

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: ILLINOIS
COUNTY: WILL
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE MAY 12 1973

1. NAME

COMMON:
Canal and Downtown Area - Lockport Historic District

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Area Between 7th and 11th Streets, and Canal and Washington Streets

CITY OR TOWN:
Lockport

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Seventeenth (17th)-George M. O'Brien

STATE: Illinois CODE: 17 COUNTY: Will CODE: 197

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Various

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE: Illinois CODE: 17

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Will County Recorder of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER:
14 West Jefferson Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Joliet

STATE: Illinois CODE: 17

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Illinois Historic Structures Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1973 Federal State County Local

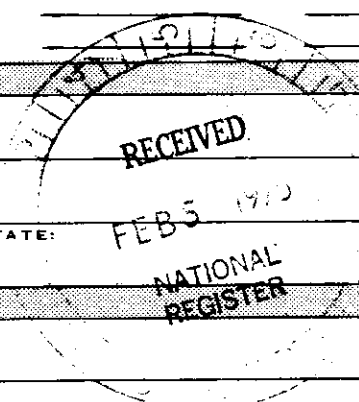
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Illinois Historic Structures Survey

STREET AND NUMBER:
1800 South Prairie Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Chicago

STATE: Illinois CODE: 17

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7. DESCRIPTION - continued

The two major areas of intrusion are between 8th and 9th Streets on the East side of the street and in the middle part of the West side of the block between 9th and 10th.

The area still has the appearance of a 19th Century Business District. It is a good example of a 19th Century Canal Town, and its close proximity to the Canal to this day makes it unique, historically. Its buildings present a continuous Townscape.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Illinois and Michigan Canal and Lockport's downtown area were laid out at the same time 1836, by Joseph Wampler, a surveyor working for the Illinois and Michigan Canal Commissioners. The town was the headquarter for the Canal from 1838 on. The downtown was designed in a unique way, the main street (State Street) being parallel to the Canal and only one-half block from the waterway. There are no other Canal towns in this area that are so designed. State Street was the most prominent feature in the town except for the Canal. In the district the buildings that directly relate to the Canal are the Canal Office and Superintendent's home (now the Illinois and Michigan Canal Museum, which is on the National Register), the Canal barn, the Hyland Building (originally the Gaylord Store and Martin Elevator) and the Lockport Iron Works (originally the Norton Warehouse and Store), both these buildings are on the Canal.

The Canal era lasted from 1836 to 1896, and the buildings within the district span that 60 year period. In 1838 the Canal Office building was built (the north wing of the present building). In 1850 the structures along the Canal were the same as they are today, except for a log cabin and another old building rebuilt by the Will County Historical Society. Along State Street there are a number of other buildings built before the Civil War. The last major building done in the downtown area was in 1895. Because a fire burned down the entire block on the east side of State Street, between 9th and 10th Streets, that entire block was rebuilt in 1895 and 1896.

The styles of the buildings vary. Some are of frame construction, some are brick, but the most typical construction material is the limestone quarried from local quarries since the 1830's. Some outstanding

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8. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (continued)

examples of stone buildings are the Hardware Store at 938 State Street, the Adelman building at the corner of 11th and State, the Hyland Building at 8th and the Canal and the Lockport Ironworks at 10th and the Canal. This stone was shipped all over the state and provided the building material for such structures as the Chicago Watertower. This local limestone also was a major shipping item on the I and M Canal.

The Canal/downtown area was, from its beginning, primarily commercial, although there were some residences in it as late as 1965. Some buildings have been partially restored such as the Canal Museum, and the building at 903 State Street - built in ¹⁸⁷⁰1836. All the Buildings are in good condition. There have been a number of alterations on the first floor of some buildings.

The two major areas of intrusion are between 8th and 9th Streets, and in the middle part of the West side of the block between 9th and 10th Streets. The area, however, remains a good example of a 19th Century Canal town, and its close proximity to the Canal to this day makes it unique historically. Its buildings present a continuous Townscape.

11. FORM PREPARED BY (continued) November 27, 1974

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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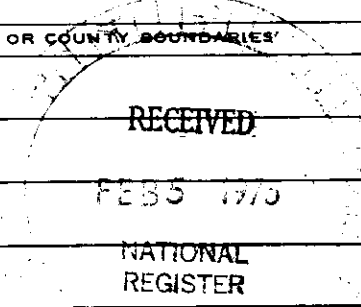
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SE	41° 35' 11"	88° 03' 37"		° . .	° . .	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 31.6

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES:

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
John Lamb - Professor of History

ORGANIZATION: Lewis University DATE: November 27, 1974

STREET AND NUMBER:
Route 53

CITY OR TOWN: Lockport STATE: Illinois 60441 CODE: 17

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: Anthony Dean
Title: State Historic Preservation Officer - State of Illinois
Date: January 22, 1975

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

Ernest A. Connally
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

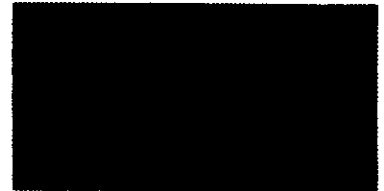
Date: 5/12/75

ATTEST:
Ronald M. Greenberg
Keeper of The National Register
Date: 5/9/75

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

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LOCKPORT HISTORIC DISTRICT
REVISED VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Commencing at the northwest corner of the intersection of Commerce and Eighth Streets, the boundary extends east along the northern edge of Eighth Street for approximately 325', then south along the rear (eastern) property line of 800 State Street, east along the rear (north) property lines of lots fronting the north side of Ninth Street, south along the eastern property line of 132 Ninth Street to the rear (south) property line of 133 Ninth Street, then west along the rear property lines of lots fronting the south side of Ninth Street for approximately 200', south along the eastern property line of 110 Tenth Street, extending to the midpoint of Tenth Street, then east approximately 60', south along the eastern property line of 119 Tenth Street, west along the rear property lines of lots fronting the south side of Tenth Street, south along the rear property lines of lots fronting the east side of State Street, west along the south property line of 1110 State Street to the midpoint of State Street, north approximately 180' and then west along the southern property line of 1025 State Street, north along the west edge of Commerce Street, west along the rear (southern) property line of 201 Tenth Street, north along the western property line of 201 Tenth Street, and continuing along a straight imaginary extension of this line to the rear (northern) property line of 200 Eighth Street, east along this line to the west edge of Commerce Street, and then south to the point of commencement.

David Kenney
State Historic Preservation Officer

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Date

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"THE ADELMANN BLOCK - 1891"

The southern section of the Adelman Block was built in 1891, as recorded in the cornice. The builder of this two-story, native limestone structure was Mr. Wilhelmi, who also built Lockport's Central School on the town square.

George Adelman was the youngest child of Christopher and Kuniga Koumeyer Adelman, who came to Lockport from Franconia, Germany, in 1846. George started his career as a farmer. He commissioned the building as a livery stable, with apartments on the second floor. The stables were located in the rear. Several years later, c. 1895, Mr. Adelman extended his building to the north with a "Queen Anne" addition. In the late 19th century he opened an undertaking business, with these facilities located in the older section of the building. In 1921, Georges sons, Howard and Walter, opened an automobile agency in the building. This business was operated by the family until 1959.

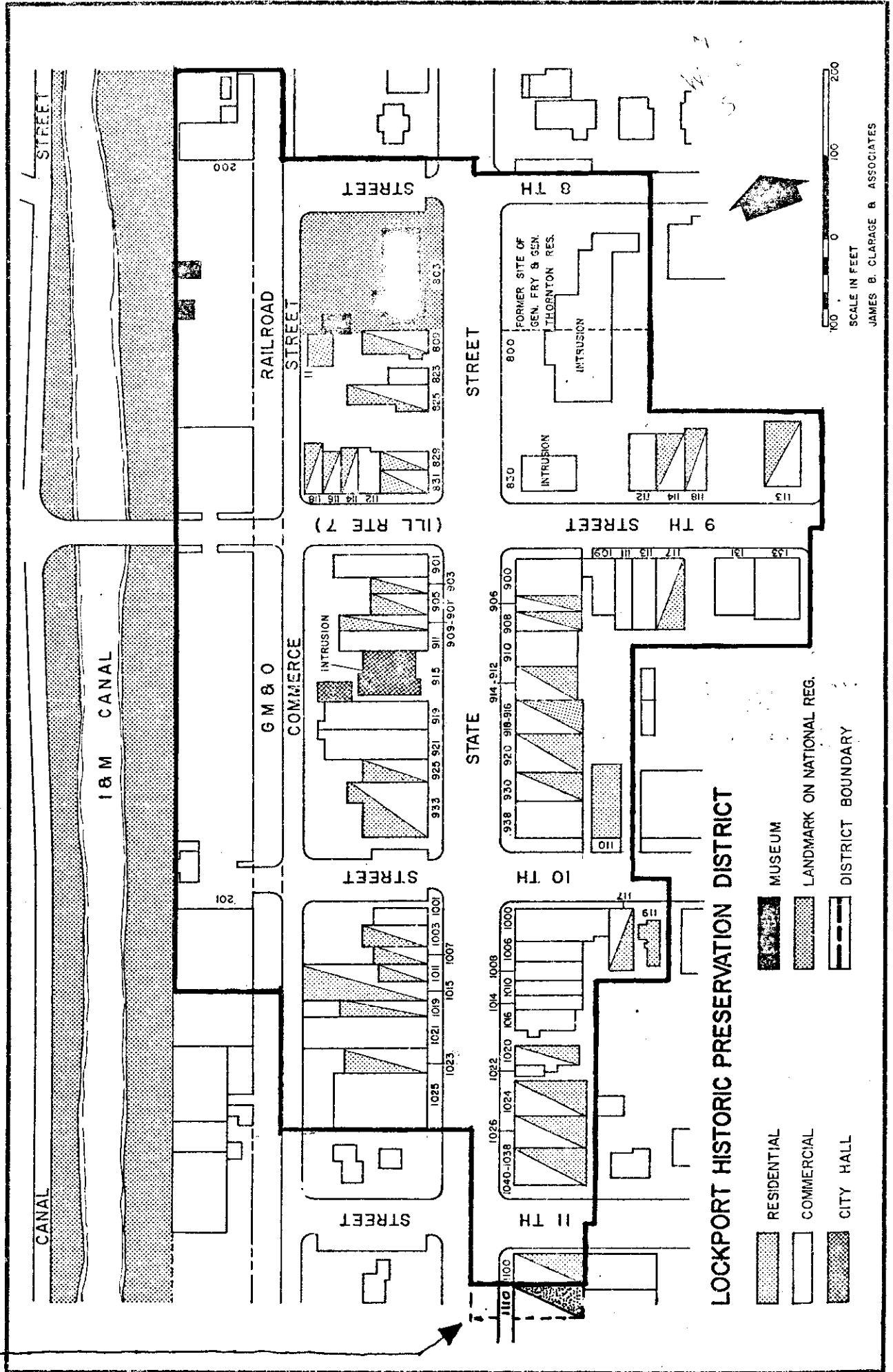
The building today remains in an excellent state of preservation and still retains its original cast iron and wood first floor facade, pressed steel cornice and the original sidewalks, composed of large stone slabs.

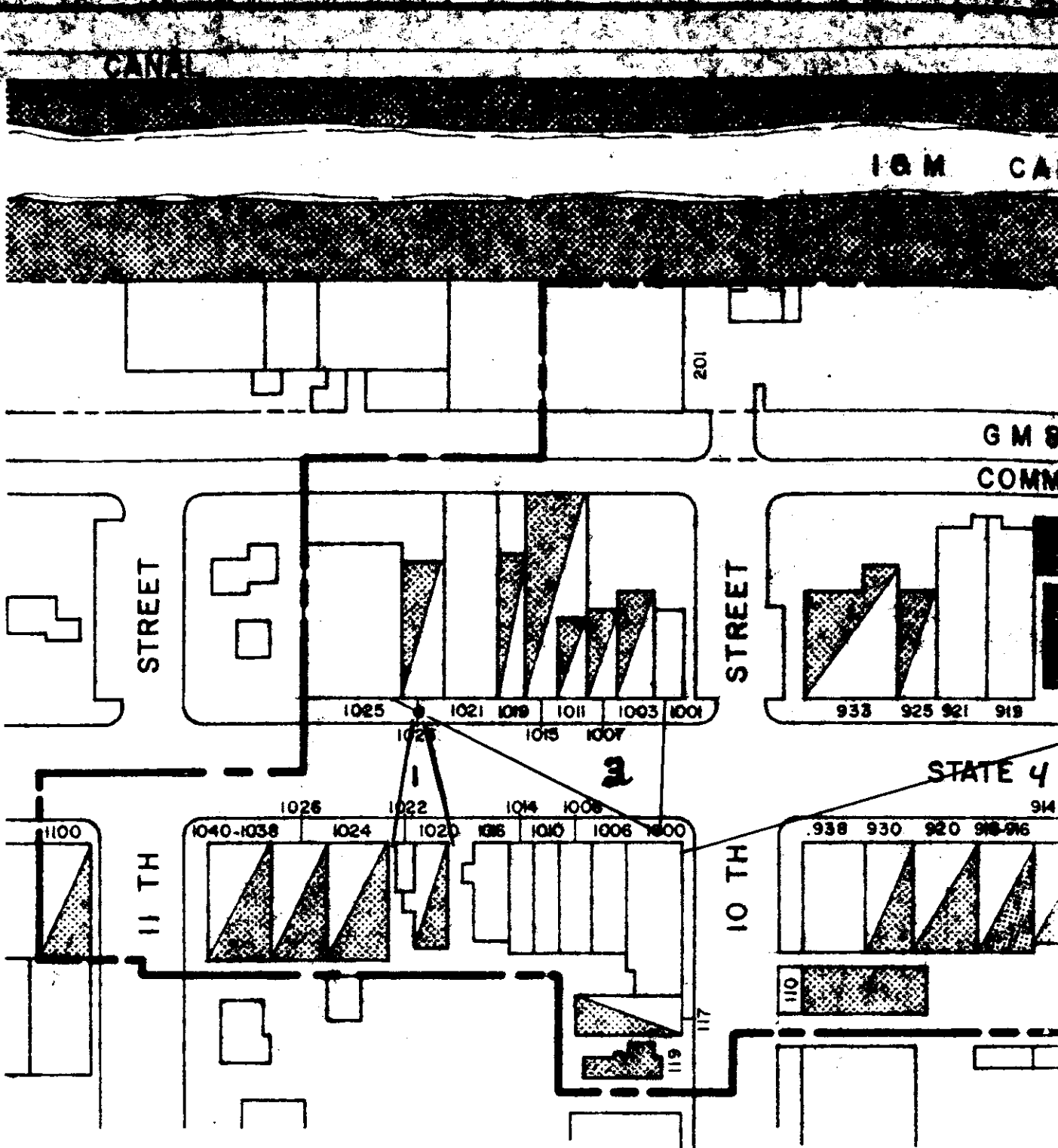
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Block - 1895 - included in
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1891 - excluded from historic district



PROPOSED ADDITION TO LOCKPORT (ILLINOIS) HISTORIC DISTRICT





LOCKPORT HISTORIC PRESERVATION DISTRICT

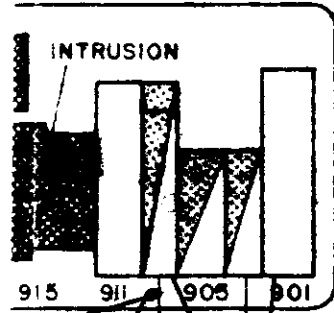
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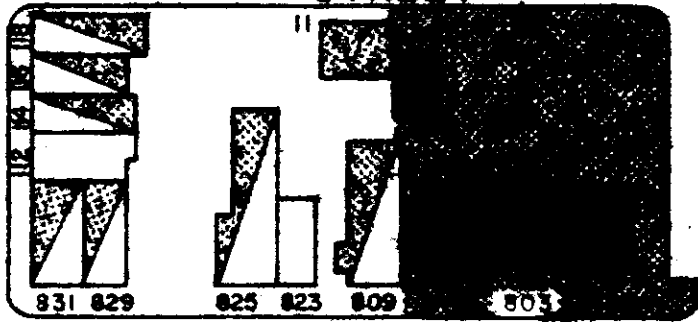
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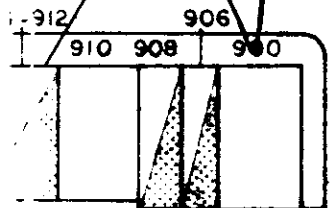


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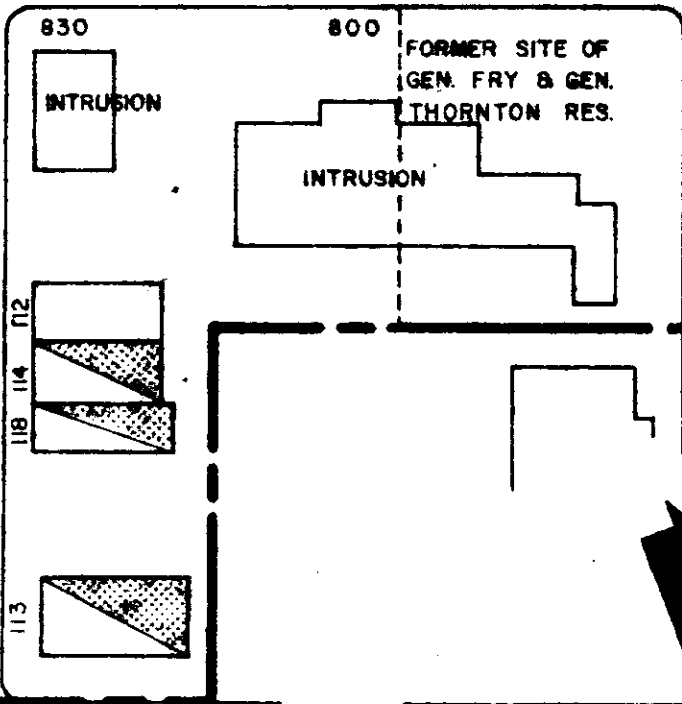


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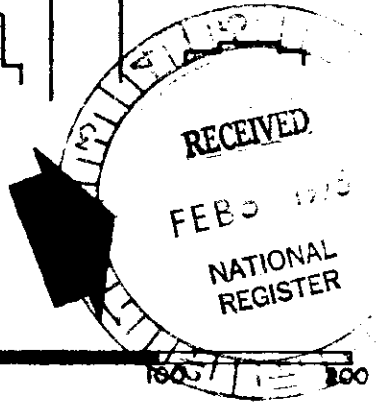
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JAMES B. CLARAGE & ASSOCIATES

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE ILLINOIS

Date Entered MAY 12 1975

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Cunningham, Andrew, Farm	Virginia Cass County
Grave Hill	Oak Brook Du Page County
First State Bank of Manlius	Manlius Bureau County
Lockport Historic District	Lockport Will County

Also Notified

Hon. Charles H. Percy	State Historic Preservation Officer
Hon. Adlai E. Stevenson, III	Mr. Anthony Dean
Hon. Robert H. Michel	Director, Department of Conservation
Hon. John N. Erlenborn	602 State Office Building
Hon. Tom Hallsback	400 South Spring Street
Hon. George A. O'Brien	Springfield, Illinois 62706
Regional Director, Midwest Region	

PR MMott/rwo 5/15/75

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTERSTATE ILLINOISDate Entered

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Lockport Historic District	Lockport Will County

Boundary increase approved March 20, 1980.

Also Notified

NR Byers/bjr 3/26/80

For further information, please call the National Register at (202)343-6401.