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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Commercial House

AND/OR COMMON

Henderson Hotel

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Fourth and Main

NOT FOR PUBLICATION  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

CITY, TOWN

Keithsburg

VICINITY OF  
CODE

COUNTY

CODE

STATE

Illinois

012

Mercer

131

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> 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

Calvin and Shirley Wjite

STREET & NUMBER

2404-31st Street

CITY, TOWN

Moline

VICINITY OF

STATE

Illinois

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Mercer County Courthouse (Recorder of Deeds)

STREET & NUMBER

College and Third Streets

CITY, TOWN

Aledo

STATE

Illinois

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

NOT determined eligible

TITLE

Inventory of Historic Landmarks in Mercer County

DATE

June, 1974

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Illinois Dept. of Conservation

CITY, TOWN

Springfield

STATE

Illinois

# 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Henderson House is a two-story hotel with an L-shaped floor plan, brick walls, a stone foundation, and Italianate decorative details. It survives basically intact from the time between its construction in 1849 and the last alterations in 1938.

### Exterior:

The building began as the private house of William J. Patterson who sold it within a year for conversion to a hotel. The main portion of the hotel has a typically Italianate <sup>pitched with</sup> low-pitched roof and small wooden brackets. The main entrance is on the north side through a centrally-located door with transom and side lights. It was painted white at an undetermined time to preserve the original brick. The second story windows of the main facade are double-hung, have flat arches, and are the only ones to retain the original 6/6 arrangement. The first floor windows are single-pane and double-hung. A porch covering the entire front is a replacement (undated) of the original. With the exception of this front porch and its cement block support, the main facade survives from the original. The east side of the hotel has eight double-hung windows with segmental arches having a decorative hood. On the west side a one-story frame section with flat roof was added in 1890 and a small (54" x 65") section was added in 1938.

### Interior:

The interior walls are all original on both stories. Woodwork trim and doors are original as far as can be determined.

As you enter the hotel, there is a walnut handrail on the stairway. The stairwell had been closed in to comply with fire regulations prior to current ownership. The doorway leading into a large ballroom has a transom over it.

The remaining eight doorways do not have transoms over them on the first floor. All flooring and sub-flooring is original. All bearing walls are brick.

There are eleven rooms and one small bath and one large hallway on the first floor. There is an entrance to the basement off the main hallway on the first floor. The basement is approximately 1000 square feet with limestone walls and is under three rooms on the southeast section of the building.

The second story consists of thirteen rooms and one large bath. All woodwork is original. All walls are original. Transoms are over fourteen doors.

Walls are brick with plaster and paint covering. Ceilings are wood with plaster covering.

There is a full length hallway. There are two outside doors. One door on the north end of building exits onto a fire escape. Second doorway exits to flat roof beside bathroom.

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(Commercial House)

All trim has square nails on both the first and second floors. The four rooms on the front part of the hotel have scrolled woodwork and also the windows of front upper rooms and hallway. The rear portion of the hotel consisting of ten rooms, one of which is the master bath, is plain woodwork, since painted over.

The building is heated by gas hot air and has only two chimneys at this time. Evidence shows that each room once had its own individual wood stove. The openings for these are still visible. Wiring is being updated although much of the original, consisting of knob and tube is still present.

# 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1849-1938 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Henderson House is a structure with integrity that is closely associated with the commercial development of Keithsburg (National Register criterion "b").

### History:

Like most towns on the Illinois frontier, Keithsburg was founded as a commercial venture. Robert Keith, a Scotch-born book salesman, platted Keith's Landing (1837) on the Mississippi River after the Black Hawk War ended Indian threats to capitalization in northern Illinois. Local developers hoped the town would become an important point for trade between the hinterland and cities accessible from the Mississippi. Keithsburg became the Mercer County seat in 1847. The house of an early inhabitant two blocks from the River became the hotel known as the Commercial House in 1849. The county courthouse was built across the street two years later. At this strategic location, the hotel served those travelling to Keithsburg for commercial, political, or legal business. Although the Mercer County seat was relocated to Aledo in 1857, Commercial House continued to serve travellers from Keithsburg's rising business. It was spurred first by the river trade whose packet steamers docked at Keithsburg through the 1870s. Sawmilling added activity in mid-century. In 1857, the town's third steam sawmill was built to produce railroad ties for the Warsaw and Rockford Railroad. By the early twentieth century, when Keithsburg was no longer the commercial center of Mercer County, Commercial House's prominence declined. During the 1930s it was renamed Henderson House and in the 1970s resumed some of its former prestige as Keithsburg became something of a recreational destination.

# MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

History of Mercer and Henderson Counties. Chicago: H.H.Hill and Co., 1882.

Lorimer, William A. Historical Encyclopedia of Illinois and History of Mercer County. edited by Newton Bateman and Paul Selby, vol. 2  
~~Chicago: Nansell, 1903.~~

## GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1

UTM REFERENCES

A 

ZONE	EASTING							NORTHING				

B 

ZONE	EASTING							NORTHING				

C 

ZONE	EASTING							NORTHING				

D 

ZONE	EASTING							NORTHING				

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

East half of Lots 1, 2, and 3 in Block Nine in the original town, now city of Keithsburg, in the County of Mercer and State of Illinois.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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## FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Calvin and Shirley White and Rev. John Weishar

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Jan. 20, 1983

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

2404-31st Street

(309) 762-2961

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Moline

Illinois

## 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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DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

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# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES NOT AVAILABLE

KEITHSBURG QUAD  
1:62 500  
N 41° 16'  
W 91° 58'

A	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

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*Doris Kennedy*

TITLE

*Doris*

DATE

3/21/83

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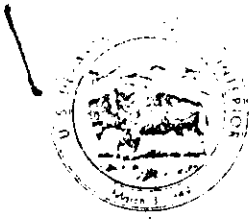
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ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



# United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

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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 during the week beginning May 8, 1983 and ending May 14, 1983. For further information call (202) 272-3504.

State, County, Vicinity, Property, Address, (date listed)

- COLORADO, Delta County, Austin vicinity, Ferganchick Orchard Rock Art Site, (05/09/83)  
COLORADO, Denver County, Denver, McCourt, Peter House, 1471 High St. (05/09/83)  
COLORADO, Jefferson County, Arvada, Russell-Graves House, 5605 Yukon St. (05/09/83)  
COLORADO, Otero County, LaJunta, Rourke, Eugene House, 619 Carson St. (05/09/83)  
COLORADO, Routt County, Oak Creek vicinity, Ford Canyon School, NW of Oak Creek (05/09/83)
- FLORIDA, Escambia County, Pensacola, North Hill Preservation District, Roughly bounded by Blount, Palafox, Wright, Belmont, Reus, and DeVilliers Sts. (05/09/83)  
FLORIDA, Manatee County, Bradenton, Braden Castle Park Historic District, Roughly bounded by the Manatee and Braden Rivers, Ponce DeLeon St. and Pelot Ave. (05/09/83)
- GEORGIA, Fulton County, Atlanta, Butler Street Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, 23 Butler St., SE. (05/09/83)
- ILLINOIS, Bureau County, Princeton, Greenwood Cottage, 540 Peru St. (05/09/83)  
ILLINOIS, Champaign County, Champaign, Vriner's Confectionery, 55 Main St. (05/09/83)  
ILLINOIS, Clay County, Flora, Shriver House, 117 E. 3rd St. (05/09/83)  
ILLINOIS, Cook County, Cicero, Morton, J. Sterling, High School East Auditorium, 2423 S. Austin Blvd. (05/09/83)  
ILLINOIS, Madison County, Edwardsville, St. Louis Street Historic District, 603-1306 St. Louis St. (some exclusions) (05/09/83)  
ILLINOIS, Madison County, Edwardsville, Weir, John House, 715 N. Main St. (05/09/83)  
ILLINOIS, Mercer County, Keithsburg, Commercial Block, 4th and Main St. (05/09/83)  
ILLINOIS, St. Clair County, Belleville vicinity, Knoblock-Seibert Farm, Off IL 177 (05/09/83)
- INDIANA, Clark County, Jeffersonville, Grisamore House, 111-113 W. Chestnut St. (05/09/83)  
INDIANA, Floyd County, New Albany, Mansion Row Historic District, Main St. between State and 15th St. and Market St. between 7th and 11th Sts. (05/09/83)  
INDIANA, Marion County, Indianapolis, Byram-Middleton House, 1828 N. Illinois St. (05/09/83)  
INDIANA, Marion County, Indianapolis, Marott's Shoes Building, 18-20 E. Washington St. (05/09/83)
- KANSAS, Labette County, Chetopa vicinity, Harmon Site, (05/09/83)
- KENTUCKY, Mason County, Mays Lick vicinity, Fox Farm, (05/09/83)
- MAINE, Somerset County, North Anson, Temples Historic District, Madison Ave. (05/12/83)
- MARYLAND, Baltimore (Independent City), Eutaw-Madison Apartment House Historic District, 2502 and 2525 Eutaw Pl., and 2601 Madison Ave. (05/12/83)  
MARYLAND, Baltimore County, Glencoe, Glencoe, 1314 Glencoe Rd. (05/09/83)  
MARYLAND, Queen Annes County, Stevensville, Cray House, Cockey's Lane (05/09/83)
- MICHIGAN, Ottawa County, Holland, Holland Historic District, 11th, 12th, 13th Sts., and Washington, Maple, and Pine Aves. (05/12/83)