

ILLINOIS HISTORIC SITES SURVEY INVENTORY

FA-H-207
SURVEY USE ONLY

1. Name of Site: Courthouse

Common

Historic Frederick Remann Home

- Archaeology
- Architecture
- History

2. Location:

Street and Number

Township

Section

221 S. 7th

City or Town

Zip Code

Range

1/4 Section

Vandalia

County

Fayette

3. Classification:

Category (Check one)

Integrity (Check one)

District

Building

Altered

Unaltered

Site

Structure

Moved

Original Site

4. Ownership

Status (check one)

Private

Public

Occupied

Unoccupied

Preservation work in progress

Access to Public

Yes

Restricted

Unrestricted

No

Present Use (check one or more)

Agricultural

Industrial

Religious

Commerical

Military

Scientific

Educational

Museum

Transportation

Entertainment

Park

Other (specify)

Government

Private Residence

5. Ownership of Property

Owner's Name Fayette County

Street and Number 221 S. 7th

Phone Number

City or Town Vandalia

State County

Zip Code

6. Description

Condition

Excellent

Good

Fair

Deteriorated

Ruins

Unexposed

Is there a program of preservation underway? Yes

No

has been extensively remodeled.

GOVERNMENT



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

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

8. Specific Date:

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Architecture | <input 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.

9. Form prepared by:

Name and Title: Josephine Burtschi 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.

This was a Palatial Mansion of Italiante design, which I think was built by Frederick Remann II. His father, Frederick Remann, a member of the Ernst Colony, was born in Hannover, Germany. He married Julia, daughter of Wm. C. Greenup. Frederick Remann II was educated in Pennsylvania. He volunteered as a soldier in the Civil War. In 1864 his father gave him a partnership in his mercantile business. After his father's death in 1873, Fredercik Remann II carried on the business until in 1895. Since this man was so successful in business, a member of the Illinois House of Representatives, and a director of the First National Bank of Vandalia in 1895 at its organization, it is believed that he built the imposing Tuscan Villa. The tower at the entrance was removed sometime after 1878 and before 1904 and the house remodeled. The gallery with its arches and the south side of the house were also changed. According to older residents this house was one of the most luxurious in Vandalia in the last quarter of the 19th century. On the otherhand, it is possible that Frederick Remann I built the house.

Brink, McDonough and Company, History of Fayette County, Illinois (Philadelphia 1878), Illustration between pages 88 and 89.

Robert W. Ross, Historical Souvenir of Vandalia, Illinois (Effingham: The National Illustrating Co., 1904, p. 116