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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 Campton Town Hall

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Corner of Town Hall Road and Route 64 ___ not for publication

city, town Wasco X vicinity of congressional district 13th

state Illinois 60183 code 012 county Kane code 089

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: Civic

4. Owner of Property

name Campton Township (William Warner, Township Supervisor)

street & number 40W 296 Campton Hills Road

city, town St. Charles ___ vicinity of state Illinois 60174

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Kane County Government Center

street & number South Batavia Avenue

city, town Geneva state Illinois

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Historic Landmarks Survey-Kane has this property been determined eligible? yes no
 County
 date 1973 federal state county local

depository for survey records Illinois Department of Conservation, Historic Sites
 Division, 405 E. Washington Springfield state Illinois

7. Description

Condition	Areas of Significance	Check one	Check one	Check one	Check one
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> history	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	<input type="checkbox"/> law
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> culture	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature
	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military
				<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music
				<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
				<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government
				<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> science
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> social
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> theater

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Campton Town Hall is a rectangular frame building measuring approximately 20' X 30'. The river stone foundation is set on large fieldstones at the corners and midway in the walls, buried below grade. A shallow crawl space varies from 12 to 24 inches. The foundation is vented in two places on the north and south sides. Studs are full cut 2"X6", set with 16" centers and sheathed with random width rough sawn one inch boards ranging from 12 to 30 inches in width. The sheathing is covered with 6 inch wide clapboard painted white. Windows with 4 over 4 lights are located on the north and south aides in sets of three. The east facade contains two four-panel doors with transoms. The original wooden steps were replaced by concrete steps with railing about 1940. The original roof was of flat sawn cedar shingles, which have been replaced by dark grey asphalt seal tab shingles. The original one flue chimney had deteriorated so it was rebuilt using the original brick as a two flue chimney to accomodate gas fired furnace and the original heating source, the wood burning stove. Wooden louver vents were installed in the east and west gables after the building was insulated in 1975. The original building had dark green blinds, which were reconstructed in 1978 for storm and security protection.

In 1977 a slant roof shed room was added to the northwest corner of the west side to house the furnace and sanitary facilities. It was erected on a 42" below grade concrete footing with a riverstone foundation to match the original. The same clapboard siding and asphalt roofing were used to match the Town Hall.

The interior space is one large room measuring approximately 18½' X 28½' with 15' ceilings. Flooring is the original 6" pine tongue and groove. Wainscotting extends 3' up from the floor and has a flat moulding with a rounded edge on top. The original woodwork was painted a blue/gray. In 1910 it was painted beige/gray. The paint has been stripped and will be repainted the original shade. The walls and ceiling were replastered in 1976 as a result of water damage from a fire which did only slight damage to the northwest corner of the roof. Before it was replastered, the building was insulated with 4" fiberglass batting above the wainscot and in the ceiling. Fiberglass chips were poured into the walls behind the wainscot. Door and window trim are flat with a 2½ inch applied moulding. The west wall has a bracket supported chimney in the center which is plastered and extends down about 4 feet. Installation of a gas burning forced hot air heating system required small floor vents as well as a cold air return vent in the upper west wall about 3 feet down from the ceiling and to the right of the chimney. Also, a door was cut into the west wall at the north end to provide access to the utility room. Trim is being made to match the original, and an old four panel door with reproduction period hardware was installed. The wiring was replaced in 1976 with necessary switches and outlets installed inconspicuously.

The nearly ½ acre has no plantings except for one tree just west of the building, a large oak in the northwest corner of the fence row, and two trees and some scrub bushes in the south fence row. A large commemorative

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Continuation sheet

Campton Town Hall

Item number 7

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boulder with plaque was placed in the northeast corner of the property in 1935. The property is bounded on the west and south by a large nursery. Across Town Hall Road to the east is the Campton Forest Preserve, and on the north across Route 64 is a residential development of two acre minimum lots. A ComEd electric power pole is on the north edge near the eastern border. The Preservation Committee plans to have the pole removed when funds become available. Power from the pole to the building is by underground lines.

The original interior furnishings, 16 painted benches and two rectangular tables, remain.

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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) (local history)

Specific dates 1874 **Builder/Architect** Archie Moody, Builder

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Town Hall is the only governmental landmark in Campton Township. It has been in continuous service for 107 years as a polling place, meeting place for various civic organizations, and in the past eleven years has become a meeting place for various community concerns. The Town Hall is used year round and now that it has been restored, will continue to serve the community for many years to come

History

Settlement of what was to become Campton Township began in 1835. The first town meetings were held in the home of Eber Chaffee, then in various school houses. In 1874 the citizens voted to erect a town meeting hall, which was completed that same year. It was one of the first town halls in the county, and considered unusual at the time, as most townships were content to utilize schools for their town meetings.

In 1935 a parade and rededication was held on the grounds. A bronze plaque mounted on a large granite boulder was placed on the northeast corner of the property to commemorate its importance to the community and to the county.

In 1975 the building was to be abandoned for lack of heating and sanitary facilities. A small group began a campaign to raise money for modern facilities. The building is now restored except for interior decorating and is the source of much pride in the community.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Kane County History, 1888

Campton County History, 1976

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than 1

Quadrangle name ELBURN, IL

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A 16 381500 4643040
Zone Easting Northing

B
Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E

F

G

H

Verbal boundary description and justification

Located on extreme north end at the center of the Southwest Quarter of Section 22 in Campton Township, Range 7

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

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Eve Johnson, Campton Town Hall Preservation Committee Co-Chairman

organization Campton Town Hall Preservation Committee date April 22, 1980

street & number Rt. 2, 41W483 Beith Road telephone 312/584-4034

city or town Elburn state Illinois 60119

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 *[Signature]*

title *Director* date 9/17/80

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

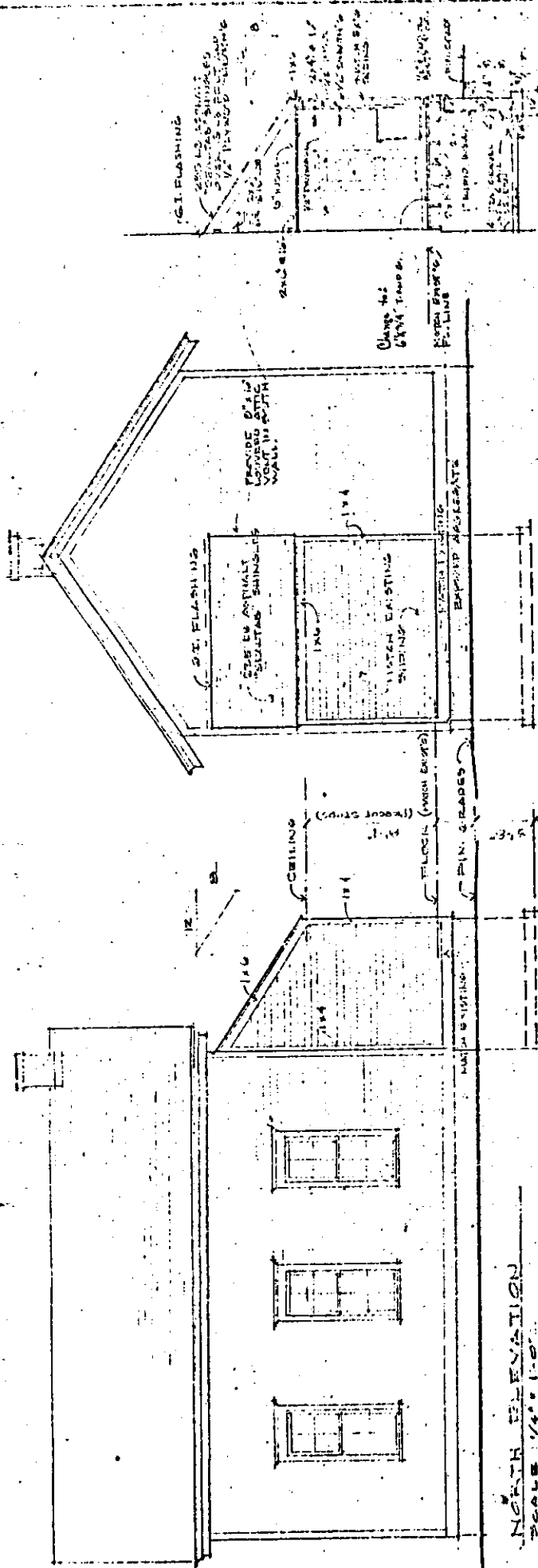
date

Keeper of the National Register

date

Attest:

Chief of Registration



NORTH ELEVATION
SCALE 1/4" = 1'-0"

NOTE: ALL EXTERIOR TRIM DIMMED 1/8"

WEST ELEVATION
SCALE 1/4" = 1'-0"

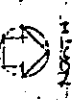
CR222 STEEL WALL
SCALE 1/4" = 1'-0"

- NOTES:
- POOL FOOTINGS IN UNSTABILIZED BRACKEN SOIL.
 - CONCRETE TO BE MINIMUM 1400 PSI 28 DAYS.
 - STRUCTURAL LUMBER MINIMUM 1100 PSI.
 - DIMENSIONS MAY VARY DUE TO JOB CONDITIONS.

AN ADDITION
TO
CAMPTON TOWNSHIP TOWN HALL
TOWN HALL RD. KANE CO. ILL.
4-28-76

RICHARD K. MALM - ARCHITECT
ROUTE 2, MAPLE PARK, ILL. 60151

FOUNDATION PLAN
SCALE 1/4" = 1'-0"



FLOOR PLAN
SCALE 1/4" = 1'-0"

ILLINOIS HISTORIC SITES SURVEY INVENTORY

305260

1. Name of Site:

Common Campton Township Town Hall

Historic

2.. Location: Cor Rt. 64 & Town Hall Rd. about halfway bet. Rt. 47 & Randall Rd. (W of Wasco about 2 mi)

<u>Street and Number</u>	<u>Township</u>	<u>Section</u>
	T40N	22
<u>City or Town</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>1/4 Section</u>
	R7E	SW
<u>Wasco County</u>		

Kane

3. Classification:

Category (check one)	Integrity (check one)
() District (X) Building	() Altered (X) Unaltered
() Site () Structure	() Moved () Original Site

4. Ownership:

() Private	() Occupied
(X) Public	(X) Unoccupied voting
	() Preservation work in progress

Access to Public

() Yes (X) Restricted () Unrestricted () No

Present Use (check one or more)

() Agricultural	() Industrial	() Religious
() Commercial	() Military	() Scientific
(X) Educational	() Museum	() Transportation
() Entertainment	() Park	() Other (specify)
(X) Government	() Private Residence	

5. Ownership of Property:

<u>Owner's Name</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>
<u>Street and Number</u>	
<u>City or Town</u>	
<u>State</u>	<u>County</u> <u>Zip Code</u>

6. Description:

(X) Excellent () Good () Fair () Deteriorated () Ruins () Unexposed

Is there a program of preservation underway? (X) Yes () No

GOVERNMENT

7. Historical Themes : (check one or more of the following)

- Archeological Site (Pre-Columbian)
- Archeological Site (Post-Columbian to 1673)
- French Influence (1673-1780)
- Illinois Frontier (1780-1818)
- Illinois Early (1818-1850)
- Illinois Middle (1850-1900)
- Illinois Late (1900-present)
- Famous People (give names & dates)

8. Specific Date: 1873

Areas of significance (check one or more of the following)

- Aboriginal (historic)
- Aboriginal (pre-historic)
- Agriculture
- Architecture
- Art
- Commerce
- Communication
- Conservation
- Education
- Engineering
- Industry
- Invention
- Landscape Architecture
- Literature
- Military
- Music
- Political
- Religion/Philosophy
- Science
- Sculpture
- Social/Humanitarian
- Theater
- Transportation
- Urban Planning
- Other (specify)

Brief statement of significance: (include all names and dates) Use additional sheets if necessary. Continuous use as town hall, land purchased \$25 from Don Chaffie, early pioneer

9. Form prepared by:

Name and Title: Eve Johnson Date: _____
 Organization: _____ Phone: _____
 Street and number: _____
 City or Town: _____ County: _____ Zip Code _____

During the course of the Survey we often find it necessary to search for references for a particular site. When filling out the Survey form, please list according to the following example, published references to the site for which forms are being completed. If a bibliography can be compiled, it will greatly deduct from the Survey's task.

Bibliography

Robertson, Robert, Of Whales and Men. New York, Alfred K. Knopf, Inc., 1954.

Only public landmark remaining in Campton Twp.
 Kane Co. History -copies in St. Charles, Geneva Public Libraries.
 Local Historian Frank A. Richmond, La Fox Rd., Wasco, Ill. 312-584-3854.