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National Park Service

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 Fitzpatrick House

and/or common Same

2. Location

street & number Route 53

___ not for publication

city, town Lockport vicinity of

state Illinois code 012 county Will code 197

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
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other: vacant

4. Owner of Property

name Material Service Corporation

street & number 300 West Washington Street

city, town Chicago ___ vicinity of state Illinois 60606

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Will County Courthouse

street & number 14 W. Jefferson St.

city, town Joliet state Illinois 60431

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 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 _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

a. Summary Paragraph

The Fitzpatrick House, barn and surrounding stone wall retain exceptional integrity of design and site. The T-shaped stone farm house has Greek Revival details which are echoed in the small barn behind it. The house is located on a limestone bluff adjacent to Route 53, which was one of Illinois' first stage coach roads when the house was built. Today, the highly visible farmstead maintains the same relationship to the road as depicted in an 1873 rendering from the Atlas of Will County, (See continuation sheet 2).

b. Explanation

Each section of the "T" of the Fitzpatrick House is approximately 25' x 35' with two bays on the gable ends and three bays on the long facades. Different floor levels suggest that the two sections may have been built at different times, although the exterior detailing is consistent on both sections. The interior was completely remodeled in the 1960's and no original details remain.

The south section of the house forms the base of the "T". This may have been the earlier section since it contains the front door, centered on the three-bay facade facing the road. The structure is of local limestone cut in rectangular blocks and laid in fairly straight courses. Rusticated corner quoins project slightly from the facade. A narrow flat stone water table separates the basement from the first floor. The house displays details typical of the Greek Revival style favored in the 1840's including the symmetrical proportions, front door surrounded by narrow vertical sidelights and horizontal transom, flat stone lintels over all windows and back door, heavy wood cornice with unadorned frieze and pedimented gables. The shed roofed porch is probably original, although it has Italianate brackets which were added later in the nineteenth century. The major exterior alterations are the partial remodeling of the rear porch, and the probable removal of all but one brick chimney at the intersection of the two sections. All windows have been boarded up, and some original windows may remain.

The barn, approximately 28' x 37' is also constructed of limestone, although slightly narrower and cruder stone was used than on the house. It is a simple gabled structure with double front doors separated by a stone pier. The doors have been replaced with modern hanging garage doors, and the structure is otherwise intact. Corner quoins are used on the barn, which, although of less refined quality than those on the house, create stylistic continuity.

A dry limestone wall approximately three feet high separates the farmstead from the road as it did in the rendering shown in the 1873 Atlas.

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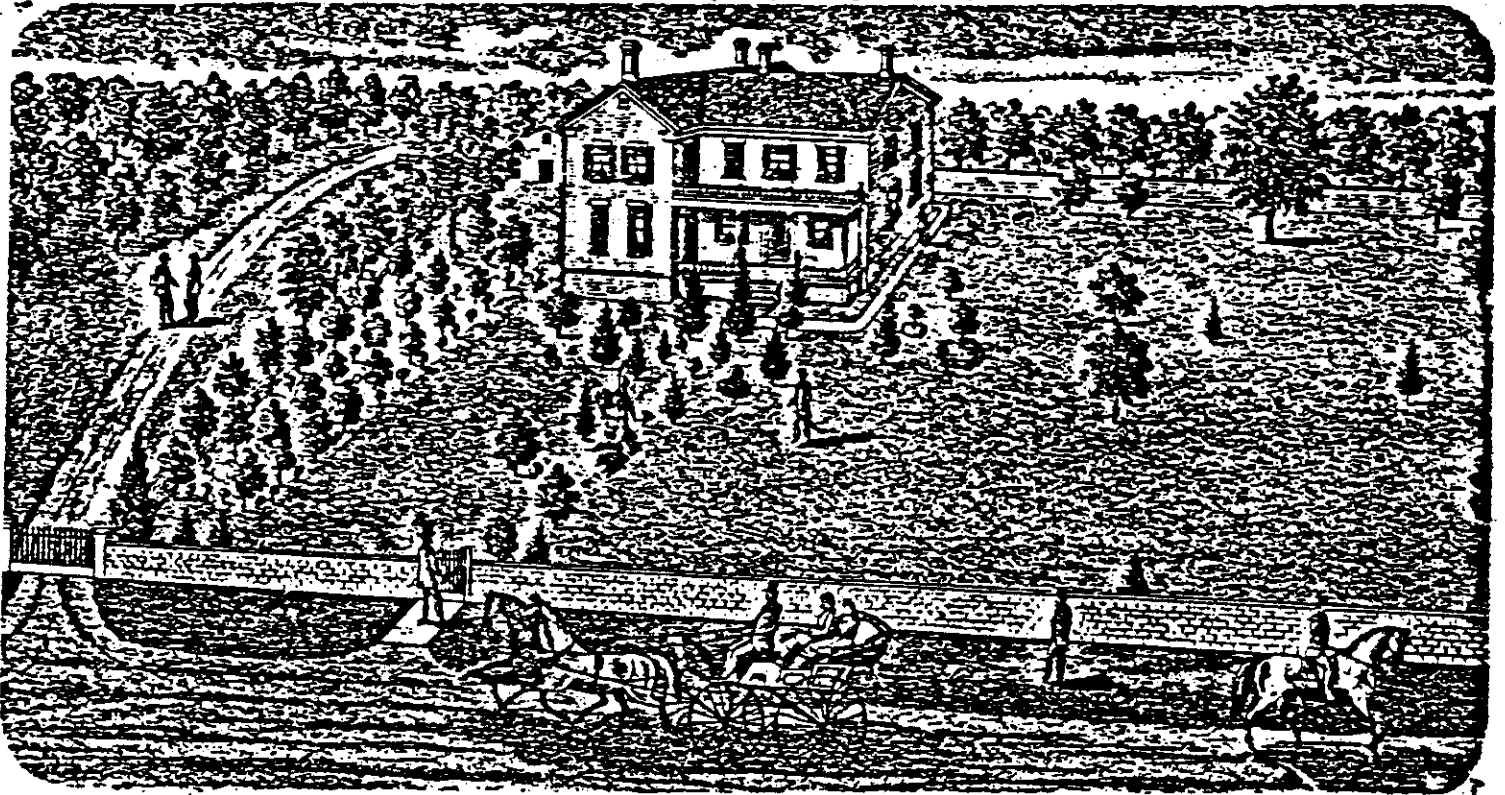
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8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates ca. 1842 **Builder/Architect** unknown

Statement of Significance (In one paragraph)

a. Summary paragraph

The Fitzpatrick House has local, historic and architectural significance. Built ca. 1842, the farm house has Greek Revival details and, with the barn, exemplifies local limestone construction. It is the earliest known and one of the finest survivors of early limestone farm construction in the area. In accordance with Criteria "C", it "embodies the distinctive characteristics of "a type" - - vernacular farm architecture; "a period" - the mid-nineteenth century, the major period of local settlement and development; and a "method of construction" - locally quarried limestone, a material critical to both the economic and architectural development of the Lockport area. The Fitzpatrick family, who were prominent in Lockport's social and philanthropic life, occupied the house continuously from its construction until the 1950's. On the local level, then, the house merits listing in accordance with Criteria "B", association with the lives of persons significant in Lockport's past. Finally, the location of the Fitzpatrick House contributes to its significance. It has long been a local landmark, located prominently since the 1840's on one of Illinois' first stage coach routes, now Route 53.

b. Explanation

Architecture

The Fitzpatrick House is an unusually fine example of early local limestone construction. It is one of less than a dozen stone farmhouses which survive in Will County outside the towns of Lockport, Lemont, and Joliet, and among these, has exceptionally fine Greek Revival details and craftsmanship. Stone houses on route 53 to the north and south of the Fitzpatrick House were probably constructed later in the nineteenth century and have little or no architectural detailing to compare with the Fitzpatrick House's heavy lintels, pedimented gable, excellently crafted rusticated quoins, and front door with transom and sidelights. Most of the other farm houses which survive from the 1830's to 1850's period of settlement are frame. Few retain the architectural integrity of the Fitzpatrick House or its confirmed relationship to its original barn and surrounding stone wall.

It is an exceptionally fine example of vernacular architecture using an indigenous material, although no architect or builder has been identified. Limestone quarried for architectural use in the Lockport, Joliet, and Lemont area was a major part of the local economy until the late nineteenth century when it was replaced primarily by Bedford stone from Indiana. It is probable that the limestone was quarried on site since the Fitzpatrick holdings contained rich limestone deposits. The use of this local material ties the building to Will County's economic and architectural heritage and helps to establish it as a landmark of local significance.

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Significance (Continued)

The Fitzpatrick Family

Patrick Fitzpatrick was an Irish immigrant who moved to Canada as a youth and arrived as one of Lockport's first settlers in 1833-34. Upon his arrival, he acquired his home site with 160 acres from a Mr. Hutchins, and constructed a long cabin on the site of the present house. A successful farmer, Fitzpatrick eventually assembled a 1200 acre farm. He was well known in the community as an outstanding Irish citizen. Most of Lockport's Irish population arrived after 1836 as laborers on the Illinois and Michigan Canal, and most of these first generation immigrants did not have significant land or wealth. Fitzpatrick, in contrast, arrived before the Illinois and Michigan Canal was begun. He owned a large farm, and by 1842, when he brought his fiancee from Ireland to Illinois, had constructed a prestigious stone house.¹ He was prominent in civic and church affairs. His heirs' gave part of the farm to the Archdiocese to establish Lewis University and provided funding to build Sacred Heart Parish School in Lockport, continuing his tradition of dedication to the Catholic Church. The house was continuously associated with the family from its construction to the death of Fitzpatrick's daughter Frances, his last descendant, in 1950.

Location

The site of the Fitzpatrick House makes it an important local landmark which expresses continuity with the transportation and economic heritage of the Lockport area. Fitzpatrick located his house on the stage route from Chicago to Ottawa, Illinois. This early public highway was one of few in Northeastern Illinois opened by 1834, the year Fitzpatrick purchased his farm. The road was on the site of an early Indian trail and portage route of fur traders. The Fitzpatrick House and barn surrounded by the original stone wall, has been a landmark on this early road since its construction in the 1840's.

Notes

1. The 1842 date is based on a tax list reprinted in Souvenir of Settlement and Progress, Will County, 1884, p. 141. Compared to other nearby landholdings which were unimproved or included only log cabins the assessment is quite high, indicating the presence of a substantial home by that date.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See attached.

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title _____			
organization	Landmarks Preservation Council of Illinois	date	October 1983
street & number	407 S. Dearborn	telephone	(312) 922-1742
city or town	Chicago	state	IL 60605

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

___ national ___ state X 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 of Historic Places and that it is included in the National Historic Register. I have complied with the requirements for evaluation and listing of historic properties as set forth in the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665) and the National Historic Register Act of 1975 (Public Law 94-142).

Keeper of the National Register _____ date _____

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration _____

9. Major Bibliographical References

See attached.

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property 2.41

Quadrangle name JOLIET, IL.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

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State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title Director

date 12/30/83

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

date

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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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 beginning February 5, 1984 and ending February 11, 1984. For further information call (202) 343-9552.

STATE, County, Vicinity, Property, Address, (Date Listed)

CALIFORNIA, Los Angeles County, Lloyd, Harold, Estate (Greenacres), (02/09/84)

ILLINOIS, Adams County, Quincy, One Thirty North Eighth Building, 130 N. 8th St. (02/09/84)

ILLINOIS, Cook County, Chicago, Conway Building, 111 W. Washington St. (02/09/84)

ILLINOIS, Cook County, Chicago, Loucks, Charles N., House, 3926 N. Keeler Ave. (02/09/84)

ILLINOIS, Cook County, Wilmette, Linden Avenue Terminal, 330 Linden Ave. (02/08/84)

ILLINOIS, Kane County, Geneva, Fabyan Villa, 1511 S. Batavia Ave. (02/09/84)

ILLINOIS, Will County, Lockport vicinity, Fitzpatrick House, IL 53 (02/09/84)

INDIANA, Hendricks County, Danville, Wilson-Courtney House, 10 Cartersburg Rd. (02/09/84)

INDIANA, Huntington County, Huntington, Hotel LaFontaine, 200 W. State St. (02/09/84)

INDIANA, Tippecanoe County, Lafayette, Waldron-Beck House and Carriage House, 829 N. 21st St. (02/09/84)

MINNESOTA, Hennepin County, Minneapolis, Chadwick, L.L., Cottages, 2617 W. 40th St. (02/09/84)

MINNESOTA, Hennepin County, Minneapolis, Wesley United Methodist Church, 101 E. Grant St. (02/09/84)

MINNESOTA, Ramsey County, St. Paul, Arlington Hills Library (Carnegie Libraries of St. Paul TR), 1105 Greenbrier St. (02/10/84)

MINNESOTA, Ramsey County, St. Paul, Riverview Branch Library (Carnegie Libraries of St. Paul TR), 1 E. George St. (02/10/84)

MINNESOTA, Ramsey County, St. Paul, St. Anthony Park Branch Library (Carnegie Libraries of St. Paul TR), 2245 W. Como Ave. (02/10/84)

MINNESOTA, St. Louis County, Duluth, Fitzger Brewing Company, 600 E. Superior St. (02/09/84)

MISSOURI, Atchison County, Rock Port, Dopf, John Dickinson, Mansion, 407 Cass St. (02/08/84)

MONTANA, Flathead County, Apgar, Bull Head Lodge and Studio, off Going-to-the-Sun-Rd. (02/06/84)

NEW JERSEY, Atlantic County, Atlantic City, Segal Building, 1200 Atlantic Ave. (02/09/84)

NEW MEXICO, Bernalillo County, Albuquerque, Anaya, Gavino, House (Albuquerque North Valley MRA), 2939 Duranes Rd., NW (02/09/84)

NEW MEXICO, Bernalillo County, Albuquerque, Barela, Adrian, House (Albuquerque North Valley MRA), 7618 Guadalupe Trail, NW (02/09/84)

NEW MEXICO, Bernalillo County, Albuquerque, Candelarias Chapel-San Antonio Chapel, 1934 Candelaria Rd., NW (02/09/84)

NEW MEXICO, Bernalillo County, Albuquerque, Chavez, Juan de Dios, House (Albuquerque North Valley MRA), 205 Griegos Rd., NW (02/09/84)

NEW MEXICO, Bernalillo County, Albuquerque, Chavez, Juan, House (Albuquerque North Valley MRA), 7809 4th St., NW (02/09/84)