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Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

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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 Hodges House

and/or common Hodges Office Building, Lee House

2. Location

street & number 532 North Main Street not for publication

city, town Carrollton vicinity of congressional district 20th

state IL code 012 county Greene code 061

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Greene County National Bank

street & number 600 North Main Street

city, town Carrollton vicinity of state Illinois

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number Greene County Courthouse

city, town Carrollton state Illinois

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title	1. Illinois Historic Landmarks Survey	nined eligible? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
	2. Illinois Historic Structures Survey	
date	1. April, 1975	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> state <input type="checkbox"/> county <input type="checkbox"/> local
	2. October, 1974	
depository for survey records	1. 405 East Washington Street	
	2. Same	
city, town	1. Springfield	1. Illinois
	2. Same	2. Same

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 original portion of the Hodges House--a one story, two-room brick dwelling with gable roof and gallery--was built near the northwest corner of Carrollton's courthouse square just four years or so after the town was laid out as county seat of Greene County in 1821.

In 1829 the modest house was extended south almost to the line of North Main Street. This addition may have been the work of Moses Stevens, whose 1832 courthouse once stood across the street. Its smooth brick finish, prominent lintel-type window heads, parapeted end-wall chimneys, and dentiled fascia board are all characteristic of the Federal style in Illinois (pedimented dormers feature the same simple dentiled trim and may be original).

Sometime between 1850 and 1852 the house was further enlarged by the construction of a two story brick wing to the east. Exterior finish and window treatment resemble that of the older block of the house, but the low pitch hip roof, wide eaves, and paired ornamental brackets are all characteristic of the Italianate style then in vogue (the double door with etched glass panels and front portico almost certainly date from this time).

In 1921 the house was converted to use as an office building. Several partitions were erected inside, and a new entrance was opened in the easternmost wall of the house. Other alterations include the removal of ornamental cresting from the deck of the hip roof, the reduction of the front portico to less than half of its original extent, and the replacement of several original windows and chimneys.

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/
<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 ca. 1825-1884 Builder/Architect Moses Stevens?

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

This rambling structure is primarily significant for its historical associations with prominent jurist and legislator Charles Drury Hodges and other nineteenth century notables of Carrollton, Illinois. The Federal-style portions of the house were built for early settler Samuel Lee, Jr. (first county clerk of Greene County) in about 1825 and in 1829. It later served as the home of "Squire" Lee's widow and her second husband, Colonel Edward Baker, a Carrollton attorney who later represented the state of Oregon in the United States Senate. In 1850 the house was purchased by Judge Hodges who (sometime between 1850 and 1852) built the two story Italianate addition to the east.

The Hodges House possesses additional significance as one of Carrollton's finest surviving examples of not only the Federal style of architecture but the Italianate style as well. It is listed in both the Illinois Historic Landmarks Survey and the Illinois Historic Structures Survey.

Additional Information

Charles Drury Hodges was born in Maryland in 1810 and practiced law in Annapolis before moving west, first to St. Louis, then (in 1833) to Carrollton in southwestern Illinois. He was, for a time, partner in a dry-goods store as well as a practicing attorney. His first public position was the office of clerk to the village board. In 1853 Hodges was elected county judge. He served in this capacity until 1859 when he was elected to the United States House of Representatives to fill a vacancy caused by the death of one Major Harris. In 1867 Hodges was elected circuit judge. He performed this office for six years, then served as state senator in the legislatures of 1875 and 1877.

Judge Hodges was known not only for his service in the local, state, and federal governments, but also for his efforts in promoting the economic growth of Carrollton and the surrounding area. He was one of the first subscribers to the "Carrollton and Jacksonville Railroad," for example, and later served for many years as a director of the Chicago and Alton line.

Hodges and his wife Ellen lived in this house until their deaths in 1884 and 1899 respectively. It was converted to use as an office building in 1921 and was purchased by the nearby Greene County National Bank in 1974 to forestall demolition.

9. Major Bibliographical References

History of Greene County, Illinois, Chicago, Donnelly, Gassette & Lloyd, Publishers. 1879.

Souvenir Edition ("Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of Carrollton and Greene County") of the Carrollton Gazette Patriot. 1896.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property Less than one

Quadrangle name Roodhouse Quadrangle (Illinois)

Quadrangle scale 1:62,500

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification The Hodges House occupies lot 19 and part of lot 20 of the original plat of Carrollton.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title	1. Miss Fern Bruner				
	2. Jeffrey S. Flemming				
organization	1. Greene County Historical and Genealogical Society	date	1. January, 1980		
	2. Illinois Dept. of Conservation		2. May, 1980		
street & num	1. —	telephone	1. (618) 753-3516		
	2. 405 East Washington Street		2. (217) 782-1847		
city or town	1. Rockbridge	state	1. Illinois 62081		
	2. Springfield		2. Illinois 62706		

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

title date

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

date

Keeper of the National Register

Agent:

date

Chief of Registration

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Parcel A. Lot Numbered Nineteen (19) and 17 feet and 8 inches, more or less, off the West side of Lot Numbered Twenty (20), being all that portion of said Lot Numbered Twenty (20) lying West of the West wall of the brick building now located on said Lot Numbered Twenty (20) as extended North to the North line of said lot, all in the original Town, now City, of Carrollton, according to the recorded plat thereof, excepting therefrom the North 70 feet thereof, subject to and together with existing roads, easements and rights-of-way, situated in said City of Carrollton.

Parcel B. The North 70 feet of the following described tract of land: Lot Numbered Nineteen (19) and 17 feet and 8 inches, more or less, off the West side of Lot Numbered Twenty (20), being all that portion of said Lot Numbered Twenty (20), lying West of the West wall of the brick building now located on said Lot Numbered Twenty (20) as extended North to the North line of said lot, all in the Original Town, now City, of Carrollton, according to the recorded plat thereof, subject to and together with existing roads, easements and rights-of-way, situated in said City of Carrollton.

Lots are 180 feet deep.