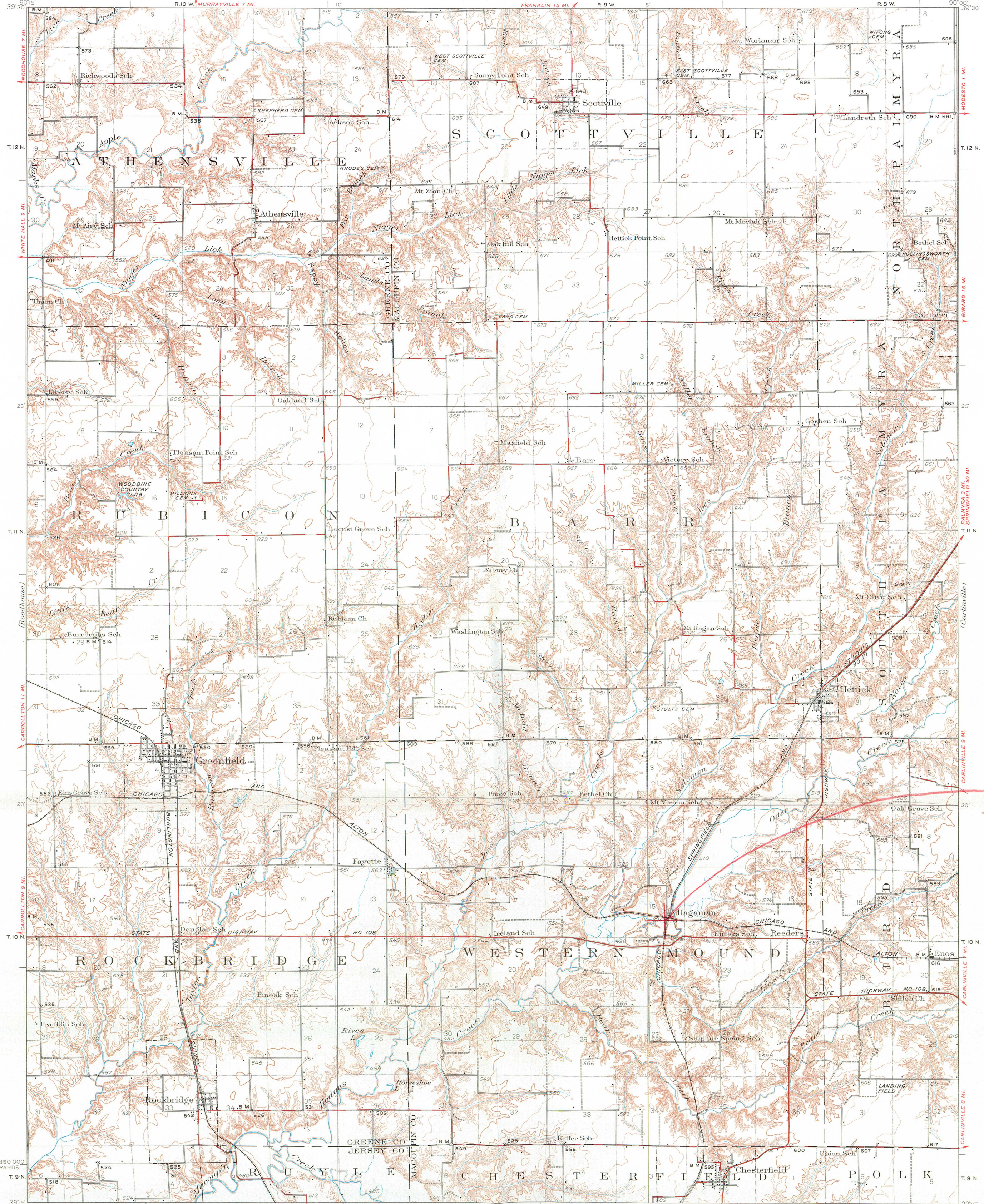
OAK LAWN, IL 60453

VIEW***-----NORTH WALL, EAST TO
WEST SHOWING ORIGINAL

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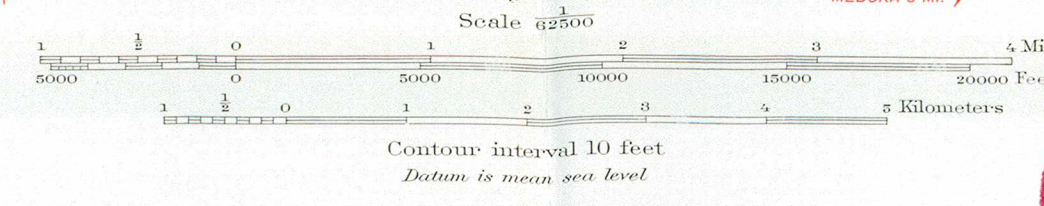
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J.L. ROBINSON
GENERAL STORE

1850 000 YARDS
Topography by J.A. Duck, W.R. Chenoweth,
W.S. Beames, A.T. Munson, and F.K. Van Zandt
Control by U.S. Geological Survey
Surveyed in 1928-1929



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GREENFIELD, ILL.
Edition of 1932

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APRIL 1, 1979

WILLIAM R JACOBY
10409 S. MENARD AVE #101
OAK LAWN, ILLINOIS
60453

MR. KEITH SCULLY
NATIONAL REGISTER COORDINATOR
DIVISION OF HISTORIC SIGHTS
405 E WASHINGTON
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
62706



DEAR MR. SCULLY,

IT IS MY WISH, AND THE WISH OF THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF HAGAMAN, ILLINOIS THAT THE BUILDING LOCALLY KNOWN AS THE "J.L. ROBINSON GENERAL STORE" BE LISTED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTRY OF HISTORIC PLACES. ENCLOSED YOU WILL FIND, THE APPROPRIATE INFORMATION NECESSARY FOR LISTING.

IN MARCH OF 1977, MY COUSIN, CHARLES JACOBY AND I PURCHASED THE "STORE" WITH THE INTENT OF STOPPING PROGRESS FROM DEMOLISHING THE BUILDING. AS WE RODE THRU TOWN ON HORSE BACK WE WERE THINKING OF WHEN THE RAILROADS WENT THRU AND HOW BUSY AND HOW PROSPEROUS THE TOWN OF HAGAMAN USED TO BE. WE ALSO LAMENTED AT THE NUMBER OF OLD BUILDINGS THAT USED TO BE THERE AND HOW MANY WERE GONE. WE TOOK IT UPON OURSELVES TO SEE IF WE COULD STOP THE DESTRUCTION OF THESE FINE OLD STRUCTURES. WE PURCHASED THE "GENERAL STORE" WITH THE INTENT OF GIVING IT A NEW PAINT JOB AND RESTORING IT TO ITS ORIGINAL LOOK. WE HAVE UP TO NOW, SUCCEEDED IN OUR VENTURE ALTHOUGH IT HAS TAKEN UP MUCH TIME AND CAPITAL. IT, ALONG WITH ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH (1905) AND THE HAGAMAN TOWN HALL (c. 1900) ARE THE LAST REMAINING BUILDINGS IN TOWN, THAT STAND AS A REMINDER TO THOSE WHO HELPED BUILD A TOWN, A RAILROAD AND HELPED BUILD A YOUNG COUNTRY INTO WHAT IS IS TODAY.

WE, SIR, THE CITIZENS OF MACOUPIN COUNTY, WOULD BE HONORED IF YOU WOULD CONSIDER LISTING THE "J.L. ROBINSON GENERAL STORE" WITH THE OTHER FINE AND STately OLD STRUCTURES ON THE NATIONAL REGISTRY. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THIS MATTER, PLEASE, DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT ME AT THE BELOW ADDRESS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND I AM

TRULY YOURS,

WILLIAM R. JACOBY
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Apt. 101
Oak Lawn, Ill. 60453
(312) 636-9692

10409 S. Menard Ave, 5/10/79

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE **ILLINOIS**

Date Entered **SEP 12 1980**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Robinson, J. L., General Store	Hagaman Macoupin County
Christ Episcopal Church	Springfield Sangamon County
Lincoln Public Library	Lincoln Logan County

Also Notified

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

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

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