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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Peterstown House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 275 North Main Street

CITY, TOWN Waterloo VICINITY OF 24th

STATE Illinois 17 COUNTY Monroe CODE 053

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDEN
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Peterstown Heritage Society

STREET & NUMBER 301 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN Waterloo VICINITY OF STATE Illinois

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Monroe County Court House

STREET & NUMBER Main Street

CITY, TOWN Waterloo STATE Illinois

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Illinois Historic Landmarks Survey

DATE 1974 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Illinois Department of Conservation

CITY, TOWN Springfield STATE Illinois

DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Peterstown House is a two-story saltbox that was built in two parts. The original building was constructed in the mid-1830's. In the early 1860's, or possibly earlier, a larger section was added to the northern end.

The house measures forty-nine by thirty-eight feet eight inches. The southern portion rests upon a limestone foundation while the northern portion rests upon sandstone. The rooms on the first floor are laid out along a central hallway. At the rear of the hallway a stairway ascends to a ballroom on the second floor.

The second floor consists of a ballroom running the length of the building with three smaller rooms on the east side which were utilized as guest rooms. Nail scars and discoloration at the north end of the ballroom indicate the location of a stage. Oil smudges on the ceiling indicate the location of one or more oil chandeliers. Scars on the ceiling point to the location of a curtain which could have been used to cover the stage when not in use.

The earlier, southern portion of the building has hand-hewn structural members throughout. The studding consists of 4" x 4" oak with bricks placed between them for insulation. The studs on the north wall have Roman numerals marked by an axe.

Originally there were three cellars beneath the house. Two are extant and are located under the main structure. The third extended from the house under Main Street. The interurban street car company filled in this cellar around 1910 for fear that it would collapse under the weight of the street cars. All of the cellars were used for food and beverage storage. There are two stairways descending to the cellars. There are two large iron rings located at the top of one stairway through which ropes were passed to lower casks. There are also four trap doors in the first floor.

There is an old well in the front of the house and a large yard in the rear. The exterior has not been altered since 1870.

Alterations: The owner in the 1930's constructed apartments in the upstairs ballroom and on the first floor. The apartment partitions and fixtures have been removed as part of the restoration. A new wooden well platform and pump have been installed in the front.

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7. Description:

The sandstone foundation under the northern portion of the house was overlaid with concrete. Plans are under way to restore the building to its mid-nineteenth century condition. These plans also call for the development of meeting space and an interpretive and educational center for local history. The building remains as it appeared in 1870. No porches or trim have been added or removed, with the exception of the shutters and the old front door that had deteriorated and was replaced with another from the same period. Another exception is that the standing seam metal roof was originally a wood shingle roof, parts of which were found under the metal roof, which was installed about 1900.

SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" 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. 1830; 1870

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Peterstown House is significant because it served as a stage inn on the Kaskaskia-Cahokia Trail and served as a focal point of community activity in the area of Waterloo throughout most of the nineteenth century.

The Kaskaskia-Cahokia Trail was the earliest overland link between Kaskaskia and Cahokia. The French settlement of Kaskaskia dates from 1695 while Cahokia began in 1699. The location of the trail determined the establishment of many other settlements along its route. The trail also had a role in the American Revolution: the day after George Rogers Clark captured Kaskaskia on the night of July 4, 1778, he dispatched his Captain Bowman with some of the men who came with him to Kaskaskia and some Kaskaskians up the trail to Cahokia which they captured without difficulty. After the war the importance of the trail increased as the population increased.

The Peterstown House is the only intact structure along the entire sixty mile length of the trail that was used as a stage inn and tavern. There is another hotel in Waterloo that served travelers on the trail, but it was constructed at a later date and has lost its historical and architectural integrity through remodeling.

As the nineteenth century progressed, the building, known as Sturtzum's Hall in the post-Civil War era, was the scene of many balls and other social events, to which local newspaper reports and advertisements attest.

History

The north part of Waterloo was known as Peterstown because of Emory Peter Rogers who came to Waterloo (then known as Belle Fontaine) in 1816. Four years later he opened the first permanent store at

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a site just north of the present Peterstown House. He was called the "Merchant Prince" because his holdings included a mill, quarry, and an orchard with a cider press. He was considered a large merchant for those days since he shipped merchandise to St. Louis and to New Orleans. He constructed homes for his employees in the area which later came to be named after him--Peterstown. Peterstown expanded and shortly became one town--Waterloo. In 1818, J. Milton Moore, the youngest son of James Moore the pioneer who settled at Belle Fontaine in 1782, laid out the town of Waterloo for George Forquer and Daniel Pope Cook, the projectors of Waterloo. Waterloo became the Monroe County seat in 1825.

The Peterstown House is located on Lots 1, 2, and 3 of the Roberts Subdivision of the original town of Waterloo. The lots were part of the Kaskaskia land grant owned by Joseph Worley. In 1817, Enoch Moore, the first American white child born in this area, and perhaps the Northwest Territory, acquired a large tract of land which included the Peterstown House. This was a part of Claim 562 which Moore acquired for the payment of back taxes amounting to \$4.00. Part of Claim 562 was sold to Emory Peter Rogers in 1830. He sold Lot Number 3 to Valentine Sturtzum in 1858. The oldest portion of the Peterstown House is located on this lot. After Rogers death the balance of the property passed to his daughter and son-in-law, Henry C. and Mary Rogers Talbot. Talbot sold Lots 1 and 2 to Sturtzum on June 17, 1868, for the sum of \$325.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

County Survey Records. Circuit Clerk's Office. Monroe County Courthouse. Files. Peterstown Heritage Society. Waterloo, Illinois.
 Baldwin, Carl R. "The Last of the Old Stagecoach Inns." Midwest Motorist. December, 1975. 10-13.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.44

UTM REFERENCES

A)

16	749013	4247410
ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

B)

ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The property fronts 100 feet on Main Street and 192 feet on Columbia Avenue.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Alfred B. Mueller, President

ORGANIZATION Peterstown Heritage Society DATE 1 August 1976

STREET & NUMBER 301 South Main Street TELEPHONE 618/939-7416

CITY OR TOWN Waterloo STATE Illinois

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE X 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 Director, Illinois Department of Conservation DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
 ATTEST:

DATE

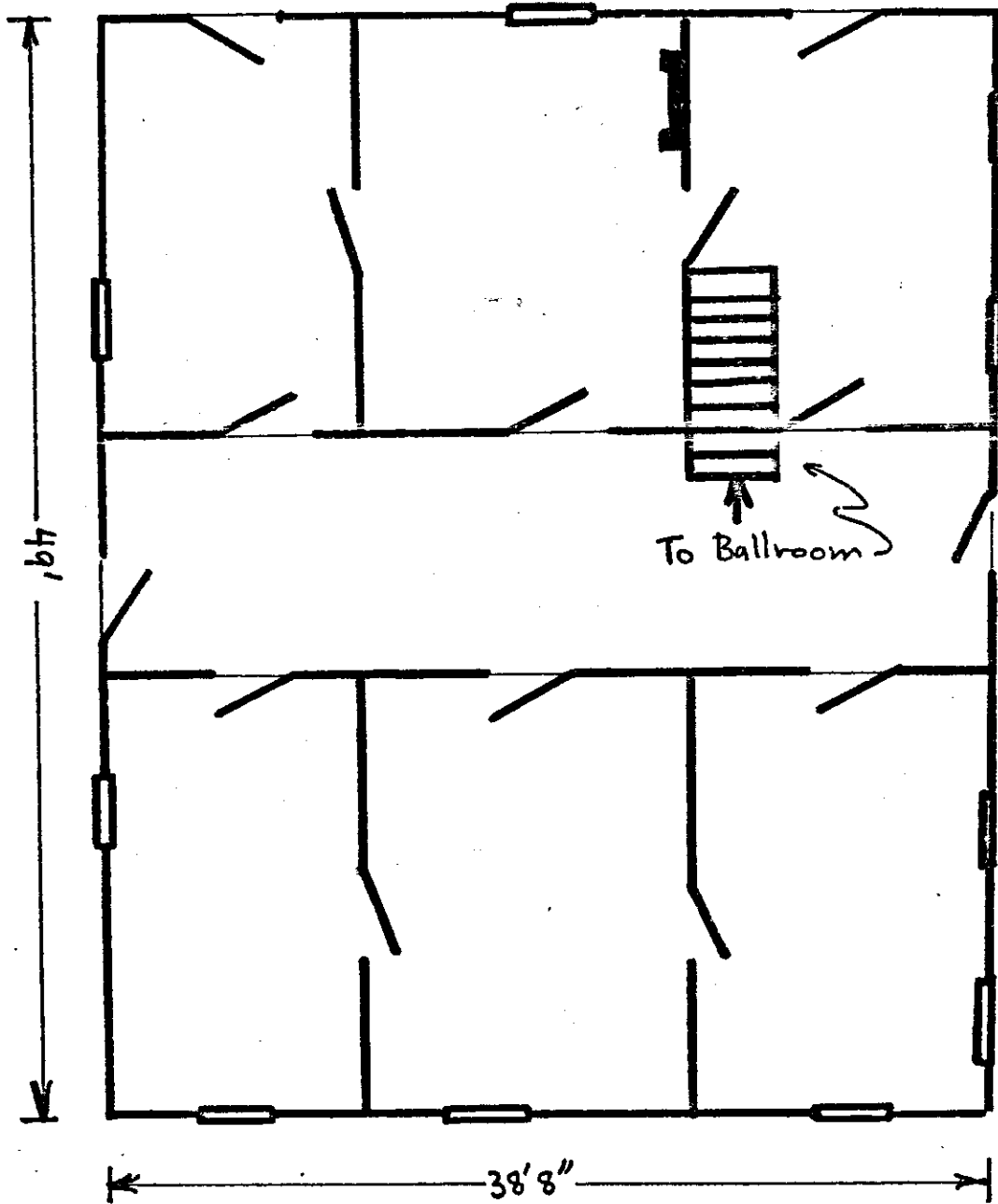
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First floor



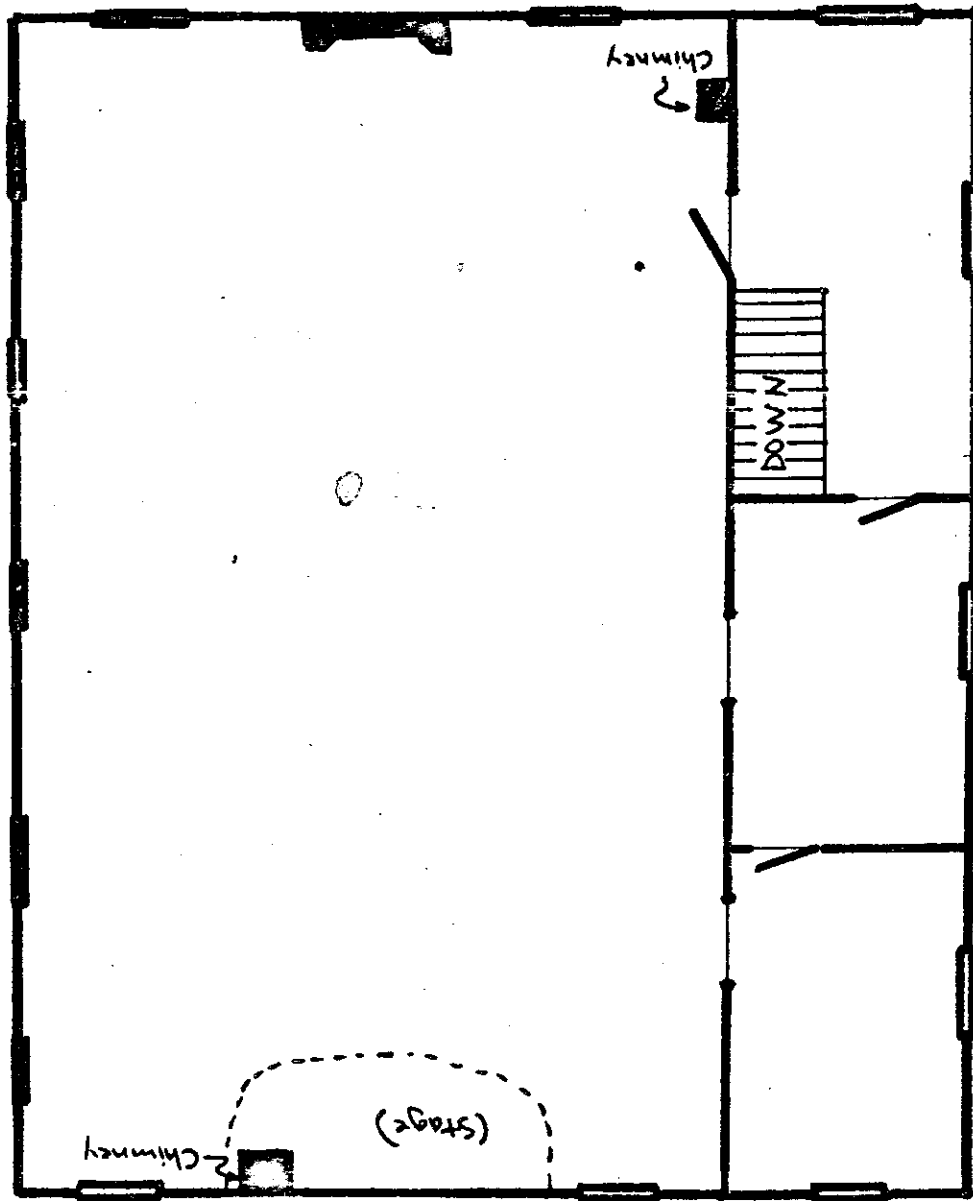
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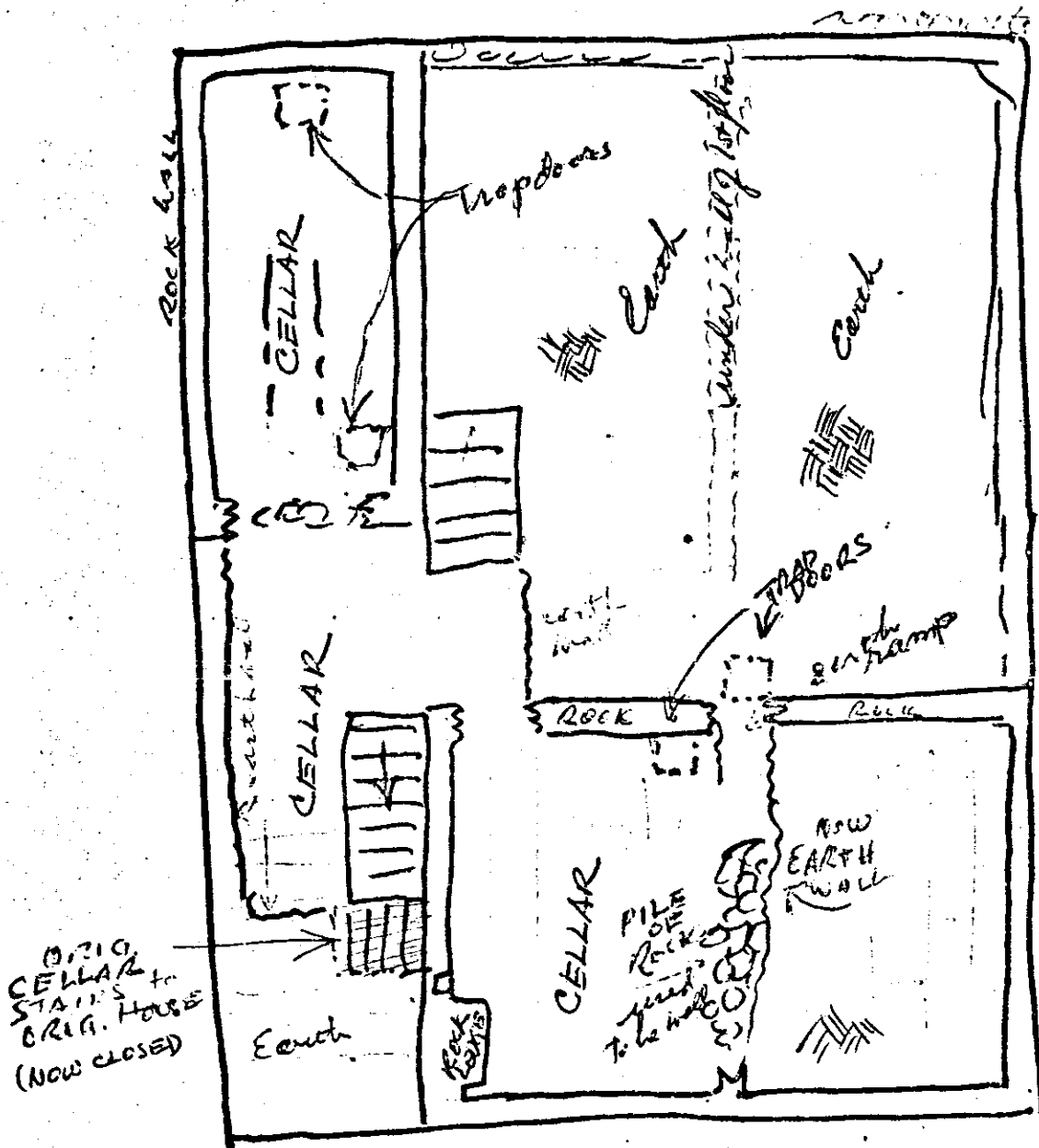
Second floor



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PETERSTOWN HOUSE

CELLAR ARRANGEMENT



ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE ILLINOIS

Date Entered NOV 16 1977

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Wilson Mounds and Village Site	White County
Peterstown House	Waterloo Monroe County
Morgan-Wells House	Quincy Adams County

Also Notified

Hon. Charles H. Percy
Hon. Adlai E. Stevenson
Hon. Paul M. Simon
Hon. Paul Findley

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