

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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received MAY 3 1982

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1. Name

historic The Count's Houseand/or common N/A

2. Location

street & number 3803 Waukegan N/A not for publicationcity, town McHenry N/A vicinity of congressional district 33rdstate Illinois code 012 county McHenry code 111

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
	<u>N/A</u>	<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 Robert D. and Mary E. Weberstreet & number 3803 W. Waukegancity, town McHenry N/A vicinity of state Illinois

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. McHenry County Courthousestreet & number 2200 N. Semnary Avenuecity, town Woodstock state Illinois

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Ill. Historic Structures Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes nodate October, 1972 federal state county localdepository for survey records Illinois Department of Conservationcity, town Springfield state Illinois

7. Description

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

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

McHenry County is located in north central Illinois. Its topography is dominated by gently rolling hills and the Fox River along its eastern border. The county is primarily rural in nature despite its proximity to the metropolitan Chicago area.

The Village of McHenry, approximately 10,000 in population and agriculturally oriented, is located on the Fox River which defines its eastern geographical boundary.

This Greek Revival structure was constructed around 1860 with its principal facade facing Waukegan Road to the north. The house is a two story brick bearing wall structure with a full basement on a field stone foundation. Its four corners are emphasized with brick pillasters and its end gable, pediment is supported on the northern facade by Doric order columns and on the southern facade by Gothic Revival columns. These columns have been shortened and the brick base built up sometime during the early 20th Century. The roof is now covered in asphalt shingles with the original wood shingles beneath. A full entablature further defines the roofline around all facades of the building.

A one and a half story summer kitchen is attached on the eastern facade of the structure. This, too, is brick bearing wall construction with only a crawl space beneath. The entablature composition is a duplicate of that of the main portion of the structure with returns on the eastern gable and a two over two window beneath the eaves. This portion of the house has undergone various modifications in the 20th Century. A porch on the northern facade was enclosed with wooden siding and utility space was added to the north and east facade in brick. The date of this alteration is not known. On the southern facade, a door and window were replaced with a bay window in 1975. A chimney was also removed at some time.

The northern facade of the main structure is symmetrical with a doorway and two windows on the first floor and three windows above. The entrance is capped with a limestone lintel and the doorway is inset slightly and surrounded by the sidelights and transom typical of the Greek Revival Style. A row of dentils visually separates the door and sidelights from the transom. All windows on this facade have limestone sills and lintels. The double hung sashes are all six over six in configuration.

The west facade contains only two windows identical to those in the north and south facade, on the first floor and two small windows with wooden lintels in the basement.

The southern facade, which faces Main Street, was probably altered to become a second major facade around 1874. The pediment varies from the north facade only in the addition of a vent. The pediment is again supported by four columns defining the three bay facade. However, the

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ornamentation of the south facade is Gothic Revival rather than Greek Revival. The three-arched entablature is decorated with pendant drip moldings. This facade has a second story porch with lathe turned spindles on the railing. The porch is further defined by decorative brackets typical of the Gothic Revival style.

The openings on the southern facade are identical to those of the northern facade with the exception of a door which provides access to the second story porch. This door is located in the central bay.

The interior plan of the main structure is an L-shaped configuration on the first floor with three rooms arranged around a hall. This plan has been modified on the second floor with the addition of a bathroom in the northeast corner. The summer kitchen contains a kitchen area on the first floor with one room above. As mentioned earlier, this portion of the house has been modified.

This structure, despite the various 20th Century modifications to the summer kitchen, is still significantly intact and is an excellent example of mid-nineteenth century Greek Revival 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates ca. 1860; ca. 1874 **Builder/Architect** UNKNOWN

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

This structure, locally known as the Count's House, is significant as an excellent mid-nineteenth century example of Greek Revival architecture. Its significance is further enhanced by the addition of a second major facade of Gothic Revival influence added around 1874.

The land the structure occupies was originally owned by George Gage, a prominent figure in McHenry County and Lake County history. Gage, later a State Senator, was influential in obtaining a railroad depot in 1856 for what was to become West McHenry. This action delayed incorporation of the Village of McHenry until 1872 when the two commercial centers on either side of the river became the Village of McHenry.

This particular parcel was sold to Mary Melindy in 1859 for \$500. Due both to the architectural style of the house and the fact that Melindy sold the property to Oliver Owen in 1873 for \$1,200, it would seem that it was Melindy who actually built the original structure and attached summer kitchen.

Owen owned the property for barely ten months, after which he sold the property to Fred Schnorr. Fred Schnorr was the owner until 1912 when he deeded the property to F. J. Schnorr for the sum of \$1.00. The amount of the sale price would indicate that the grantee was a son or other close relative. Also, the length of time that Fred Schnorr owned the property would make him the most likely candidate for the addition of the secondary facade.

In 1920, F. J. Schnorr sold the house to Count Oscar Bopp Von Oberstadt who, with his family, had emigrated from Germany to Chicago in 1916. Von Oberstadt resided in this house until 1927 when he returned to Europe. After that time the name of the "Count's House" was locally attached to the structure.

This structure retains a high degree of integrity and is the only Greek Revival structure included in the Illinois Historic Structures Survey in McHenry.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Interviews: Earl Walsh by Mary Weber August 1981
 Catherine Miller by Mary Weber September 1981
 Anna Frisby by Mary Weber approximately 1965 (deceased)
 Pat Owens Ahlbert by Mary Weber since 1970 and on.
 Robert Thompson by Mary Weber 1965 and on.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than 1 _____

Quadrangle name McHENRY, ILL.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A 16 395270 4688480
 Zone Easting Northing

B
 Zone Easting Northing

C

D

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Verbal boundary description and justification Lot 6 in block 2 of the original plat of the Village of West McHenry in the southwest quarter of section 26, township 45 north, range 8 east of the third principal meridian according to the plat there of recorded June 14, 1859, in book 24 of deeds, page 22 in McHenry County, Illinois.

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

state	code	county	code
<u>N/A</u>			

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title 1. Robert & Mary Weber
 2. Anne E. Manuell

organization 2. Department of Conservation date October 29, 1981

street & number 1. 3803 W. Waukegan telephone 1. 815/385-5267
 2. 405 E. Washington 2. 217/782-0275

city or town 1. McHenry state Illinois
 2. Springfield

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 Director

date 4/2/82

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

Entered in the
 National Register

date 6/3/82

for Delores Byer
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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Item number 9

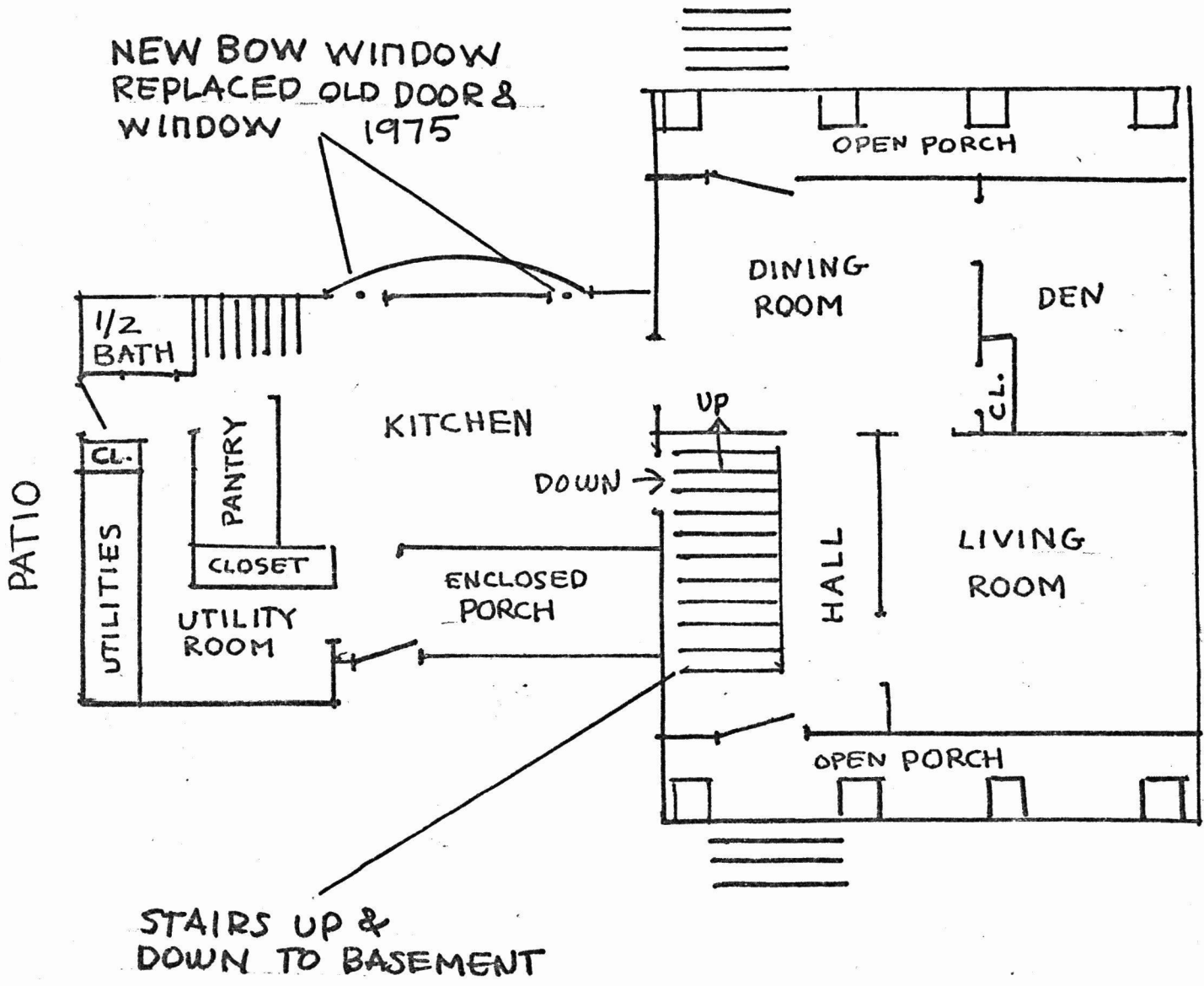
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- "Personal Notes Column," McHenry Plaindealer (May, 1920) p. 1
- "Personal Notes Column," McHenry Plaindealer (June, 1920) p. 1
- "Personal Notes Column," McHenry Plaindealer (November 1920) p. 1
- "Personal Notes Column," McHenry Plaindealer (October 12, 1922) p. 1
- "Personal Notes Column," McHenry Plaindealer (January, 1922) p. 1
- "Personal Notes Column," McHenry Plaindealer (August, 1922) p. 1
- "Obituaries," McHenry Plaindealer (January, 1928) p. 1

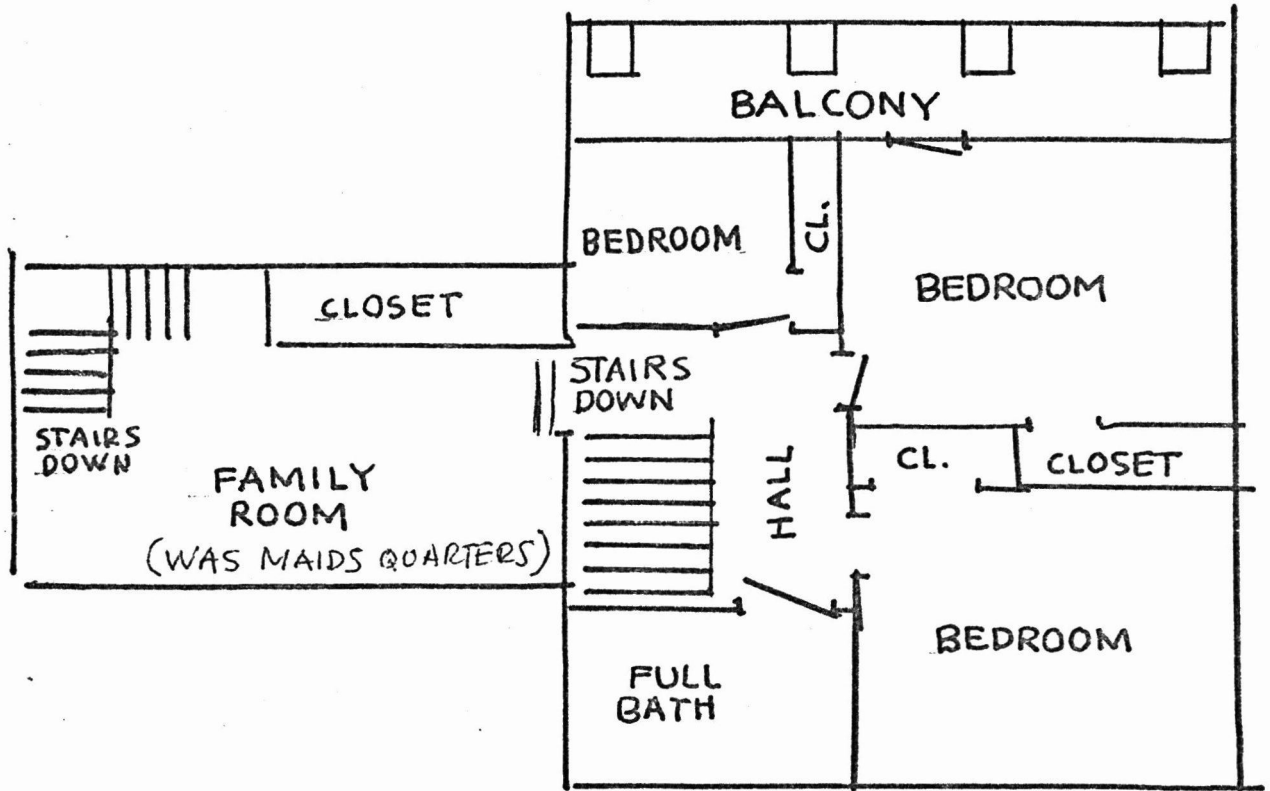
History of McHenry County, Illinois, Interstate Publishing Co., Chicago, 1885.

Pearson, James E., "A New Geography of McHenry County, Outdoor Illinois Magazine, October, 1976.

MAIN LEVEL FLOOR PLAN



2nd STORY FLOOR PLAN



EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

82002587

Property: Count's, The House
State, County: IL, McHenry
Federal Agency: _____

Working No. 5/3/82-12796
Fed. Reg. Date: FEB 1 1983
Date Due: 6/3/82 - 6/17/82

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

Action: ACCEPT 6/3/82
 RETURN _____
 REJECT _____

Entered in the
National Register

photos
maps

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom. / Criteria _____
 Reviewer _____
 Discipline _____
 Date _____
 _____ 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		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

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

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8. Significance

Period _____ Area 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

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Average of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USGS 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 _____

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- _____ Maps
- _____ Photographs
- _____ Other

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



The "Count's House" (District 33)
3803 W. Waukegan Rd.
McHenry, Illinois 60050
Owner: Mr. & Mrs. Robert D. Weber
Photo taken by owner July 18, 1981- owner has negative.

B&W of color slide #2

North view (front) facing Waukegan Rd.

The full two story with columns was the original structure.
The upper story on the left was added approx. 1920's. The
lower level on left was finally added-, date not known.



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McHenry, Illinois 60050

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Photo taken by owner July 18, 1981- owner has negative.

B&W of color slide #7

West view of house shows two main facades, with two
wooden porches.



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B&W of color slide #8

South view facing Main St. shows wooden porch with 2nd
story veranda with ornate decor.



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B&W of color slide #11

East view; an enclosed patio area restricts a complete photograph of the house from this side. What is shown is the upper level addition (maids quarters up, kitchen below) built about 1920's. The lower level addition ($\frac{1}{2}$ bath, laundry room, enclosed porch) was added later, date not known.

See B&W of slide #2 for position of additions.

Missing Core Documentation

Property Name	County, State	Reference Number
Count's House	McHenry County, Illinois	82002587

The following Core Documentation is missing from this entry:

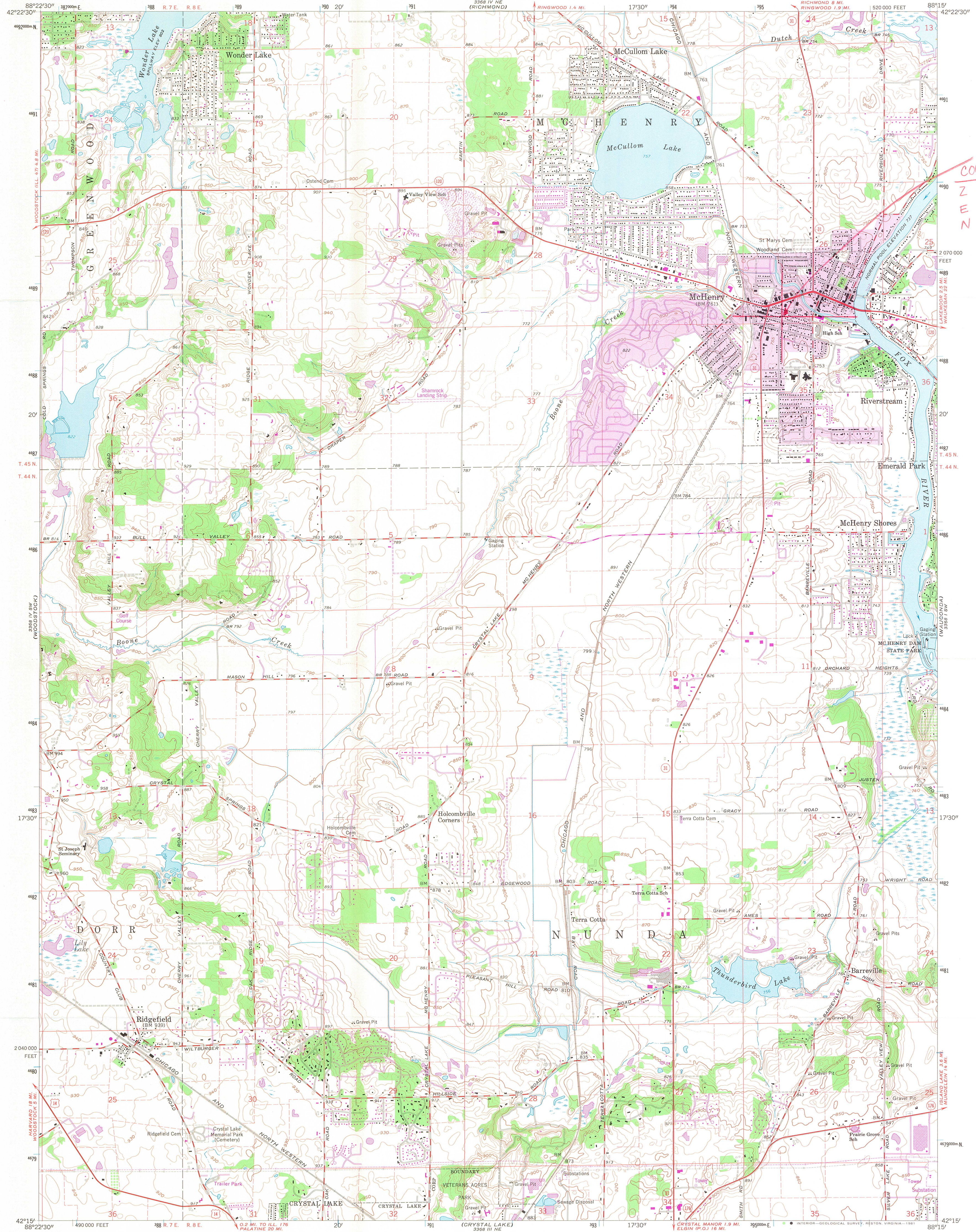
Nomination Form

Photographs (missing photos #1, 3-6, and 9-10)

USGS Map

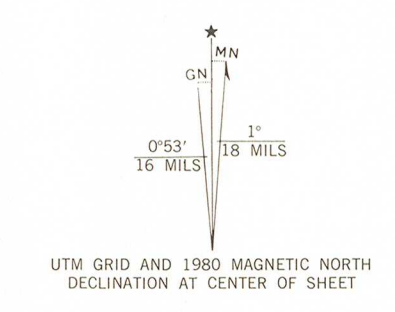
238 1/4 MI.
(HEBRON)

388 1/4 MI.
(FOX LAKE)



COUNT'S HOUSE
Z 16
E 395 270
N 4688 480

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS and USC&GS
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial
photographs taken 1961. Field checked 1963
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Illinois coordinate system, east zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 16, shown in blue
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked
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



SCALE 1:24,000
CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
DOTTED LINES REPRESENT 5-FOOT CONTOURS
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929



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

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
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AND BY THE STATE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, URBANA, ILLINOIS 61801
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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

MC HENRY, ILL.
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1963
PHOTOREVISED 1972 AND 1980
DMA 3368 IV SE—SERIES V863

CITY OF McHENRY

1111 NORTH GREEN STREET • McHENRY, ILLINOIS 60050

TELEPHONES:

385-0947 - CITY CLERK
385-1761 - PUBLIC WORKS
385-2131 - POLICE DEPARTMENT
344-3300 - PARKS & RECREATION



MAYOR: JOSEPH B. STANEK
CITY CLERK: BARBARA E. GILPIN
SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS: RICHARD J. WEBER
CHIEF OF POLICE: GEORGE R. PASENELLI
DIRECTOR OF PARKS & RECREATION: PETE MERKEL

November 3, 1981

Illinois Department of Conservation
605 Wm. G. Stratton Building
400 South Spring Street
Springfield, IL 62706

Attn: Keith A. Sculle

Re: Site Name: Count's House (Webers
House), 3803 W. Waukegan, McHenry

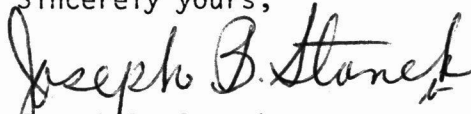
Considered at: Martin Luther King
Branch Library Auditorium
December 11-12, 1981

Dear Mr. Sculle:

At the City Council meeting of November 2, 1981, the historical significance of the Count's House (Weber House) was discussed and there was unanimous agreement that it did meet the criteria as outlined, that it has been an historical landmark in McHenry for many years and that its registration, designation and preservation would be very welcome.

Thank you for allowing us to review and comment on this application.

Sincerely yours,


Joseph B. Stanek
Mayor

JBS:amk

Illinois



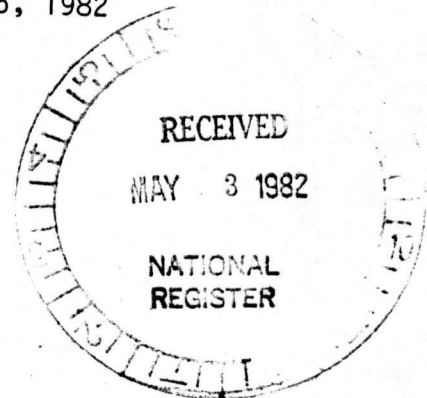
Department of Conservation

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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/lw
Enclosures