

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

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

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

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1. Name

historic Ronald Reagan's Boyhood Home

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 816 South Hennepin Ave N/A not for publication

city, town Dixon N/A vicinity of congressional district 16

state Illinois code 012 county Lee code 103

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"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<u>N/A</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: Vacant

4. Owner of Property

name Ronald Reagan Home Restoration and Preservation Association

street & number 816 South Hennepin

city, town Dixon N/A vicinity of state Illinois

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number

city, town Dixon state Illinois

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title NONE has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 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

President Ronald W. Reagan's first boyhood home in Dixon Ill., located at 815 S. Hennepin Avenue, was purchased in August, 1980 by a group of local citizens who formed a not-for-profit corporation to preserve and restore the home. #1 See attached.

The Reagan home is a 2 story building on a stone foundation. The house is typical of average American late nineteenth century homes in design, materials used, and room lay-out. The house has a porch across the entire front enclosed with spindles and railing about 2 ½ feet high. The first story is 3-4 steps off the ground with casement windows in the basement. The windows above are double hung.

The original house had a gable roof shingled with cedar shingles. Presently there are asbestos shingles on the roof which will have to be replaced.

A back porch was partially enclosed to make a bathroom downstairs after the Reagan's resided at the home and the house was made into two apartments in 1936.

On the opposite side of the back part of the house a new porch was also added after the Reagan's lived in the house. This porch will be removed.

The interior of the house has a front entry hall with stairs leading to bedrooms upstairs. The hall opens into the front parlor on the left and into the dining room straight ahead. See drawings.

The walls and celings downstairs are lath and plaster - the 2 living rooms and dining room have hardwood floors in good condition.

When the house was made into 2 apartments the sliding doors between the dining room and living room and the hall and living room were removed and false walls of plaster board and a single door were used between the rooms. The door going into the front living room, or parlor, was completely closed. Members of the Historical Acquisition Committee have obtained sliding doors to replace the missing ones.

There is a fireplace in the front living room which is completely sealed over. At the base of the fireplace are good glazed tiles with several missing. Tiles will be sought to replace them.

In the kitchen a back stairway to the basement was put in when the 2 apartments were made in the house. The pantry off the kitchen was used for the stairway to the basement. The stairway to the basement was originally under the front stairway entering via front hall.

Engineers from the engineering firm of Willett, Hofmann and Associates of Dixon, Il. have inspected the house at 816 S. Hennepin Avenue and determined that the home is structurally sound.

An asphalt, imitation brick (red) siding was removed by the Helfrich Construction Company of Dixon, Il. in March, 1981. The removal of the asphalt siding revealed the original wood siding which was deemed in good condition by the contractor.

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The heating system was renovated in February, 1981 when a gas conversion unit was installed.

Mr. John McLane, Jr. of McLane & McLane, architects, Dixon, Il. has been retained to work with the research committee. A Historical Architect is being considered at this time to work with Mr. McLane. Three architects have been interviewed but no decision has been made.

Historical Consultant, James Hickey, has been appointed to work with the entire committee to restore the home.

Throughout this entire restoration procedure, many committees made up of many people have worked diligently and with great care and concern through research in order that the home be restored to the state it was in when the Reagan's lived in it. Work and materials are volunteer contributions with many pledges to help in the restoration project.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1920-1923

Builder/Architect

UNKNOWN

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Ronald W. Reagan, 40th President of the United States, lived in this house between 1920 and 1923 (grade school years). As expressed in his own words, the house was associated with important events in his formative years.

When Ronald Reagan was 9 years old his family moved to Dixon, Il. This northern Illinois community in Lee County was to be his home until he was 21 years old. In his autobiography he said, "all of us have to have a place we go back to. Dixon is that place for me. There was the life that has shaped by body and mind for all the years to come after."

Ronald Reagan, his parents Jack and Nelle and brother Neil, lived in Tampico, Galesburg, Monmouth and Chicago before coming to 816 S. Hennepin, Dixon, IL. in December of 1920.

In 1923 the Reagan family moved to 318 W. Everett on the North side of Rock River (the numbering was later changed on the houses on W. Everett and 318 became 348) where they lived until 1928 (high school days of Ronald Reagan).

During 1928 Jack and Nelle Reagan moved to 226 Lincolnway Avenue where they lived until 1932. The house is still standing. In 1932, they moved to 216 N. Galena (college years). This property was demolished to make way for a parking lot.

Of the several Reagan homes in Dixon, both Ronald and Neil retain their clearest boyhood associations of Dixon with 816 S. Hennepin.

9. Major Bibliographical References

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

See attached sheet

UTM NOT VERIFIED

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property LESS THAN 1

Quadrangle name DIXON, IL

9/12/83 DM

Quadrangle scale 1:62500

UMT References

A 1,6 29,400 4,634,045
Zone Easting Northing

B
Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E

F

G

H

Verbal boundary description and justification The North Half (N 1/2) of Lot three (3), in Block One Hundred Three (103), in the Original Town (now City) of Dixon, situated in the County of Lee and State of Illinois.

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 Caroline Redebaugh - Vice President

organization Ronald Reagan Home Restoration and Preservation Association

date April 24, 1981

street & number Lincoln Towers #602

telephone 522-8033 (Home)
785-5803 (Office)

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

Doris Kennedy

title District

date 9/25/81

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

Carol D. Skell

date 3-26-82

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

Linda McCullough

date 3-26-82

Chief of Registration

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- A. President Ronald W. Reagan's book, "Where is the Rest of Me." Published 1964.
- B. Engineering firm of Willett, Hofmann & Associates of Dixon, Il.
- C. Edward O'Malley, Attorney, a friend and neighbor of Ronald & Neil Reagan, Dixon, Il.
- D. President Ronald Reagan
- E. Neil Reagan, San Diego, California
- F. Tom Booth - information on Ronald Reagan's life in Dixon as described in his 1965 autobiography.
- G. Pictures of house - 816 So. Hennepin Ave., Dixon, Il.
- H. Dixon City Directories - 1920 - 1924.
- I. Dixon Public Library - Registrar of Patrons - 1916 through 1923 and 1923 through 1924.
- J. Tampico Tornado - weekly newspaper - issue of week of December 10, 1920.
- K. Ronald Reagan letter to friend in November 1922 - Gladys Shippert - reprinted in Ashton Gazette, November of 1980.
- L. David Smothers - Senior Editor U.P.I. Chicago - two feature stories - August, 1980 & November, 1980.
- M. Esquire Magazine - August, 1980
- N. U. S. News & World Report, 1980
- O. Newsweek, 1980
- P. Elsey Walters - 1st cousin - R. R. #4, Morrison, Il.
- Q. Vera Hobben - 1st cousin - R.F.D. #1, Chadwick, Il.
- R. Many 2nd cousins living in vicinity of Dixon, Morrison, Colleta, Rock Falls, Sterling, Fulton, Chadwick and Freeport.
- S. Classmates and schoolmates
- T. Neighbors in immediate vicinity
- U. Member of 1st Christian Church, Dixon, Il. - Mrs. Mary Emmert, friend of Nelle Reagan.
- V. Teachers - Mr. Bernard Frazier and Mrs. Fraya Lazier

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

82002580

Property: Reagan's, Ronald, Bayhead Home
State, County: IL, Lee
Federal Agency: _____

Working No. 2/17/82-531
Fed. Reg. Date: _____
Date Due: 3/18/82 - 4/3/82
Action: ACCEPT 3/26/82
 RETURN _____
 REJECT _____

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

photos 6
maps 1

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments: See attached comments

Accept (exception to prohibition on properties associated w living persons because "transcendent importance" is guaranteed by presidency)

Recom. / Criteria B / Eligible
Reviewer J McClelland
Discipline 9 Hist
Date 3/26/82
— see continuation sheet

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

- 1. Name
- 2. Location
- 3. Classification
- 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 data

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

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

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 - lists of events in Reagan's life + of his residence at various locations, includ. Dixon ones
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception *of course its applicable - this is like a birthplace - + signif is less than 50 years*
- other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property _____
Quadrangle name _____
UMT References _____

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 _____
site _____ date _____

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272 - 3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



Ronald Reagan Boyhood Home
before restoration

816 So. Hennepin

Dixon, Il. 61021

FEB 1981

Negatives: Lynn Knights

901 W. 4th St.

Dixon, Il. 61021

(815)284-2126

FEB 17 1982

West + South

~~WEST~~ SIDE



Ronald Reagan Boyhood Home
before restoration
816 So. Hennepin
Dixon, IL 61021

FEB. 1981

Negatives: Lynn Knights
901 W. 4th St.
Dixon, IL 61021
(815)284-2126

FEB 17 1982 SOUTH SIDE



Ronald Reagan Boyhood Home
before restoration
816 So. Hennepin
Dixon, Il. 61021

FEB 1981

Negatives: Lynn Knights
901 W. 4th St.
Dixon, Il. 61021
(815) 284-2126

FEB 17 1982
NORTH SIDE



Ronald W. Reagan Boyhood Home
816 S. Hennepin
Dixon, Il. 61021

During Restoration

East Side FEB 17 1982

May 20, 1981



Ronald Reagan Boyhood Home
during restoration
816 So. Hennepin
Dixon, Il. 61021

Apr. 1981

Negatives: Lynn Knights
901 W. 4th St.
Dixon, Il. 61021
(815)284-2126

FEB 17 1982 NORTH SIDE



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Ronald Reagan Boyhood Home
during restoration

816 So. Hennepin

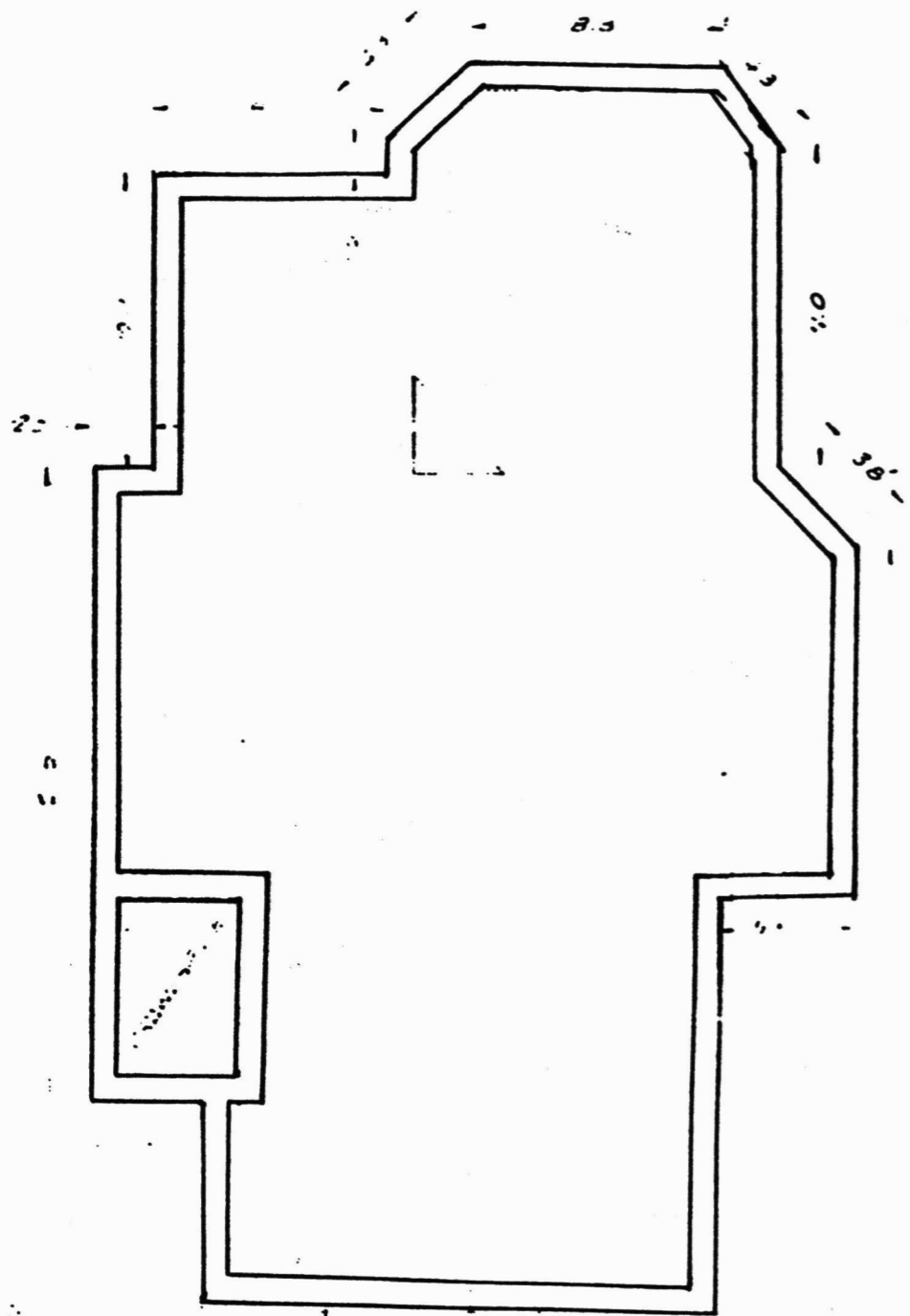
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Apr-1981

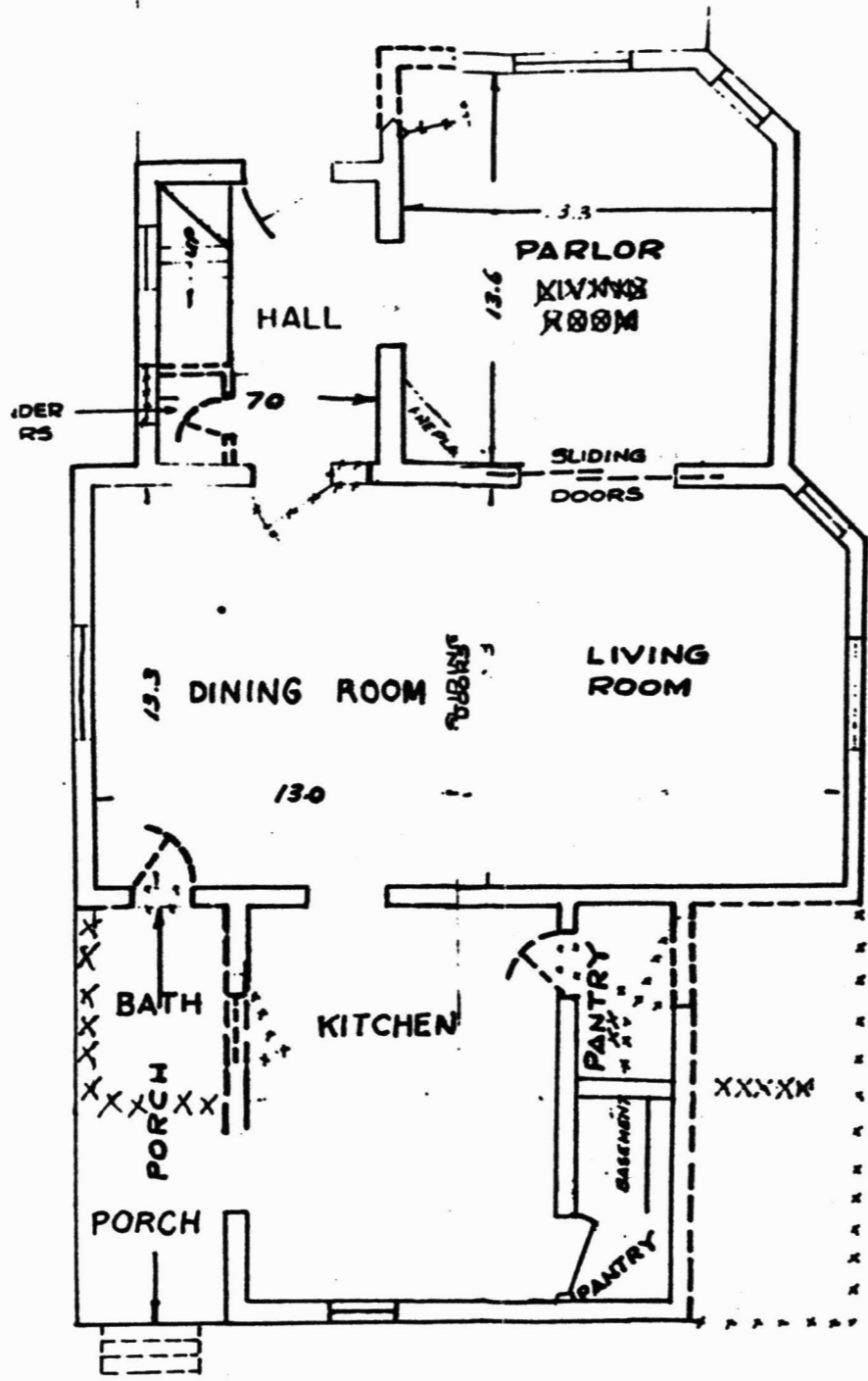
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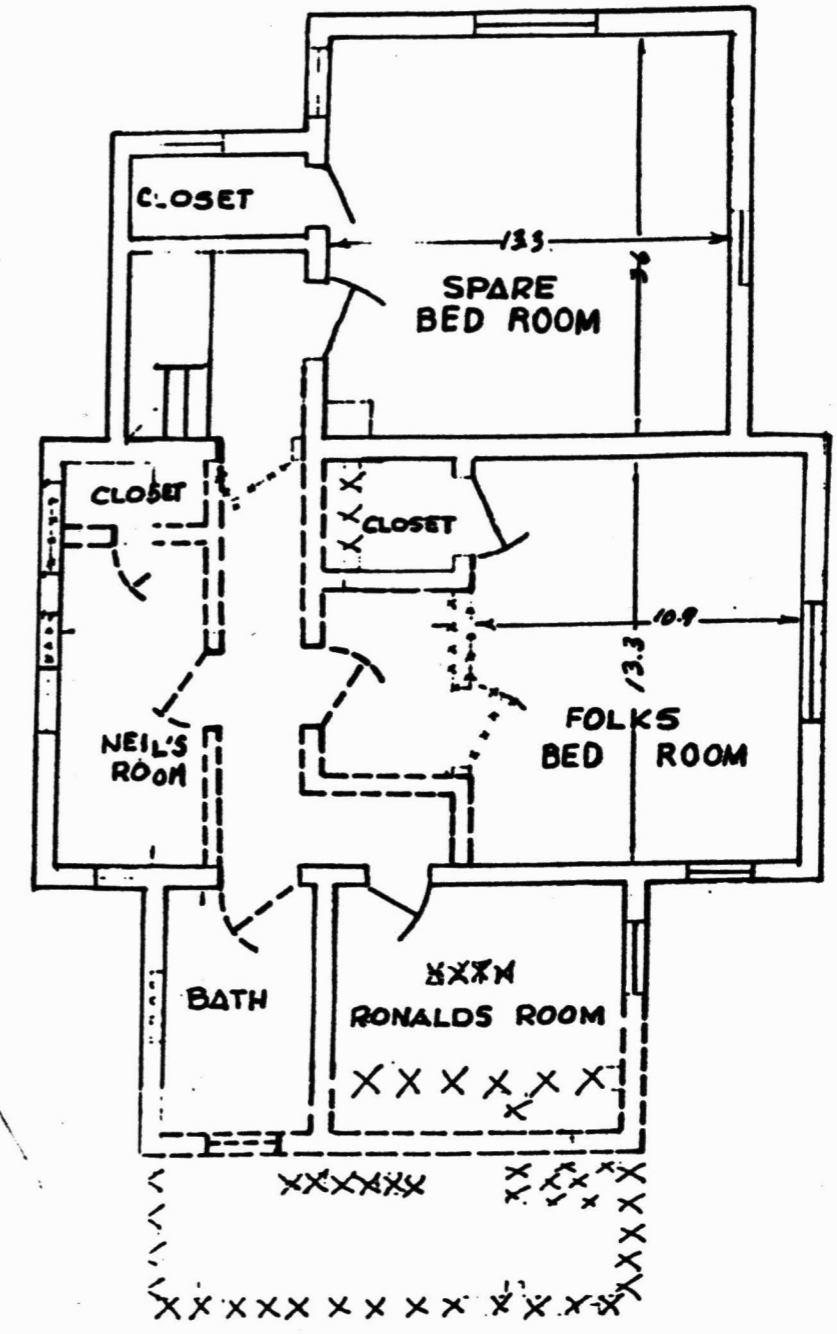
WEST SIDE



BASEMENT



FIRST FLOOR



SECOND FLOOR

NOTE: THIS DATE (AP. 6, 191) CORRECTIONS HAVE BEEN MADE TO ABOVE PLAT REFLECTING THE RECOLLECTIONS OF RONALD & NEIL REAGAN DURING THEIR TIME OF RESIDENCE.

LEGEND

- ==== CONDITIONS EXISTING DURING THE TIME OF THE REAGANS RESIDENCE
- XXXX PRESENT FEATURES OF HOUSE NOT EXISTING DURING TIME OF REAGANS RES

FORMER RONALD REAGAN RESIDENCE
 816 S. HENNEPIN AVE., DIXON, ILL.
 FLOOR PLAN



2
RONALD REAGAN



October 28, 1980

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Knights
901 W. 4th Street
Dixon, IL 61021

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Knights:

I just want you to know how flattered
I am by your efforts to purchase my
boyhood home in Dixon. This was a major
commitment in time and energy for both
of you, and I am more than grateful. You
will always have my heartfelt thanks.

With warmest personal regards.

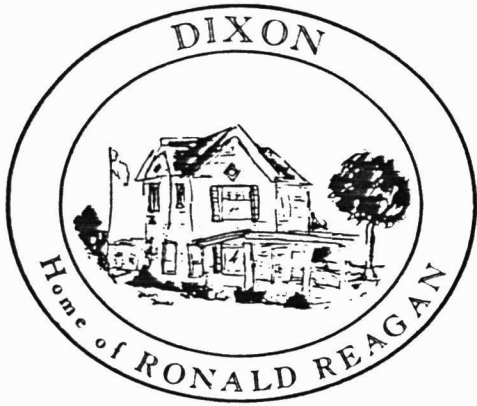
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronald Reagan".

RONALD REAGAN

9841 AIRPORT BOULEVARD, SUITE 1430, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90045

Paid for by Reagan Bush Committee. United States Senator Paul Laxalt, Chairman. Bay Buchanan, Treasurer.



816 S. HENNEPIN AVE. • DIXON, ILL. 61021



February 24, 1981

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Officers, Board Members, Committee Chairmen & Members

FROM: Lynn Knights

RE: Restoration of President Ronald W. Reagan's First Home in Dixon, Il.

To the best of my knowledge each person whose name appears on the enclosed list has agreed to serve. Committee Chairmen may ask other interested persons to be on their committee. Committee members may encourage friends to become a member of any of the various committees.

Because of the love, respect, and faith in the leadership of President Ronald W. Reagan whose life was molded in part by this community, every attempt is being made to make the Restoration and Preservation of President Reagan's Home a community project. The Restoration and Preservation will need the financial and physical support of all regardless of how small the amount of time or money.

For the benefit of those not actively involved with the activities of the Ronald Reagan Home Committee at this point, a summary to date follows:

Most of you know how the Home was purchased - for those who do not know - this is for your information - Lynn Knights, letter carrier, while delivering mail on his route on July 17, 1980, the day after Ronald Reagan gave his acceptance speech at the Republican National Convention in Detroit, Michigan as the nominee for President of the United States of America, saw a group of T.V. reporters and photographers taking pictures of a house that had a For Sale sign on it for several weeks. At lunchtime Lynn did some research - found that in fact it was the first home the Reagan's lived in when they came to Dixon. When he left work at 3:30 p.m. he immediately went to the Real Estate Agency and paid \$250.00 as an option on the house. A few hours later a speculator from Las Vegas called the Real Estate Agency and said he had a \$1,000.00 check in the mail. Lynn's \$250.00 check took precedent - However, that was only the beginning - the price of the Home was \$31,500. A down payment of \$6300 was needed in ten days in order to finance the house. Luke Morin, attorney, was contacted on Saturday morning, July 18, 1980 to set up a non-profit corporation. This corporation was set up in the shortest time in Illinois history. Calls were immediately made to Dixon and area friends who contributed money for the down payment.

Officers and some Board Members were elected. Six Board Members plus one elected officer co-signed the note for the loan which was obtained from the City National Bank on August 15, 1980 in the amount of \$26,108.75 for 6 months or until the election was held.

On February 13, 1981 Dr. Robert LeSage, Jr. acting in behalf of the Board renewed the note for 9 months - unpaid balance is \$23,948.05. Interest

and payments in small amounts have been paid through contributions, fund raising events and receipts from sale of souvenirs received at the 'Home'.

Fund raising events, solicitation of funds, sale of souvenirs will continue in order to pay off the mortgage.

Selected voluntary work can begin on the inside of the house in order to restore it to the original state it was when the Reagan's lived there, thereby giving a better perspective on the life of Reagan as a boy to the thousands of tourists who are expected to tour the Home from now on.

The Home has been open and staffed by volunteers on every week-end and Holidays since President Reagan's election on November 4, 1980. To date approximately 4500 - 5000 persons have been through the home - many from foreign countries and from almost every state in the Union as well as many, many local people.

Many residents in Dixon have given untold hours of volunteer service in behalf of President Reagan's Home. However, the time has come to activate all committees. Guidelines are listed for the benefit of all Committee Chairmen and Committee Members.

To all Committee Chairmen -

Please activate your committee and have a report ready for the April meeting.

Monthly meetings of the Board have been held on the first Monday of every month in the Undercroft of St. Lukes Episcopal Church. The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 6, 1981.

As President of the Board I would like to be advised of all meetings so that I may help coordinate activities of all committees.

Arts Committee:

1. Responsible for art work
 - a. promotional material
 - b. signs and posters
 - c. souvenir art work

Building & Grounds Maintenance Committee:

Responsible for maintaining safety, security and sanitation of the House and Grounds.

Historical Acquisition Committee:

Responsible for acquiring furniture and furnishings for the Home - either actual or if not available - obtain period furniture and furnishings. Also responsible for labeling and recording all furnishings.

Historical Research Committee:

Responsible for Research on the House itself - owners, deeds, etc.

Responsible for coordinating activities with Acquisition and Restoration Committee to ascertain authenticity of restoration.

Government Liaison Committee:

Responsible for contacting various levels of government - seeking their cooperation regarding the Restoration of President Reagan's Home and coordinating these agencies with the various Reagan Home Restoration Committees.

Publicity Committee:

Responsible for maintaining a high level of visibility for President Reagan's Home throughout the community.

Coordinate activities with Finance Committee.

Volunteer Services Committee:

Chairmen and Co-chairmen are responsible for setting up all sub-committees. Responsible for maintaining a list of volunteers.

Volunteer Committee:

1. Staff House for visitation
2. Volunteer committee for cleaning in cooperation with Maintenance and Grounds Committee
3. Volunteer committee for yard work in cooperation with Maintenance and Grounds Committee
4. Volunteers for fund raising events
5. Volunteers for clerical help
6. Others as they become necessary

Finance Committee:

Responsible for raising necessary funds for purchasing and restoring and furnishing President Reagan's Home.

Legal Committee:

Responsible for advising the Board on legal matters relating to President Reagan's Home.

Honorary Board Members:

Responsible for working with the Historical Research Committee and providing their knowledge as they remember facts about the Home.

Mar. 3 1981

Dear Ed:

Sorry to have delayed getting this off to you but have been bedded down since Washington with a good case of flu.

Dutch and I have gone over the floor plan sheets of the house. Sixty years and how it was back then provides a real memory test. In fact I am sure we have both flunked to an extent.

I made the restorative changes in red on the attached copy of the present floor plan as nearly as we can remember.

There was of course only one front door — that into the front hall. The back or side porch ran the length of the kitchen which eliminates the first floor bathroom. There ^{were} two doors off this porch — one into the kitchen right at the top of the steps and one at the end of the porch into the dining room. No door — only wide doorway from front hall into dining room and wider doorway with sliding doors between dining room and living room. Wide door between living room and parlor also with sliding doors.

Upstairs was tougher. There was the long hall that ran the length from the bathroom to the wall of closet of spare bedroom.

Dutch's room was the smallest and had no closet - used the one in my room which the next smallest.

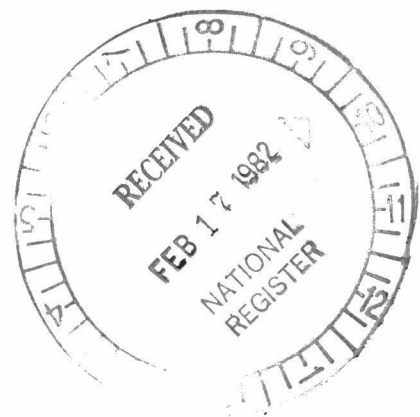
The addition structure put on in later years is hard for us ^{to} visualize. There are probably other changes that were made but neither of us could put our fingers on them. Trust this will be of some help.

Sure George filled you in ^{on} our brief visit while we were back there. I had the start of the flu which sort of held me down but we had an enjoyable session.

Best and I hope to get to Dixon for the Petenias and a class reunion if that develops.

Meantime if there are any questions shoot them along.

Best to you
Moon





THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 1, 1981

Dear Mr. Durkes:

I have just been told of your plans to make our old home into an historical site. It's funny, but as much as I loved that house, I never imagined that it would someday become a landmark. I'm very pleased and flattered by such an idea and hope that you keep me informed of your progress.

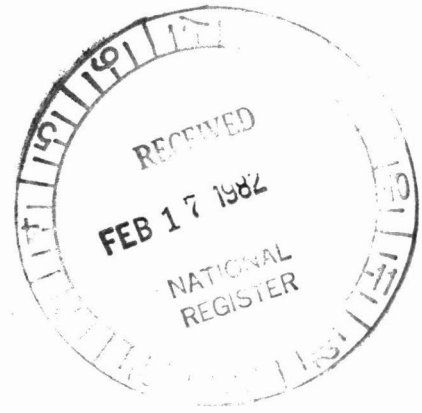
Many thanks to you and all my friends in Dixon for their thoughtfulness and for all their efforts in my behalf.

With warm personal regard and, again, my thanks.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

Mr. Richard W. Durkes
President
City National Bank
and Trust Company
Dixon, Illinois 61021



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 27, 1981

Dear Carrie:

Nancy and I loved your letter, and we passed on the kudos to the staff. They appreciated them very much as did we. It was wonderful to hear that everyone from Dixon had such a great time at the Inaugural. Of course we did, too, but I can see the mercy of it only occurring once every four years!

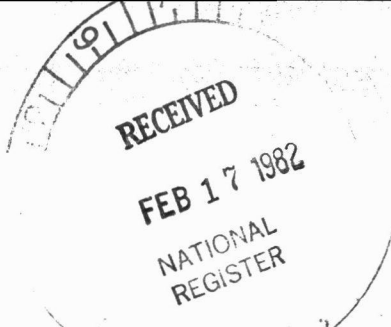
We are very grateful for all that you are doing there in Dixon. Although we aren't able to help as much as we'd like, we are proud and honored by your plans and how well they seem to be coming along. Keep us informed as you have time.

Take care and give our love to everyone.

Sincerely,

Dutch

Mrs. Carrie Redebaugh
3 West Old Town Mall
Springfield, Illinois 62701



JACK REAGAN FAMILY - RONALD W. REAGAN - LIST OF RESIDENCES 1928-1937 DIXON, ILL. HOME OWNERSHIP, ETC.

NOTE REAGAN HOME MADE INTO AN APT. IN 1936 REC CHYDRE

RONALD REAGAN BOYHOOD HOME - 816 S. HENNERIN (ORIGINALLY PLATTED BY JOSEPH CRAWFORD FOR FATHER JOHN DONOVAN IN 1890) NO 1/2 OF LOT 3 (BLOCK 103 TOWN OF DIXON - COUNTY OF LEE) NOT PURCH JULY 6, 1891 BY WILLIAM C. THOMPSON - OWNER - HOME BUILT 1891 - W.C. THOMPSON RESIDED IN HOME UNTIL MAR. 16, 1894 WHEN IT WAS SOLD TO EDW. DONOVAN WHO RESIDED IN IT UNTIL HIS DEATH IN 1917 AT WHICH TIME IT PASSED ON IN 1917 TO JOHN + TERESA DONOVAN (EMMA DONOVAN - TRANSFERING PROP 9/17/17)

Boyhood Home Info: (R)

YEAR	ADDRESS	RESIDENT	HOME OWNED BY	RESIDENT REFERENCE CITY DIRECTORY -	OWNERSHIP REFERENCE	DATE
1891	816 S. HENNERIN (REAGAN BOYHOOD HOME)		William C. Thompson		ABSTRACT - TITLE	7/6/1891
1892			Edw. Donovan		ABSTRACT - TITLE (ALSO City - Deeds Releases etc. Court. House)	3/14/1892
	<p>(R) 17-18 MOVED HERE IN 1920 WHEN RONALD WAS 9 YEARS OLD</p>					
1920	816 S. HENNERIN Av.	JOHN REAGAN	JOHN TERESA DONOVAN	DIXON CITY DIRECTORY	ditto	
1921	816 S. HENNERIN Av.	JOHN REAGAN (NICKIE) (R)	"	(NO DIRECTORY) IN 1921		
1922	816 S. HENNERIN Av.	JOHN REAGAN (JOHN DONOVAN (WIFE - KATHA))	JOHN DONOVAN	DIXON CITY DIRECTORY		
1923	318 CH. to 338 W. EVERETT ST.	JOHN REAGAN				
1924		JOHN REAGAN				
1925		JOHN REAGAN				
1926		JOHN REAGAN				
1927		JOHN REAGAN (1928) (JOHN C. KILGER)		(NO CITY DIR.) IN 1927 DIXON CITY DIRECTORY		
1929	226 LINCOLNWAY	JOHN REAGAN		(NO CITY DIRECTORY IN 1929)		
1930	226 LINCOLNWAY	JOHN REAGAN		DIXON CITY DIRECTORY IN 1930		
1931	N. GALENA Av. *	JOHN REAGAN				
1932	216 N. GALENA Av. *	JOHN REAGAN				
1933	216 N. GALENA Av. *	JOHN REAGAN				
1934	107 MONROE Av.	JOHN REAGAN		DIXON CITY DIRECTORY		
1935	107 MONROE Av.	JOHN REAGAN		" " ?		

NOTE - PROPERTY OWNED BY EDW. DONOVAN FROM 1892 UNTIL 1917 TIME OF HIS DEATH, AT WHICH TIME THE PROPERTY PASSED ON TO EMMA DONOVAN AND WAS FINALLY TRANSFERRED BY WARRANTY DEED TO TERESA DONOVAN AND JOHN DONOVAN ON SEPT 17, 1917

JOHN + TERESA DONOVAN RETAINED OWNER SHIP FROM 1917 UNTIL TIME OF SALE MAY 9, 1952 TO MARCELA M. COOPER - COOPER'S RETAINING OWNERSHIP TO NOV. 26, 1975 AT WHICH TIME THIS PROP WAS PURCHASED BY CHARLES + MARJORIE HISSMAN - HISSMAN'S SOLD PROPERTY MARCH 15, 1977 TO THOMAS W. AND PAULIS FRIEL

NOTE (R) RONALD REAGAN MOVED TO IOWA IN 1933 ON TO CHICAGO, BACK TO IOWA AND ON TO CALIFORNIA + THE MOVIES IN 1937

(R) - REFERENCE RONALD REAGAN'S BOYHOOD HOME IS THE



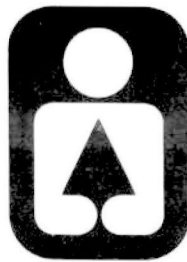
NOTE INFORMATION CONCERNING REAGAN PROPERTY FROM THE TIME OF SURVEY BY JOSEPH CRAWFORD FOR FATHER JOHN DIXON IN 1840 UP TO AND INCLUDING SALE OF LAND TO WILLIAM C. HEATON IN 1851 CONSTRUCTION ON HOME AND SALE OF SAME TO REAGAN FAMILY IN 1917 UNDETAILED CULVERTS MADE IN 1917 TIME OF DEATH AT WHICH TIME IT PASSED TO JOHN DIXON'S SON WILLIAM HEATON WHO RETAINED OWNERSHIP DURING PERIOD IN 1920-1923 WHEN THE REAGAN FAMILY LIVED THERE, AND CONTINUED OWNERSHIP UNTIL 1952 AT WHICH TIME THE PROPERTY WAS SOLD TO MARCELLO & HAROLD COOPER COOPER RETAINED OWNERSHIP TILL 1955 - EMAS HISSMAN & WIFE OWNED PROPERTY TILL 1957 - THOMAS FRIEL & WIFE TO 1980

NORTH 1/2 OF LOT 3
BLOCK 103
TOWN OF DIXON, ILL.
COUNTY OF LEE

RONALD REAGAN 816 SO HENNERIN AVE
BOYHOC HOME

DATE	ABSTRACT ENTRY #	DATE RECORDED	BOOK #	BOOK OF	PAGES	CONSIDERATION	TYPE OF DOCUMENT	MISC INFORMATION
10/23/1840	1	11/7/1840	BOOK A	DEEDS	62-67 incl		PLAT	
9/20/1842	2	9/29/1842	A	✓	350-351	300 ⁰⁰	WARRANTY DEED	
8/30/1843	3	9/6/1843	B	✓	320-322 incl	1350 ⁰⁰	✓	
12/13/1844	4	9/21/1844	F	✓	144-145		DEED	ON SUCCESSION 11/26/1846 205 ²⁵ IN FAVOR OF WM W HEATON - JOHN W DIXON
6/12/1848	5	9/12/1851	G	✓	373		DEED	ON PLACEMENT 11/26/1848 ✓ "SOLD" FOR 247 ⁰⁰
2/14/1853	6	7/13/1855	M	✓	713-413	1500 ⁰⁰ *	SPECIAL WARRANTY	
12/18/1854	7	7/13/1855	M	✓	✓	500 ⁰⁰ *	✓	
12/20/1854	8	7/13/1855	M	✓	✓	1 ⁰⁰ *	QUIT CLAIM	
12/18/1854	9	7/13/1855	N	✓	148	1 ⁰⁰ *	✓	
11/1/1858	10	11/6/1858	A	TRUST DEEDS	11	1000 ⁰⁰ *	TRUST DEED	PAYMENT OF 3 INTER PAYABLE TO JOHN L. DODGE
5/18/1864	11	5/19/1864	B	RELEASES	37	1000 ⁰⁰ *	RELEASE	RELEASE OF TRUST DEED
7/27/1864	12	12/2/1857	49	DEEDS	260	400 ⁰⁰	WARRANTY	
12/1/1867	13	12/4/1867	27	MORTGAGES	199	100 ⁰⁰	MORTGAGE	
2/9/1868	14		27	MARGINAL RELEASE	199	MARGINAL RELEASE		
5/5/1885	15	5/18/1885	30	MORTGAGES	387	285 ⁰⁰	MORTGAGE	TO SECURE PAYMENT OF 2 MORTGAGES DUE ON OR BEFORE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE & 1 MORTGAGE DUE ON OR BEFORE 30 MONTHS AFTER DATE
7/1/1885	16		11	RELEASES	205		RELEASES	RELEASE OF ABOVE MORTGAGES

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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

December 8 , 1981

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Dr. David Kenney
State Historic
Preservation Officer
405 East Washington
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Dear Dr. Kenney:

This will confirm that I am fully aware of the effects of listing a property in the National Register of Historic Places. I recognize that, under the National Historic Preservation Act, I am entitled to object to the proposed listing of my property by a notarized, written statement. If I am the sole owner and I object, my property will not be listed. If there are multiple owners of this property and a majority of the owners object, the property will not be listed.

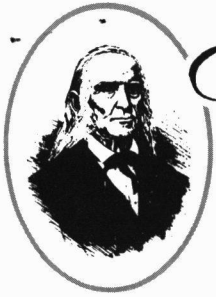
Following is the address of my property:

Ronald Reagan Boyhood Home
816 S. Hennepin AV
Dixon Illinois 61021

I hereby waive my right to object to the proposed listing and notify you that I request that my property be listed in the National Register at the earliest possible date.

Sincerely,

Lynn Knight
President



City of Dixon

GEORGE W. LINDQUIST
Mayor

815 288-1485
P.O. BOX 386
DIXON, ILLINOIS 61021

December 14, 1981

"FATHER" JOHN DIXON

Mr. Keith A. Sculle, Coordinator
National Register
IL Department of Conservation
Lincoln Tower Plaza
524 South Second Street
Springfield, IL 62706



RE: Ronald Reagan Boyhood Home
816 South Hennepin Avenue
Dixon, IL

Dear Mr. Sculle:

I have before me your letter reference the above to be nominated to the National Register of Historic Places. I endorse that effort and believe it is in the best interest of the community to achieve that designation.

I have also signed the waiver on the right to comment, but believe it appropriate that I make this comment as well.

Very sincerely yours,

CITY OF DIXON

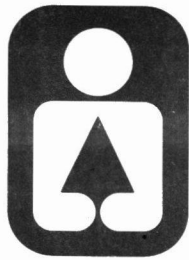
George W. Lindquist,
Mayor

encl.

cc: Dixon Hometown Coordinating Board
Lynn Knights
James Hickey

GWL:rc

Illinois



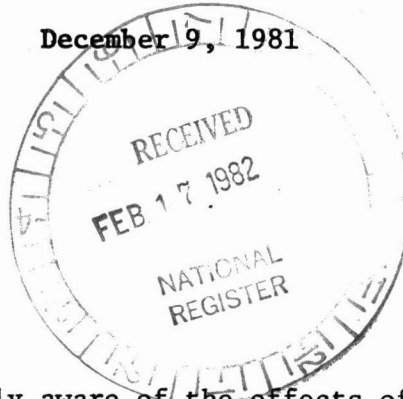
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State Historic
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405 East Washington Street
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Dear Dr. Kenney:

This will confirm that I am fully aware of the effects of listing a property in the National Register of Historic Places. I recognize that, under the National Historic Preservation Act, I am entitled to comment on the proposed listing of property within my jurisdiction.

Following is the proposed listing:

RONALD REAGAN BOYHOOD HOME
816 S. HENNEPIN AVE.
LEE COUNTY
DIXON, ILLINOIS

I hereby waive my right to comment on the proposed listing.

Sincerely,

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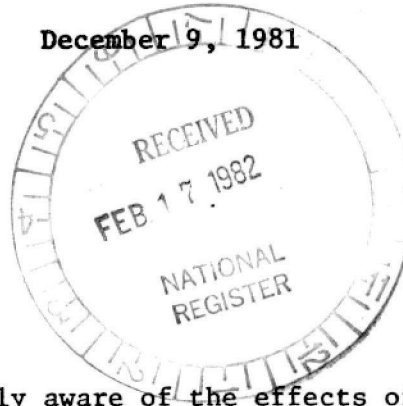
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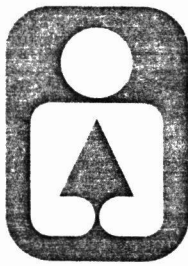
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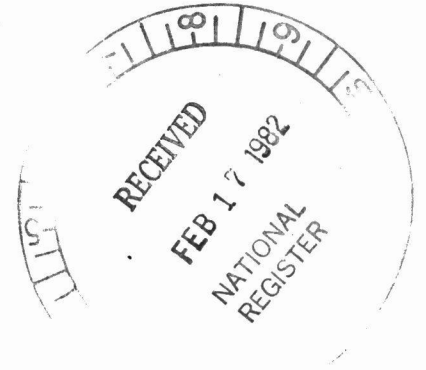


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LINCOLN TOWER PLAZA • 524 SOUTH SECOND STREET • SPRINGFIELD 62706
CHICAGO OFFICE - ROOM 100, 160 NO. LASALLE 60601
David Kenney, Director • James C. Helfrich, Assistant Director

February 4, 1982



Ms. Carol Shull, Acting
Keeper of the National Register
National Park Service
U. S. Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed are National Register nominations for the following Illinois properties:

Unity Church, Mattoon
-Ronald Reagan's Boyhood Home, Dixon
Friend Rutherford House, Alton
Judge Jacob Gale House, Peoria
Columbiana Archaeological Site, Green County
First Presbyterian Church, Vandalia

The owners have been notified according to the new regulations and the commenting period has elapsed. No objections to the listing of these properties have been received to date.

We are also resubmitting the nominations for the Sesser Opera House and the North Geneva Historic District. We have attempted to include the additional information requested by your staff. These property owners have also been notified as per the new regulations.

Also being resubmitted is the Stearns-Wadsworth House. The nomination was returned due to a procedural error--the wife of the owner was listed on the form as an owner but had not signed the waiver form. Please be advised that the commenting period has elapsed, and no objections to listing this property have been received.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Keith A. Sculle
National Register Coordinator

KAS/MW/lw
Enclosures

MEETING REPORT

OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

PROJECT: Reagan Bayhood Home

LOCATION OF MEETING: DR

DATE: 3/26/82

STAFF MEMBER: McClelland

DIVISION: DR

PARTICIPANT:

ORGANIZATION:

PHONE:

Dubie

Shull

McClelland

REPORT:

We discussed issues of —

1) Bayhood Home

(OK, in case of President — who is of transcendent importance — formal life important)

2) Period of Sign

(1921-23 — interpretation of sign, period needs to be simple — This ~~is~~ achieved sign when Reagan lived there — years of the association — are the ones to use in case

Decision: List/Eligible

— exception to ~~prob~~ prohibition on props, assoc, w living persons unwarranted

g human ^{associations} ~~prob~~ criterion B

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

STATE ILLINOIS

Date Entered MARCH 26, 1982

Name

Location

Reagan's, Ronald, Boyhood Home

Dixon
Lee County

Notified

Honorable Charles H. Percy
Honorable Alan Dixon
Honorable Lynn Martin

Midwest Regional Office, NPS

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

3/15/82

Reagan Ronald Reagan's Boyhood Home

lived in Dixon 1920 (Age 9) - 1937 (Age ~~20~~ ^{33 College})

lived at this property 1920 - 1923 (9-12)

lived at four locations, 3 ^{houses} still standing*

Dixon mentioned in autobiography

- * Dec 6, 1920-23 (This prop ^{2+ years})
- * 1923-28 (high school) ¹²⁻¹⁸ (N. Everett Street)
- * 1928-32 (high college) (Lincolnway Ave)
- 1932-37 (parents' move) (N. Galena St.)

"both Ronald and Neil retain their dearest boyhood assoc. of Dixon @ 816 S. Kennebec" ~~1948~~

Restoration is continuing, re community focus.
Note removal of asphalt siding accomplished.

Nomination is technically sufficient, and enough facts about Reagan's life and the property's integrity (~~with~~ its short period of significance) are presented. It's clear that Dixon played a major role in the President's formative years, his short residence here included (3 years age 9-12).

Of four properties associated re Reagan's life ~~text~~ in Dixon, only 3 survive.

Of the three, this property and that of N. Everett St. which we don't know much about have direct associations with his youth and life before going to college. President's letters - while

brief - indicate his awareness
of this nomination and pleasure
in its recognition.

The decision lies in NR policy
regarding properties associated
with living persons. The listing
of this property would not necessarily
exclude other properties having
sufficient integrity and associations
a Reagan for listing. In Dixon,
the W. Everett Street Home, if intact,
might be similarly eligible (Associations
with home of his college years may be
less tenuous, especially if Eureka College
is out of town).

Arch. Historian
McClintock
3/15/82

3/26/82

A. Period of Significance

Association was established in 1921-23, although property's significance wasn't realized until 1980, but ~~had~~ ^{was established in} potential for Eqn (1921-23).

~~Birth place~~

Recognizing this earlier period is no different than recognizing the date of construction for a building whose significance as an example of a great master's work or ~~etc~~ of an important style wasn't realized until scholarship brought its ^{signi.} light ~~to~~ years later.

We do not require ^{The relaxation of} importance to be established for 50 years to pass.

B. Reg. Birth places and boyhood

homes are not the same - the criteria states ~~except~~ birthplaces to be excepted from listing - does not say boyhood homes.

Formative life of very significant
persons warrants representation
in the N.R. (Also, we must
consider local significance
~~also~~). The properties associated
w/ a President ~~must~~ fall
into a Theme of sign. in
American history, even if
resources only meet local or
state significance. (i.e.
"Homes of U.S. Presidents")

I think integrity and
directness of association
or length
are key determining factors
in deciding what properties
in the theme are significant
and should be listed in
N.R. Formative life is important,
and should be recognized, and
represented by surviving associated
properties. Of Reagan's formative
life - 2 properties (both in
Dixon) should like they are sign. enough
to be included as a integral component
of a theme on - Properties associated
w/ US Presidents - In some
President's, one property might
have longer ~~and contain~~ associations

and, ^{thereby} fully represent the person's formative life. However, in Reagan's case - ~~one~~ ^{not} property but several properties reflect the transient and modest nature of his formative years. The character ^{+ number} of these several properties ~~and their number~~ are important to honestly represent the President's formative years.

L. McClelland
Arch Historian
3/26/82

Reagan Boyhood Home

re: policy on living persons

1. person's significant in our past : "it must be demonstrated that the property is associated with a period or aspect of the individual's work that has been completed + evaluated as historically significant."

This is part of crit. B itself. Clearly, Reagan is important in the present, not the past, but, as a president, his significance is rather assured (our evaluation of the relative importance of presidents will not change with the passage of time). So, Reagan probably cannot presently be viewed ^{as} an historical figure although he is an important one.

Unfortunately, the point which the Standards sheet made is directly applicable to this property. Reagan's important work has not been completed + therefore really can't be historically evaluated.

This ^{is related to} ~~is related to~~ other problems (or rather two): 1) general application of criterion B 2) "birthplaces" consideration. 3) exceptional significance, i.e. period of significance

1) The How to Apply NR criteria states as guidelines that ^④ "Each property associated w/ a significant individual should be compared to other properties with the same associations to identify those properties that are good representatives of the

individuals historic contributions. Properties that best illustrate an individuals contributions are generally properties associated with the individuals adult or productive life." and (5) length of association should be identified and may be an important factor when many properties with similar associations survive."

It does appear from sifting through the supplementary material that of the properties in Dixon, 816 Hennepin has strongest associations — but one would feel better about this if more detailed + objective survey were performed.

The larger problem is that this is a boyhood home — not different in its kind of significance from a birthplace. Clearly a president is of transcendent importance, but the birthplaces exception says we consider these "if there is no other appropriate site or building directly associated with his productive life" — so there is little basis there to take it.

In my view, ^{defining} the "period of significance" of the property is hard for precisely that reason — we are talking about a property associated with a

person long before he became important. In a sense, this property has become important because RR has become president; it would not have been perceived as an important property at the time he lived there. This is a problem common to ^{most} birthplaces + childhood homes. ∴ It's not realistic to say the period of significance is 1921-1923 — on the other hand, it is very strange to say its 1980-present. (Note, however, that the ^{initial} purchase agreement was an option until the election!) This makes a difference as to whether one considered the property to have achieved significance in the past 50 years.

In sum:

1. Property clearly violates "living persons" policy — mainly because Reagan is a contemporary political figure. This in many ways bothers me less than other factors because he clearly will be seen as important w/ passage of time.
2. The combination of the other 3 issues — ^{our} general comparative approach to applying B; birthplaces consideration; + period of significance / exceptional significance issues; are more troublesome to me.

If there were not other properties in Dixon — or if I had a better sense that this was the best property ^{there} from that era, I would feel more comfortable. If this were anyone but a President I don't believe we would accept it — we would say we wanted more perspective on person's activities, relative importance

of various periods of his life's work, and how his formative years related to that before deciding on specific properties. The bottom line for me is I want to be convinced this is strongest property in Dixon. Because of the number of issues this property raises, I wish the #8 covered all the bases — at least recognizing these points in the criteria + attempting to work with them.

Reagan home
boyhood
relationship to
our living persons
Problem
Look at our
standards sheet.

Dubie should look at this
to see if it conflicts with our
standards sheet - Then process normally.

Adopted in
Both Houses
Dec. 5th

LR331110P26NKA

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION # 113

WHEREAS, On November 4, 1980, Ronald Wilson Reagan was elected the fortieth President of the United States of America;

WHEREAS, President-Elect Reagan is the first native born Illinoian to be elected to the highest office of the land; and

WHEREAS, President-Elect Reagan was born in Tampico, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, President-Elect Reagan spent his formative years, between the ages of nine and twenty-two, in the City of Dixon, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, President-Elect Reagan, both in his autobiography, "Where's the Rest of Me?", and in his victory speech election night claims Dixon as his hometown; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of Dixon have formed a non-profit organization and acquired the boyhood home located at 816 South Hennepin Avenue for the purpose of preserving and restoring it for posterity; and

WHEREAS, The City of Dixon currently is observing its sesquicentennial year and the Reagan home is the cornerstone of the historical section of Dixon; and

WHEREAS, the restoration and preservation of the Reagan Home will be accomplished with historical accuracy; therefore be it,

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Illinois General Assembly recognize the boyhood home of President-Elect Reagan and urge that it be declared a national historical landmark.



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RONALD W. REAGAN - 40th PRESIDENT OF UNITED STATES

BIRTH - SCHOOLS - TOWNS LIVED IN - Misc Info - 1911-1981

DATE	TOWN - STATE	ADDRESS	MISC. INFORMATION	KEY TO REFERENCE	SCHOOL + GRADE
FEB 26, 1911	TAMPICO, IL	MAIN ST.	BIRTH PLACE (LIVED HERE) (APPROX 2 YRS)	R 3	
1913	CHICAGO, IL	SO. SIDE	MOVED TO CHICAGO - LIVED THERE COUPLE YEARS	R 10 R 11 T-24 AP2 T-24 A.P.3	1ST GRADE GALESBURG
1916	GALESBURG, IL		1ST GRADE AGE 5	R 12 - R11	2ND 3RD HANMOUTH
1918	NONMOUTH, IL		FALL 1917 MOVED TO NONMOUTH FOR A YEAR OR TWO	R 12 R 13	
1919	TAMPICO, IL	MAIN ST	JULY MOVED TO TAMPICO ABOUT JULY OR AUG 1919 FROM NONMOUTH LIVED THERE 16 MONTHS	R 13 T 24 A.P.5	4th TAMPICO
1920	DIXON, IL	816 S. HENNEPIN	MOVED TO DIXON, ILL. DEC. 6, 1920 FROM TAMPICO (BOYHOOD YEARS)	R 10-17-18 T 24 A.P.5 T 24 A.P.11	5th 1/2 DIXON E.C. SMITH SCHOOL
1921		BOYHOOD HOME -			6th DIXON E.C. SMITH
1922			CADDIED AT DIXON C. CLUB 1921-1923	T-24 A.P.11	7th DIXON N. SIDE
1923		318 (338) W. EVERETT		C-23-24 COPYRIGHT 1923	8th DIXON N. SIDE
1924			ENTERED HIGH SCHOOL NORTH SIDE		15th HIGH SCH. NO. SIDE
1925			WORKED AS CONTRACTOR'S HELPER	C-25-26 COPYRIGHT 1925	
1926					
1927					
1928		206 LINCOLNWAY	AGE 17 - GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL ENTERED EVANSTON COLLEGE FALL OF 1928	R 9 C-28	EUREKA COLLEGE
1929					
1930			LIFE GUARD 7 YEARS - 1926-32 LOWELL PARK SAVED 77 LIVES	R-20-21 C-30	
1931		207 N. GALENA			
1932		HOME NO LONGER STANDING	GRADUATED FROM EUREKA COLLEGE		
1933			MOVED TO DAVENPORT, IA. FALL OF 1933 STA. WOK	C 34	
1934		107 MARDE AV.	ON TO DES MOINES, IA. SPORTS ANNOUNCER STATION WHO	R 51	
1935				R 58	
1936			7 YR - CONTRACT JULY 1, 1937 (SERVED IN ARMED FORCES 1942-1945 RETURNING AS A CAPTAIN)	C 36 R 75 R 27 T-24 A.P.11	(MOVED PARENTS TO CALIF. IN 1937)
1937					
1967/1975	PACIFIC PALM BEACHES CALIF.		GOVERNOR - STATE OF CALIF 8 YEARS - 2 TERMS	S 180	
1975	CALIF.		ANNOUNCED CAND. FOR PRESIDENCY NOV 20, 1975	S 187	
1979	CALIF.		ANNOUNCED CAND. FOR PRESIDENCY NOV. 13th 1979	P 141	
1980			WON ELECTION BY LANDSLIDE		
1981	WASHINGTON - D.C.	WHITE HOUSE 1600 PENN AV.	INAUGURATED - 40th PRESIDENT OF UNITED STATES JAN 20, 1981		"FOR ANY REF NEEDED HERE" SEE JIMMY CARTER'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY!

LIVED AND GREW UP IN DIXON AGE 9-22 13 YEARS 1920 DEC 6 1933

PARENTS STILL LIVED IN DIXON UNTIL 1951

IOWA to CALIF

PACIFIC PALM BEACHES CALIF.

CALIF.

CALIF.

WASHINGTON - D.C.

WHITE HOUSE

1600 PENN AV.

KEY TO REFERENCES

(HO) HOME OWNED BY JOHN + TERESA DONOVAN

S- Book - SINCERELY By RONALD REAGAN BERKLEY BOOK - PUBLISHED BY GREENHILL PUB. INC. 1976 EDITED BY HELENE VOL OAMM

P. Book - REAGAN IN PURSUIT OF THE PRESIDENCY By DOUG BIL WOOD HAVEN BOOKS DIV. OF 20603 INTER. 1980

C. CITY DIRECTORY - CITY OF DIXON (YEAR SHALL #)

T. DIXON EVEN. TELE. ^{DATE} 2/28/81 (Sect Pg #)

R. Book - WHERE IS THE REST OF ME THE RONALD REAGAN STORY By RONALD REAGAN + EDWARD D HUBER 1965
PAGE # () follows
DUELL, SPAN - PEARCE ASSOC. OF HEREDITH PRESS -

As per W.C. THOMPSON
517 BRYANT AVE.
DIXON, ILL
Aug 3, 1981

LOT ORIGINALLY PLATTED FOR FATHER DAVID DIXON By JAS. CRAWFORD Oct 28, 1840

LOT No 1/2 Lot 3-Blk 163 TOWN OF DIXON. COUNTY OF WEA

⊗ OWNERSHIP INFO ↓

RONALD REAGAN'S BOYHOOD HOME 816 S. HENNEPIN AVE - DIXON, ILL. ↑

ABSTRACT REF#	YEAR	NAME OF PROP. OWNER	MISCL. INFORMATION
19	1891	WILLIAM C. + SUSAN B. THOMPSON	LOT PURCH. FROM LYDIA MORRILL 7/6/1891 FOR \$ 500.00
22	1892	WILLIAM C. + SUSAN B. THOMPSON	PROPERTY SOLD TO EDW DONOVAN MARCH 16, 1892 FOR \$ 2200.00
25/26	1917	EMMA DONOVAN (UNMARRIED)	REV. OWNERSHIP ON DEATH OF EDW DONOVAN 3000.00
32	1917	JOHN + TERESA DONOVAN (OWNED HOME AT TIME REAGAN'S LIVED THERE)	- FROM EMMA DONOVAN 9/20/17 3500.00
37	1952	MARIEL + HERBERT COOPER	- JOHN + TERESA DONOVAN 5/19/52 REV STAMPS 114.30
47	1915	CHARLES I. + SANDRA L. HISSMAN	- MARIELA + HERB COOPER 1/26/54 REV STAMPS 18.00
45	1917	THOMAS W. + PHYLLIS J. FRIEL	- CHARLES I. + SANDRA L. HISSMAN 3/15/77 REV STAMPS 23.00
	1980	LYNN KNIGHTS AND NON-PROFIT RONALD REAGAN BOYHOOD HOME GROUP -	

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