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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Robbins, Wendell P. and Harriet Rounds, House

other names/site number The Catalpas

2. Location

street & number 680 Pipestone Street not for publication N/A

city or town Benton Harbor vicinity N/A

state Michigan code MI county Berrien code 021

zip code 49022

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide X locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Brian D. [Signature] 3/19/07
Signature of certifying official Date

Michigan SHPO
State or Federal Agency or Tribal government

Property Name/County/State Robbins House, Berrien Co., MI

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting official/Title _____ Date _____

State or Federal agency and bureau _____

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register _____
 See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the _____
 National Register
 See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the _____
 National Register
- removed from the National Register _____

Chas H. Beall 5-2-07

other (explain): _____

Bob

Signature of Keeper Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Property Name/County/State Robbins House, Berrien Co., MI

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u> 1 </u>	<u> 1 </u> buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
<u> 1 </u>	<u> 1 </u> Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

 N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Category	Sub-category
<u> Domestic </u>	<u> Single Dwelling </u>
<u> </u>	<u> </u>
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Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Category	Sub-category
<u> Domestic </u>	<u> Single Dwelling </u>
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7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

 Queen Anne, Shingle Style

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation	<u> Concrete </u>
roof	<u> Asphalt </u>
walls	<u> Wood/weatherboard </u>
	<u> Wood/shingle </u>
other	<u> N/A </u>

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance 1897

Significant Dates N/A

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A ; _____

_____ ; _____

Cultural Affiliation N/A ; _____

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Description

The Robbins House is a broad-fronted two-and-one-half-story wooden Shingle Style/Queen Anne building with a combination of hip and gable roofs. In the asymmetrical façade an octagonal tower at one end that rises above the house's beveled corner is balanced visually by a tall front-facing gable and hip-roof round-ended extension of the main mass at the other. The house's exterior is finished in clapboarding except for the gables, which are finished in plain shingling, and the tower's third story and the rounded extension, which are clad in octagon-butt shingling. Large square-head double-hung windows, mostly paired or in triples, pierce the walls, and a one-story verandah with columns at the corners fronts the main entrance, centrally positioned in the façade. A porte cochere, attached to one end behind the round-ended extension, displays a dramatic roofline that sweeps downward in an arc across the drive to rest at its lower end on columns matching those in the front verandah. Fluted Tuscan columns in groups of three support the ends of both the verandah and porte cochere.

Sited on a three-quarter-acre lot at the northwest corner of Pipestone and Division streets, the house fronts northeast on Pipestone Street, a major road in Benton Harbor that runs from the city's downtown southeastward out to I-94 and the increasingly developed countryside beyond. The section of Pipestone Street southeast of the business district passes through what was one of Benton Harbor's most fashionable neighborhoods in the early twentieth century, and other large houses built from the 1890s to the 1910s and 20s stand nearby.

Standing on a foundation of concrete blocks faced in cream-colored terra cotta, the house is a broad-fronted, nearly rectangular, wood-frame building. Its two-story main mass is capped by a hip roof that extends lengthwise from the southeast end to intersect a slightly taller gable roof that, located at the northwest end, runs from front to rear. An octagonal, conical-roof tower rises above the house's east corner, nearest the Pipestone-Division intersection. The tower was originally capped with a flat rooftop observation deck with shingled parapet topped by a suggestion of crenellations; the conical roof was added in the early 1990s, leaving the original structure intact beneath. A two-story semi-round extension at the northwest end has its own tall hip roof.

The house's interior is finished in Colonial-inspired stained wood trim, and many of the windows display art glass or leaded glass transoms. The central front entry leads into a large rectangular foyer that contains the house's most elaborate woodwork, a dogleg staircase displaying twisted-column balusters and a fireplace with tiled surround and a mantelpiece with columns framing the opening and a twisted-column frame for a large mirror above.

The foyer provides access to the other first-floor rooms to either side and behind. The living room, entered

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through pocket doors, occupies the east front corner, below the tower, a den the north front corner, with a bathroom in the semi-round extension. Behind the living room is the dining room and a butler's pantry, and behind them the kitchen and a laundry room. Behind the den is a music room, and the downstairs' only bedroom plus a bath and hallway leading to the porte cochere occupy the back west corner.

The dogleg stairway in the foyer's north corner runs up to a small second-floor landing above the foyer. From it a door opens toward the rear into a second small hallway that provides access to the master suite, with the master bedroom in front at the north end connected to a large dressing room in the back corner through a large walk-through closet. The master suite also includes office and bathroom areas at the back. A second door from the stair landing leads into another large bedroom in the east front, below the tower, and, behind that bedroom, to a smaller bedroom, play and craft rooms, and bathroom.

A second staircase above the lower one leads to the third story, located within the roof. It contains a family room, central bar area, poker room within the tower, and bath and storage rooms, along with a closet.

The house stands toward the southeast end of the lot, near the Pipestone/Division intersection. A circular drive to the house's north provides access to a two-story side-gable "carriage house" garage built in 2005 to resemble the original carriage house, which, located toward the lot's northwest corner, burned the year before.

Property Name/County/State Robbins House, Berrien Co., MI

Architect/Builder N/A ; _____ ; _____
_____ ; _____ ; _____
_____ ; _____ ; _____

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

- Previous documentation on file (NPS) None
 preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
 previously listed in the National Register
 previously determined eligible by the National Register
 designated a National Historic Landmark
 recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
 recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data

- State Historic Preservation Office
 Other State agency
 Federal agency
 Local government
 University
 Other

Name of repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

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UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	16	545980	4661330	3	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____	4	_____	_____

See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

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Significance

Built in 1897 for Wendell Phillips Robbins and Harriet Louise Rounds Robbins, the Catalpas is notable for its imposing scale and unusual Shingle Style/Queen Anne character among the large late nineteenth and early twentieth-century homes that line this part of Pipestone Street in Benton Harbor. The original owner was a transplanted New Englander who settled in Benton Harbor in the community's earliest days and became a successful lumber dealer and businessman before his death in 1920.

Wendell Phillips Robbins (1849-1920) was born in Harwich, Barnstable County, Massachusetts, and named for one of his father's friends, Wendell Phillips, the Abolitionist. W. P. Robbins came to Benton Harbor in 1869, at a time when the three-year old village had a population of a few hundred but was growing fast because of the fruit and lumber industries. Robbins came from Taunton, Massachusetts, where he had served as a clerk in a dry-goods store for two years. His biography in the 1893 *Portrait and Biographical Record* states that he initially worked for his older brother, Nathaniel (born 1829), as a shipping clerk – the state business directories indicate Nathaniel operated a feed store – for about six years, while a newspaper story on Robbins' retirement says three years. Thus, possibly as early as 1872, but certainly by about 1874 or 75, he entered the lumber business by purchasing an interest in the Robbins & Eldredge lumber yard in which Nathaniel Robbins and Barzilla B. Eldredge (1838-95), reportedly a brother-in-law, were partners. Robbins & Eldredge shows up in the 1873 state gazetteer and business directory but may have existed for several years before that (the state business directories prior to 1873 are much less comprehensive). Their lumber yard was located at Main and Seventh streets. The reorganized firm became known as Eldredge & Robbins. What happened to Nathaniel Robbins is not clear, but Wendell P. Robbins assumed full ownership of the business around 1894 or 95 and continued under his own name until he retired early in 1920, selling out to a fourteen-year employee, C. D. Wright, and Dan T. Rush, "a well known and successful farmer" (*News-Palladium*, 1/10/1920). At the time it was said that Robbins had been in the same business for forty-nine years, longer than any other person in Benton Harbor, starting out when the city was in its infancy and continuing to a time when it had grown to a population of 15,000. Robbins died later that year.

Wendell Robbins and Harriet Rounds (1854-1924) were married in 1873. Harriet Rounds Robbins was born in Stoney Point, Jefferson County, New York, but was living in Benton Harbor by the time she was about twelve. Her obituary indicates that she "had been identified with the city's social and club life for over half a century. She was prominent in the twin city Algonquin chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. During the World war she was devoted to the home work for the soldiers and sailors at the war front."

The Robbins had the present house constructed during 1897. The local newspaper, then named *The Palladium*, provided no coverage of the early stages of planning and construction of the new house, but took more interest as the house approached completion. A short notice in the paper's "Personal Paragraphs" on

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December 11, 1897, reported that, "Mr. and Mrs. Robbins have just returned from Chicago where they have been buying the furnishings for their new home. They will move Monday [December 13]...." The February 23, 1898, *Palladium* provided a lengthy and detailed description of the house, which, it noted, the Robbins were calling "'The Catalpas,' after a favorite kind of shade tree which will be plentifully provided in the adjoining yard." The article did not identify the architect, but explained that Robbins himself – presumably meaning his company – built the house and that the interior finish "is the work of Messrs. Chas. Bowman and A. E. Carley...."

The house's asymmetry and corner tower and tall roofs and gables fit within the broad spectrum of Queen Anne, but the broad-fronted form and extensive areas of shingled surfaces in the tower, gables, and rounded section at one end give it a Shingle Style feel that is unique along Pipestone Street and probably in Benton Harbor. The Robbins House was at least one of the first, if not the first, of the large homes built along Pipestone south of Benton Harbor's downtown that made the street one of the most fashionable addresses in the city in the early twentieth century. The 1915 publication, *Benton Harbor, the Metropolis of the Michigan Fruit Belt*, illustrates seven of the larger homes, including Robbins', that range in style from Queen Anne to Georgian Revival to Prairie School and Arts-and-Crafts. Most if not all of these houses are still standing and, in fact, there are numerous other larger early twentieth-century homes standing along a multi-block segment of Pipestone centered on Britain Avenue. This entire section of Pipestone Street may be eligible for the national register as a district.

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Verbal Boundary Description

The properties boundaries are Pipestone Street running 200 ft NW to the SE corner of Division Street, following Division Street to the West 293 ft, bordered by a city alley across the entire back of the property 172 ft. Then the property line heads in a NE direction for 200 ft back to the beginning on Pipestone Street.

A parcel of land in the city of Benton Harbor, Berrien County, Michigan, described as: commencing at the Southeasterly corner of Lot 14, Block 3, Hurd and Downs subdivision of part of the East half of the Southwest quarter of the West half of the Southeast one quarter of section 19, Township 4 South, Range 18 West; thence Northerly along the West line of Pipestone Street 200 feet; thence West 200 feet; thence Southeasterly on a line parallel with the West line of Pipestone Street to a point that is 130 feet North and 293 feet West of the Southeasterly corner of Lot 14 aforesaid; thence South 5 feet; thence East 33 feet; thence South 125 feet to the North line of Division Street; thence East 260 feet to the place of beginning.

Also, commencing at the Northwest corner of the above described parcel of land; thence East 86 feet along the North line of the above described parcel of land; thence North 1.83 feet; thence Westerly to a point that is 1.45 feet North of said Northwest corner; thence South 1.45 feet to the place of the beginning. The above described property being all of Lots 14, 15, and 16 and part of Lots 13, 17, and 18 Block 3, Hurd and Downs Subdivision.

Also, part of Lots 12 and 13, Block 3, Hurd and Downs subdivision of part of the East half of the Southwest quarter and part of the West half of the Southeast quarter of section 19, Township 4 South, Range 18 West, according to the plat thereof, recorded December 13 1882 in Volume 2 of plats, page 12, described as follows: beginning at a point 293 feet West of the Southeast corner of Lot 14, of said block 3, said point being on the north line of Division Street in the City of Benton Harbor; thence running 125 feet; thence East 33 feet; thence South 125 feet; thence West 33 feet to the place of beginning; being in the City of Benton Harbor, Berrien County, Michigan.

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the entire property associated with the house.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Robert O. Christensen, National Register Coordinator

organization MI SHPO date Dec. 2006

street & number 702 W. Kalamazoo telephone 517/335-2719

city or town Lansing state MI zip code 48909-8240

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Thom and Jenifer Golba

street & number 680 Pipestone Street telephone _____

city or town Benton Harbor state MI zip code 49022

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.). A federal agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to Keeper, National Register of Historic Places, 1849 "C" Street NW, Washington, DC 20240.

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Photographs

Photographer: Thom Golba

Date: October 2006

Printing process: Epson 7600 with Epson Ultra Chrome inks and Kodak Professional paper

1. NE façade
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3. NE and NW facades
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Robbins, Wendell P. and Harriet Rounds, House

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MICHIGAN, Berrien

DATE RECEIVED: 3/22/07 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 4/06/07
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 4/21/07 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 5/05/07
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 07000385

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 5-2-07 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in the
National Register

RECOM./CRITERIA _____

REVIEWER _____ DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



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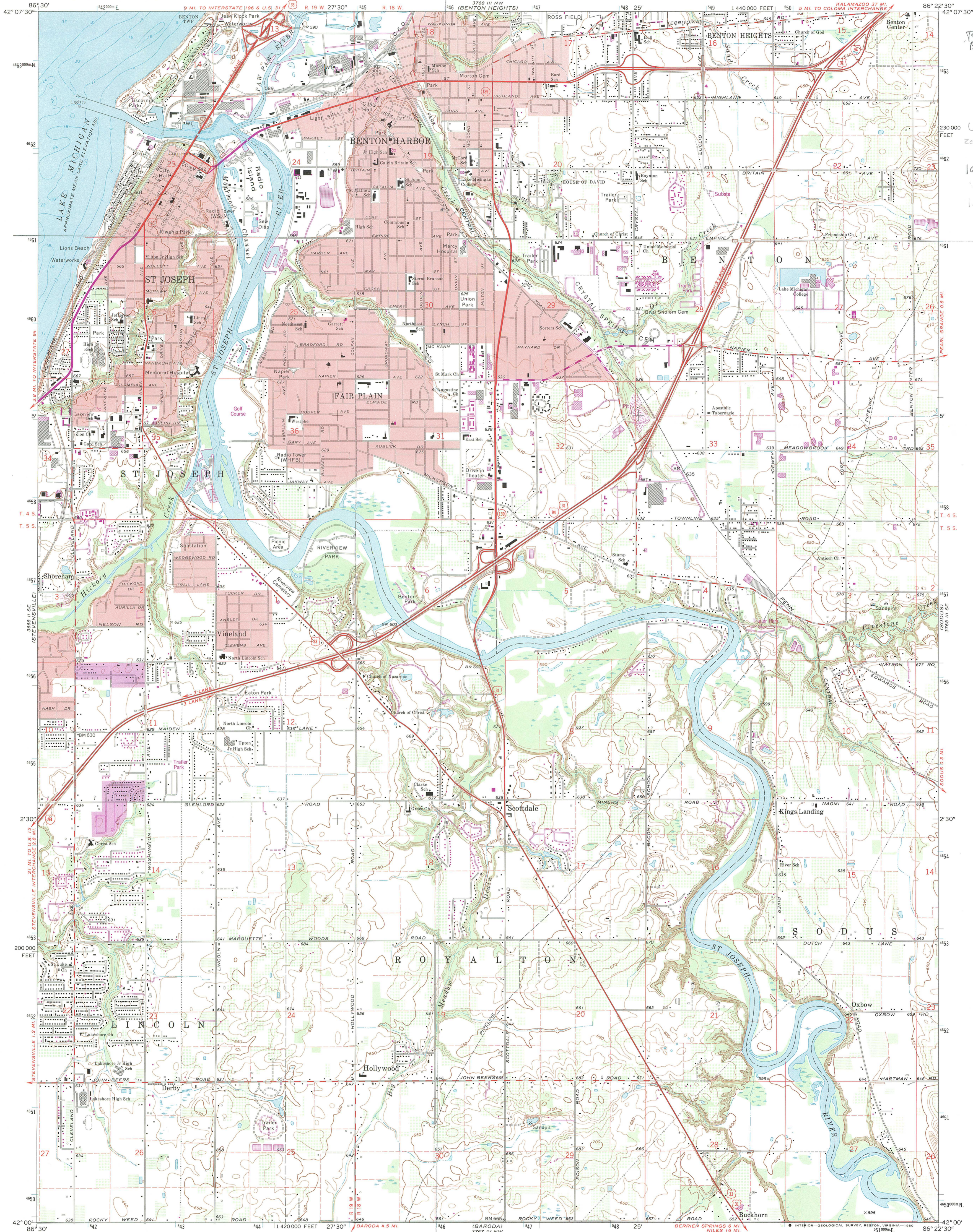
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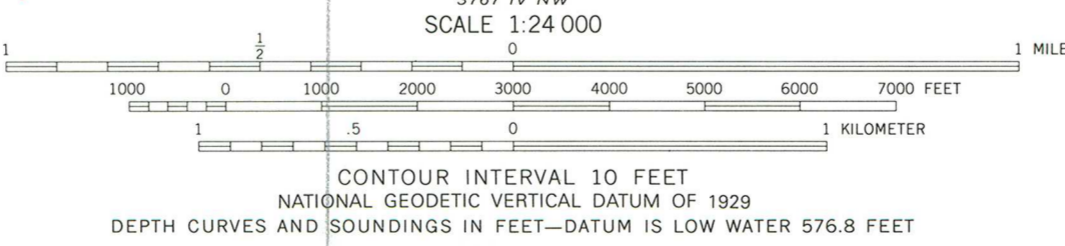
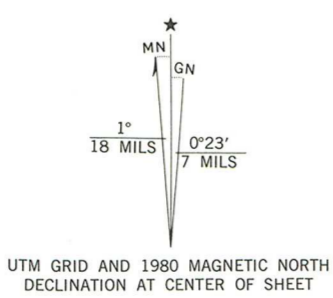
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Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Michigan coordinate system, south zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 16, shown in blue

Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown
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3 meters east as shown by dashed corner ticks



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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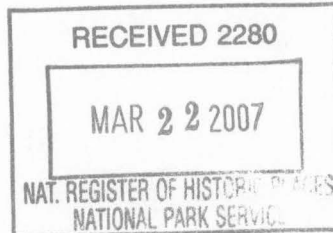


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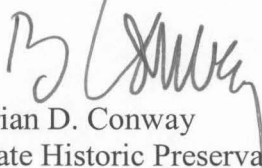
Ms. Janet Matthews, Keeper
National Register of Historic Places
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1201 Eye Street, NW, 8th Floor
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ms. Matthews:

Enclosed are National Register nomination materials for Robbins House in Berrien County, Michigan. This property is being submitted for listing in the National Register. No written comments concerning this nomination were submitted to us prior to the submission of the nomination to you.

Questions concerning this nomination should be addressed to Robert O. Christensen, National Register coordinator, by phone at 517/335-2719 or by e-mail at Christensenro@michigan.gov.

Sincerely yours,


Brian D. Conway
State Historic Preservation Officer

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