

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

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DATE ENTERED

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Warren Hickox house

AND/OR COMMON

Hickox/Brown house

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

687 South Harrison Avenue

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Kankakee

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE

Illinois

CODE

COUNTY

Will

CODE

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 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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	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

Mr. & Mrs. J. P. Brown

STREET & NUMBER

687 South Harrison Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Kankakee

VICINITY OF

STATE
Illinois

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Recorder of Deeds, Kankakee County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Southeast Corner of Court & Indiana Streets

CITY, TOWN

Kankakee

STATE

Illinois

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Illinois Historic Structures Survey

DATE

1973

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Department of Conservation, Historic Sites Division

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 type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED	*very minor alterations	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Warren Hickox house is located on a large lot near the Kankakee River and immediately adjacent to another house by Frank Lloyd Wright, the B. Harley Bradley house. It is of wood frame construction with stucco exterior. The exterior is modeled after Frank Lloyd Wright's design for the Ladies Home Journal done in 1901 in an article titled, "A Small House With Lots of Room in It." The interior is an adaptation of an earlier article for the same journal titled, "A Home in a Prairie Town". This plan, Wright's basic cruciform, was the culmination of Wright's first decade of practice. He used it in numerous variations during the heyday of his practice between 1900 and 1909.

The house was originally constructed almost exactly according to the brief specifications given in the two articles noted above. For example, we quote: "The exterior is plastered with cement plaster....The outside woodwork, except shingles, is ...stained. Paint and varnish are not used." He suggested that "The interior is plastered throughout with sand finish and trimmed all through with flat bands of Georgia pine, smaller back bands following the base and casings. This Georgia pine should be selected from straight grain for stiles, rails and running members, and from figured grain for panels and wide surfaces. All the wood should be shellacked once and waxed, and the plaster should be stained with thin, pure color in water and glue." These techniques were used verbatim in the construction and finishing of the Hickox house. Both the interior and the exterior are virtually intact with exception of those items noted below.

The interior of the house has been altered only by the addition of a partial wall between the Living room and the dining room and the remodeling of the kitchen/butler's pantry area. The second floor has had modern bathroom fixtures added. The walls and woodwork throughout the house have been painted. The exterior of the house has been altered only by the removal of the south terrace and the elimination of the kitchen entrance at the rear of the house. Both the stucco and the wood trim on the exterior have been painted a color which is compatible with the original.

The present owners are currently restoring the house to near original condition. The interior surfaces are being stripped of paint and returned to original appearance. The kitchen will be remodeled a second time but more in keeping with the spirit of the original with the rear entrance restored. The south terrace will be restored to exact original appearance using the original drawings as a guide. Both exterior and interior colors will be returned to very near original condition. The present owners have engaged professional assistance in the restoration.

B 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANIT	
<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 type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" 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 1900

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Frank Lloyd Wright

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Warren Hickox house is one of the single most significant house designed by master architect Frank Lloyd Wright. It has been discussed by numerous critics, and we quote a portion of the remarks of the distinguished architectural historian, Henry-Russell Hitchcock:

"The small Hickox house was built, together with the larger but less mature Bradley house, at the south end of Harrison Avenue on the river Kankakee, Illinois. The plan of the house is a blunt T set sideways to the street...but the suggestion of four arms forming a cross is very significant because of the terrace projecting in front of the living room and the central gable above. The chief difference is the way in which the...living boxes of the 1892 houses have been expanded and opened up into a square central living room and two large half-octagonal bays. Subdivision is barely suggested, the whole forming one apartment which occupies most of the ground floor of the house....The use of materials... (can be compared to others)...to see how successfully the light wooden striping of the exterior plaster covering ties the windows into the composition... This is surely a most valid expression of American wooden construction

The Hickox house has survived for nearly 77 years in virtually original condition. It was purchased in late 1976 by the present owners who are taking painstaking care to restore those portions which have been altered slightly over the past three quarters of a century. Professional help has been engaged to undertake this task.

The Warren Hickox house can be considered to be a premier example of mature Prairie House as conceived by world famous architect Frank Lloyd Wright. It was the prototypical example used by Wright during his "Golden Years" between 1900 and 1909.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES SELECTED REFERENCES ONLY

Hitchcock, Henry-Russell, In The Nature of Materials; 1887-1941; the Buildings of Frank Lloyd Wright. N.Y., Duell, Sloan & Pearce, 1942.
 Manson, Grant C., Frank Lloyd Wright to 1910, The First Golden Age, N. Y., Reinhold, 1958.
The Ladies Home Journal, (Wright articles), January 1901, July, 1901.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.60262 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	16	427680	4551370	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

That property described as being a part of block 51 in Associates addition to the City of Kankakee, Illinois and further identified as being at 687 South Harrison Avenue and fronting thereon. The front boundary of the lot is defined by iron stakes located 175-0" apart north and south and the lot extends 175-0" deep on both the north and south lines. The rear lot line is also 175-0" wide.

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

STATE	N/A	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE		CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Wilbert R. Hasbrouck, Architect

March 31, 1977

ORGANIZATION

The Office of Wilbert R. Hasbrouck, Architect, HISTORIC RESOURCES

STREET & NUMBER

1900 South Prairie Avenue

TELEPHONE

225-3189

CITY OR TOWN

Chicago

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

Das K...

TITLE Director, Illinois Department of Conservation

DATE June 16, 1977

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 JAN 3 1978

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Hickox, Warren, House	Kankakee Kankakee County

Also Notified

Hon. Charles H. Percy
Hon. Adlai E. Stevenson
Hon. George M. O'Brien

COPY OF CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION

ILLINOIS HISTORIC SITES SURVEY INVENTORY

KA-H-30

200209

1. Name of Site:

Common

Historic

Hickox Home

2. Location:

Street and Number

NWcor Eagle & Harrison
City or Town

Zip Code

Township

Range

Section

1/4 Section

Kankakee
County

Kankakee

3. Classification:

Category (check one)

- District
- Building
- Site
- Structure

Integrity (check one)

- Altered
- Moved
- Unaltered
- Original Site

4. Ownership:

- Private
- Public

Status (check one)

- Occupied
- Unoccupied
- Preservation work in progress

Access to Public

- Yes
- Restricted
- Unrestricted
- No

Present Use (check one or more)

- Agricultural
- Commercial
- Educational
- Entertainment
- Government
- Industrial
- Military
- Museum
- Park
- Private Residence
- Religious
- Scientific
- Transportation
- Other

5. Ownership of Property:

Owner's Name

Phone Number

Street and Number

City or Town

State

County

Zip Code

6. Description:

- Excellent
- Ruins
- Good
- Unexposed
- Fair
- Deteriorated

Is there a program of preservation underway?

- Yes
- No

ARCHITECTURE

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

- | | |
|--|--------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archeological Site | (Pre-Columbian) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archeological 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 type="checkbox"/> Illinois Middle | (1850-1900) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Illinois Late | (1900-present) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Famous People Frank Lloyd Wright | (give names & dates) |

8. Specific Date: 1900 constructed

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.

Designed by Frank Lloyd Wright.

9. Form prepared by:

Name and Title: _____

Date: _____

Organization: _____

Phone: _____

Street and Number: _____

City or Town: _____

County: _____

Zip Code _____

During the course of the Survey we often find it necessary to search 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.

