

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Illinois	
COUNTY: Will	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER: /	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Will County Historical Society Headquarters

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Illinois and Michigan Canal Office Building

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
803 South State Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Lockport 60441

STATE:
Illinois

CODE 17	COUNTY: Will	CODE 197
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District	<input type="checkbox"/> Public	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes: Restricted
<input type="checkbox"/> Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted
<input type="checkbox"/> Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both		<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Object				

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Will County Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:
803 South State Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Lockport 60441

STATE:
Illinois

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17

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Will County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:
Joliet

CITY OR TOWN:
Joliet

STATE:
Illinois

CODE
17

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Building Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: **1936**

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
 Federal State County Local

Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:
Washington

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE:
D.C.

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The original canal office building of 1845 is a modified example of the Greek Revival style. It has a symmetrical facade, a low hipped roof, and a recessed porch. This type of building, especially when used for dwelling houses in Illinois, was usually from one to one-and-one-half stories high. Certain details such as the rectangular transom and the rather classic detailing above the windows and on the porch posts also reflect this style.

The two-story residence wing at the south end of the building was added in the decade after the Civil War. It is generally Victorian in character with its low pitched roof, deeply moulded eaves, and heavy brackets. The rather elaborately turned porch supports and the detailing of the porch also characterize this style. However, some effort at achieving a harmony between the buildings seems to have been made in that the size of the windows in this building and the detailing over them are similar to those of the earlier structure.

The office building and residence wing of the Illinois and Michigan Canal Museum represent two popular architectural styles of the nineteenth century and each reflects the taste of its period.

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B. 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) **1845 Construction Date**

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Illinois and Michigan Canal Office, Lockport is significant because of its association with the Illinois and Michigan Canal. The Canal was the single most important force in the development of northern Illinois.

Action on development of the Canal began in 1824 when a survey of five possible routes was completed. On January 17, 1825, the Illinois and Michigan Canal Company was incorporated but it eventually failed because it was unable to sell stock. In 1827, Congress granted Illinois 8000,000 acres of land along the proposed canal right-of-way.

1829 saw the creation of a new Canal Commission whose duty was to raise money for canal construction. Under the Commission's direction the towns of Chicago and Ottawa were laid out. Canal construction was not begun and the issue lay dormant, save for occasional spurts of life.

In 1834 the Canal became an issue in the Illinois gubernatorial contest. The election winner, Joseph Duncan, devoted one-third of his inaugural address to promotion of the Canal Project.

A third Canal Commission was appointed in 1835 and Governor Duncan was empowered to negotiate a loan of not more than \$500,000 to finance canal construction. William Gooding was chosen for the post of Chief Engineer. Due to lack of funds, the original plan to cut a canal through to Lake Michigan was abandoned in favor of a canal to the Chicago River. Ground was broken in Chicago on July 4, 1836.

1836 was the year in which the Commission laid out the Town of Lockport with an eye towards establishing canal headquarters there. The Canal office was the first building of any importance erected in the town.

Construction of the Canal proceeded slowly and was hampered by financial difficulties, such as the Panic of 1837. The Canal was finally completed in 1848 and the first boat to travel on the Canal was launched at Lockport.

Canal operations continued under Commission control until 1871 when with its debts paid and a \$94,742 cash balance, it was turned over to the State for operation. The Canal contributed greatly to the economic ascendance of Chicago over St. Louis and to the rise and growth of Peoria.

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Statement of Significance, cont.

In 1871, the cutting of the Canal through to Lake Michigan was completed. Lockport was the scene of ceremonies marking this occasion. Among the dignitaries present for the occasion were Governor John Palmer and General Philip Sheridan.

Competition from the railroads ended passenger service on the canal and eventually most of the freight which had been shipped on the Canal was sent by rail. The Canal is no longer used for transportation or freight shipment.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

The History of Will County, Illinois, Wm. LeBaron Jr. & Co., Chicago, 1878.

Pearse, Theodore Calvin, The Frontier State 1818-1848, Centennial History of Illinois, Vol. 2, Springfield, Illinois Centennial Commission, 1918.

Putnam, James William. The Illinois and Michigan Canal, a Study in Economic History, Chicago, University of Chicago Press, 1918.

Harlow, Alvin F., Old Townpaths, the Story of the American Canal Era, Kennikat Press, Inc., Fort Washington, New York, 1964.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES GIVEN IN A REFERENCE LOCATING THE PROPERTY						O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY WHICH IS QUALIFIED AS A					
LATITUDE			LONGITUDE				LATITUDE			LONGITUDE		
Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	
41°	35'	21"	88°	04'	17"							

11. APPROXIMATE PERCENTAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: .06

12. ALL STATE AND COUNTY FOR PROPERTIES OF BLASSING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

	COUNTY	COUNTY
	COUNTY	COUNTY
	COUNTY	COUNTY
	COUNTY	COUNTY

11. FORM PREPARED BY

William G. Ferrar
 Illinois Historic Sites Survey
 320 South Main Street
 Boston

April 30, 1971

12. STATE LIASON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned State Liason Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 Public Law 89-661, do hereby certify and nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it meets the criteria and procedures of the National Park Service. The nomination is hereby submitted to the National Register.

Name of State: Illinois Local:

Name: Henry N. Barkhausen

Director, Illinois Department of Conservation

Date: July 8, 1971

Illinois

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property meets the National Register

Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date:

APPROVE:

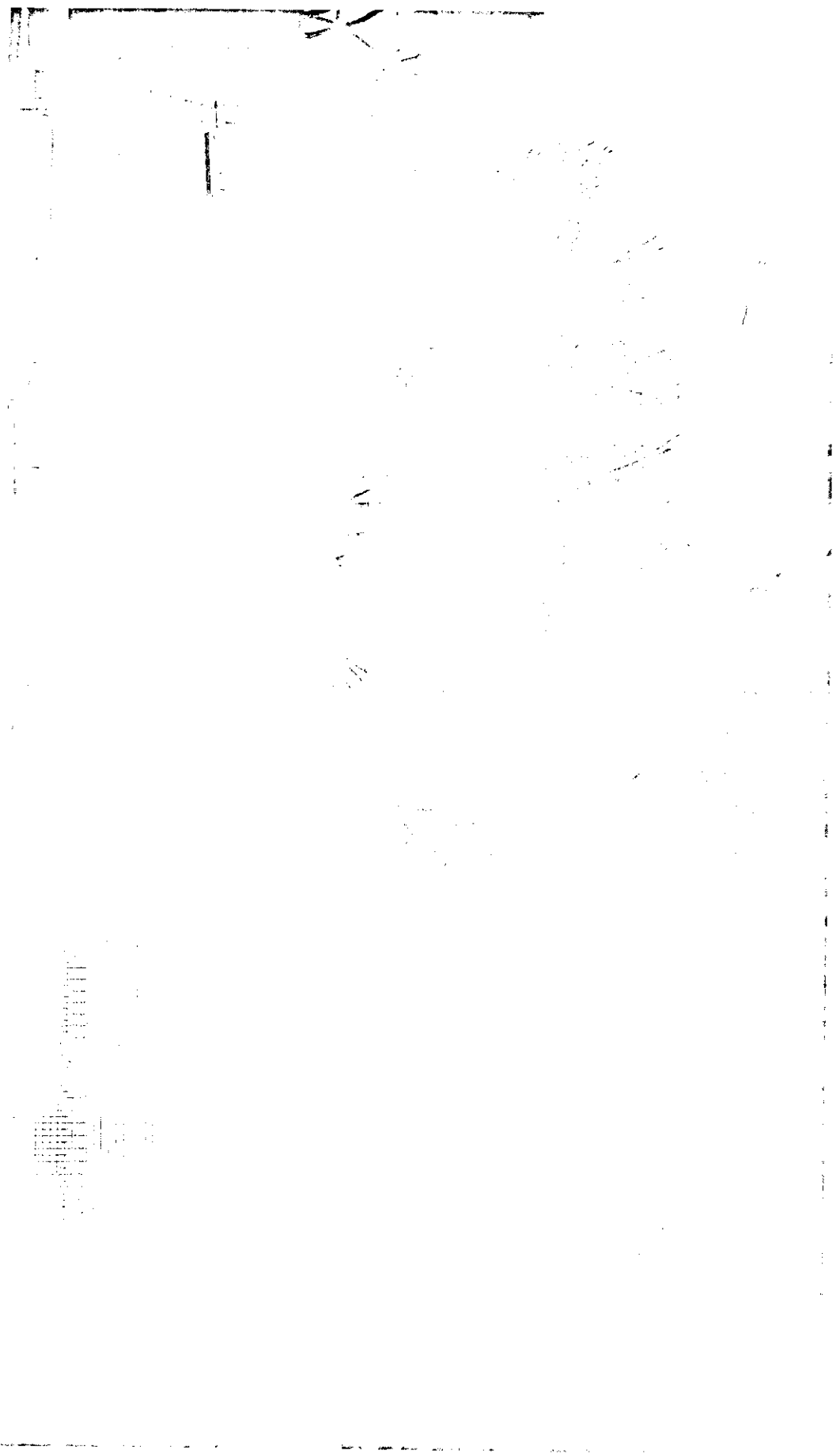
Keeper of The National Register

Date:

RECEIVED

SEE INSTRUCTIONS DIRECTOR'S OFFICE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, County of Cook, ss. I, Clerk of said County, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original as the same appears from the records of said County.



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3. MAP REFERENCE
SOURCE:
U. S. G. S. 7.5 minute Joliet Quadrangle
SCALE: 1:2400
DATE: 1962

4. REQUIREMENTS
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS
1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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3. PHOTO REFERENCE
PHOTO CREDIT:
DATE OF PHOTO:
NEGATIVE FILED AT:

4. IDENTIFICATION
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.
Front of Building looking east.

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE ILLINOIS

Date Entered MAY 17 1972

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
St. Clair County Court House	Belleville St. Clair County
Will County Historical Society Headquarters	Lockport Will County

COPY OF CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION

Also Notified

Hon. Charles H. Percy
Hon. Adlai E. Stevenson, III
Hon. Melvin Price
Hon. John N. Erlenborn

Wi-14-17

ILLINOIS HISTORIC SITES SURVEY INVENTORY

SURVEY USE ONLY

1. Name of Site:
Common Will County I & M Canal Museum
Historic Offices of the I & M Canal

- () Archaeology
- () Architecture
- () History

MR

200610

2. Location:

<u>Street and Number</u>	<u>Township</u>	<u>Section</u>
803 State Road	Lockport	23
<u>City or Town</u>	<u>Zip Code</u>	<u>1/4 Section</u>
Lockport	R10E	NE
<u>County</u>		

3. Classification:

Category (check one)	Integrity (check one)
() District	() Altered
() Site	() Moved
(X) Building	(X) Unaltered
() Structure	() Original Site

4. Ownership

() Private	() Occupied
(X) Public	() Unoccupied
	(X) Preservation work in progress

Access to public

(X) Yes (X) Restricted () Unrestricted () No

Present Use (check one or more)

() Agricultural	() Industrial	() Religious
(X) Commercial	() Military	() Scientific
() Educational	(X) Museum	(X) Transportation
() Entertainment	() Park	() Other (specify)
(X) Government	() Private Residence	

5. Ownership of Property

<u>Owner's name</u>	Will Co. Hist. Soc.	<u>Phone Number</u>
<u>Street and Number</u>	803 State St.	838-5080
<u>City or Town</u>	Lockport	<u>Zip Code</u>
<u>State</u>	<u>County</u>	

6. Description

Condition

(X) Excellent () Good () Fair () Deteriorated () Ruins () Unexposed

Is there a program of preservation underway? () Yes () No

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

- () Archaeological Site (Pre-Columbian)
- () Archaeological Site (Post-Columbian to 1673)
- () French Influence (1673-1780)
- () Illinois Frontier (1780-1818)
- (X) Illinois Early (1818-1850)
- (X) Illinois Middle (1850-1900)
- () Illinois Late (1900-present)
- () Famous People (give names & dates)

TRANSPORTATION



8. Specific Date:

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 type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Science |
| <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input checked="" 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.

9. Form prepared by:

Name and title: John M. Lamb Date: _____
Organization: Lockport Preservation Soc.
Street and Number: _____
City or Town _____ County _____ Zip Code _____
Phone Number _____

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

Report of the Canal Commissioners, Springfield, Dec. 1, 1877.

Twentieth Annual Report of Division of Waterways, July 1, 1936 to June 30, 1937, p.

Twenty-First Annual Report of Division of Waterways, July 1, 1937 to June 30, 1938,



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The main office was built in 1838 (see page 58 21st Annual Report of Division of Highways). The two story wing on the south was built in 1876 (see page 5 Report of the Canal Commissioners 1877 Springfield) as a residence for the Canal Superintendent. The structure is now used as a museum of the Illinois and Michigan Canal owned and operated by the Will County Historical Society. It is on the Illinois Register of Historic Landmarks.