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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1** NAME

HISTORIC

Elijah Iles House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 1825 South Fifth Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN Springfield

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
20th

STATE

Illinois

VICINITY OF

CODE

17

COUNTY

Sangamon

CODE

167

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<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 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

Floyd and Winifred Barringer

STREET & NUMBER

Box 100 R.R. 6

CITY, TOWN

Springfield

STATE

Illinois

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Sangamon County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

8th and Monroe

CITY, TOWN

Springfield

STATE

Illinois

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYSTITLE 1. Inventory of Historic Landmarks in Sangamon County
2. Inventory of Architecture before World War II. in Sangamon County

DATE

1. 1973

2. 1974

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Illinois Department of Conservation

CITY, TOWN

Springfield

STATE
Illinois

DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE <u>1909</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Elijah Iles house is a one and one-half story residence with the main living quarters built on an above ground grade. The ground floor is constructed of red brick painted white. Entrance to the ground floor is gained on the north side, as well as in the rear.

Above the ground floor, the building is surfaced with a weather-boarding of black walnut painted white. The timber was finished with an adz, before being jointed and pinned. A steep stairway leads to a full width one story gallery at the front of the house. The roof is supported by six square pillars. There are recessed pilasters at the corners of the house. The four double hung front windows have one over one sashes with plain moldings and green shutters. The plain vertical door in the center of the main facade is flanked by classical pilasters. Sidelights and a transom frame the door.

The house has a boxed cornice and triangular pediment. There are two windows with segmental heads on the main floor on the north side, where there was once a balcony. It is likely the balcony was removed during the moving process. The windows found in the pediment have been altered to accomodate air conditioning. There are two large windows on the main floor of the south side and a third small fixed window has been added. The roof is composition shingles and is of medium gable. There are two inside chimneys with corbeled caps in the back and another chimney on the southwest corner.

The Iles House has a rectangular floor pattern, common in Greek Revival architecture. The main floor has a wide center hallway leading to a stairway in the rear. There are two large rooms off the center hallway. The plaster and lath, floors, wood work, box locks, most of the doors and hardware are all original. The windowpanes and moldings framing the front door are also original. There are two rooms on the upper floor.

The Iles House was originally located on a lot at the corner of Sixth and Cook Street. In 1909 the house was cut into two parts and moved to its present location at 1825 South Fifth Street. At that time, the house was placed on a brick foundation that is said to be much like the original one. However, it seems likely that the new foundation is larger than the original one because large full basements were not common in the 1830's. At that time the shutters were also removed, with the exception of the four front ones. Sometime following the move an addition was made to both the ground and main floors in the rear. Though the house was moved, it retains most of the original fabric and integrity.

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
<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
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<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

1832

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

William Vigal

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Iles House, one of the oldest residences in Springfield, was built in 1832 for Elijah Iles by William Vigal of Cotton Hills township. Iles, an early settler of Springfield, was the first merchant in Sangamon County, and has been credited, also with three others, with the surveying of Springfield and its establishment as the county seat. The house reflects elements of the Greek Revival style with a Southern influence, which is unique in central Illinois.

When Iles arrived in Springfield in 1821, the town was merely a grouping of log buildings. Iles built a log house and in July 1821 he opened the first store in Sangamon County. He traded primarily with new settlers, furnishing them with the necessary supplies for homesteading. Iles joined with three other early settlers to promote the development of Springfield. In 1823 they purchased the land on which Springfield was to be built and arranged for it to be surveyed, opening it to permanent settlement. In 1824 rivalry for the county seat developed between Springfield and a place on Spring Creek. Iles and three others convinced members of the commission that the rival location was too inaccessible for the Sangamon County seat. Iles donated forty-five acres of land and cashed the commission's warrants. With these methods of persuasion, Springfield became the Sangamon County seat.

The Iles House is Greek Revival as expressed in the South, where large galleries were popular. The details and lines of the house demonstrate the American adaptation of the Greek Revival style. The Iles House is rivaled by only a few examples of Greek Revival architecture in central Illinois.

As one of the oldest houses in Springfield, the Iles House has achieved recognition for its association with Elijah Iles and its unique architectural style for central Illinois.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Joseph Wallace, Past and Present of the City of Springfield and Sangamon County, Illinois, (Chicago: S. J. Clark Publishing Co., 1904)

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lot # 6, Block 18 of Payne's South side addition

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

Jean Walton, National Register Assistant

ORGANIZATION

Illinois Department of Conservation

DATE

August 11, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

405 E. Washington

TELEPHONE

782-1852

CITY OR TOWN

Springfield

STATE

Illinois

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE ILLINOIS

Date Entered FEB 23 1978

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Iles, Elijah, House	Springfield Sangamon County

Also Notified

Hon. Charles Percy
Hon. Adlai E. Stevenson
Hon. Paul Findley

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