

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Illinois	
COUNTY: Kane	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

STRUCTURES

1. NAME

COMMON:
Administration Building, Dundee Township Park District

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Library Hall

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
21 North Washington Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Carpentersville

STATE: **Illinois** CODE: **17** COUNTY: **Kane** CODE: **089**

3. CLASSIFICATION

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

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Dundee Township Park District (In process of buying on contract)

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21 North Washington Street

CITY OR TOWN: **Carpentersville** STATE: **Illinois** CODE: **17**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Kane County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
Fourth Street

CITY OR TOWN: **Geneva,** STATE: **Illinois** CODE: **17**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Illinois Historic Structures Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: **July 1972** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Glessner House

STREET AND NUMBER:
1800 South Prairie Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: **Chicago** STATE: **Illinois** CODE: **17**

13th Congressional District - Congressman: Robert McClory

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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 (Photos Enclosed)

PRESENT PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The exterior of this beautiful building remains unchanged except for the shingle roof which replaced the original slate roof some years ago. The St. Louis pressed brick with buff Bedford stone trimmings are still in fair condition, however, tuck pointing is necessary in some places. The sculptured copper built in gutters still remain with the copper having turned black. The original beveled glass windows adorn the front entrance while in the back of the building the original stained art glass windows are still intact. The narrow horse and buggy drive which circled the building originally, now has been widened for parking on the north side with the south side left for a sidewalk. The stone steps leading to the entrance doors are showing the years of traffic. Exterior lighting was recently installed to beautify and set off the building at night and also protect it from vandalism. The small original street trees have grown and offer shade and esthetics.

The interior has remained structurally unchanged. The original hard maple floors and Georgia pine wainscoat have been refinished to bring out their brilliance. The beveled, leaded glass partitions have fortunately remained intact. The steam heating system has been replaced with a forced air heating and cooling system. The ceilings and walls had been painted and the fresco in the ceiling cove painted over. The fireplace, mantel and decorative ceramic tile hearth remain intact. There are several pieces of the original distinctive furniture still in the building, however, a majority of the furnishings have disappeared over the years.

ORIGINAL PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This beautiful building was Mrs. Mary Carpenter Lord's gift to Carpentersville as a lasting memorial to her husband, Angelo Carpenter. It was built in a Romanesque style, of St. Louis pressed bricks with buff Bedford stone trimmings and slate roof. On the first floor were two reading rooms, a stock room and a reference room. The furnishings of this portion of the building included a fireplace and mantel, paintings, exquisite decorations in fresco, bronze and beveled glass. Back of the library rooms was the ladies parlor, a room 26x40. This room, along with the finished basement, was for the use of the parishioners. The basement contained a lecture room 24x56, a dining room 26x36, a kitchen and pantry and ample space reserved for the steam heating apparatus and coal storage bins. The ventilation was described as perfect. Floors and partitions were deafened with mineral wool, making the building practically fireproof. Floors are of hard maple, inside finish of Georgia pine. The chairs and piano of oak, the lighting by electricity. The entrance arch is of great beauty, the ceiling of the entrance is done in molded copper panels.

Mr. and Mrs. Lord gave their person supervision to every detail of this building and it was a gift of which Carpentersville felt a just gratitude and pride. The architects were Turnbull and Jones of Elgin, Ill.

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6. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian! 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **Dedicated January 2, 1897.**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The building was presented to the people of Carpentersville by Mary Carpenter Lord in memory of Julius Angelo Carpenter, founder of Carpentersville. It was designed and built with the finest materials available. Mrs. Lord picked the design from something she had seen in her foreign travels and is something that most likely has not been duplicated. The local significance to the area was that she left an elegant, lasting and fitting memorial to her husband and the people of Carpentersville, rather than just another building.

Angelo Carpenter, at age 23, opened the first store and built the first two story building in Carpentersville. He also built the first bridge across the Fox River at his own expense in 1851. Under Mr. Carpenters' direction and control, the iron and steel foundry which today is the Illinois Iron and Bolt Company, was organized and is still in operation. He also owned the saw mill, woolen mill, grist mill, village store and was in command of the entire community. His prosperity he shared with his community to an extent which no other Dundee Township resident has ever done. After the manner of many present day industrialists, Mr. Carpenter made provision for the recreational, religious and cultural interests of his employees who largely made up the community. His political way led into the House of Representatives in Springfield in 1870. He was re-elected in 1872.

This building is certainly the most significant thing within Dundee Township left in the memory of the person who built the town. Even today, people marvel at the durability and fine condition of the building. Since Mr. Carpenter was elected to the House of Representatives lends some statewide significance to the building.

The Congregational Church owner of the building offered it for sale. Fortunately the Dundee Township Park Districts offer to buy was accepted in order to keep the building public. Other offers from real estate investors would have taken the building from the people, to whom it was so generously given. Being a landmark in Dundee Township, it is only fitting to maintain the building for public use and restore it to its original quality so that present and future generations can appreciate what one man with empathy for people can do for his town.

By gaining acceptance to the National Historic Register, the building will take an added local and state significance. Quite frankly, it will also make the Dundee Township Park District, a local special taxing district who is not eligible for federal revenue sharing funds, state income or sales tax, eligible to apply for federal funds to restore and preserve the building.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

DuPre, Irma. The Romance of Dundee Township. Dundee, Illinois, 1935.

Herrick, Dr. H.M. The Index. Vol. 1, Nos. 1,2. 1897. (The Index was the newspaper of the Congregational Church of Carpentersville, Illinois. This is a bound volume).

Minutes of Carpentersville Literary and Library Association. pp. 39-41, 48-50, and 58-61. 1895-97.

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				LATITUDE			LONGITUDE	
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	0	'	"	0	'	"	42	06	36
NE	0	'	"	0	'	"	88	16	42
SE	0	'	"	0	'	"			
SW	0	'	"	0	'	"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1/2 to 3/4

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
John Kocourek, Director of Parks & Recreation

ORGANIZATION: **Dundee Township Park District** DATE: **12/27/72**

STREET AND NUMBER:
21 North Washington Street

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12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION	NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION
<p>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:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Title _____</p> <p>Date _____</p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p>_____ Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date _____</p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p>_____ Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date _____</p>

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE ILLINOIS

Date Entered AUG 14 1973

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Library Hall	Carpentersville Kane County

COPY OF CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION

Also Notified

Hon. Charles H. Percy
Hon. Adlai E. Stevenson, III
Hon. Robert McClary