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1. Name

historic Frank Schlosser Property

and/or common Heritage House Museum

2. Location

street & number West Walnut Street

not for publication

city, town Okawville

vicinity of

state Illinois

code

county Washington

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"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Coleen Jones (being acquired by Heritage House Museum Association)

street & number 102 High Street

city, town Okawville

vicinity of

state Illinois 62271

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Washington County Courthouse

street & number West Walnut

city, town Nashville

state Illinois 62263

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Schlosser complex consists of eight structures and associated landscape features which date from approximately the first quarter of the twentieth century. The buildings are vernacular expressions of Midwestern, late- and post-Victorian architectural traditions. Functionally and stylistically, each structure is distinct. However, the complex as a whole retains architectural unity through the use of building forms which are compatible in scale and proportion and through the consistent use of simple construction materials and minimal ornamentation. Individual building descriptions follow.

Residence

Exterior

The residence is a 1½-story structure of wood frame construction. The essential plan-form is a "T" configuration. The main body of the house is oriented with the roof ridgeline running north-south. The wing forming the "T" shape is oriented with the roof ridgeline running east-west. The roofs of the house are intersecting gables. Roofing is seamed sheet metal. Eaves are boxed and returned at the gables, giving the gabled facades a free classical quality. A one-story open porch is located at the south intersection of the "T" wing with the main body of the house. The porch roof is a modified hip type with seamed sheet metal roofing. The roof is supported by turned wood posts. The porch railing and brackets at the tops of each post are sawn, rather than turned elements. Fenestration consists of wood, double-hung windows and wood panel/glazed doors. Windows are typically 1/1 light sashes. The south-facing window of the parlor (Room 100) and the east-facing window of the sitting room (Room 106) are single hung units, the lower sashes being operable and the smaller upper sashes being fixed and having leaded stained glass. Exterior wood doors are cross-panel style with plain glazing. Operable transoms are plain glazed. Window and door surrounds are plain flush boards with profile molding heads. Windows were formerly fitted with louvered wood blinds. Several of these remain in place. The exterior cladding of the house is four-inch reveal clapboard siding painted white. The foundation is common bond brick.

Interior

The lower level consists of four main rooms, a bath, and an enclosed porch. The upper level, accessible by an enclosed stairway located off the back hallway between the dining room and kitchen, consists of four rooms and a hallway. The basement is subdivided into three rooms; the remaining area under the house is crawlspace. An architectural inventory of the residence interior is attached to this document. The following comments regarding the interior are generalized. The reader should refer to the inventory for detailed information.

Like the exterior of the house, simplicity characterizes the interior in terms of forms and finishes. Walls and ceilings are plaster with painted and/or wallpaper finishes. Floors are tongue and groove soft wood. Major rooms on the lower level and one room on the upper level have area carpets or linoleums. The remaining wood floors have natural and paint finishes. Architectural ornamentation of the interior is minimal. Window and door casings are plain boards. Profile moldings at window sills, baseboard caps, and picture moldings add a modicum of elaboration to the otherwise simple interior.

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Harness ShopExterior

The harness shop is a 1½-story structure of wood frame construction. The plan-form is rectangular, and the building is oriented with the roof ridgeline running north-south. The building fronts onto West Walnut Street and abuts the public sidewalk. A lean-to, full-width porch projects from the primary facade of the building across the sidewalk where it is supported by four chamfered wood posts. The lower level of the building front consists of plate glass display windows on either side of a central recessed entrance. Plain pilasters at corners of the store front and pediment-shaped window heads lend a restrained classical quality to the vernacular character of the building. Fenestration throughout the structure, except for the lower level store front, consists of double-hung windows with 2/2 light sashes. One window is centered in the upper level of the principal gable, while two windows are located in the side facades.

Interior

Both levels of the interior are subdivided into two rooms, the room at the southern end of each level being the larger. A stairway located adjacent to the dividing partition in the northern room provides access between the two levels. Floors are tongue and groove soft wood. Walls are plaster in wood lathing. Ceilings are beaded tongue and groove sheathing.

LaundryExterior

The laundry is a two-story structure of wood frame construction. The plan-form is an ell. The roof is a shed type sloping downward from the east to the west side of the building. The exterior wall cladding is flush wood siding. Windows are double-hung wood units with 4/4 light sashes. Window and door surrounds are plain boards.

Interior

The lower level of the laundry is subdivided into three rooms, while the upper level consists of one open area. Access between the two levels is provided by a stairway in the northeast corner of the structure. Floors are tongue and groove soft wood. Walls are open to exterior sheathing.

Barn

The barn is one story with loft structure of wood frame construction. The plan-form is rectangular and is oriented with the roof ridgeline running north-south. The roof is a gable type with seamed metal roofing. Exterior wall cladding is unpainted

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vertical boards. The interior is subdivided into two longitudinal bays. Access to the barn is through paired, swing type doors located in the south gable facade.

Outbuildings

Three small outbuildings are located along the north and east property lines. All are small one-story structures of wood frame construction.

Landscape Features

A cast-iron fence set on a concrete curb extends across the front (south) property line. Single gates provide access to sidewalks leading to the house and rear entrance of the harness shop. Paired gates provide access to both the east and west sides of the property. A wood fence with top and bottom rails braced by diagonal intermediate members extends along the east property line. A welded wire mesh fence extends along the west property line from the north property line to approximately midway of the property depth. Two wells with concrete curbs are located on the property. One is located north of the harness shop. The second is adjacent to the southwest corner of the laundry building. A cistern with a concrete curb is located west of the barn. The public sidewalk in front of the property (south side) is of brick. The sidewalk leading from the public walkway beside the harness shop to the laundry building and back entrance to the residence is also of brick. The sidewalks leading from the public walkway to the front entrance of the residence and from the rear entrance of the residence to the outbuilding along the north property line are of concrete.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
House, 1908	
Harness Shop, 1890	

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Schlossers resided in Okawville, Illinois, during the height of the popularity of the mineral springs resort hotels, which were located two blocks from their home. Frank Schlosser was born in Okawville in 1867, in a house which still stands across the street from the museum property. In 1890, Schlosser opened a harness shop which he continued to operate until his death in 1941. His wife, Sophia Thoms Schlosser, and two daughters, Elsie and Estelle, operated a laundry which was located in back of the harness shop. Mrs. Schlosser died in 1958. After the death of the parents, the Schlosser sisters closed the outlying shops and lived as recluses in the family home. In 1982, the sisters died within several months of one another. When the property was opened to the public, it was discovered that the contents of the buildings had been preserved intact and reflected the lifestyles of the first third of the century.

The significance of the Schlosser property to both the Village of Okawville and the area lies in the fact that the site is complete. It represents the total social and commercial context of a Midwestern family of German descent. In a more specific sense, the harness shop relates closely to the rich agricultural history of this area. The laundry which thrived during the mineral bath boom early in the 1900s relates directly to the history of the baths in this community, since much of the laundry's business resulted from the many guests to the hotels. Tied in with the fact that the Original Mineral Springs Hotel and Bath House, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, is one of the few spas in the state still giving baths, the whole aspect becomes one of living history.

The residence reflects the furnishings and artifacts of the first third of this century, including collections of toys, postcards, sheet music, and phonograph records, all in extraordinarily good condition. Items of a more personal nature abound, including family photographs, confirmation certificates, correspondence, and mementos.

In addition to the house, the laundry and harness shop contain much of their original equipment. The harness shop is especially well equipped with tools and stock, some of the merchandise still in its original packaging. The second floor of the harness shop contains stacks of magazines dating from 1900-1930s and 1940s, most of which are in mint condition and reflect the interests of the ladies of the family -- music, needlework, and homemaking. Add to these outbuildings a two-story barn containing a 1930 Buick and a surrey.

Combined with the contents of the home, this property depicts a way of life common to the first third of this century. It is an excellent example of the successfulness of free enterprise and the work ethic and unity of a family of German descent.

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 44/100 acre

Quadrangle name Okawville

Quadrangle scale 1-24,000

UTM References Okawville

A

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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organization American Resources Group, Ltd.

date April 5, 1983

street & number 127 North Washington Street

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city or town Carbondale

state Illinois 62901

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

title _____ date _____

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

date _____

Keeper of the National Register

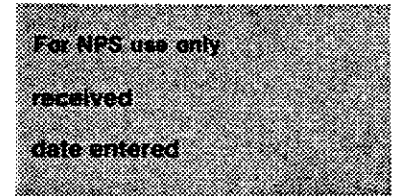
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date _____

Chief of Registration

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Part of the Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of the Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Twenty (20), Township One (1) South, Range Four (4) West of the Third Principal Meridian, more particularly described as commencing at a post set for the Northwest corner 196- $\frac{1}{2}$ links south of a post set 26 rods West from a post set on a line between Sections Twenty (20) and Twenty-one (21), 923.1 links South of the Northeast corner of Section Twenty (20), thence South 196- $\frac{1}{2}$ links to a post, thence East 223- $\frac{1}{2}$ containing 44/100 of an acre, more or less, EXCEPTING 50 feet on the East side of 44/100 acre tract, which was sold by Franz Henry Klas to Christian Fehlber, all in Washington County, Illinois.

Permanent parcel number 06-20-232-014

GEORGIA, Floyd County, Mt. Aventine Historic District, (08/18/83)
GEORGIA, Floyd County, Rome, South Broad Street Historic District, S. Broad St. and Etowah Terr,
(08/18/83)
GEORGIA, Terrell County, Sasser Commercial Historic District, (08/18/83)
HAWAII, Honolulu County, Waipahu, Marigold Building, 97—837 Waipahu St. (08/18/83)
HAWAII, Kauai County, Kilauea, Kilauea School, Kolo Rd. (08/18/83)
HAWAII, Maui County, Kula, Holy Ghost Catholic Church, Lower Kula Rd. (08/18/83)
IDAHO, Bingham County, Blackfoot, Shilling Avenue Historic District, Shilling Ave. between E. Ida
and Bingham Sts. and Bridge and Judicial Sts. to Stout Ave. (08/18/83)
IDAHO, Blaine County, Ketchum, Greenhow and Rumsey Store Building, Main Ave. (08/18/83)
IDAHO, Bonner County, Sandpoint, Bernd, W.A., Building, 307—311 N. 1st. Ave. (08/18/83)
IDAHO, Boundary County, Eastport vicinity, **Snyder Guard Station Historical District, S of Eastpo
on Forest Service Rd. 211 (08/19/83)
IDAHO, Canyon County, Nampa, Nampa Historic District, 1200 and 1300 blocks S. 1st St. (08/18/83)
ILLINOIS, McLean County, Bloomington, Scott-Vrooman House, 701 E. Taylor St. (08/18/83)
ILLINOIS, Washington County, Okawville, **Schlosser, Frank, Complex, W. Walnut St. (08/15/83)
KENTUCKY, Boone County, Archaeological Site 15 BE 36, (08/18/83)
KENTUCKY, Fayette County, Lexington, Woodlands Historic District, Roughly bounded by Main a
High Sts., Ashland and Woodland Aves. (08/18/83)
KENTUCKY, Jefferson County, Harrods Creek, Shady Brook Farm (Jefferson County MRA), Avisa
Lane (08/16/83)
KENTUCKY, Jefferson County, Jeffersontown vicinity, Reel, Jacob, House (Jefferson County MRA)
Off I-64 (08/19/83)
KENTUCKY, Jefferson County, Louisville, Atherton Carriage House (Jefferson County MRA), 32
Woodside Rd. (08/16/83)
KENTUCKY, Jefferson County, Louisville, Bosler Fireproof Garage, 423 S. 3rd St. (08/18/83)
KENTUCKY, Jefferson County, Louisville, Edgewood (Jefferson County MRA), 3605 Glenview A
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Rd. (08/16/83)
KENTUCKY, Jefferson County, Louisville, Winkworth (Jefferson County MRA), 3200 Boxhill L
(08/16/83)
KENTUCKY, Jefferson County, Louisville, Woodside/John T. Bate House (Jefferson County MRA)
3100 Woodside Rd. (08/16/83)