

ILLINOIS HISTORIC SITES SURVEY INVENTORY

LS-H-25

Washington Park Unit

3049577

1. Name of site: Lincoln-Douglas debate site

Common

Historic

2. Location:

Street and number

Washington Park

Township

Section

City or Town

Zip Code

Range

¼ Section

Ottawa

County

LaSalle

3. Classification:

Category (check one)

( ) District ( ) Building  
 (X) Site ( ) Structure

Integrity (check one)

(X) Altered ( ) Unaltered  
 ( ) Moved (X) Original Site

4. Ownership

( ) Private  
 (X) Public

Status (check one)

(X) Occupied  
 ( ) Unoccupied  
 ( ) Preservation work in Progress

Access to Public

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

Present Use ( check one or more)

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

5. Ownership of Property

Owner's name City of Ottawa

Street and number

Phone Number

City or Town

State

County

Zip Code

6. Description

Condition

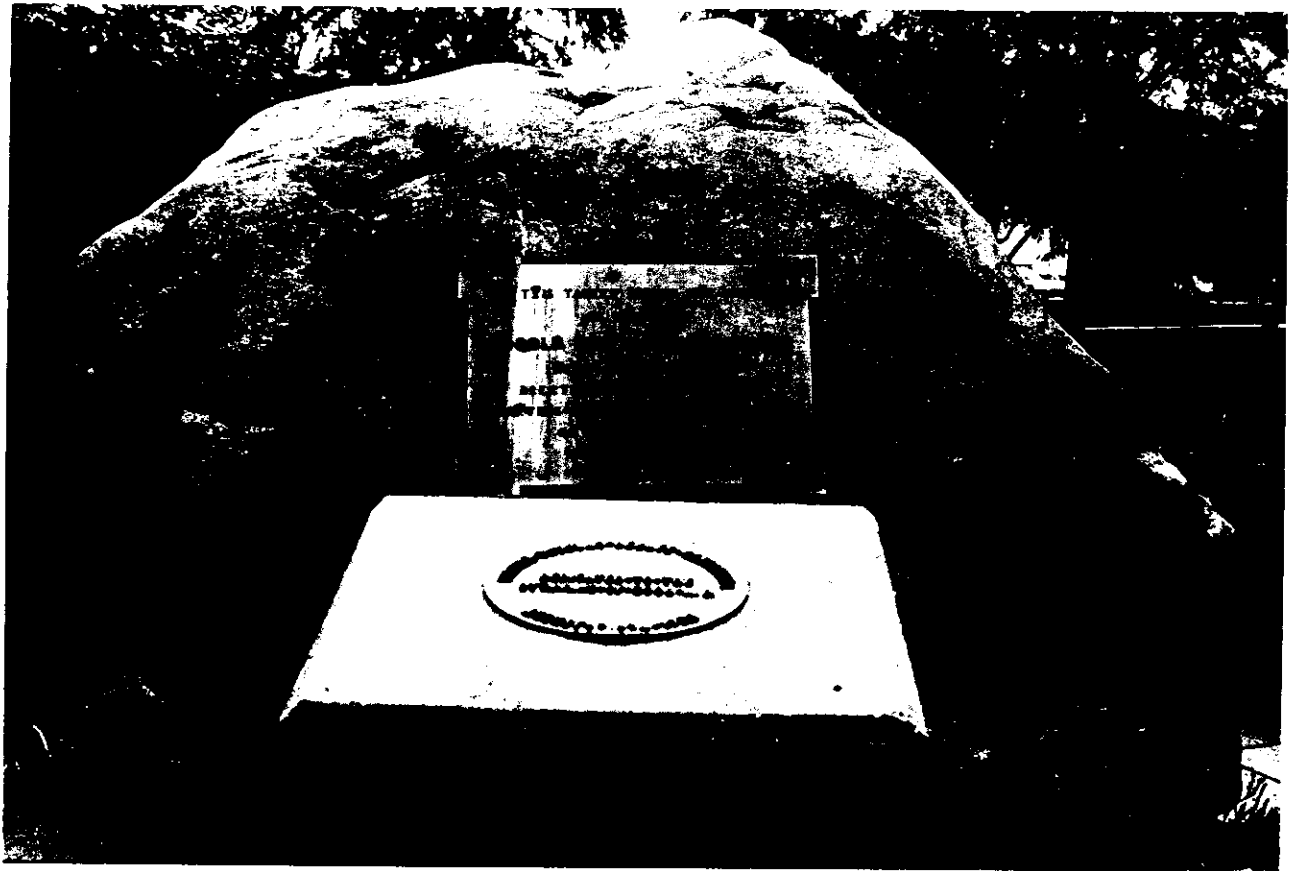
( ) Excellent (X) Good ( ) Fair ( ) Deteriorated ( ) Ruins ( ) Unexposed

Is there a program of preservation underway? ( ) Yes (X) 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)  
 ( ) Illinois Early (1818-1850)  
 (X) Illinois Middle (1850-1900)  
 ( ) Illinois Late (1900-present)  
 ( ) Famous People (give names & dates)

SITES ASSOC. WITH NATIONAL OR STATE FIGURES



8. Specific Date: debate Aug. 21, 1858 - monument 8/21/1908

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

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|--|---|
| <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 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. Site of the 1st Lincoln/Douglas debate in 1858.

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.