

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 Clarkson W. Freeman House

and/or common Freeman-Hughes House

## 2. Location

street & number 704 West Monroe Street not for publication

city, town Springfield vicinity of congressional district 20

state Illinois code 012 county Sangamon code 167

## 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property

name Dr. and Mrs. Floyd S. Barringer

street & number RR 6

city, town Springfield vicinity of state Illinois

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Sangamon County Recorder of Deeds

street & number 800 East Monroe Street, Room 106

city, town Springfield state Illinois

## 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Illinois Historic Structures Survey: property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date October, 1974  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records 405 East Washington Street

city, town Springfield state Illinois

## 7. Description

### Condition

excellent

good

fair

deteriorated

ruins

unexposed

### Check one

unaltered

altered

### Check one

original site

moved

date \_\_\_\_\_

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Built in 1878, the Freeman-Hughes house is a two-story, frame, single-family residence. The massing of the structure is typical of vernacular interpretations of the Italianate: two wings perpendicular to each other, a porch along the facade, and a bay window on one side of the house. The gable roofs are steeply pitched and the siding is thin and horizontal.

Some of the details are also Italianate, such as the window heads and the brackets found under the cornice of the bay window on the east side. The windows add to the Italianate appearance with their long, thin proportions. All of the windows have shutters.

Much of the detailing is of the Carpenter-Gothic variety. Intricate carpentry work is found primarily on the porch and also along the front ends of the gables that face the street.

A false gable, identical in treatment to those on the front and side of the house, projects from the roof at the facade, a feature found in classic buildings of an earlier period.

A garage and storage room were added to the back of the house in the 30's. A railing was added to the original front porch when the picket fence in front of the house was removed, sometime after 1883. Three exterior chimneys were taken down in the 1960's. The front door has also been replaced.

The interior of the house retains the original stairways, doors, hardware, and trim. The original marble fireplace mantels and some of the gas light fixtures have been found in the basement and put back into place.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Abstract of the property at 704 West Monroe, Springfield, Illinois  
 Interview with Arthur Freeman Hughes in 1966  
 Present & Past Sangamon County, Illinois S. J. Clarke Publishing Co., Chicago, 1904

# 10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Acreege of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name SPRINGFIELD WEST, IL

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

### UMT References

A 

116	271940	4408660
Zone	Easting	Northing

B 

Zone	Easting	Northing

C 

Zone	Easting	Northing

D 

Zone	Easting	Northing

E 

Zone	Easting	Northing

F 

Zone	Easting	Northing

G 

Zone	Easting	Northing

H 

Zone	Easting	Northing

**Verbal boundary description and justification** East 60 feet of that part of Lot 11, lying south of Monroe. East 60 feet of Lot 12 and east 60 feet of north 26 feet of Lot 13, all in Block 1, in the Thomas H. Doyle Subdivision of the east half of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 33, township 16. (continued)

### 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 1. Daniel M. Barringer 2. Cynthia J. Voelkl, Intern  
 organization 1. N/A 2. Historic Sites Division date 1. DECEMBER, 1979 2. May 12, 1980  
 street & number 1. 106 East Union Street 2. 623 Meadow Lane telephone 1. (217)546-5558 2. (312)968-8905  
 city or town 1. Springfield 2. Lisle 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title Dir., Ill. Dept of Conservation date 6/30/80

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

W. Ray Luce date 9/29/80  
 Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

Sandra Hunt McCluskey date 9/26/80  
 Chief of Registration

# 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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** 1878–c.1930      **Builder/Architect** unknown

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

The Freeman-Hughes house represents a basically simple vernacular structure that was embellished with high-style elements in order to bring it into a more fashionable mode of architecture. Its "Carpenter-Gothic" trim is the most elaborate of any surviving in Springfield. The house is listed on the Illinois Historic Structures Survey.

Relatively unchanged over the last one hundred years, the house was in the same family until recently. Clarkson Freeman, son of one of Springfield's earliest residents, was born in 1852. He was at first a farmer and later in the transfer and storage business. In 1879, he and his bride, Katherine Taylor, moved into their newly-built home on Monroe Street. The house passed to Arthur Freeman Hughes, Clarkson's nephew, upon the death of Katherine Freeman in the 1920's.

The house retains original furniture and was acquired by the Barringers with the intention of creating a museum of both a late 19th century lifestyle and local history.

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North range 5, west of the third principal meridian. Also a strip of ground 20 feet, more or less, in width lying between the east line of the above described premises and the west line of Walnut Street.

Property

*Freeman, Clarkson W., House*

8001411

State

*Ill, Sangamon*

Working Number

*7, 28, 80, 1987*

TECHNICAL

Photos

*18*

Maps

*1*

CONTROL

HISTORIAN

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

*The most elaborate example of carpenter's Gothic residence in Springfield. Extremely fine saunwood and Eastlake elements in vergeboards and porch trim embellish t-shaped remaculate <sup>piece</sup> ~~front~~ w Italianate window hood & bay windows. ~~High~~ <sup>Accept</sup> ~~high~~ <sup>high</sup> integrity inside and on exterior.*

ARCHEOLOGIST

*Vanda Flint McClelland  
9/26/80*

OTHER

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Inventory \_\_\_\_\_

Review \_\_\_\_\_

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

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

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

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Federal Register Entry *2.3.81*

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



FREEMAN HUGHES  
HOUSE



FREEMAN HUGHES  
HOUSE

*Freeman, Clarkson W., House*

1. Freeman-Hughes House
2. 704 W. Monroe *Springfield, Ill.*  
Springfield, Illinois 62704
3. Photographer-David Barringer
4. Location of Negatives-Barringer
5. May 1980 ?

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East side of house.

Freeman, Clarkson W., House

1. Freeman-Hughes House
2. 704 W. Monroe Sangamon Co.  
Springfield, Illinois 62704
3. Photographer-David Barringer
4. Location of negatives-Barringer
5. May 1980
6. East side of house

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This house was the home of a pioneer Springfield family from the time it was built in 1878 until it was purchased by Dr + Mrs Floyd Barringer in 1967.

Photographer David Barringer

May 1980



Front porch  
North side

- Freeman, Clarkson W., House*
1. Freeman-Hughes House
  2. 704 W. Monroe *Sangamon co.*  
Springfield, Illinois 62704
  3. Photographer-David Barringer
  4. Location of Negatives-Barringer
  5. May 1980
  6. Front Porch, North side *3/19*

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Photographer David Barringer May 1980



Front entrance. North side.

- Freeman, Clarkson W., House*
1. Freeman-Hughes House
  2. 704 W. Monroe *Sanqamon Co.*  
Springfield, Illinois 62704
  3. Photographer-David Barringer
  4. Location of negatives-Barringer
  5. May 1980
  6. Front entrance; north side *4/18*

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*Barringer*

Photographer David Barringer.

May 1980



front sitting room

*Freeman, Clarkson W., House*

1. Freeman-Hughes House
2. 704 W. Monroe *Madison Co.*  
Springfield, Illinois 62704
3. Photographer-David Barringer
4. Location of negatives-Barringer
5. May 1980
6. Front sitting room *5/18*

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JUL 28 1980

Photographer David Barringer May 1980



Kitchen

Freeman, Clarkson W., House

1. Freeman-Hughes House
2. 704 W. Monroe *Surgamon co.* 6/18  
Springfield, Illinois 62704
3. Photographer-David Barringer
4. Location of negatives-Barringer
5. May 1980
6. Kitchen

JUL 28 1980

SEP 29 1980

photographer David Barringer

May 1980



# Front Parlor

Freeman, Clarkson W., House

1. Freeman-Hughes House
2. 704 W. Monroe *Springfield, Ill. 7/18*  
Springfield, Illinois
3. Photographer-David Barringer
4. Location of negatives-Barringer
5. May 1980
6. Front parlor

JUL 28 1980

SEP 29 1980

Most of the furnishings are original to the house. Except for wallpaper, chairs + some carpeting.

photographer David Barringer

May 1980



# N. E. Bedroom

*Freeman, Clarkson W., House*

1. Freeman-Hughes House
2. 704 W. Monroe *Sangamon Co.* 8/18  
Springfield, Illinois 62704
3. Photographer-David Barringer
4. Location of negatives-Barringer
5. May 1980
6. N. E. Bedroom

JUL 28 1980

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Photographer David Barringer

May 1980



East Porch. East side of house

*Freeman, Clarkson<sup>W.</sup> House*

1. Freeman-Hughes House
2. 704 W. Monroe *Sangamon Co.*  
Springfield, Illinois 62704
3. Photographer-David Barringer
4. Location of negatives-Barringer
5. May 1980
6. East Porch, east side of house

JUL 28 1980

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Photographer David Barringer

May 1980



Front sitting room

Freeman, Clarkson W., House

1. Freeman-Hughes House
2. 704 W. Monroe  
Springfield, Illinois 62704
3. Photographer-David Barringer
4. Location of negatives-Barringer
5. May 1980
6. Front sitting room

Sangamon Co.

JUL 28 1980

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SEP 29 1980

Photographer David Barringer May 1980



*Freeman, Clarkson W., House*

1. Freeman-Hughes House
2. 704 W. Monroe *Sangamon Co.*  
Springfield, Illinois 62704
3. Photographer-David Barringer
4. Location of negatives-Barringer
5. May 1980
6. N. E. Bedroom

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Front hallway  
main staircase

*Freeman Clarkson W. House*

1. Freeman-Hughes House
2. 704 W. Monroe *Sangamon Co.*  
Springfield, Illinois 62704
3. Photographer-David Barringer
4. Location of negatives-Barringer
5. May 1980
6. Front hallway

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Photographer David Barringer May 1980



N. E. bedroom

*Freeman, Clarkson W., House*

1. Freeman-Hughes House
2. 704 W. Monroe *Springmon co.*  
Springfield, Illinois 62704
3. Photographer-David Barringer
4. Location of negatives-Barringer
5. May 1980
6. N. E. Bedroom

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*Barringer*

*Photographer David Barringer*

*May 1980*



Library

*Freeman, Clarkson W., House*

1. Freeman-Hughes House
2. 704 W. Monroe *Sangamon Co.*  
Springfield, Illinois 62704
3. Photographer-David Barringer
4. Location of negatives-Barringer
5. May 1980
6. Library

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JUL 28 1980

*Barringer*

Photographer David Barringer

May 1980



Front Parlor

*Freeman Clarkson W., House*

1. Freeman-Hughes House
2. 704 W. Monroe *Sanjamon CO.*  
Springfield, Illinois 62704
3. Photographer-David Barringer
4. Location of negative- Barringer
5. May 1980
6. Front Parlor

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JUL 28 1980

Photographer David Barringer

May 1980



# Dining Room

- Freeman, Clarkson W., House*  
1. Freeman-Hughes House  
2. 704 W. Monroe *Sargomon Co.*  
Springfield, Illinois 62704  
3. Photographer-David Barringer  
4. Location of negatives-Barringer  
5. May 1980  
6. Dining Room

JUL 28 1980

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Photographer David Barringer

May 1980



Front Parlor

*Freeman, Clarkson W., House*

1. Freeman-Hughes House
2. 704 W. Monroe
3. Photographer-David Barringer
4. Location of negatives-Barringer
5. May 1980
6. Front Parlor

*Langamon Co.*

Springfield, Illinois 62704

*12/18*

JUL 28 1980

SEP 29 1980

Photographer David Barringer

May 1980



Dining Room

*Freeman, Clarkson W., House*

1. Freeman-Hughes House
2. 704 W. Monroe *Sangamon Co.*  
Springfield, Illinois 62704
3. Photographer-David Barringer
4. Location of negatives-Barringer
5. May 1980
6. Dining Room

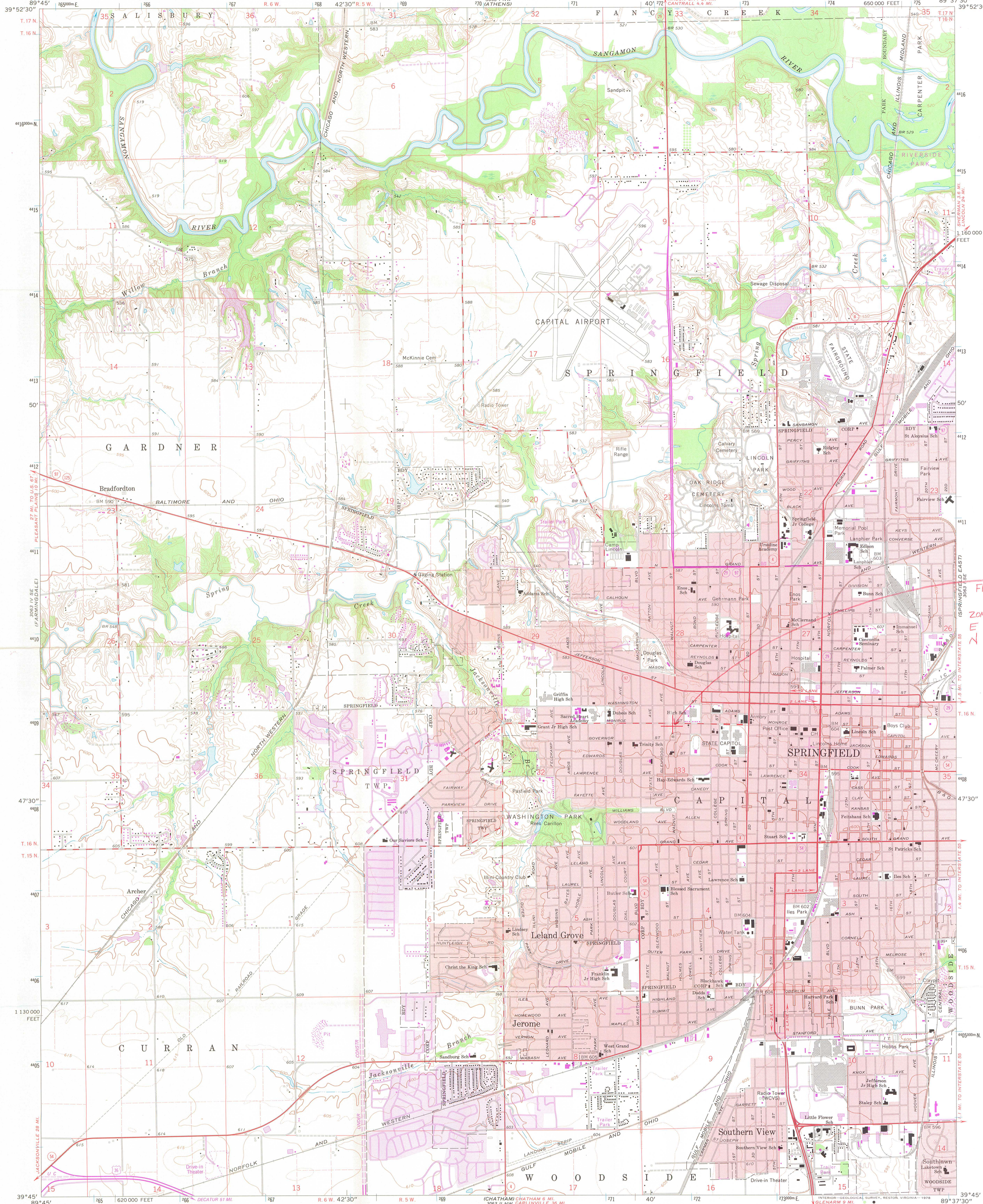
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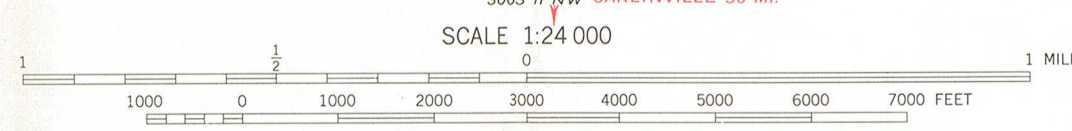
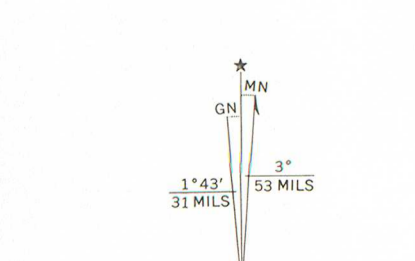
Photographer David Barringer

May 1980



FREEMAN-HUGHES  
HOUSE  
ZONE 16  
E 271 940  
N 4408 660

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Control by USGS and USC&GS  
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial  
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Supersedes map dated 1948  
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
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zone 16, shown in blue  
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown  
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where  
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taken 1971 and 1976. This information not field checked  
Purple tint indicates extensions of urban areas



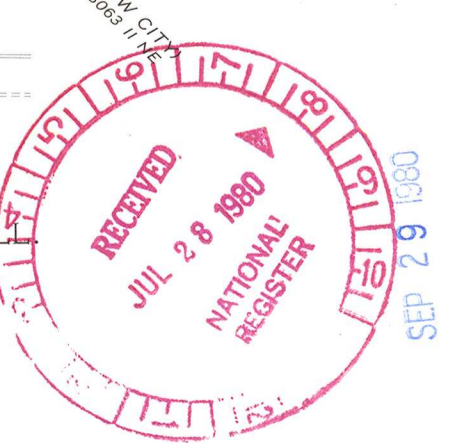
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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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

SPRINGFIELD WEST, ILL.  
N3945-W8937.5/7.5  
1965  
PHOTOREVISED 1971 AND 1976  
AMS 3063 1 SW—SERIES V863



June 10, 1980

Mr. Jeffrey S. Flemming  
National Register Coordinator  
Division of Historic Sites  
Illinois Dept. of Conservation  
405 E. Washington Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Re: National Register Nominations

Dear Sir:

The Springfield Historic Sites Commission has reviewed the following nominations for listing on the National Register.

- 1.) Governor Yates House - 1190 Williams Blvd. - Springfield
- 2.) Freeman-Hughes House - 704 West Monroe - Springfield
- 3.) Christ Episcopal Church - 611 East Jackson - Springfield
- 4.) State Fair Exposition Building - Fairgrounds - Springfield
- 5.) Springfield Historic District - Proposed Boundary Extension - 509-511, 513-515, 517, 519 East Monroe - Springfield

We encourage you to approve the nominations as we feel that all of the individual locations are worthy of National Register listing.

It is our understanding that the proposed boundary extension for the Springfield Historic District is being requested because of the existence of the Conn building at 513 Monroe Street. We feel that this building is significant for the reasons stated in the application. We do, however, feel that the other locations, namely 509-11, 517 & 519 are not significant but only supportive.

Thank you for the opportunity of commenting on the nominations to the National Register. We look forward to assisting you on future nominations.

Cordially,



Stephen P. Bartholf  
Chairman,  
Springfield Historic Sites Commission

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE ILLINOIS

Date Entered SEP 29 1980

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Plainfield Halfway House	Plainfield Will County
Shriver Farmstead	Viriden vicinity Macoupin County
Freeman, Clarkson W., House	Springfield Sangamon County
Evanston Lakeshore Historic District	Evanston Cook County
Fort Sheridan Historic District	Highland Park vicinity Lake County

Also Notified

Honorable Adlai E. Stevenson	State Historic Preservation Officer
Honorable Charles H. Percy	Dr. David Kenney
Honorable George M. O'Brien	Director, Department of Conservation
Honorable Paul Findley	602 State Office Building
Honorable Abner J. Mikva	400 South Spring Street
Honorable Philip M. Crane	Springfield, Illinois 62706
Mr. Francis B. Roche, DOD	
Mr. Leo H. Price, Department of the Army	

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