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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

Eli Ulery House

AND/OR COMMON

Woodbine Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

County Highway 60

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF Mt. Zion

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

22nd Congressional Dist.

STATE

Illinois

CODE

COUNTY

Macon

CODE

3 CLASSIFICATION

- CATEGORY**
 DISTRICT
 BUILDING(S)
 STRUCTURE
 SITE
 OBJECT

- OWNERSHIP**
 PUBLIC
 PRIVATE
 BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
 IN PROCESS
 BEING CONSIDERED

- STATUS**
 OCCUPIED
 UNOCCUPIED
 WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
 YES: RESTRICTED
 YES: UNRESTRICTED
 NO

- PRESENT USE**
 AGRICULTURE
 COMMERCIAL
 EDUCATIONAL
 ENTERTAINMENT
 GOVERNMENT
 INDUSTRIAL
 MILITARY
 MUSEUM
 PARK
 PRIVATE RESIDENCE
 RELIGIOUS
 SCIENTIFIC
 TRANSPORTATION
 OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

G. Patton Penhallegon

STREET & NUMBER

R.R. 1

CITY, TOWN

Dalton City,

VICINITY OF

STATE

Illinois 61925

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Macon County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

253 East Wood Street

CITY, TOWN

Decatur

STATE

Illinois 62525

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Inventory of Historical Landmarks in Macon County Interim Report

DATE

May 1974

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Illinois Department of Conservation

CITY, TOWN

Springfield

STATE

Illinois 62706

DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Eli Ulery House is a two story, brick structure, Italianate in style. It is cubic in mass with a cubic cupola centered on a hipped roof. It has four double chimneys, two on the east side and two on the west side. Below the roof (which was replaced in 1978) are decorative brackets which provide the only divergence from the straight lines of the house.

There are six brackets on each facade beneath the eaves between which are situated small (2'x3') attic windows - 5 on the front facade and 3 on the other facades. The four over four windows are adorned by simple limestone sills and lintels.

The cupola has a hipped roof decorated by double brackets under the eaves at the corners. The windows, here, are two over two and there are three to each side.

The house is four over four in floor plan with a central hallway. The two front rooms on the first floor contain marble fireplaces. The remaining six rooms each formerly contained a wooden fireplace. Five original fireplaces remain: one was covered; one was replaced; and one marble fireplace recently collapsed.

A one and a half story brick addition to the rear which housed a kitchen and small bedroom was removed during the early 1940's and replaced with a one story wooden addition which contains a bathroom and a porch.

There originally was an Italianate porch with a balcony on the front facade of the house. This was replaced during the 1920's and the door on the second story which led to the porch has been boarded up. There was also a second porch added to the west facade of the house, probably at the turn of the century, which has since been removed.

The major interior alteration occurred in the 1940's when plumbing was added to the dining room to convert it to a kitchen. The fireplace in that room was covered up as well at that time.

Other than that, no structural changes have occurred in the house and, since the house has been tuckpointed, recently, it is in basically good condition.

SIGNIFICANCE

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

PERIOD						
<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/HUMANITARIAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES ca. 1860

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Eli Ulery House is significant for its associations with its builder and his son, Eli S. Ulery, due to the fact that they contributed to the settlement and commercial development of the area through their efforts in cattle ranching.

Eli Ulery came from Pennsylvania to Illinois in the 1830's as a cowboy and soon had acquired enough capital by 1851 to purchase his own stock business of 600 acres. As his holdings and wealth increased, he was able to construct the residence that is the subject of this nomination.

By the time of his death, in 1897, Ulery had acquired 1180 acres and had expanded his business to include horse raising and farming.

At his death, the ranch and farm passed into the possession of his son, Eli S. Ulery, who further expanded the horse raising business and farming operation. He, too, was a prominent county resident. One county-wide contribution of the son was to purchase 40 acres for a Chautauqua park (not a part of this nomination) that included a man made lake, pavilion and several summer cabins. The park land is located just south of the Ulery farm land.

Eli Ulery continued to utilize the land for farming and ranching until 1921 when he committed suicide at the home of one of his sons.

The farm remained in the Ulery family until 1932 when it was sold to Grover C. Patton of Decatur. This family still retains ownership of the farmhouse and 200 acres.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Portrait & Bibliographical Record of Macon County, Illinois. 1898.
2. Past and Present of the City of Decatur and Macon County, 1903.
3. History of Macon County, 1976.
4. 1978 Interview with Mrs. Dorothy Mynard - Great-granddaughter of Eli Ulery
5. 1979 Interview with Robert L. Crossman - Great-grandson of Eli Ulery

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1

QUADRANGLE NAME Long Creek, Illinois QUADRANGLE SCALE 7.5

UTM REFERENCES

A	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	B	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE (1) G. Patton Penhallegon & Anne E. Manuell (2) January 1979

ORGANIZATION (2) Illinois Department of Conservation DATE #2 (217) 782-3340

STREET & NUMBER Historic Sites TELEPHONE #1 (217) 864-2883

CITY OR TOWN (1) R. R. 1 (2) 405 East Washington STATE Illinois #1 61925

(1) Dalton City (2) Springfield #2 62706

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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE _____ DATE _____

FOR NPS USE ONLY	
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
	DATE _____
ATTEST: KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	DATE _____
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION	

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ILLINOIS

STATE

Date Entered OCT 1 1979

Name

Location

Ulery, Eli, House

Mount Zion vicinity
Macon County

Also Notified

Honorable Charles H. Percy
Honorable Adlai E. Stevenson
Honorable Daniel B. Crane

COPY OF CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION

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

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ILLINOIS HISTORIC SITES SURVEY INVENTORY

1. Name of Site:

Common Chester Wells Home
Historic Eli Ulery Home with barn

2.. Location:

Street and Number _____ Township _____ Section _____
Mt. Zion 11
City or Town _____ Zip Code _____ Range T15N 1/4 Section _____
Mt. Zion vicinity NE
County _____ R3E
Macon

3. Classification:

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

4. Ownership:

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

Access to Public

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

Present Use (check one or more)

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

5. Ownership of Property:

Owner's Name _____ Phone Number _____
Street and Number _____
City or Town _____
State _____ County _____ Zip Code _____

6. Description:

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

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

AGRICULTURE

92-H-M
 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)
- (X) Illinois Middle (1850-1900)
- (X) Illinois Late (1900-present)
- () Famous People (give names & dates)

8. Specific Date: 1862, home constructed; ca. 1908, barn constructed.

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

- () Aboriginal (historic)
- () Aboriginal (pre-historic)
- (X) Agriculture
- (X) 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. Eli Ulery, a stock farmer built the home. Two of the chimneys are new and 2 are original. The barn is about 50 yards west of the house. Mrs. Chester Wells (RR #1, Dalton City, IL.) is very interested in the preservation of this home.

9. Form prepared by: Mrs. Chester Wells (RR #1, Dalton City, IL.) is very interested in the preservation of this home.

Name and Title: _____ Date: _____
 Organization: ILLINOIS HISTORIC LANDMARKS SURVEY Phone: April, 1974
1005 DEVONSHIRE
 Street and number: Champaign, Illinois 61820
 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

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- History of Macon County. Philadelphia: Brink and McDonough and Co., 1880.
- Nelson, William E. City of Decatur and Macon County. Vol. II. Chicago: The Pioneer Publishing Company, 1910, pp. 222-3.

Woodbine Farm

