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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

MINEOLA HOTEL

AND/OR COMMON

MINEOLA HOTEL

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

91 North Cora

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Fox Lake

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Illinois

VICINITY OF

CODE

12

COUNTY

Lake

CODE

097

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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Emily Jakstas

STREET & NUMBER

91 North Cora

CITY, TOWN

Fox Lake

VICINITY OF

STATE

Illinois

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Lake County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Waukegan

STATE

Illinois

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Illinois Historic Landmarks Survey - Lake County

DATE

October 1975

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Illinois Department of Conservation

CITY, TOWN

Springfield

STATE

Illinois

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" 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		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Mineola Hotel is situated on the western shore of Fox Lake in the Illinois Chain of Lakes Area. The hotel is a large, three story frame structure, built in two sections. The original section, the north half of the building, was built in 1888. The south half was added in 1903. The addition blends with the 1888 section, but angles slightly from the original section.

The 1888 section is a two and one half story, rectangular plan structure with a three story square tower at the center of the main facade. This tower rises above the main entrance. The tower roof is pyramidal with superimposed decorative gable ends. The original roof line of the main structure was a low hip with three superimposed gable ends accenting the entry bay and each end bay. A large hipped dormer was located on each side of the tower. A wide, two tier veranda covered three sides of the hotel. This veranda was decorated with stick style tracery. A wide flight of steps led from the central main entry down to the beach.

In 1903, the building was extended with an addition to the south. The two tier veranda was continued along the new section, but the decorative fretwork was removed. The railing was changed to a simple vertical baluster type. The roofline on the hotel was changed to a simple hip roof with nine gabled dormers. These dormers extended into open balconies. The 1901 section contains a large dining room on the main floor and a ground level which housed a bar. Today this bar (floor plan changed) is the only section of the hotel still in use.

In 1953, the entire two tier veranda was removed, leaving the building in its present configuration. The building contains 79 sleeping rooms, a large dining room, a bar, a ballroom (now collapsed), and a few small parlors or sitting rooms. The floors throughout the building are hardwood, some parquet. The door and window casings are pine with bullseye decoration. Those on the 1901 section are less decorative.

In 1970, large plate glass windows were added in the ground level bar section. At this time, the bar was remodeled. The stained glass windows from the main entry are hung in the bar as is the hotel room call box.

The removal of the verandas and the bar remodeling are the major alterations to the building. The building was last used in 1969 (except bar still in use) and has received little maintenance since; consequently it is in poor condition. The interior is basically unaltered and approximately 80% of the original furnishings can be found in the building.

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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) tourism
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1888 - 1903 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In 1883, Thomas Parker purchased the tract of land on Fox Lake known as Mineola Woods. Parker purchased this land for the Union Club of Chicago, Inc. for the purpose as stated in their by-laws; to provide recreation and social intercourse among their members. The Union Club built a small Clubhouse. In 1888, the Mineola Club, Inc. of Chicago purchased all the holdings of the Union Club and built the north half of the present building. Christen Knowles, a carpenter-contractor, Charles O'Boyle and Robert McNeil were the builders of the first section of the Mineola Hotel. All the lumber and materials used in the construction of the Hotel was transported across the lake in steamboats. In 1903, Edson Howard purchased the hotel, and added the south section.

The Mineola Hotel is significant because it is the second largest frame building in Illinois known to the State (Illinois) Historic Preservation Office (the largest being the Zion Hotel, Zion, Illinois -- NR, 6/18/76).

The Hotel served as a popular hunting and fishing resort for many years.

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE ILLINOIS

Date Entered JAN 29 1979

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Mineola Hotel	Fox Lake Lake County
Roberts, William H., House	Pecatonica Winnebago County

Also Notified

Honorable Charles H. Percy
Honorable Adlai E. Stevenson
Honorable Robert McClory
Honorable John B. Anderson

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