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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Illinois
COUNTY: Hardin
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ENTRY DATE

1. NAME

COMMON: Rose Hotel
AND/OR HISTORIC: McFarlan's Tavern

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: South Main Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Elizabethtown		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 21st-Congressman Kenneth Gray	
STATE: Illinois	CODE: 17	COUNTY: Hardin	CODE: 069

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) hotel

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: James C. Gullett		
STREET AND NUMBER: Attorney at Law Main Street		
CITY OR TOWN: Elizabethtown	STATE: Illinois	CODE: 17

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Courthouse		
STREET AND NUMBER: Main Street		
CITY OR TOWN: Elizabethtown	STATE: Illinois	CODE: 17

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:		
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local		
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:		
STREET AND NUMBER:		
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	exterior (Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Present & Historical Location

The hotel is situated on a limestone bluff over-looking the Ohio River.

The original McFarlan's Tavern was a two-story, two-room building constructed of grey brick said to have been hauled downriver by flatboat from Pittsburgh, the room on each floor was 21' square as was the limestone cellar beneath. The walls were a foot thick, the sills used in the building were massive trees cut into halves, the original building is now the lobby and office of the Rose Hotel.

In 1848, the front of the house facing the river was extended east with the addition of four 18' square rooms. A dining room addition, 21' x 27' was in 1865, at the end of the Civil War.

In 1866, the covered, two-story porch and stairway were added. In 1882, a "summer house" or pavillion was built on the edge of the bluff in front of the hotel.

In 1881, the sample or display room at the rear of the hotel with a passage-way between the two buildings was added. Salemen or "drummers" as they were called, displayed their wares to buyers who would come from the town and surrounding countryside.

The hotel has a total of 14 rooms. They grey exterior has been painted white and a new roof has been added along with screens and storm windows.

The hotel is seventy feet wide and has a ten' wide porch across the entire width of the building.

THE ROSE HOTEL

The original building, probably a residence of the Rose Hotel was two stories high with a single room on each floor. It had a chimney on the west wall. In style it was a simplified combination of various Eastern architectural types and as such, testifies to the nostalgia of the early settlers in Illinois for buildings in the east.

The Rose Hotel recalls faintly the early Colonial mode of building in Virginia and the later Georgian. In its planning, the proportions of its facade, the arrangement of doors and windows in the facade, and in the pitch of the roof, it is reminiscent of colonial houses. In addition, certain details such as the rectangular transom and the window-heads recall the early Georgian style.

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As enlarged, the facade was expanded according to the original style. The covered two story porch and stairway, added in 1866, although survivals of the French architecture in the Mississippi Valley, are presented with the details that belong stylistically to the 1860's.

The combination of eastern and French styles in the Rose Hotel testifies to the convergence of these two influential cultural streams from the east and south in lower Illinois.

Koeper, Frederick, Illinois Architecture (Chicago: University of Chicago Press) 1968, p. 108.

Morrison, Hugh, Early American Architecture (New York: Oxford University Press), 1952.

Henry Lionel Williams and Ottalie K. Williams, A Guide to Old American Houses 1700-1900 (New York: A. S. Barnes & Company, Inc.) 1962.

Written by Susan Sorrell

3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) ca 1812-1820

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Hotel</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The McFarlan House is said to have been built in 1812 by James McFarlan, an early settler and Captain of the Big Creek Militia, proprietor of an early ferry, and founder of Elizabethtown, which was named for his wife. McFarlan was the first in a line of five James McFarlans. In 1834, the hotel was deeded to James McFarlan, Jr.

From then until the golden era of steamboating ended shortly after the turn of the present century, the old hotel was an important stopping point for riverboats and land travelers. In the early years the United States Salines north of Elizabethtown, near Equality, brought a steady traffic of wagons carrying salt for settlers in Kentucky and Tennessee. Many used the ferries at Elizabethtown and Cave-in-Rock upriver.

In the days of heavy river traveling a packet made the run between Paducah, Kentucky and Evansville, Indiana, stopping daily at Elizabethtown for passengers and freight.

The summer house which sits in front of the hotel was flooded by the disastrous 1913 flood of the Ohio River. The flooding led to litigation to determine ownership of the bluff and river's edge, and the decision in favor of Mrs. Charlotte Rose Gullet, the owner of the hotel at that time, has been cited in numerous court cases, since that time.

Though specific concrete evidence is lacking to justify its actual construction date, the Rose Hotel is one of the oldest structures in Illinois. It was, until its closing two years ago, the oldest hotel in continuous operation in the same building in Illinois. As a part of early Illinois history, it is indeed worthy of National Register recognition.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Gerbacher, Eva Oxford, "Hotel on the Ohio", Egyptian Key, Vol. II, (December, 1945), 15-19.

Malkovich, Daniel, "Old Rose Hotel: Illinois Cultural Landmarks", Outdoor Illinois, Vol. III (October, 1964), 28-30.

Allen, John W. Legends and Lore of Southern Illinois, Carbondale, Illinois, 1963.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		37° 26' 43"	88° 18' 04"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
William G. Farrar

ORGANIZATION: Illinois Historic Sites Survey

DATE: March 8, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER:
320 South Main Street

CITY OR TOWN: Benton

STATE: Illinois 62812

CODE: 17

12 STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE ILLINOIS

Date Entered DEC 26 1972

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Rose Hotel	Village of Elizabethtown Hardin County
Denkmann-Hauberg House	Rock Island Rock Island County
Thebes Courthouse	Thebes Alexander County

COPY OF CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION

Also Notified

Hon. Charles H. Percy
Hon. Adlai E. Stevenson, III
Hon. Kenneth Gray
Hon. Tom Railsback

Illinois Historic Sites Inventory Form

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Survey Track

- Archaeology
- Architecture
- History

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N.R.

1. Name of Site:
Common:

Rose Hotel

Historic:

McFarlan's Tavern
2. Location of site:
Street and Number

South Main Street

Township

T12S

Section

22

City or Town

Elizabethtown

Zip Code

62931

Range

R8E

Section

SE

County:

Hardin

3. Classification

Category: (check one)

- District
- Building
- Site
- Structure

Integrity: (check one)

- Altered Exterior
- Unaltered

Position: (check one)

- Moved
- Original site

4. Ownership:

- Public
- Private

Status:

- Occupied
- Unoccupied
- Preservation work in progress

Access to the 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 (specify: Hotel)

5. Owner of property:

Owner's name

James G. Gullett

Phone number

Street and number

Attorney-at-Law - Main Street

City or town

Elizabethtown

State

Illinois

County

Hardin

Zip Code

62931

TRANSPORTATION

Description:

Present and Historical Location:

The hotel is situated on a limestone bluff overlooking the Ohio River. The view upstream is three miles eastward. The view downstream is three miles westward.

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Significance:

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The builder of the hostelry died in 1837.

In the days of heavy river traveling a packet made the run between Paducah, Kentucky and Evansville, Indiana daily, stopping at Elizabethtown for passengers and freight. During the Civil War a Union gunboat shelled the woods on the Kentucky side of the River, opposite Elizabethtown, when it was thought that the Confederate raider Morgan and his men might be in the vicinity.

Significance, cont.

The summer house which sits in front of the Hotel was flooded by the disastrous 1913 flood of the Ohio River. The flooding led to litigation to determine ownership of the bluff and rivers' edge, and the decision in favor of Mrs. Charlotte Rose Gullet, the owner of the Hotel at that time, has been cited in numerous court cases, since that time.

The Rose Hotel is the oldest Hotel in Illinois in continuous operation since 1812.

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