

United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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received MAY 3 1982

date entered
JUN 15 1982

1. Name

historic Lewis, Lloyd, House

and/or common Haines House

2. Location

street & number 153 Little St. Mary's Road N/A not for publication

city, town Libertyville N/A vicinity of congressional district

state Illinois code 012 county Lake code 097

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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
			<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Haines

street & number 153 Little St. Mary's Road

city, town Libertyville N/A vicinity of state Illinois

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Lake County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Waukegan state Illinois

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title None has this property been determined eligible? yes nodate federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

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

The Lloyd Lewis House is a brick and cyprus raised Usonian House designed by Frank Lloyd Wright.

The house is situated in a densely wooded lot on the east bank of the Des Plaines River. The main body of the house is elevated on brick piers to reduce potential damage from dampness or flooding.

The house typifies the Usonian building technique in that common brick is used for the service cores and support piers, and exterior walls are of cyprus board and batten.

The ground level contains the open entrance loggia formed by the cantilevered terrace above supported by four brick piers. There is a carport beneath the kitchen, and two bedrooms with private baths beneath the living room. At the east end of the loggia is the main entry.

Up six stairs is the landing leading to the bedroom wing, containing a gallery lit along the north wall by a clerestory broken by fretted plywood pattern. Opening off the gallery are two bedrooms, each with a private bath. From each bedroom, glazed double doors open onto a balcony which runs the length of the south facade of the bedroom wing.

From the landing of the bedroom wing, six steps lead up to the living room and work area. The basically simple open plan of the interior is made complex through the subtle use of varying floor levels and built in features such as bookshelves, tables, and seats. The living room is raised two steps above the adjoining dining area. The north wall is dominated by a large open hearth fireplace. To the south floor to ceiling glazed double doors open onto the cantilevered screened-in porch.

The dining room opens into the kitchen, from which a separate stairway leads down to the carport and a servant's bedroom. A private study is located west of the fireplace. Small balconies open off the dining room and the study.

Additional characteristic features of Wright's Usonian designs are radiant floor heating and recessed lighting.

The broad lawn, extending to the banks of the Des Plaines River, contains three large flower beds. The overgrowth of the natural vegetation, completely engulfing the house, adds new meaning to the concept of organic architecture.

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"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" 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 1939 **Builder/Architect** Frank Lloyd Wright

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Lloyd Lewis House, though less than 50 years old, achieves special significance as 1) the work of master architect Frank Lloyd Wright 2) an excellent and only Illinois example of his pre-World War II Usonian residential designs.

With the construction of the first Jacobs House in Madison, Wisconsin, Frank Lloyd Wright entered what is considered his second phase of residential design, the Usonian. Wright had been developing his ideas for creating affordable middle class housing since the early 1930's. It was in the first Jacobs House that those ideas were brought to fruition.

Like his earlier Prairie Style Houses, the Usonians utilized open floor plans, but were designed for a more informal lifestyle. Construction costs were minimized through the use of a uniform grid system. Other Usonian features included slab concrete foundations with pipes imbedded for radiant heating, common brick with cyprus board and batten walls (eliminating the need for paint and plaster), and orientation of the building on the site toward the privacy of the back yard and away from the public street.

The interior spaces were based on an open plan. Separate dining rooms were eliminated in favor of a combined kitchen and eating area, ideal for informal entertaining. Bedrooms, often quite small, were clustered in wings away from main activity areas for privacy. Bookshelves, tables, chairs, and storage areas were all built-in features.

Between 1936 and 1942, when World War II halted new residential construction, Wright designed many Usonians, although only 25 were actually constructed. The Lewis Home is the only house from this period in Illinois. While each house utilized the basic Usonian construction vocabulary, each was adapted to the unique needs of the individual client.

The Lloyd Lewis' were not, in 1939, the typical middle class young couple beginning their first home that the Usonians were originally conceived for. The Lewis' were personal friends of Wright. Lloyd Lewis was a columnist for the Chicago Daily News, and a published author of civil war histories. Besides Wright, the Lewis' were friends with numerous well known people, including Adlai Stevenson II, Carl Sandburg, and Alexander Woolcott. They also were fond of entertaining.

The house Wright designed for them is a slightly more luxurious version of the Usonian, though still in keeping with the basic concept. The floor plan is still open, yet separate spaces are defined by changes in floor levels. Built in shelving separates the dining area from the kitchen, facilitating formal dining. The large living room and enclosed porch provides space for large gatherings. And, a servant's room is provided on the ground level.

After World War II, the Usonian concept was further defined and adapted for residential use. Many of the concepts pioneered by these homes, i.e. carports, open plans,

9. Major Bibliographical References

See Continuation Sheet

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than 2 acre

Quadrangle name Libertyville, IL

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A 16 422840 4678890
Zone Easting Northing

B
Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E

F

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H

Verbal boundary description and justification

Tract #1027040121 of Alfred MacArthue's subdivision Libertyville Lots 20 and 21

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

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Michael Ward

organization Illinois Department of Conservation

date December, 1981

street & number 405 East Washington

telephone 217/782-3775

city or town Springfield

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

David Kennedy

title Director

date 4/1/82

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

Beth Grosvenor

date 6/15/82

Keeper of the National Register

Attest: *Judith McCluskey*

date 6/14/82

Chief of Registration

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built-in features, have become basics in modern residential design. As an early, intact example of this significant housing type by master architect Frank Lloyd Wright, the Lewis House merits listing on the National Register.

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by Michael Ward

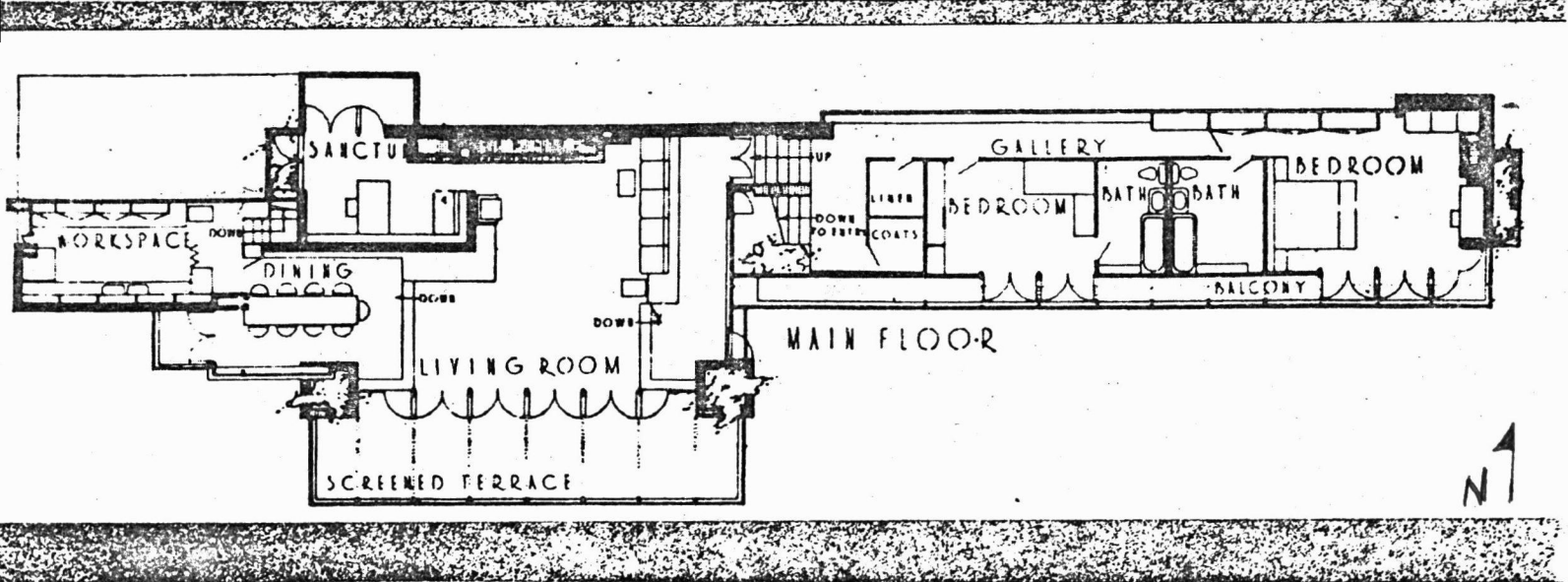
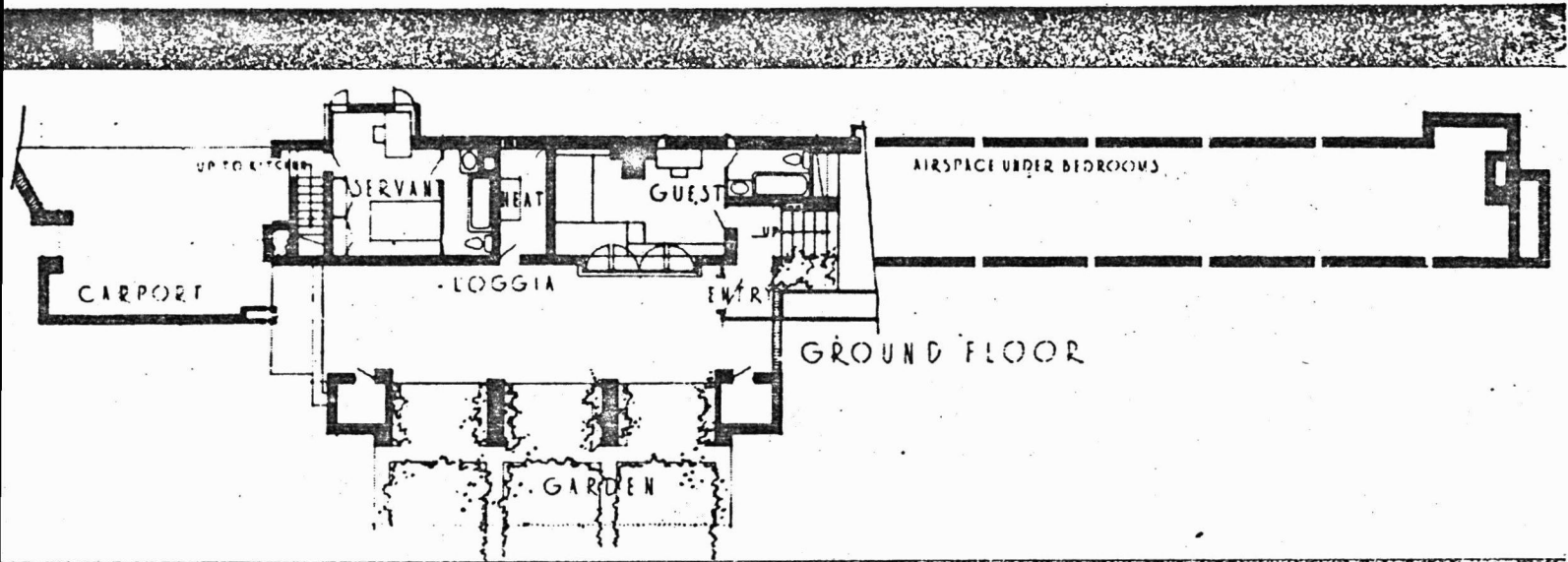
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EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

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Property: Lewis, Lloyd, House
State, County: Ill, Lake
Federal Agency: _____

Working No. 51382-1293
Fed. Reg. Date: FEB 1 1983
Date Due: 6/3/82 - 6/17/82
Action: ACCEPT 6/15/82
 RETURN _____
 REJECT _____

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

photos _____
maps _____

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments: *Exceptional significance of this 1939
Usonian home by Frank Lloyd Wright is based
on its being the only one of the pre-World War
II homes of this type in Illinois (Wright built
25 in all prior to W.W.II).
Precedent exists for
listing these in other
States.*

Recom./Criteria Accept C
Reviewer J. McCulland
Discipline Arch. Hist.
Date 6/14/82
 see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: technical corrections cited below
 substantive reasons discussed below

- 1. Name
- 2. Location
- 3. Classification
Category Ownership Status Present Use
Public Acquisition Accessible
- 4. Owner of Property
- 5. Location of Legal Description
- 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

- 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

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

*no changes apparent - but could have
been discussed.*

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

I think exception is evident in tight + concise 1st statement, esp. as it identifies statewide context for Wright's early Usonian houses "only" state example.

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Address of nominated property _____
Quadrangle name _____
USIT Reference _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

___ national ___ state ___ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Photos could have been better, and showing more of house.

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272-35

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



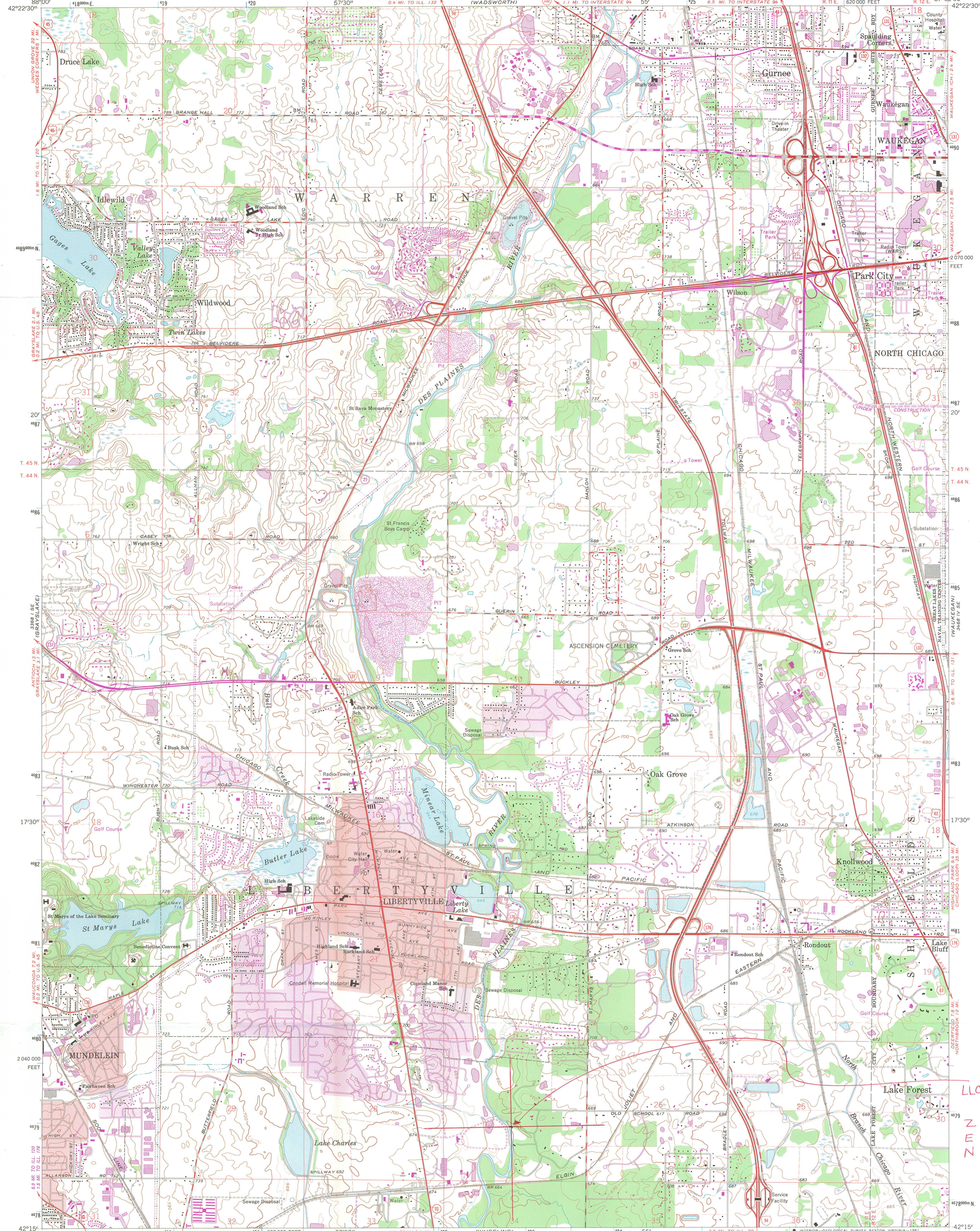
- 1.Lloyd Lewis House
- 2.Libertyville, IL
- 3.Michael Ward
- 4.July 1981
- 5.IL.Dept.of Conservation
- 6.view of south facade, showing
loggia and terrace
- 7.#1 of 3



- 1.Lloyd Lewis House
- 2.Libertyville, IL
- 3.Michael Ward
- 4.July 1981
- 5.IL.Dept. of Conservation
- 6.view looking southeast, showing
carport beneath kitchen
- 7.#2 of 3



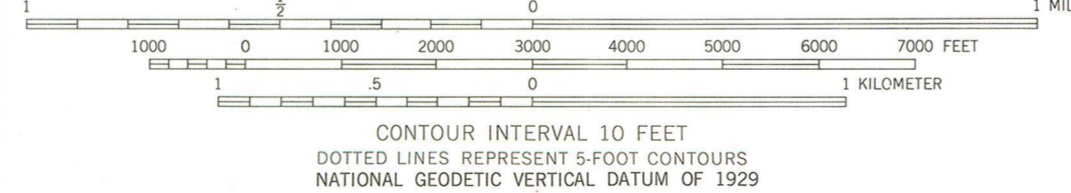
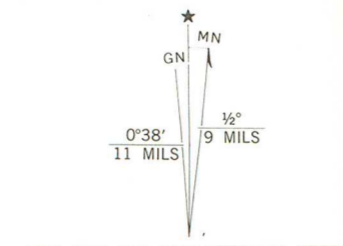
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- 5.IL.Dept. of Conservation
- 6.view showing detail of balcony
off of study, looking southeast
7. #3 of 3



LLOYD LEWIS
HOUSE
Z 16
E 422 840
N 4678 890

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Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial
photographs taken 1958. Field checked 1960
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Illinois coordinate zone, east zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 16, shown in blue
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown
To place on the predicted North American Datum 1983
move the projection lines 2 meters north and
6 meters east as shown by dashed corner ticks
There may be private inholdings within the boundaries
of the National or State reservations shown on this map



CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
DOTTED LINES REPRESENT 5-FOOT CONTOURS
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, hard surface	Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Secondary highway, hard surface	Unimproved road
Interstate Route	U. S. Route
	State Route

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Revisions shown in purple compiled from aerial photographs
taken 1972 and 1978. Map edited 1980
This information not field checked
Purple tint indicates extension of urban area

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Illinois



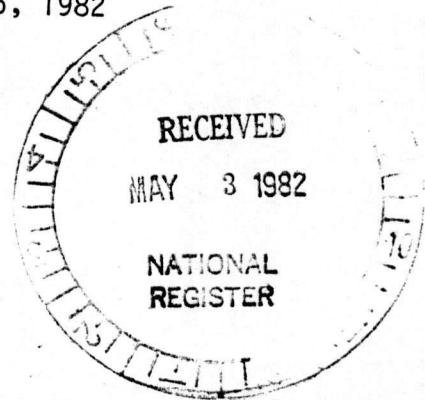
Department of Conservation

life and land together

LINCOLN TOWER PLAZA • 524 SOUTH SECOND STREET • SPRINGFIELD 62706
CHICAGO OFFICE - ROOM 100, 160 NO. LASALLE 60601
David Kenney, Director • James C. Helfrich, Assistant Director

April 16, 1982

Carol Shull, Keeper
of the National Register
Department of the Interior
W 434
Washington, D.C. 20243



Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed are National Register nominations for the following properties:

New Piasa Chautauqua Historic District
Sparta Bricktown Historic District
Tampico Main Street Historic District
Rock Island Lines Passenger Station.. (Rock Island)
Lloyd Lewis House (Libertyville)
Charles Swannell House (Kankakee)
Capt. James Moore Farmstead (Waterloo)
Richard Newcomb House (Quincy)
Grossdale Station (Brookfield)
Count's House (McHenry)
Bloom Township High School (Chicago Heights)
Seth Warner House (Chicago)
Hiram Rutherford House and Office (Oakland)
H. P. Boulton House (Springfield)
McAuley School (West Chicago)

Thank you for your prompt attention to these forms.

Sincerely,

Michael Ward
Assistant National
Register Coordinator

MW/Tw
Enclosures