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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Greek Revival Cottage

AND/OR COMMON Workman's Cottage

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
1205 W. Springfield (after May 1, 1977: Leal Park

__ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN 300 W. University, Urbana)

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
21st

STATE
Illinois

__ VICINITY OF
CODE

COUNTY
Champaign

CODE

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Champaign County Historical Museum

STREET & NUMBER
709 W. University

CITY, TOWN Champaign

STATE
IL.

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Champaign County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN
Urbana

STATE
IL.

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE See Continuation Sheet 1

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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CONTINUATION SHEET 1

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6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Title:

100 Houses of Urbana, Illinois: Who Lived in Them and When?

Karl Lohmann. 1961.

Heitzman Survey. Frank Heitzman. 1974.

Urbana Preservation Study. Cynthia Durko, David Hess, et al.
1975.

Depositories:

Urbana Free Library, Urbana, Illinois

Champaign County Historical Museum, Champaign, Illinois

DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Greek Revival Cottage is typical of the neo-classical style prevalent in the Midwest during the early and middle nineteenth century. It is similar in plan to a "Workingman's Model Cottage" illustrated in A.J. Downing, The Architecture of Country Houses (New York, 1850). The Cottage described therein is very plain but with an expression of symmetrical beauty.

The condition is currently sound. Preservationists who have toured the Cottage declare its condition to be consistent with its age. There have been no structurally irreversible alterations to the building.

A small rectangular portico attached to the broad side facing the street is the predominant element of the Cottage. Square wooden pillars support a pediment ornamented with dentils and sensitively proportioned relief.

The main portion of the house is 37 feet wide and 30 feet long. A rear wing (15 feet by 17 feet) was added. The original clapboard exterior has been covered with brown asbestos shingles. The roof has asbestos shingles and the front porch has a concrete platform. Original mortise and tenon doors, dog-ear moldings around doors, and some paneling under windows remain. Original glass is in most of the windows. Foundation beams extend the full length of the Cottage. Some are hand-adzed; others have the bark remaining.

184 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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES ca. 1860

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Greek Revival Cottage at 1205 W. Springfield, Urbana, Illinois, is the last known residential example of Greek Revival style architecture in Champaign-Urbana and possibly in Champaign county. The Greek Revival style had begun to wane in popularity in the East by the time it was slowly disseminated to this area from the Ohio River Valley. Examples of this style are extremely rare in East Central Illinois. Champaign county itself was not widely populated until the 1850's. Therefore, any buildings which are extant from that period are of local significance from an historical perspective.

The Cottage was probably built about 1860. This conclusion is based on four sources of evidence: (1) the abstract; (2) structural evidence; (3) a map; and (4) locks and hardware. The value of the land on which the Cottage is located increased from \$1,700 in 1855 to \$10,000 in 1860 according to the abstract. The one and one-half story wing on the south side is known to have existed in 1869 according to "A Bird's Eye View of the City of Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois, 1869", a map drawn by A. Ruger and now in the possession of the Urbana Free Library. An examination of the one and one-half story wing suggests that it was added after the Cottage was constructed. The construction techniques are similar to that of the original portion of the Cottage. This suggests that the original portion of the Cottage was constructed before 1869. The locks and hardware in the Cottage bear the patent date of 1866 and appear to be the original fixtures. In conclusion, the abstract strongly suggests that the Cottage was built about 1860 and the map supports the conclusion that the Cottage was built no later than 1869. The structural evidence and the locks reinforce the notion that the Cottage was built sometime in the period 1860-9.

The only solution for preserving the Cottage is its relocation. The structure is scheduled for demolition by the University of Illinois Foundation in order to build a parking lot. The University is willing to transfer title of the Cottage to the Champaign County Historical Museum. An appropriate site, which will preserve its architectural integrity, has been selected in Leal Park, the oldest and most historically significant park in Urbana. The Cottage will be placed on the East side of the park where there are a number of compatible residences nearby. Ultimate use of the building following restoration is as an Historic Preservation Resource Center.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Downing, A.J., The Architecture of Country Houses. New York, 1850.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Patricia L. Miller, Director

ORGANIZATION

Champaign County Historical Museum

DATE

March 31, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

709 W. University Avenue

TELEPHONE

(217)356-1010

CITY OR TOWN

Champaign

STATE

Illinois 61820

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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

David K...

TITLE Director, Illinois Department of Conservation

DATE June 16, 1977

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE OF ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF REGISTRATION
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
URBAN

Greek Revival
Cottage

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

3364 1/4 NE
(RISING)

