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National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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

1. Name

historic Charles T. Mitchell House

and or common Mitchell House

2. Location

street & number 118 N. Shelby Street

~~N/A~~ not for publication

city, town Cadillac N/A vicinity of

state Michigan code 026 county Wexford code 165

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 type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input checked="" 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
	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Dr. and Mrs. Roland H. Lamkin

street & number 6449 S. Morey Road

city, town McBain N/A vicinity of state Michigan

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wexford County Abstract Office

street & number Courthouse

city, town Cadillac state Michigan

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Michigan State Survey Data has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date May 1986 federal state county local

depository for survey records Bureau of History, 208 N. Capitol Ave.

city, town Lansing state Michigan

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site

moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Charles T. Mitchell House consists of two buildings, the residence and the carriage house. Both structures face the west and are located along the east side of North Shelby Street. The rectangular, two-story residence with hip roof measures approximately 39 feet by 57 feet and the L-shaped carriage house approximately 109 feet along the longer leg, 59 feet along the shorter leg, with both legs 28 feet wide. The residence was built in 1874 in the French Second Empire style, but it was remodelled and its appearance totally changed in 1926. The carriage house was built several years after the remodelling of the residence. The carriage house is one story in height with a hip roof except at the southern half of the longer leg which is of two story heights. Both buildings are clad in dark rust color brick and covered with slate tiled roofs.

The residence as remodelled in 1926 had a large rectangular parlor at the west end of the house. A double fireplace at the south end of this room separated it from a porch. (This fireplace was removed in 1959 when the structure was converted for use as a funeral home.) Perpendicular to the parlor running the remaining depth of the house is the central hallway (probably added in 1959). To the east of the hallway was a large square formal dining room; east of which was a small two-room pantry complex; east of which was the kitchen. Adjacent, to the north of the kitchen, is a stairway leading to the second floor.

At the north end of the large front parlor is a stairway also leading to the second floor. East of the parlor was a large library (the records are not clear on exact dimensions) with fireplace and small alcove projecting from the north face of the house. Behind the library were two square shaped rooms probably used for a family dining room and day room.

When the house was converted for use as a funeral home (1959), the formal dining room, library, family dining room and day room were changed to slumber rooms. The kitchen and pantry complex were changed to preparation and supply rooms.

The second floor is divided into two sections and has remained intact since the 1920s. The front (east) section contains a master bedroom suite with bath along the north side, and two day/sitting rooms along the south side. The first of these rooms contains a fireplace. Separated from this section by a door and accessible via the back stairs is a two-bedroom (each with bath) section. These back rooms were probably used either as servant quarters or guest rooms.

The carriage house contains bays to accommodate four vehicles as well as storage and work room on the first level. The second floor was used as living quarters probably for servants.

The interior of the house features two original fireplaces, original woodwork, wainscoting, doors and casements. The current restoration has uncovered the original wood flooring. The brick veneer will be repointed to match the original. The slate roof and copper eaves will also be retained.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates Remodelled 1920s **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Charles T. Mitchell House is a unique 1920s structure in Cadillac with Craftsman and Prairie style features. The house is further significant because of Mitchell's importance in the history of the community. His firms -- Cobbs & Mitchell, Cadillac Lumber, Cadillac Handle, Cadillac-Soo Lumber, Cadillac State Bank, Cadillac Chemical, Mitchell & Diggins, Cadillac Malleable Iron -- collectively employed from one-fourth to one-third of the entire Cadillac workforce. Beginning in 1905, through these companies, Mitchell successfully provided labor markets as the lumber mills began to close. Largely because of Mitchell's efforts Cadillac was able to maintain its economic status. In 1922 he determined to remodel his house (purchased in 1918, built in 1873) according to the style of the era and the local building codes which required a brick veneer around the house and tiled roof. As a result, the house is entirely a product of the 1920s.

Charles Tennant Mitchell (b. 31 May 1880; d. 17 November 1948) was the son of William W (W.W.) and Ella (nee Yost) Mitchell. W. W. Mitchell was the nephew of George A. Mitchell who induced the Grand Rapids and Indiana Railroad to build through the site now occupied by Cadillac and platted the village in 1874. George Mitchell died in 1878 and his business partner Wellington W. Cumer took over the business offices. W. W. Mitchell worked for his uncle until 1877 when he formed a partnership with Jonathan W. Cobbs. Charles Mitchell worked for Cobbs & Mitchell.

Charles Mitchell became president of Cobbs & Mitchell Company in 1915, upon his father's death. Before assuming the presidency of Cadillac's largest industry employing 180 men, Charles Mitchell realized alternative industry was needed to ensure the area's economic life. The pine lumbering industry which had brought wealth to the area through the efforts of Charles' father and great uncle was almost finished by 1905. As a result Charles Mitchell began to realize the advantages of the standing hardwoods. (Since trees were felled with axe and saw, pine lumbermen had seldom cut down hardwoods.)

In 1905 Charles Mitchell was instrumental in forming the Cadillac Chemical Company, which produced wood alcohol and acetate of lime. The firm later expanded to produce other chemicals. Also in 1905 Mitchell formed the firm of Mitchell & Diggins Company which produced charcoal from the hardwood by-products of Cobbs & Mitchell's industrial processes. The charcoal was fuel used in pig iron productions. Mitchell & Diggins soon began the production of pig iron itself and continued to do so until 1935. In 1922 Mitchell was involved with the formation of and became president of Cadillac Malleable Iron Company, which still operates under the name CMI, Inc.

Mitchell's primary efforts, however, went to the Cobbs & Mitchell Company. Cobbs & Mitchell changed from logging, primary production, and saw milling to secondary production, converting sawed lumber into hardwood -- maple -- flooring. The firm was known throughout the Midwest for its flooring. In 1923 Cobbs & Mitchell flooring was used in the repairs to the White House in Washington, D.C. Because of the prominent position held by Cobbs & Mitchell in the hardwood industry, Mitchell was elected president of the Michigan Hardwood Manufacturers Association.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See Continuation Sheet

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property one acre

Quadrangle name Cadillac North, Michigan

Quadrangle scale 1:25000

UTM References

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Zone Easting Northing

B | | | | | | | | | |
Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

See Continuation Sheet

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

state none code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title 1) Shawna K. Baas
2) Richard H. Harms

organization 2) Bureau of History date

street & number 1) 828 Oak Street telephone (616) 775-8534
2) 208 N. Capitol (517) 335-2721

city or town 1) Cadillac state Michigan
2) Lansing

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 National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Marta M. Bigelow

title Director, Bureau of History date Oct 14, 1986

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

Entered in the National Register date 12-1-86

for Alan S. Bryan
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: Chief of Registration date

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The various firms in which Mitchell was active employed 300 to 400 people yearly, or one-third or more of the community's workforce, which fluctuated from 900 to 1,000 people. Mitchell was also active in such other Cadillac based firms as: Cadillac Lumber Company, Cadillac Handle Company, and Cadillac-Soo Lumber Company, Cadillac State Bank. At various times he was president of William W. Mitchell Company (out of state timber), Mitchell Brothers Company, Mitchell-Diggins Iron Company, Cadillac Malleable Iron Company, and Cadillac Chemical Company.

Mitchell was a member of the National Manufacturers Association, Maple Flooring Manufacturers Association, and the Michigan Hardwood Manufacturers Association. Within Cadillac, he was a member of the Cadillac Country Club, Elks, Maple Hill Cemetery Board, Municipal Park Board, and the YMCA Advisory Board. He donated funds to the Methodist Church, in spite of the fact that he was Roman Catholic.

Mitchell married Mary Gleasian of Cadillac, on 17 August 1916. They had two children, William W. and Katherine.

The Charles Mitchell House is a unique example of 1920s Craftsman and Prairie Style influence in Cadillac. It is the only such brick clad house in the community. Other contemporary residential construction was with wood siding, and predominately in the Bungalow Style.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Centennial Edition, 1971

28 June 1923, p. 1

7 August 1923, p. 1

14 August 1923, p. 1

24 July 1931, p. 1

17 November 1948, p. 1

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Oral Interviews:

Mr. Patrick Birtles, various occasions: December 1985 - March 1986

Dr. Roland H. Lankin, various occasions: December 1985 - March 1986

Mr. Earl Huckle: 19 December 1985, 12 May 1986

Mr. William Peterson: 20 December 1985

Mrs. Jayne Williams: 17 December 1985, 10 June 1986.

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10. Verbal Boundary Description and Justification

Lots 7 and 8, 9 and 10 of Block 21 of Mitchell's Revised Plat of the Village of Clam Lake, now City of Cadillac, Wexford County, Michigan and that parcel of land described as beginning at the NW corner of said Lot 7 of Block 21 of Mitchell's Revised Plat of the Village of Clam Lake, now City of Cadillac, 45'E, 111.6 feet; thence S31°30'E, 50 feet to the N line of the alley produced westerly; thence E31°30'N on the N line of said alley 100 feet; thence N31°30'W 144 feet on the westerly line of said Lot 7 to the place of beginning, said last described parcel being a portion of Beech and Shelby streets according to the said Plat, but heretofore and on or about September 20, 1882, vacated by a Decree of the Circuit Court for the County of Wexford. This is the entire property description on which the structure stands.

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Mitchell, Charles T., House
Wexford County
MICHIGAN

OCT 30 1986

Working No. _____

Fed. Reg. Date: 2/24/88

Date Due: 11/25/86 12/14/86

Action: ACCEPT 12-1-86

RETURN

REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
National Register

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

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

- excellent
- good
- fair
- deteriorated
- ruins
- unexposed

Check one

- unaltered
- altered

Check one

- original site
- moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

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

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below _____

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

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

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

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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: _____

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



Charles T. Mitchell House
118 N. Shelby Street, Cadillac, Wexford County, Michigan

Roland H. Lamkin, 30 May 1986
Neg: Bureau of History
View from west
Photo 1 of 5



Charles T. Mitchell House
118 N. Shelby Street, Cadillac, Wexford County, Michigan

Roland H. Lamkin, 30 May 1986
Neg: Bureau of History
View from southwest (interior)
Photo 2 of 5



Charles T. Mitchell House
118 N. Shelby Street, Cadillac, Wexford County, Michigan

Roland H. Lamkin, 30 May 1986

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View from northwest (interior, second floor)

Photo 3 of 5



Charles T. Mitchell House
118 N. Shelby Street, Cadillac, Wexford County, Michigan

Roland H. Lamkin, 30 May 1986

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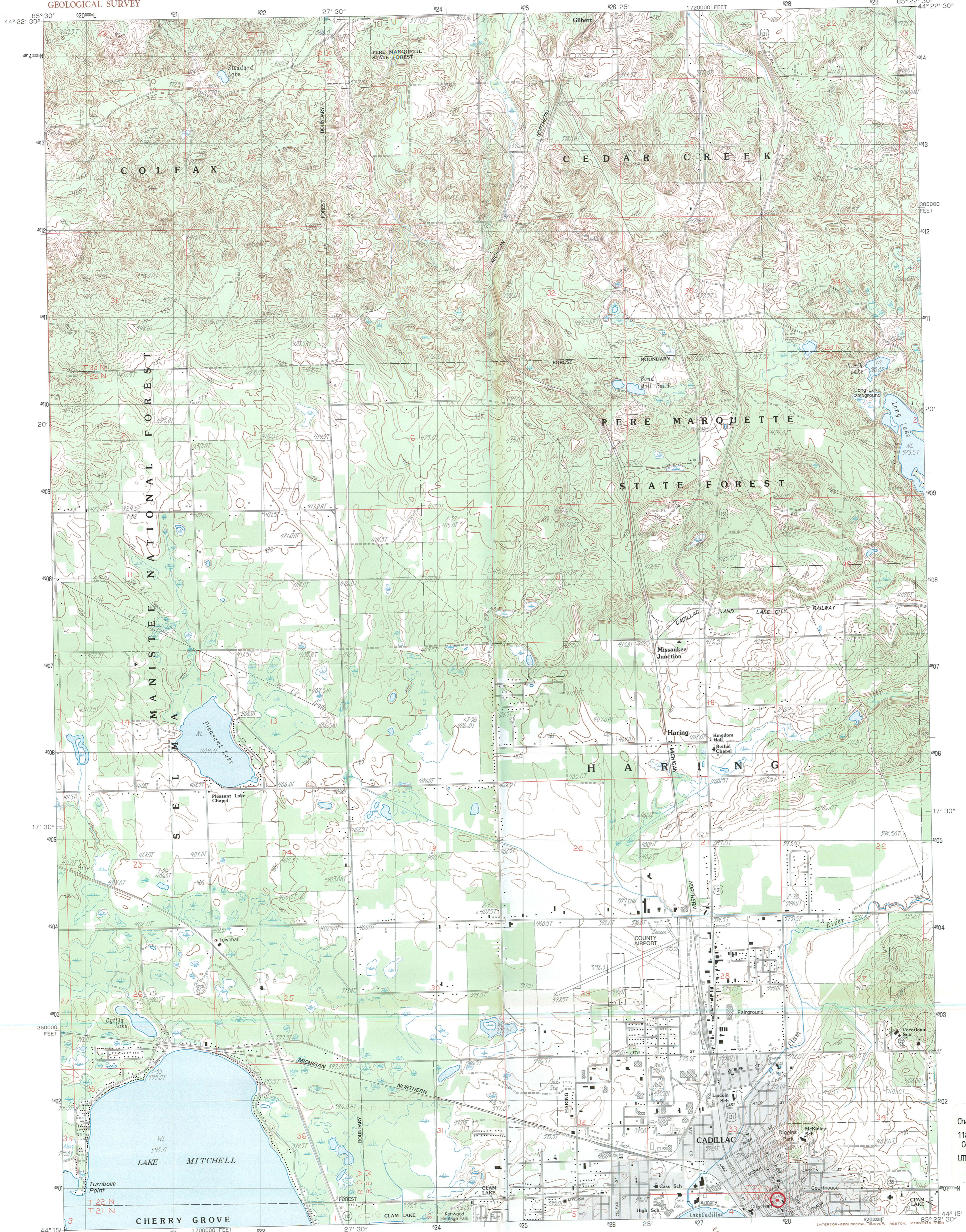
View of carriage house from northwest

Photo 4 of 5



Charles T. Mitchell House
118 N. Shelby Street, Cadillac, Wexford County, Michigan

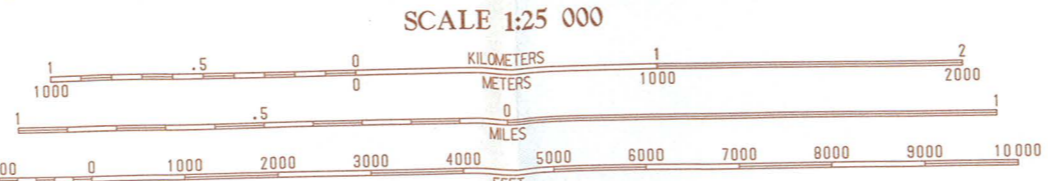
Roland H. Lamkin, 30 May 1986
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View of carriage house from west
Photo 5 of 5



Charles T. Mitchell House
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County, Michigan
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October 3, 1986

Ms. Carol D. Shull, Supervisory Historian
National Register of Historic Places Branch
Interagency Resource Management Division
National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed are National Register of Historic Places nomination materials for the Charles T. Mitchell House in Cadillac, Michigan. I certify that the intent-to-nominate notification requirements have been fulfilled. This property is being submitted for listing in the National Register. No notarized statements of objection or written comments concerning this nomination were submitted to us prior to the submission of this nomination to you.

Please direct all questions concerning this nomination to Richard H. Harms (517/335-2721).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Martha M. Bigelow".

Martha M. Bigelow
Director, Bureau of History
and
State Historic Preservation Officer

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OCT 30 1986