

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Illinois
COUNTY: Carroll
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Carroll County Courthouse

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Courthouse Square

CITY OR TOWN:
Mt. Carroll

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

STATE: Illinois CODE: 17 COUNTY: Carroll CODE: 015

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input 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 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"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Deed Book K, page 180. (Office of County Clerk, County Courthouse)

STREET AND NUMBER:
Carroll County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:
Mt. Carroll Illinois 17

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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COUNTY:
ENTRY NUMBER:
DATE:

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7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered
	(Check One)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The only change in the external appearance of this building since it was built in 1858 has been the replacement of the original masonry steps leading to the second floor entrance by steps of iron grill work. (See enclosed photo)</p> <p>Internal changes include the installation of a central heating system, electric lights, running water, and rest rooms. The latter separated by temporary partitions of hardboard. The recessed, domed alcove that formerly housed the Judge's Bench in the Courtroom has been closed off by a temporary partition, also. The unused windows and doorways have been closed off, also.</p> <p>The original structure, plastering, woodwork, and floor plans remain unchanged, generally speaking, but there is need for repair, here and there.</p> <p>Building materials: Foundation of stone, 4 ft. to 10 ft. thick. Ground floor of native stone (lots of limestone in Carroll County), second and third floors and gables of red brick made in local brickyard. Walls above ground, 18 in. to 20 in. thick. Inside construction of painted plaster with wood trim. All stairs of wooden steps, bannisters and railings—original material still in use. Original floor plan, sketch enclosed. All construction by local labor following specifications prepared by Glasted (Glastead) and Michelson, Chicago Arch. Plans drawn, 1856. Building completed, 1858. Estimated cost, \$12,000 to \$20,000; actual cost, \$30,500. Roof leaked and vault not fireproof when finished and had to be repaired during the first year. Wm. T. Miller, contractor; Jacob P. Emmert, builder; James Watson, stonework; James and B. H. Hallet, brick and brick-laying.</p>	

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century (1858)

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Architecturally, the uniqueness of this building is its simplicity of design and the use of cathedral type windows that are two floors in height, on all sides of the building. So many buildings of the 1850 era were so ornate, heavy, and cumbersome.

Several artists have been impressed by the windows as well as the simplicity of design and have reproduced the building on canvas. A photo of one artists's conception is enclosed.

During the Civil War years this building was used as a barracks for the enlisted men from their county until the company was formed, outfitted, and commissioned.

Politically, this was the first county building to house all county offices as well as the county jail under one roof, and has remained in continued use since 1856.

The Lorado Taft Monument erected at the northwest corner of Courthouse Square, in memory of the Civil War veterans from this county, was published in "Believe it or not" by Ripley, as the only one in the U. S. with an Annex.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Deed Book K, Carroll County Courthouse, Recorder of Deeds.
 The History of Carroll County, 1878 Edition, H. F. Kett & Co.
 The History of Carroll County, Hostetter Edition.
 A Goodly Heritage, 1971 Fall Bulletin, Carroll County Historical Society.
 1856 Directory of Chicago Businesses, D. B. Cooke & Company.
 1859-60 Chicago Business Directory, Hellier & Co.
 1860-61, 1862-63 Chicago City Directory, Halpin & Bailey.

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
NW	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
NE	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
SE	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
SW	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"

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:
 Mrs. Lee W. Derrer, Chairman of Courthouse Preservation Committee

ORGANIZATION: DATE
 Carroll County Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:
 R. R. #2

CITY OR TOWN: STATE CODE
 Mt. Carroll Illinois 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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ILLINOIS HISTORIC SITES SURVEY INVENTORY

CA-4-16

SURVEY USE ONLY

- () Archaeology
 Architecture
 History

1. Name of Site: County Courthouse
Common
Historic

290712

2. Location:

NR DISTRICT

<u>Street and Number</u>	<u>Township</u>	<u>Section</u>
Market St.	Mt. Carroll	Center of town
<u>City or Town</u>	<u>Zip Code</u>	<u>1/4 Section</u>
Mt. Carroll	T24N	
<u>County</u>	R5E	
Mt. Carroll		

3. Classification:

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

4. Ownership

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

Access to public

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

Present Use (check one or more)

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

5. Ownership of Property

<u>Owner's name</u>	Carroll County
<u>Street and Number</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>
<u>City or Town</u>	
<u>State</u>	<u>County</u>
	<u>Zip Code</u>

6. Description courthouse with several additions

Condition

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

Is there a program of preservation underway? () Yes (X) 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)
() Illinois Early	(1818-1850)
(X) Illinois Middle	(1850-1900)
(X) Illinois Late	(1900-present)
() Famous People	(give names & dates)

ARCHITECTURE



8. Specific Date: 1858, 1895, 1942, 1958, 1967

Areas of Significance (check one or more of the following)

- | | |
|--|---|
| <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 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 type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input 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: _____ Date: _____

Organization: _____

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.

Theim, Carroll County, .p. 172.



