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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <b>Illinois</b>	
COUNTY: <b>Jo Daviess</b>	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
**Elihu Benjamin Washburne House**

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**908 Third Street**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Galena**

STATE: **Illinois 61036** CODE: **17** COUNTY: **Jo Daviess** CODE: **085**

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

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

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNERS NAME:  
**State of Illinois - Department of Conservation**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Division of Parks and Memorials, 618 State Office Building**

CITY OR TOWN: **Springfield** STATE: **Illinois 62706** CODE: **17**

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**Jo Daviess County Courthouse**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**330 North Bench**

CITY OR TOWN: **Galena** STATE: **Illinois 61036** CODE: **17**

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:  $\frac{1}{2}$

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
**Historic American Buildings Survey**

DATE OF SURVEY: **10 February 1934** Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
**Library of Congress**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: **Washington** STATE: **D.C.** CODE: **11**

Illinois  
Jo Daviess  
ENTRY NUMBER DATE

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Lot description from Galena town survey by Charles R. Bennet (March 28, 1838). East side of Galena (Fever) River on the East and West sides of the Fourth Prime Meridian, Township 28 North, Range 1 West, South Half of Lot #4 in Block #29.

Original structure constructed in 1844-1845 as a Greek Revival one-and-a-half story brick house. It was in the temple form, with a four column one-story portico. The present house is the result of remodeling and enlarging in 1859. It is an example of late Greek Revival style with a two-story portico and four fluted Doric columns. The building still carries a heavy cornice/entablature. The original first floor and added second floor on the front section of the present building are constructed of a soft, native, Galena brick; with the exception of a hard glazed brick veneer on the street facade. The new portion of the building is constructed with a larger and harder glazed red brick. Evidence of the original sawn wooden shingle roof is found under the modern asbestos shingled roof. New additions dating from the 1859 renovation include side porches, a two-story bay window, and a rear wing.

Present condition: Major faults in south masonry wall are due to heavy truck traffic nearby and the addition of the second story to the original one-story structure. (Note: additional weight of the second floor may prove to have caused original foundation failure.)

Needed restoration includes roof, exterior woodwork, masonry, and complete tuck pointing. Interior to be in accordance with historic period of occupancy (1859-1882).

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian       16th Century       18th Century       20th Century   
 15th Century       17th Century       19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known: 1844-1882 (Washburne occupancy)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |   |                                       |   |  |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| Aboriginal                              | Education                             | Political                               | Urban Planning                           |
| Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/>    | Engineering <input type="checkbox"/>  | Religion/Phi-                           | Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Historic <input type="checkbox"/>       | Industry <input type="checkbox"/>     | losophy <input type="checkbox"/>        | _____                                    |
| Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/>    | Invention <input type="checkbox"/>    | Science <input type="checkbox"/>        | _____                                    |
| Art <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Landscape                             | Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/>      | _____                                    |
| Commerce <input type="checkbox"/>       | Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> | Social/Human-                           | _____                                    |
| Communications <input type="checkbox"/> | Literature <input type="checkbox"/>   | itarian <input type="checkbox"/>        | _____                                    |
| Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>   | Military <input type="checkbox"/>     | Theater <input type="checkbox"/>        | _____                                    |
|   | Music <input type="checkbox"/>        | Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Elihu Benjamin Washburne (1816-1887), born in Livermore, Maine, arrived in Galena in 1840 to practice law. Washburne built the house in 1844-45, and was its owner till 1882. Elected as a Whig to the U.S. Congress in 1852, he then became a Republican in 1854 with the formation of that new party.

With the beginning of the Civil War in 1861, Congressman Washburne became a supporter of the military career of his fellow Galenian, U.S. Grant. This was the beginning of a political alliance that lasted until 1876.

On March 6, 1869, he resigned from Congress to accept the position of Secretary of State in President Grant's Cabinet. After resigning from this Cabinet position on March 10, 1869, he was appointed United States Minister to France. During his eight years in France he was involved with the Franco-Prussian War and Paris Commune. He was also commended by the German government for providing refuge for German citizens during the war.

Washburne's last years were spent in Chicago where he was a strong advocate of the Chicago Historical Society.

Note: During U.S. Grant's first election, (on October 20, 1868) a Western Union telegraph was brought into the Washburne library to be used by General Grant, Washburne and close friends to receive election results.

U.S. Grant's Home State Memorial is located within two blocks of the Washburne House State Memorial.

Architecturally, the house represents a later example of the Greek Revival style. It is an integral part of the architectural heritage of the historic city of Galena.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Drury, John, Old Illinois Houses. Illinois State Historical Society.  
 Elihu B. Washburne Papers, Library of Congress, Washington D.C.  
 Hunt, Gaillard, Israel, Elihu and Cadwallader Washburn; A Chapter In American Biography. New York: Macmillan Co., 1925.  
 Washburn Family Archives, "Norlands" Family Library, Livermore, Maine.  
 Elihu Benjamin Washburne, Recollections Of A Minister To France, 1869-1877, 2 vols. (New York, 1889).

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			D R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		N 42 24 37	W 90 25 48	
SE	° ' "	° ' "			(Fourth Principal Meridian)	
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
 Thomas A. Campbell Jr., Parks & Memorials Historian, District I

ORGANIZATION: Department of Conservation - Division of Parks & Memorials      DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET AND NUMBER:  
 908 Third Street

CITY OR TOWN: Galena      STATE: Illinois 61036      CODE: 17

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION      NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

<p>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:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/>      State <input type="checkbox"/>      Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Title _____</p> <p>Date _____</p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p>_____                  Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date _____</p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p>_____                  Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date _____</p>
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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE ILLINOIS

Date Entered JUL 5 1973

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Washburne, Elihu Benjamin, House	Galena Jo Daviess County

**COPY OF CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION**

Also Notified

Hon. Charles H. Percy  
Hon. Adlai E. Stevenson, III  
Hon. John B. Anderson

ILLINOIS HISTORIC SITES SURVEY INVENTORY

1. Name of site: **Washburn-Sheehan House**

Common

Historic

200130

2. Location:

Street and number

Township

Section

**908 3rd St.**

City or Town

Zip Code

Range

1/4 Section

**Galena**

County

**Jo Daviess**

3. Classification:

Category (check one)

- ( ) District     Building  
 ( ) Site        ( ) Structure

Integrity (check one)

- ( ) Altered     Unaltered  
 ( ) Moved      Original Site

4. Ownership

- ( ) Private  
 Public

Status (check one)

- Occupied  
 ( ) Unoccupied  
 Preservation work in Progress

Access to Public

- ( ) Yes         Restricted    ( ) Unrestricted    ( ) No

Present Use ( check one or more)

- |  |  |                     |
|--|--|---------------------|
| ( ) Agricultural                               | ( ) Industrial                             | ( ) Religious       |
| ( ) Commercial                                 | ( ) Military                               | ( ) Scientific      |
| ( ) Educational                                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum | ( ) Transportation  |
| ( ) Entertainment                              | ( ) Park                                   | ( ) Other (specify) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government | ( ) Private Residence                      |                     |

5. Ownership of Property

Owner's name

**Parks & Memorials**

Street and number

**Pete Campbell**

Phone Number

City or Town

State

County

Zip Code

6. Description **Greek Revival**

Condition

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

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

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

- |  |                          |
|--|--------------------------|
| ( ) Archaeological Site                            | (Pre-Columbian)          |
| ( ) Archaeological Site                            | (Post-Columbian to 1673) |
| ( ) French Influence                               | 1673-1780)               |
| ( ) Illinois Frontier                              | (1780-1818)              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Illinois Early | (1818-1850)              |
| ( ) Illinois Middle                                | (1850-1900)              |
| ( ) Illinois Late                                  | (1900-present)           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Famous People  | (give names & dates      |

**Elihu Washburn**



8. Specific Date:

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

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal (historic)     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal (pre-historic) | <input type="checkbox"/> Military             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture               | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Science              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communication             | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation              | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Industry                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Invention                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture    |   |

Brief statement of significance: (include all names and dates.) Use additional sheets if necessary. **Architectural; home of important congressman and Secretary of State.**

9. Form prepared by:

Name and title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Street and number: \_\_\_\_\_

City or town: \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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.