

WASHINGTON

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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received _____
date entered _____

1. Name

historic The Manly-McCann House

and/or common The Historical Museum of Clark County

2. Location

street & number 402 South Fourth Street

N/A not for publication

city, town Marshall N/A vicinity of 22nd congressional district

state Illinois code 012 county Clark code 023

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input 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 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 type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<u>N/A</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Clark County Historical Society, Inc.

street & number P.O. Box 207

city, town Marshall N/A vicinity of _____ state Illinois

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. County Clerk's Office, Clark County Courthouse

street & number Public Square

city, town Marshall state Illinois

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Illinois Historic Landmark Survey
Illinois Historic Structures Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date August, 1974
October, 1973 federal state county local

depository for survey records Illinois Dep't of Conservation, Historic Sites Division

city, town Springfield state Illinois

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date N/A

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Located at the south-west corner of the intersection of Maple and Fourth Streets is the Historical Museum of Clark County. Built in 1838 the Greek Revival structure originally provided courtrooms before the new courthouse was completed. This structure was a simple story-and-a-half double pen baloon frame building with an ell on the right rear. The low-pitched roof cornice gable returns and heavy freize contribute a classical feeling to this otherwise vernacular structure.

Following the removal of the county courts in 1839 the building was used as a store and post office and then as a dwelling. It was occupied by various owners and tenants until being acquired by the Clark County Historical Society in 1968.

The structure remained in its original configuration until after 1891 when it was occupied by the Newton McCann family. Due to the large size of the family, a lean-to kitchen addition was made to the left rear. Historical Society officials believe the front porch was either added or modified at this time also.

No further structural changes were made until its purchase by the Historical Society. Since the structure deteriorated badly over the years the group undertook an extensive program of repair. The lean-to kitchen was removed, a new roof put on, and the clapboard siding repaired and painted.

8. 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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1837

Builder/Architect Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The town of Marshall was founded October 3, 1835 by Colonel William B. Archer and his partner, Joseph Duncan, then Governor of Illinois. By 1837 Marshall prospered sufficiently, due to its location on the National Road, to be considered as a possible location for the county seat. At that time the county courts met at Darwin on the Wabash River. Beginning in May, 1837 and extending in to the summer months a heated debate arose about changing locations. An August referendum determined the outcome and Marshall defeated Auburn by a 91 vote margin. A central location and increasing overland transportation won out over a river site.

When the government moved to Marshall in 1838 temporary arrangements had to be made for housing it. One of the most significant steps was building this small Greek Revival vernacular structure as a meeting place for the county court. The courts met here until a new court house was completed in 1839. At that time Uri Manly, the town's first postmaster, converted the building into a store and the town post office.

The land upon which the structure stood belonged to Willian B. Archer who lost it in payment for a debt in 1845. Following this date the land and building changed hands several times until 1891. At that time Newton and Margaret McCann became the owners. Since their family was too large for so small a house several one-story additions were made to the rear. The McCann's occupied the house until 1947. Once again there was a period of many different owners until the old house was purchased by the Clark County Historical Society in December, 1968.

The Historical Society selected this building as their museum because of its significance during Marshall's early years of growth and development. Here met the first courts in the new county seat and from here Uri Manly, one of the earliest settlers, distributed mail to the thriving population living along the National Road. The Manly-McCann House and William B. Archer's House Hotel (which still stands along the National road and is already on the Register) are two of the few basically unaltered buildings remaining in Marshall that were constructed before the Civil War.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Perrin, Wm. Henry (ed.), History of Crawford and Clark Counties, Illinois (O.L. Baskin & Co., Chicago, 1883).
Bateman, Newton and Paul Selby, Historical Encyclopedia of Illinois and History of Clark County (Munsell, Chicago, 1917).

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name MARSHALL, IL

Quadrangle scale 1:24 000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Lot 18 in the Woodford Delany addition to the city of Marshall

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 Richard L. Schachtsiek

organization Historical Administration Major

date January 12, 1981

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city or town Charleston

state Illinois 61920

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature David Kenney

title Director, Ill. Dept. of Conservation

date 4/13/81

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

date

Keeper of the National Register

date

Attest:

Chief of Registration

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

STATE ILLINOIS

Date Entered MARCH 5, 1982

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Griffiths, John W., Mansion	Chicago Cook County
Stauduhar House	Rock Island Rock Island County
Manly-McCann House	Marshall Clark County

Notified

Honorable Charles H. Percy
Honorable Alan Dixon
Honorable Harold Washington
Honorable Thomas F. Railsback
Honorable Daniel B. Crane

Midwest Regional Office, NPS

✓ State Historic Preservation Officer
Dr. David Kenney
Director, Department of Conservation
State Office Building
400 South Spring Street
Springfield, Illinois 62706

For further information, please call the National Register at (202) 272-3504

ILLINOIS HISTORIC SITES SURVEY INVENTORY

CL-H-32
200322

1. Name of Site:

Common McCann Home or Clark County Museum
Historic Uri Manley Home

2. Location:

<u>Street and Number</u>	<u>Township</u>	<u>Section</u>
SW cor. Maple & 4th		
<u>City or Town</u>	<u>Zip Code</u>	<u>Range</u>
Marshall		
<u>County</u>		<u>1/4 Section</u>

3. Clark
Classification:

Category (check one)		Integrity (check one)	
<input type="checkbox"/> District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered
<input type="checkbox"/> Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site

4. Ownership:

Status (check one)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public	<input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied
	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress

Access to Public

Yes Restricted Unrestricted No

Present Use (check one or more)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	

5. Ownership of Property:

Owner's Name Phone Number

Street and Number

City or Town

State County Zip Code

6. Description:

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated
 Ruins Unexposed

Is there a program of preservation underway? Yes No

GOVERNMENT

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)
- Illinois Middle (1850-1900)
- Illinois Late (1900-present)
- Famous People (give names & dates)

8. Specific Date: 1830's constructed

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

- Aboriginal (historic)
- Aboriginal (pre-historic)
- Agriculture
- 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)
Government

Brief statement of significance: (include all names and dates)
Use additional sheets if necessary. Location of Marshall 1st post office which managed by Uri Manley, who also lived in the house.

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.

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Open Drive To Save

Marshall Landmark

MARSHALL (Special) A campaign to purchase and renovate the historic McCain House in Marshall as a county historical museum and landmark was launched Sunday afternoon in ceremonies conducted by the Clark County Historical Society.

The one-story weathering frame structure is located on the corner of Fourth and Maple, and was initially constructed in the 1830s. It was used by Marshalls' first postmaster, Uri Manley, as the town's original post office as well as his residence.

The house has been opened on Sundays for the past several months as an Illinois Sesqui-centennial feature and more than 1,200 visitors have signed the register after touring the property.

Dr. George Mitchell, Marshall physician and president of the Historical Society, opened the program held on the porch of the home and explained the proposed plan to purchase the property, which has been offered by its present owners for \$3,000; plus extensive renovation and furnishing expected to cost \$6,000.

Named to head a special committee to secure the \$9,000 needed was Charles Bush, Marshall school superintendent. State Rep. John Lewis spoke briefly to the crowd emphasizing the need for preserving past history of the community and county, and noting that "once a historic site and building such as this is torn down, it is lost forever."

Special entertainment for the afternoon was provided by the American Indian dancers of the Marshall Boy Scouts led by Louis Myles, Scoutmaster of Troop 81.

Taking part in the featured performance were ... and Jimmy ... and Bill Milton, and ... Mite Myles.

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THIS IS THE HISTORIC McCann House, the original post office for Marshall and one of the earliest houses constructed in the community, being built in the 1830s. A campaign to raise funds to purchase the property and renovate it as a county museum is now underway. (Beacon-News photo)

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Clark Museum Is

Dedicated Sunday

MARSHALL (Special) — Formal dedication of the new Clark County Museum, a project outgrowth of the Illinois Sesquicentennial celebration last year, was completed Sunday afternoon favored by dry skies and brief sunshine, and enthusiastic acceptance by the audience on hand for the ceremonies.

The partially-restored McCann House on South Fourth Street at Maple is the new museum, and dedication of the property came just a bit more than a year after the ambitious community project was first announced.

In addition to being one of the oldest residences still standing in Clark County, the one-story frame house also served as Marshall's first post office.

EXTERIOR is nearly complete in restoration, including hand-made brick chimneys and wooden shake roofs. Next major phase, mentioned several times during the dedication, will be the interior restoration.

Wilfred Shaw, vice president of the Clark County Historical Society, served as master of ceremonies and presented Dr. George Mitchell, M.D., Historical Society president, for brief welcoming remarks.

Charles Bush, member of the building committee, discussed the work performed by contractor Huber Richey and work still to be undertaken. He also reported that \$8,100 had been contributed to the Historical Society for the county museum during the past year, with \$7,840 spent on the project to date including the original \$3,000 price paid for the house and lot.

THE DEDICATION speaker was Marshall's Lincoln authority Basil Moore, who offered a number of Lincoln quotations appropriate for today as well as for the 19th century. Rev. Dean Austin of the Martinsville United Methodist Church offered the invocation and benediction. Mayor Hubert Ferris pledged continued support by the city.

Special guests at the outdoors program Sunday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. John Parker of Lincoln. Mr. Parker, grandson of the McCann family, spent many of his younger years in visits to the McCann house. He made a presentation to the Historical Society for furthering the museum and noted that all of the decedents of Mrs. McCann are now members of the Clark County Historical Society including undoubtedly the youngest member, Parker's 14-month-old grandson Johnathon Brewster Parker of Chicago.

Members of the building committee recognized at the dedication included Lawrence Goekler, Mrs. Robert McCourt, Mrs. Mildred Prazier, Mrs. Joy Miller, Mr. Bush, Mr. Shaw and Dr. Mitchell. Among the many other organizations and individuals mentioned were members of Boy Scout Troop 81 which assumed care of the yard.

OTHER GUESTS included Joseph Sanders, president of the Edgar County Historical Society, and other members of the Crawford County Historical Society.

Entertainment was provided by three Marshall High School girls offering the guitar-vocal folk songs "Jamaica Farewell" and "Today," and by a gospel quartet from Westfield composed of Ben Hammond, John Evans and Dean Finney, with Miss Linda Hammond at the organ.

As a concluding note, it was announced that the Clark County Historical Society had received first place for its window display in connection with last weekend's Marshall Fall Festival.



CROWDS FILL the shaded lawn of the McCann House for dedication of the Marshall home as the new Clark County Museum Sunday afternoon. Restoration of the building is sponsored by the Clark County Historical Society. Renova-

tion on the exterior has included a new wooden shake roof, rebuilt fireplace and chimneys and replacement of siding and frame. The portion at the right served as Marshall's first post office. (Beacon-News Photo)



LINCOLN AUTHORITY Basil Moore delivers the dedication remarks in front of the new Clark County Museum in Marshall. Seated on the porch of the McCann House, in the process of being restored to its appearance and service of the 1840s, are Dr.

George Mitchell and Wilfred Shaw, president and vice president of the Clark County Historical Society; Huber Richey, general contractor on the restoration; Mayor Hubert Ferris of Marshall; Charles Bush of the building committee; and Rev. Dean Austin, Martinsville. (Beacon-News Photo)

