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"Historic Resources of Maywood, Illinois, Multiple
Property Submission"

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the Instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Robinson House

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 602 North 3rd Avenue

not for publication

city, town Maywood

vicinity

state Illinois

code IL

county Cook

code 031

zip code 60153

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	Total

Name of related multiple property listing:
Historic Resources of Maywood, IL

Number of contributing resources previously
listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

William C. Huber, SHPO
Signature of certifying official

12/30/91
Date

Illinois Historic Preservation Agency
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:) _____

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: Single Dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: Single Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Late 19th Century and Early
20th Century American Movements
Other: Vernacular Square Cottage

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Ceramic Tile
walls Weatherboard
Shingle
roof Asphalt
other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Robinson House is located in the Village of Maywood on the land originally owned by the Maywood Company, between First and Ninth Avenues, north of Harrison Street. It is situated on the Northwest corner of Third Avenue and Superior Street, one of six houses built on narrow lots during the same period, facing east on Third Avenue.

Standing 1-1/2 stories over a raised basement, this simple vernacular cottage is nearly square in shape. A broad one-story porch stretches across the entire front of the house. There are enclosed porches on the back: a rear entrance porch on the first floor, a sleeping porch on the second.

The house is of wood frame construction sheathed in narrow clapboards. It rests on a foundation of large ceramic tile blocks, finished on the exterior to resemble stone. The structure is capped by a gable roof with a shingled bargeboard, supported by brackets, framing slightly pointed vestigial Gothic arches on each side of the house. Similar shingled bargeboard panels frame a large central gabled dormer on the front of the house and a gable over the entrance stairs to the front porch. The front porch has square piers supporting a shallow hipped roof and a slatted balustrade. Except for a fixed bay first floor window with a rectangular transom, windows are double-hung; some are paired. All have simple flat wood sills and lintels. The front door is wood paneled with a rectangular light at the top. There is a square brick chimney.

Inside, the floor plan is very simple, very much like that of a Foursquare with a side door. On the north side of the first floor is the stairhall and kitchen; on the south a parlor-living room connected to the dining room by paneled pocket doors. There are three bedrooms and a bath opening off a small hallway on the second floor. Interior detailing is very simple. Door and window frames are varnished oak topped by a molded cornice. The balustrade has turned spindles and a square newel post.

The Robinson House is in very good condition and has undergone very few alterations since its date of construction, around the turn of the century. Its integrity is excellent. The only changes are infill concrete foundations under the front porch and the addition of rear porches. The original room configuration is intact, and the historic exterior and interior trim is unaltered.

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**National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet**

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Robinson House

There is a one-car frame garage at the rear of the lot. It was built sometime after the construction of the house, and it has had its original roof replaced with a corrugated metal roof. Due to its more recent construction date, it is a non-contributing building on the lot.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Period of Significance

Significant Dates

Architecture

@1901

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Robinson House meets Criterion C for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. It is architecturally significant as one of a small number of simple vernacular cottages with such excellent integrity inside and out.

Almost all of the structures similar in size and configuration to the Robinson House have been sided and/or extensively altered on the interior. Since the house was illustrated in Maywood and Its Homes written in 1904, its integrity can be verified. The house was one of six houses almost certainly constructed by the same builder on the west side of Third Street between Superior and Chicago Avenues. All have the same rather unusual foundation material. The house immediately next door had a similar room configuration and has its original identical balustrade. All the houses but the Robinson House have been sided.

The residence is known as the Robinson House because members of the Robinson family lived in the house from before 1910 (when there is a family picture of them in front of the house) until George Robinson's recent death. Although it is unknown when the house was built, the land was bought by James Munton from the Maywood Company in 1893, and a mortgage was taken out by him in 1901, the likely construction date. Munton held on to this property, lot 1, until 1908 when he subdivided the whole half block. It was in 1908 that he sold the house to George's father, Carl. The rest of the homes were sold during the following decade.

Architecturally, the house is particularly interesting because it is stylistically transitional, bridging the gap between 19th Century Victorian architecture and 20th Century simplification. On the exterior there are reminiscences of Gothic trim in the gables, yet brackets and window trim are stripped to their simplest form. On the interior there is a nod to Classicism in the moldings and pocket doors recalling parlors of the previous decade. Yet all detailing is highly abstracted and there is but a single parlor, more like a family multi-purpose living room.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

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Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of property Less than one acre

UTM References

A 16 430550 4638020
 Zone Easting Northing

C _____

B _____
 Zone Easting Northing

D _____

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Verbal Boundary Description

Lot 1 in James Muntin's Resubdivision of Lots 11 to 20 in Block 231 in E 1/2, NW 1/4 in Maywood, a subdivision of the S 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of Section 2-39-12 of the W 1/2 of Section 11-39-12 and NW 1/4 of Section 14-39-12.

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Boundary Justification

The boundry includes the City lot historically associated with the property.

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11. Form Prepared By

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

The Director of the National Park Service is pleased to inform you that the following properties have been entered in the National Register of Historic Places. For further information call 202/343-9542.

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WEEKLY LIST OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON PROPERTIES: 2/24/92 THROUGH 2/29/92

KEY: State, County, Property Name, Address/Boundary, City, Vicinity, Reference Number NHL Status, Action, Date, Multiple Name

FLORIDA, LEE COUNTY, Dunbar, Paul Lawrence, School, 1857 High St., Fort Myers, 92000025, NOMINATION, 2/24/92

ILLINOIS, COOK COUNTY, Gibbs, William and Caroline, House, 515 N. 3rd Ave., Maywood, 92000048, NOMINATION, 2/24/92 (Maywood MPS)

ILLINOIS, COOK COUNTY, Lynch, Timothy J., House, 416 N. 4th Ave., Maywood, 92000047, NOMINATION, 2/24/92 (Maywood MPS)

ILLINOIS, COOK COUNTY, Nichols, Harry H., House, 216 S. 4th Ave., Maywood, 92000045, NOMINATION, 2/24/92 (Maywood MPS)

ILLINOIS, COOK COUNTY, Robinson House, 602 N. 3rd Ave., Maywood, 92000046, NOMINATION, 2/24/92 (Maywood MPS)

ILLINOIS, SANGAMON COUNTY, Rippon--Kinsella House, 1317 N. Third St., Springfield, 92000073, NOMINATION, 2/27/92

LOUISIANA, BEAUREGARD PARISH, DeRidder USO Building, Jct. of Pine and 7th Sts., DeRidder, 92000037, NOMINATION, 2/25/92

MICHIGAN, HILLSDALE COUNTY, McCourtie, W. H. L., Estate, Jct. of US 12 and Jackson Rd., Somerset Center, 91001984, NOMINATION, 1/24/92

MICHIGAN, WAYNE COUNTY, Norris, Philetus W., House, 17815 Mt. Elliott Ave., Detroit, 91001982, NOMINATION, 1/28/92

MISSISSIPPI, GEORGE COUNTY, Bilbo Basin Shell Deposit Site, Address Restricted, Lucedale vicinity, 92000039, NOMINATION, 2/25/92

NORTH DAKOTA, GRAND FORKS COUNTY, Washington School, 422 N. Sixth St., Grand Forks, 92000035, NOMINATION, 2/24/92

OREGON, BENTON COUNTY, Bexell, John, House, 3009 NW. Van Buren Ave., Corvallis, 92000064, NOMINATION, 2/26/92

OREGON, BENTON COUNTY, Monroe State Bank Building, 190 S. Fifth St., Monroe, 92000065, NOMINATION, 2/26/92

OREGON, CLATSOP COUNTY, West, Oswald, Coastal Retreat, 1981 Pacific Ave., Cannon Beach, 92000066, NOMINATION, 2/26/92

OREGON, JOSEPHINE COUNTY, Oregon Caves Historic District, Caves Hwy., Oregon Caves NM, Siskiyou NF, Cave Junction vicinity, 92000058, NOMINATION, 2/25/92

PENNSYLVANIA, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, Central Bethlehem Historic District, Bounded by Main, Nevada, and E. Broad Sts., and the river, Bethlehem, 72001131, ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION, 2/20/92

VIRGINIA, ORANGE COUNTY, Orange Springs, VA 629 E of jct. with US 522, Unionville vicinity, 90002134, NOMINATION, 2/27/92

WISCONSIN, EAU CLAIRE COUNTY, US Post Office and Courthouse, 500 S. Barstow Commons, Eau Claire, 91000899, NOMINATION, 7/25/91

WISCONSIN, MARINETTE COUNTY, Dunlap Square Building, 1821 Hall St., Marinette, 92000026, NOMINATION, 2/24/92

WISCONSIN, MARINETTE COUNTY, Lauerman Brothers Department Store, 1701--1721 Dunlap Sq., Marinette, 92000027, NOMINATION, 2/24/92