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National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Peeples, Robert, and John McKee Peeples Houses

and/or common same

2. Location

street & number Main Street not for publication

city, town Old Shawneetown vicinity of

state Illinois code 012 county Gallatin code 059

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"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: vacant

4. Owner of Property

name Rev. Russell Nechenbach II

street & number 311 Valleyview

city, town Morganfield vicinity of state Kentucky

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Gallatin County Courthouse

street & number

city, town New Shawneetown state Illinois

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title see continuation sheet 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 type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date <u>N/A</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Robert Peeples House (1823) and the John McKee Peeples House (1846) are two story brick rowhouses joined by a common steeply pitched gable roof.

The Robert Peeples House is a two story residence on a stone foundation with brick walls laid in a Flemish bond. The front facade is divided into three symmetrical bays with the entrance on the right. Windows presently are double hung sash types with decorative cast metal lintels and sills. Four stone steps lead to the outer double doors. There is a single, small window on the north facade (providing light to the stair landing) and two symmetrically placed windows on both stories of the rear. Those on the second floor have arched heads, stone sills, and 1/1 lights. Windows on the first floor rear have flat heads, stone sills, and 4/4 lights. A rear wing was removed sometime after 1937, although the foundation and shadow lines of the walls remain. Two interior chimneys form part of the south wall, which originally formed a parapetted end wall. This feature still remains in the attic beneath the present roof, with the pitch of the original roof also clearly evident. The existing roof was in place prior to 1913, and recovered with asphalt shingles in 1981.

The floor plan of the Robert Peeples House is two rooms deep with a side hall. Entry is through a small vestibule, where an interior doorway with sidelights and transom is located. The open staircase is located at the end of the hall; the newel post remains although numerous balusters have been removed by vandals. Doors lead into each room from the hallway. A large opening surmounted by a fanlight connects the two rooms. Fireplaces are located on the south wall of each room, but the mantels have been removed. Access to the John Peeples House is provided from each room. The second floor repeats the first floor plan, except where a partition has been erected in the hall to create an additional room. A folding door separates the two upstairs rooms, which also have fireplaces on the south wall. The rear room retains its simple Federal style mantel as well as a built in cupboard/closet. All the walls are plastered and covered with several layers of wallpaper.

The John McKee Peeples house is similar to the earlier Robert Peeples House. This two story common bond brick residence rests on a brick foundation. Its two chimneys on the north wall abut the R. Peeples chimneys, repeating the parapetted end wall. On the front facade, long double doors on the south end lead to a brick floored pass through to the rear garden area. The main entry is flanked by windows with decorative metal lintels and sills. (These are thought to have been added at a later date in an attempt to unify the facades of the two homes). The second story has four long windows, 9/6 lights. Iron brackets are all that remain of the original balcony. Basement windows, partially covered by a concrete slab "porch", are covered with iron grates. Two windows are on the second story level of the south facade. The rear facade contains three arched windows, 6/6 lights, on the second story; on the first floor a rear door is flanked by a windows and the garden passthrough.

The interior plan is similar to the earlier house, although the side hall has been replaced by the pass through. Entry is made instead directly into the front room, which is separated from the rear room by sliding pocket doors. There is no evidence of fireplaces, although stove pipe openings are clearly evident. An enclosed stairway leads from the rear room to the second floor. (At a later date, and additional stair providing second floor access directly to the pass through was attached to this staircase.) Two rooms complete the

3. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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Specific dates 1823,1846 **Builder/Architect** Robert and John McKee Peeples

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Robert and John McKee Peeples Houses are significant for their associations with the Peeples family and the development of Shawneetown. As one of the oldest houses in Illinois, the Robert Peeples' House derives architectural significance as an example of the type of home built in the early Illinois statehood period.

Shawneetown was platted by the federal government in 1810, and was the major port of entry to Illinois on the Ohio River. The nearby U.S. Salines, operated by the federal government under lease arrangements, made the new settlement a major shipping center for salt. The opening of the U.S. Land office in 1814, the town's selection as the Gallatin County seat, and the establishment of the Bank of Illinois in 1817, further established Shawneetown as an important settlement in Illinois.

Robert Peeples, a native of Pennsylvania, was an early settler in Shawneetown. The exact date of his arrival is unknown; however, land records indicate he purchased two tracts of land in 1817. For many years he operated a store with John Kirkpatrick and served on the County Commissioners Court. In 1825 he was one of the dignitaries chosen to greet General Lafayette on his visit to Shawneetown.

The Robert Peeples House was the third brick building in Shawneetown, which in 1823 was still comprised chiefly of log buildings. The first brick building is credited to John Marshall in 1822; the second was an inn known as the Rawlings House, also 1822. Since both of these homes have been demolished, the Robert Peeples House remains the oldest building in Old Shawneetown, and one of the earliest residences in the state. Other early Illinois Houses are the Pierre Menard House, Randolph County, c.1805; the Nicholas Jarrot House, Cahokia, c.1810; and the Creole House, Prairie Du Rocher, c.1820.

The Robert Peeples House represents a form of the Federal style favored in early Illinois, the most distinguishing characteristics being the 3 or 4 bay facade and parapetted end wall chimneys. The John Marshall House (demolished) and the First Illinois State House at Kaskaskia (demolished) were early examples of this type. The Pulsifer House, Hennepin (National Register 9/4/79), built c.1844, shows the style still popular into the 1840's.

John McKee Peeples (1826-1879) built his home adjacent to his father's in 1846, the year of his marriage. John Peeples, with Robert Ridgeway, organized the First National Bank of Shawneetown in 1864, utilizing the old Bank of Illinois building (National Register 4/19/72) as headquarters. Peeples served as president of the bank until his death in 1879.

Numerous social and economic problems, combined with the perennial flooding of the Ohio River, caused Shawneetown to decline from its once prominent position. Finally, in 1937, the entire town moved three miles inland, abandoning the old townsite.

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the second floor. Access is provided on each floor to the earlier Robert Peeples House. Again, the original roofline and end walls are preserved in the attic.

Although deteriorated, the basic integrity of the house is good. The original configurations of the rooms, ceiling heights, window placements and mouldings are retained. The only major alterations are the changed roof line and the removed ell to the Robert Peeples House. However, the original end walls and roof line have been preserved beneath the existing gable roof and could be easily restored. As for the ell, photos and the foundation could also provide a basis for restoration. On the whole, sufficient original fabric remains to convey the workmanship, design, and feeling of these early brick houses.

Structurally, the house appears sound, although some repointing will be necessary. Earlier repointing efforts did not match the original in color or materials and should be replaced.

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Old Shawneetown, though still an incorporated village, has deteriorated to the point where few original buildings remain. The Peeples Houses are tangible reminders of that historically important community, and provide future scholars a laboratory for the study of early Illinois architecture.

9. Major Bibliographical References

United States Biographical Dictionary, page 563
 Gallatin County, Gateway to the West, Mrs. J.T. Lawler
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Verbal boundary description and justification

East 1/2 in lot number 1115 of the City of Shawneetown as originally platted by the United States Government and now situated in the village of Old Shawneetown, Illinois.

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

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name/title	1.Rev. Russell Rechenbach 2.Michael Ward	
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city or town	1.Morganfield 2.Springfield	1.Kentucky state 2.Illinois

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.

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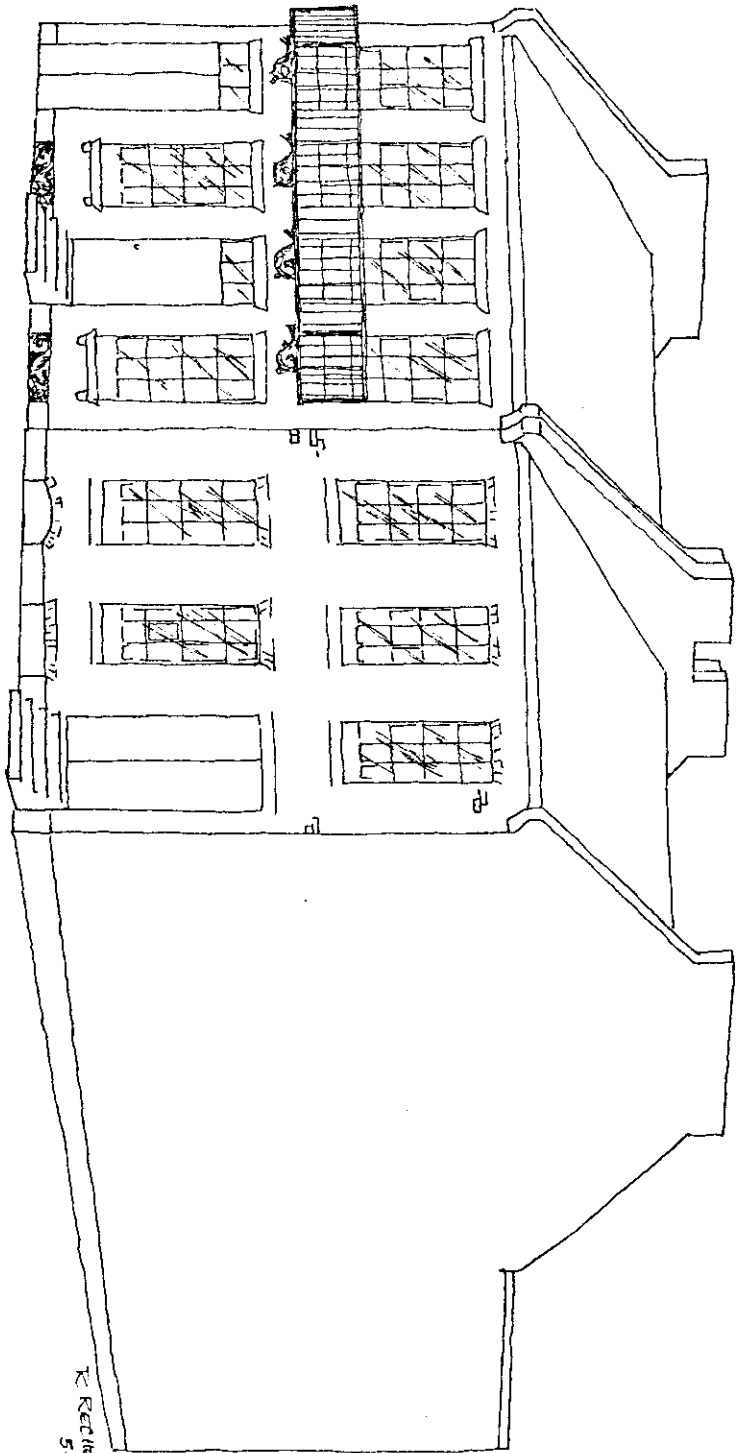
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Keeper of the National Register

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Chief of Registration



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Keeper of the National Register

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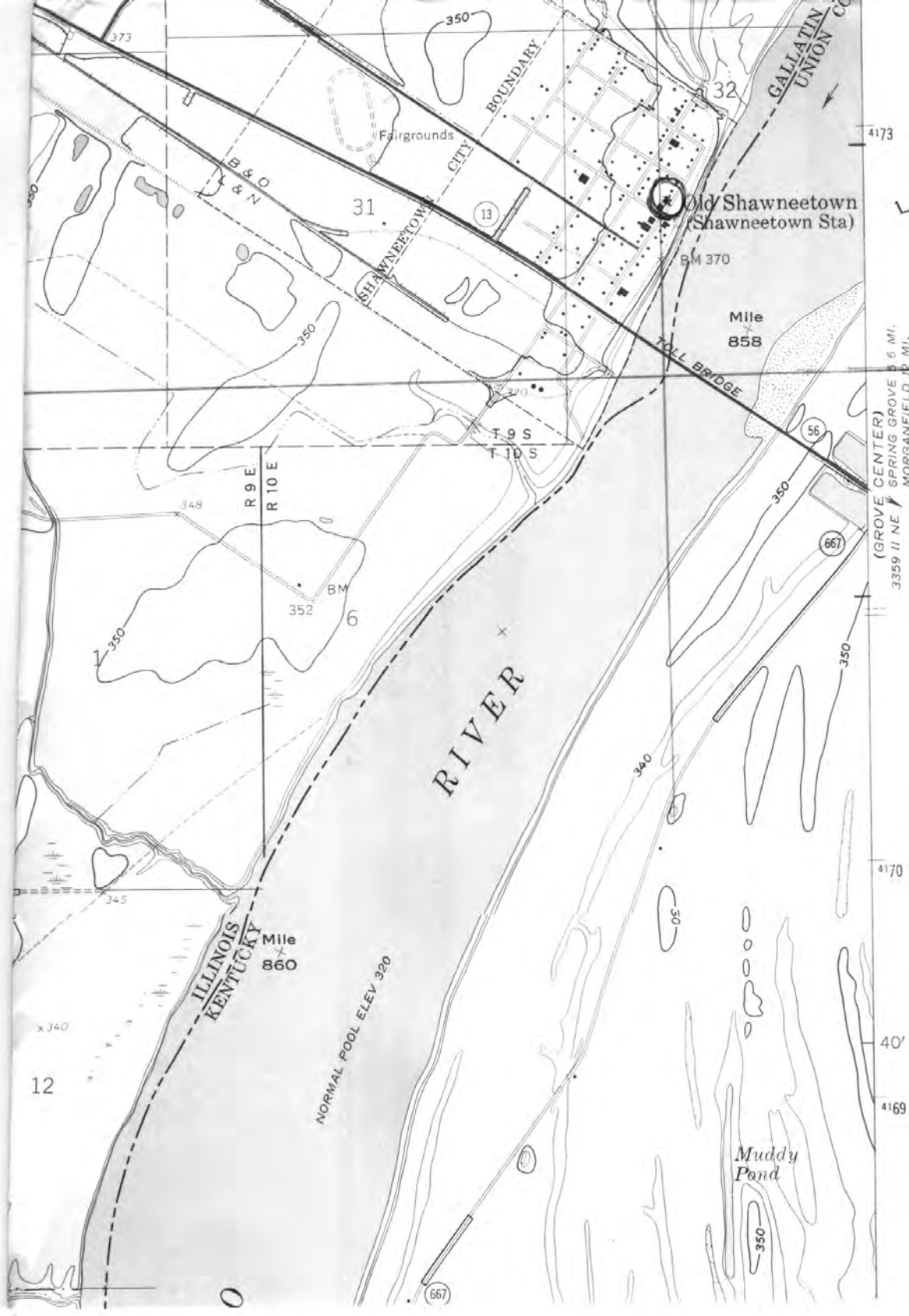
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Chief of Registration

- KENTUCKY, Pendleton County, Falmouth, Sheehan House (Falmouth MRA), 206 N. Maple St. (03/04/83)
- KENTUCKY, Pendleton County, Falmouth, Southgate House (Falmouth MRA), 106 Montjoy St. (03/04/83)
- KENTUCKY, Pendleton County, Falmouth, Watson Store (Falmouth MRA), 504 W. Shelby St. (03/04/83)
- LOUISIANA, Ascension Parish, Burnside vicinity, Tezcucó, S of Burnside on River Rd. (03/03/83)
- LOUISIANA, St. Landry Parish, Eunice, Midland Branch Railroad Depot, First and North Sts. (03/03/83)
- MICHIGAN, Wayne County, Detroit, Grand Circus Park Historic District, Roughly bounded by Clifford, John R. and Adams Sts. (02/28/83)
- MISSISSIPPI, Neshoba County, Philadelphia, Philadelphia Historic District, Holland and Poplar Aves., Jefferson, Watkins and Welsh Sts. (03/04/83)
- NEBRASKA, Kimball County, Kimball, Fraternal Hall, 2nd and Chestnut Sts. (02/28/83)
- NEW JERSEY, Bergen County, Mahwah, Hopper Gristmill Site, (03/03/83)
- OHIO, Erie County, Sandusky, Boeckling, G. A., (Side-paddlewheel steamboat), Jackson Street Dock (03/03/83)
- OHIO, Lucas County, Toledo, Gendron, Peter, House, 1413 Walnut St. (03/03/83)
- PENNSYLVANIA, Armstrong County, Apollo, Drake Log Cabin, Williams Alley (03/03/83)
- PENNSYLVANIA, Lancaster County, Strasburg, Strasburg Historic District, E. and W. Main, W. Miller, S. Decatur Sts. (03/03/83)
- PENNSYLVANIA, Philadelphia County, Philadelphia, Monte Vista, 917-931 N. 63rd St., 6154-6160 Oxford St., 6151-6157 Nassau St. (03/03/83)
- TEXAS, Bexar County, San Antonio, Thiele House and Thiele Cottage, 411 and 415 Sixth St. (03/03/83)
- TEXAS, Travis County, Austin, Haynes-DeLashwah House, 1209 Rosewood Ave. (03/03/83)
- UTAH, Salt Lake County, Murray, Cahoon, John P., House, 4872 S. Poplar St. (03/03/83)
- VERMONT, Rutland County, West Haven, Smith, Simeon, House, W. Haven Rd. (03/03/83)
- WISCONSIN, Eau Claire County, Eau Claire, Sacred Heart Church (Eau Claire MRA), 418 N. Dewey St. (03/03/83)
- WISCONSIN, Milwaukee County, Milwaukee, Abbot Row, 1019-1043 W. Ogden Ave. (03/03/83)
- WISCONSIN, Milwaukee County, Milwaukee, Baumbach Building, 302 N. Broadway St. (03/03/83)
- WISCONSIN, Rock County, Beloit, Brasstown Cottage (Beloit MRA), 1701 Colley Rd. (03/04/83)

The following properties were also entered in the National Register but were excluded from a previous notice:

- ILLINOIS, Gallatin County, Old Shawneetown, Peeples, Robert and John McKee, Houses, Main St. (02/24/83)
- INDIANA, Dubois County, Jasper, Gramelspacher-Gutzweiler House, 11th and Main Sts. (02/26/83)
- KANSAS, Sumner County, Caldwell, Caldwell Carnegie Library, 13 N. Osage St. (02/24/83)
- MISSOURI, St. Louis (Independent City), Lambert Building, 2101-2107 Locust St. (02/24/83)



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