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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

**1. Name of Property**

historic name Hoblit House

other names/site number

**2. Location**

street & number 505 North College Avenue

N/A Not for publication

city or town Lincoln

N/A vicinity

state Illinois

code IL

county Logan

code 107

zip code 62656

**3. State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant \_\_\_ nationally \_\_\_ statewide X locally. ( \_\_\_ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Austin L. White / SHPO

Signature of certifying official

4-6-07

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 for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

American Indian Tribe

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#### 4. National Park Service Certification

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I, hereby certify that this property is:	Signature of the Keeper	Date of Action
<input type="checkbox"/> entered in the National Register See continuation sheet.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> determined eligible for the National Register See continuation sheet.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> determined not eligible for the National Register	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> removed from the National Register	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> other (explain):	_____	_____

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#### 5. Classification

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Ownership of Property  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private  
 public-local  
 public-State  
 public-Federal

Category of Property  
(Check only one box)

- building(s)  
 district  
 site  
 structure  
 object

Number of Resources within Property  
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

N/A

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

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**6. Function or Use**

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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling = house

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

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**7. Description**

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Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

LATE VICTORIAN - Italianate

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

Foundation BRICK

Roof ASPHALT

Walls BRICK

other wood - brackets, porches  
stone - limestone sills

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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**8. Statement of Significance**

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

1874

Significant Dates

1874

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

George W. Gayle

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

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 # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Location of Additional Data

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository

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**10. Geographical Data**

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Acreage of Property Less than one acre

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	16	298606	44473134	_____	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____	4	_____	_____

See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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city or town Jacksonville

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**Additional Documentation**

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Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

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**Property Owner**

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(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

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street & number 505 North College Ave.

telephone 217-732-7774

city or town Lincoln

state IL

zip code 62656

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The Hoblit House is located on land filed in 1866 as Lots 1&2 in Block 6 in the Plat of Parks' Addition to the City of Lincoln, Illinois. Each lot had a 160' frontage on Peoria Street on the south and extended back 150'. The present property, now reduced to Lot 1 and part of Lot 2, forms a corner lot with Peoria Street south and College Street on the East, and is located but two blocks south of Union Avenue where Lincoln College has its campus. The shaded lawn of the house is extensive and is bordered on the east and south by city sidewalks. Huge Sycamores and old Pines provide the shade. A concrete walk connects the front porch and main entry on the east side of the house to the sidewalk on College Avenue. In the rear north west corner of the property is located a newer three-car one-story garage. A driveway enters the property from Peoria Street and runs directly behind the house, north, to the garage. A stone well, with newer pitched roof cover may be the site of the original water well but will be considered non-contributing as is the garage. The present three stall garage built in 1968 replaces an original one car garage built in about 1915.

The house is a two-story brick Italianate residence with a projecting two-story asymmetrical square bay on both the north and south sides of the structure. A rear two-story brick extension (or wing), with a stepped-down elevation, juts to the west of the main block of the structure, resulting in a lower roof line than the main block. The entire structure resembles an asymmetrical cross with a truncated cross bar. The house was built in late 1874 and said to have been designed by George W. Gayle, the architect who designed Union Hall on the campus of Lincoln College. Both structures are of the same period and both are very impressive.

There is a two-story addition to the northwest corner of the house that includes a first floor porch and a second-floor sleeping porch.

The main roof is low-pitched, cross-hipped at the bay projections, and covered with asphalt shingles. The cornice is very wide and adorned with paired brackets. Several cornice or "belly" windows can be found between the brackets. There is also a crown molding on the cornice between the brackets.

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Every corner of the structure has brick quoins. The entire house brickwork is done in English Bond, with a header row, then 5 or 6 stretchers, then a header, and so on. There are at least two projecting brick belt courses. One is a foundation belt course of three rows of stretchers and the other is single belt of stretchers course at the base of the brackets at the cornice level. The remaining usable chimneys are evident toward the rear. Several of the chimneys from unused fireplaces have been removed and roofed over.

Projecting segmental brick hoods surround the tops of the windows. On the rear wing, however, the hoods diminish to just brick eyebrows. All windows are double hung, 2/2, and arched. The sills are limestone. Paired windows are evident on both levels of the two-story bays and on the north staircase wall. The double windows have a vertical, wooden "rope" ornament between each mullion. Four extra-long windows are present at the front parlor walls leading to the veranda or wrap-around porch.

#### East Facade

The entrance is on the northeast corner beneath an L-shaped or wraparound verandah along the east and south walls of the foyer and front parlor of the house. The entry has tall, double-arched doors, half glazed with cut and frosted glass, elongated with transom-like extensions. The two first-floor windows are of the extra long type where entry into the main floor parlor can be made to and from the verandah. This verandah or wraparound porch may or may not have been original. The ceiling chandeliers are gas fixtures found stored in an old barn in Carlinville and installed in the 1930s during the Woods years.

The secondary entrance off the south side of the verandah, but facing east enters the rear or back parlor. It is a regular sized door with an arched transom. There is a single window above it on the second floor.

To complete the symmetrical east or front facade, four sets of paired cornice brackets enclosing three cornice or belly windows, sit over three 2/2 windows. The east wall is twenty four feet in length.



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North Facade

Beginning at the northeast corner with a full two story corner of brick quoins, a projecting belt course forms a support for the bottoms of the paired brackets in the cornice. In the spaces between the brackets and above the belt are ornamental brick crosses along the horizontal wall. Below the belt line is a pair of double windows with a vertical, wooden "rope" mullion. Directly below the second story pair is a second identical pair on the first floor. Both pairs have limestone sills. Below the second set is another belt course. This north wall covers the area of the main entry and staircase ascension to the second floor - a solid brick wall of some 24' to the projection of a two-story, 3'x11' bay, On this bay are two more sets of double windows, up and down, with "rope" mullions. Above the second-floor windows is a smaller cornice belly window guarded by four single brackets on each side. The bay roof is hipped into the main roof. There are two original, arched windows in the foundation.

The rear northwest porch extension begins at this point of the north facade. Although not original, the exterior is done with older, used bricks and covered with what must have been the original back porch, pantry utility area, or winter "cold locker". Atop the flat roof of the porch sits a second-floor sleeping porch, with its own hipped roof and single-bracket decoration. The roof extends back and under the original paired brackets and under the eave of the rear wing of the house. The stone water well, with its pitched roof cover, is the site of the original well for the property. This was built by the Woods family around the early 1940s.

The South Facade

The south wall runs west nineteen feet from the south east corner of the structure to the projecting two-story brick bay. There are two regular sized 2/2 second-floor windows that mark the front master bedroom area. On the first-floor below, two

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more long entry windows are located on the south wall of the main parlor. The south wall then juts out 7' to form the bay then extends west another 15'. There is a double window on both second story and first floor with the same "rope" treatment as on the north bay. A centered cornice belly window between two sets of double cornice brackets completes the wall.

The west end of the bay juts north about 4½' to the beginning of the rear wing of the house. Still a part of the south facade, its roof is lower than the main roof line. There are still double brackets at the cornice level but they are slightly smaller than those on the main house. The second floor windows are also lower than those on the main house section. The hooded brick lintels here are now just eyebrows over single but still arched windows. Still apparent on the brick is the outline of a rear porch which has been removed. This porch was indicated on the Sanborn Maps of 1896 and 1902. This porch was probably a smoking porch off the original dining room. There is an entrance to the original dining room on the south-west corner. The porch was removed in 1926 and a wooden overdoor was installed above the entry. The landing and entry steps at this entrance could have been a part of the original balustrade of this old porch. The belt line matches on both.

#### The West Facade

The west facade, like the east is 3 ranked - all single windows but placed asymmetrically on both levels. All have brick eyebrows, and also arched shutters. The most noticeable change is on the first floor, where two kitchen windows have been replaced with shorter ones and a center window added. Below the foundation line four basement window wells have been installed. The black-top driveway from Peoria Street runs adjacent to the house and culminates at the modern three car garage. A basement entrance is on the northwest corner near the rear back porch.

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Integrity

The Hoblit House has maintained much of its integrity during its 132 years of existence. Early photographs were unattainable, and because of its location, earlier Sanborn Insurance Maps do not include coverage for 505 College Avenue. It first makes its appearance in the 1896 Sanborn map but then is included only on the cusp so that only a partial image is available - enough that we see the outline of the main outline of the house.

At present, only three families have lived in the home at 505 College Avenue. The Schulers had the house built, according to the Lincoln Herald of June 25, 1874 ..... "H. B. Shuler(sic) expects to commence the erection of a brick residence on his lots on College Street early in the fall." Then on April 15, 1875, "H.B. Schuler is building a brick barn at his place on College Avenue." The Schulers owned their new house for only 8 years before selling it to Frank Hoblit. The Schulers had four boys. In the 1880 Illinois Census, the boys ages were 17, 15, 13, and 8. They also had two live in servants at the time. With this household plenty of room was needed.

When Frank Hoblit took over the property in 1882, his family consisted of his wife, and an adopted boy and girl. He later adopted two additional girls. The selling price for the property was \$6000, which would indicate that a large house was part of its improvement. Mr. Hoblit certainly had the means to expand had he so desired. When the Sanborn Map came out only fourteen years later and the shape remained as before, it indicated that the structure had not changed drastically.

Basically, the structure is still in its original design and condition and its integrity has not been compromised. The major changes affected the northwest porches. Other exterior features have not been dramatically altered. Several chimneys have been removed. More dramatic changes were the removal of the 1st floor south rear porch done in 1926, and at the same time, the expansion of the northeast porch with the addition of the second floor sleeping porch.

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The interior rooms have also kept their identity through the years. Most of the changes occurred during the Woods years from 1919 through 1979. When Mrs. Norma Hoblit Woods bought the house from her Uncle's estate in 1919, the house was 45 years old and would have needed some repair. The most notable change was in the north-east porch off the kitchen. In 1926 the porch was extended to make a breakfast nook and the second story sleeping porch.

The interior walls of the house are brick and six inches thick. The exterior walls are twelve inches thick. All interior walls are plaster over brick and papered or painted depending on use and location.

On the first floor of the structure is the front entry hall with a walnut staircase decorated with bulls-eye designs on each spindle and on the large, heavy newell. There is a niche in the bend. The main entry door is double, arched, and with very tall paneled and paned glass, both etched and cut. At the west end of this main entry hall is a door leading into what once was a library or study. Also from the entry hall, an archway leads to the main or front parlor. On the opposite wall of this parlor is a marble fireplace, situated between two very long windows extending to the floor level. Two more of the long windows are located on the east wall of this room. A second archway connects this parlor to the back parlor on the west. The back parlor has its own marble fireplace. A regular doorway next to the fireplace connects the rear parlor to the old dining room. A third arched doorway connects this parlor with the old study or library on the north. Another regular sized door exits to the verandah on the east wall.

The old dining room exits north into the kitchen and pantry area. An exit door on the southwest corner exits from the dining room onto the original smoking porch. There is wainscoting in the old dining room, kitchen, and porch area. The three large archways from front hall to parlor from parlor to parlor from parlor to library all had double swinging wooden doors. These doors were removed around 1969 and are stored in the basement. At about the same time the kitchen was redone.

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Ceilings are twelve feet high in the main section of the house and eleven feet in the old dining room and kitchen. Center plaster medallions have hanging chandeliers in the hall and two front parlors. There is crown molding in all the rooms on the first floor. Woodwork on the first floor is all natural and dark. Most doors and wide paneling there have faux graining. Some wood is natural grain, oak and walnut, but on some cabinets graining is definitely faux.

The floors on the first floor are inlaid. At the graduation of one of her sons from Yale, Mrs. Woods so admired the wood floors in the Student Union that she asked the President of Yale University to allow her to obtain the information on the company that supplied them. She proceeded to order the flooring for her home in Lincoln. This occurred around 1936 and the entire first floor was refloored with "Yale" pegs and planks.

There is an interesting feature in the old dining room. The fireplace mantle on the north wall has been replaced with the walnut shell of an old pump organ. No determination of when this was done has surfaced. Next to this feature there is a built-in bookcase cabinet. Located in this cabinet was the "pass-thru" from the kitchen to the dining room. It was closed off around 1969 by Mrs. Woods's grandson when he re-modeled the kitchen with new cabinets, appliances, counters, and windows over the sink. He and his new wife purchased the house from his mother when she retired to smaller quarters.

In 1979, the McCormicks, the present owners, moved in, and changed some room uses by moving the dining room to the old library or study, and turning the old dining room into a family room. In 2001 the ceiling in the old study was lowered to accomodate some recessed lighting fixtures. Otherwise room use has remained unchanged through the years.

At the top of the front staircase there is an open space used as a sewing and dressing room. The entrance to the master bedroom is close by. A bathroom and closet have been added. From the front bedroom to the main hallway from the stairway, a circular corner cupboard turns the hall to the west, with bedroom #2 to the left and bedroom #3 to the right.

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This hallway is ten feet in height and bedroom ceilings are at nine and one half feet. Bedroom #2 still has a picture molding eighteen and one half inches from the ceiling all around the room. All doorways have working transoms. All bedroom door panels are stained with faux graining and still in excellent condition. All other woodwork is natural or dark. A closet has been added in this bedroom. Another feature in this bedroom and was present in each of the other bedrooms is a marble vanity sink with hot and cold running water and marble splash board. Next to the vanity is a doorway and a step down to a large bathroom. This room services the three other bedrooms. There is also an entrance to this bathroom from the main hallway. After entry from the hallway to bedrooms #2 and #3, the hallway extends to the rear wing. This is defined with a step down to an area with the bathroom to the left and another step down into another hallway with entrance to the back stairway and attic. An entrance to what was once another bedroom, later a laundry, and now an office area is on the west wall. Also at the end of this area is the door to the sleeping porch. The office area also has a original window overlooking the sleeping porch.

Bedroom #4 is located to the left of the bathroom and a step lower. This room still contains its marble or granite vanity. There is also an original ornamental radiator.

At one time almost every room on the first floor level had access to a chimney. It is possible that they were used as a major source of heat for the house. At some point a central hot water heating system was installed. The existing ornamental radiators have been very effective through the years. Because of the solid brick walls, all water pipes to the radiators are still exposed in each room.

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### Narrative Statement of Significance

The locally significant Hoblit House is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C. in the area of Architecture. It is a local example of the Italianate building type with the features of elaborate bracketing supporting the flat roof as it extends over the walls. Characteristics of the Italianate Style, which the Hoblit house represents, include high interior ceilings and row awning windows evenly spaced under a flat roof. Windows in the Hoblit house are tall and narrow and fully arched. The eyebrows resemble an inverted U-shape, the front door has windows. Quoin detailing embosses the structure's corners in typical Italianate Style. The small chimneys are set in irregular locations also representing a characteristic of the building type. Although the porch was altered over one hundred years ago, it carries its own Empire Style historic value. The historic integrity of the house has been maintained over the one hundred and thirty years. The period of significance is 1874 the year the house was constructed.

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### History of the City of Lincoln

The first county seat of Logan County was laid out by Russell Post of Baltimore, from whom it received its name of Postville in the year 1835. Postville was on the direct road from St. Louis to Chicago and it became a regular stopping place for the stagecoaches. The location of the county seat at Postville aided much in the tiny settlement's prosperity. Russell Post had an interest in western town sites and this community soon suited his interest. Postville contained the first county buildings, as well as the county seat. Logan County had been formed out of Sangamon County in 1839. In the Postville Courthouse, then attorney Abraham Lincoln conducted law cases. In 1848 the county seat was moved to Mt. Pulaski, Illinois, and the village of Postville was incorporated into the newly-founded town of Lincoln in 1865.

In August 1853, Abraham Lincoln, Robert Latham, John Gillett and Virgil Hickox, founded the town of Lincoln along the newly-completed tracks of the Chicago and Alton railroad. Building the railroad through Logan County was the cause for the plotting of the town. The above-named men and friends of Abraham Lincoln had Lincoln draw up their powers of attorney for the new properties and decided to name the new town-to-be after their friend, the well-known attorney of the circuit court. Thus in August, 1853, near the railroad tracks, Abraham Lincoln christened the lots and future town with the juice of a watermelon. Sixty-four lots were sold that day to thirty different



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men. Prices varied from forty dollars to one hundred and fifty dollars; the most valuable ones were those facing the railroad or Chicago Street. In September 1853, the proprietors deeded to the county the swampland and lake on which the Courthouse Square and two parks on either side are now located. In 1856, the county seat was moved to Lincoln from Mt. Pulaski. The residents of Mt. Pulaski objected and the matter was finally settled in the Illinois State Supreme Court. Lincoln, Illinois, is known to be the only town named for Abraham Lincoln before he became famous.

**Statement of Significance of the Hoblit House**

The construction of the house began in 1874 by its owners Harrison and Matilda Schuler. Mr. Schuler was then cashier and a director of the First National Bank in Lincoln. In 1882, Mr. Schuler sold his property to Frank Hoblit (1839-1915). Frank Hoblit also bought out Mr. Schuler's interest in the bank; Hoblit became a cashier of the First National Bank and was one of the most prominent men in Logan County. He was born in Atlanta, Illinois, and graduated from Chicago Business College. In 1878, he organized the National State Bank of Bloomington and was one of its directors. In 1882, Mr. Hoblit purchased control of the First National Bank in Lincoln – the same one he had earlier worked in as a cashier. Mr. Hoblit was later Vice President of the State Bankers' Association, a member of the Board of Trustees of Lincoln College, and served as

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treasurer for the college. He took an active part in public affairs and was a person of respect and reliability. Mr. Hoblit, a widower, left a strip of ground on College Avenue – fifty feet wide and 160 feet deep, part of the NE side of the SW ½ of Block 6 in Parks addition to Lincoln – to his daughter Emma Hoblit McClure in 1908.

Emma died in 1911 and left no heirs; her husband sold Emma's portion of the property in 1911 to Frank Hoblit, Jr., a nephew of the original Frank Hoblit, and Emma's cousin. In 1908, the original Frank Hoblit had sold Frank, Jr. the SW ½ of Block 6.

On February 27, 1914, Frank Hoblit, Jr. died and left the house and property to his brothers, Joseph Hoblit, A.L. Hoblit, and his sister Nellie Hoblit Rogers. Frank Hoblit, Jr. was President of the First National Bank in Lincoln, as was his uncle; he had also been cashier at the Carlinville Bank in Carlinville, Illinois. The house was owned by all three until it was sold in 1919 to Norma Hoblit Woods, daughter of A.L. Hoblit. Norma Hoblit Woods was married to attorney Charles Woods. They lived in Carlinville, Illinois, until 1919, when they moved to Lincoln. Norma was named and awarded Mother for the State of Illinois 1955; the state granted this award to well known individuals who served state, family and community; she was President of Lincoln Women's Club and President of American Association of University Women. She was state chaplain of the Daughters of the American Revolution and a member of the Colonial Dames of America, Daughters of Pilgrims and Daughter of Colonial Wars. She was

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diocesan secretary of Springfield Episcopal Women's Auxiliary and three times President of the Central Illinois Smith College Club, as she graduated from Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts. She organized the Lincoln Garden Club in 1915.

On October 8, 1919, Norma and Charles Woods sold 80 feet off the northwest side of Lot 2 in Block 6 to Rose Wasson. Norma retained ownership of the rest of Lots 1 and 2 in Block 6 Parks Addition. On March 28, 1971, Norma Woods, a widow, sold to her grandson and his wife Lots 1 and 2, Block 6, which included the present residence. On January 31, 1979, Dick and Gina Woods sold to Timothy and Liana McCormick, Lots 1 and 2 in Block 6, excepting 80 feet of the full northwest side of Lot 2. The 80 feet NW Lot 2 was sold by Dick Woods to Delmar Aukamp in 1988.

**Architect George W. Gale**

The Hoblit house at 505 College Avenue was built by a well-known architect George W. Gale. Mr. Gale was the architect and superintendent for University Hall at Lincoln College in Lincoln, Illinois. It is on the National Historic Register and the ground for the building was broken on President Lincoln's last living birthday, February 12, 1865. President Lincoln was aware that the building was to be constructed and the college named after him. Mr. Gale was a native of Virginia, born in 1818. He came to Logan County from Peoria and was an architect and contractor in Lincoln. He

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was also Justice of the Peace for sixteen years before moving to Springfield. Mr. Gale was a prominent builder and erected numerous buildings including the Musick Building, Spitly House and Lincoln House which exists but is greatly altered. Mr. Gale died in Springfield in September, 1901. The bricks used at the 505 College Avenue residence were from the local brickyard in Lincoln, Illinois. Information on Mr. Gale is in the possession of his descendants.

**Italianate Architecture (Period 1830's-1880's)**

The Italianate Style of architecture was similar to the villas of the Italian countryside. The Hoblit house can be identified immediately as Italianate by the decorative brackets that are found under the eaves of the house. The house had the typical bracket style consoles evenly spaced and paired. Italianate homes are square with high ceilings. The Hoblit home has 12 foot ceilings and the house is quite square. The attic in Italianate houses, and the Hoblit house, has a row of awning windows between the eave brackets, allowing cool summer air into the attic.

The Italianate Style came to America in the first half of the nineteenth century in reaction to the Greek Revival Style. It was influenced by the picturesque; the picturesque was influenced by the seventeenth century paintings which emphasized harmony of buildings with nature. Nicolas Poussin and Claude Lorrain represent this style in painting. The Italianate Villa architecture represents this style. Italianate had hipped

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rooflines so low in profile that from the street, they often appear to be flat. The Hoblit house has this feature; the overhang provides a place for decorative brackets. Windows in the Italianate Style are tall and narrow and fully arched. The eyebrows resemble an inverted U-shape. The Hoblit house has these typical Italianate features.

Many Italianate homes may have a squared tower situated in the front or center. The front door usually has windows. Quoin detailing on the structure's corners is typical. Other features of the Italianate Style are small chimneys set in irregular locations.

The Hoblit house of 1874 was built in the early heyday of Lincoln architecture. It was designed by George W. Gale, well known in the 1870's for his architecture and design. The house still represents a true expression of the Italianate Style. The house has been maintained and it is hoped that it will meet the qualifications for the National Register.

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COMPARISONS OF ITALIANATES

In order to compare the Hoblit House with other Italianate homes in the city of Lincoln, Illinois, not only were comparisons of other Italianates, as determined by the Historic Site Survey of 1972 made, but the immediate neighborhood about the junction of Peoria Street and College Avenue was given a quick October 19, 2006 survey involving both car and foot to identify present standing Italianates. A right triangle of the neighborhood with Keokuk and Logan Streets forming the 90° angle and Union (north and south), being the hypotenuse became the territory covered with the following results: 13 homes in various stages of Italianate ancestry were defined and photographed.

227 East Lincoln, (Front faces East). Originally, a box Italianate with cornice double brackets, still in evidence. Wooden window hoods gives the effect of segmental or rounded windows. There is a wooden front overdoor covering double front entry doors. There is a one story addition on the north with an additional add on porch to that addition. On the south facade is a two story bay with an add on beyond. The house is two story frame covered with siding with corner molding and is well kept.

303 East Lincoln, (front faces east). This is a two story frame with a bad siding job. Windows have been ruined and cornice brackets have been removed. A one story bay is an add on and the porch across the front has been replaced with square posts and flat roof. Windows are square and single paned. This house is in need of care.

327 East Lincoln, (front faces east). This house has wide aluminum siding on a two story frame Italianate body. A flat roof porch runs across the front with round columns with no balustrade. It has wide, slat shutters on square windows, and no corner brackets. A new single front door and a single side light has been added.

502 North College, (faces west). This is a two story frame with no cornice brackets. The porch balustrade and porch supports have been replaced with white wrought iron. There is a new porch roof. It has vinyl siding and replacement square windows all around. It has been well taken care of.

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510 North College, (faces west). This house is a two story frame with low hipped roof, now covered with vinyl siding. Windows have been replaced on the south block of the house. The north wing is being worked on at the present time. No cornice brackets and the porch columns are replacements. Needs a bit of help.

512 North College, (faces west). Two story frame with hipped roof and located across the street from the Hoblit House. Large and many add ons in rear. Older segmented windows are evident on front block of house but no cornice brackets are in evidence. The front porch has been wrecked and left a shell and vinyl siding covers most of the body. The house looks vacant and needs some loving care.

313 East Peoria, (faces north). This is a two story frame box with one story add-on. Narrow siding with corner caps. The front facade is 3/3 square ranking. A wooden overdoor covers the entry, and is held up by posts with wrought iron railing on stairs. There is an add on one story addition to the west. It is well kept.

222 South Kankakee, (faces north). This is a two story frame, hipped roof, and with single cornice brackets. Windows are square and 9/1. The front entrance has sidelights and transom over a single door. The posts on the porch are turned with balustrade covering the first floor of the front facade. There is a one story east addition. It is well kept with a low picket fence across the entire front.

227 South Pekin, (faces north). This is a two story frame Italianate in real good shape and well cared for through its life. It has the original clapboard siding, still has double cornice brackets and 2/2 original, but square windows. Chamfered porch posts on piers, with brackets at the cornice level support the flat roof of the entry porch. A one story bay is on the east facade. This is probably one of the better examples of Italianates in the city and is well cared for.

303 Delavan, (faces north). This two story L shaped Italianate, now is vinyl sided with corner caps. There are single brackets at the cornice level with 6/6 square windows. The entrance is pedimented, single, and with a small transom. The one story porch has been screened in with arcaded accents. This one is also well kept.

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504 Delavan, (faces south). This two story frame house is vinyl sided and the west side has been added to extensively. The windows look to have been replaced. The added bay on the east had clerestory windows. The porch in front has turned posts. Most of the house is hidden by thick foliage in the front.

201 West 9th, (faces north). This Italianate has single cornice brackets, and most of the windows are still paned 2/2. The wrap around porch with the more classical double columns seems to be a later addition. The wrought iron railing at the entry steps rather takes away from the pedimented entry. Well cared for but a mixed hybrid.

142 West 10th, (faces north). This house is a block outside of our neighborhood "triangle", but was interesting so I included it. It does have double cornice brackets, and it does have a double front window. What the siding covers we can't know, but the piano window on the front facade is not original. The front entrance is transomed but single doored. Wrought iron railing on the front steps and street entry steps are distracting from the wrap-around porch supported by chamfered, bracketed, and arcaded posts, joined by a balustrade. The house looks like it has had a lot of care.

Of the 13 houses checked, 3 houses had single cornice brackets, 3 had double brackets, and 7 had no brackets at all.

Of 13 houses checked, 12 had some form of added siding. Only one had original clapboard siding.

Of the 13 houses checked, only one had hooded windows; only one had the older arched windows; only one had a double window in evidence; and four houses had made use of wrought iron railings of some sort.

Of the 13 houses checked, all were two story frame structures; none were brick.



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Only one house in the area stands alone in the appointment of Italianate features - that house being the Hoblit House at 505 North College Avenue. Cornice windows, double cornice brackets, corner quoins, segmental windows with hoods, 2/2 paned double hung windows, as well as 5 sets of double windows, a large two door entry, and 4 elongated entry windows from the veranda to egress into the front parlor. The Hoblit House certainly fulfills National Criterion C in the area of Architecture for being one of the few residential examples in the city of Lincoln that embodies the distinctive characteristics of the Italianate house. The architect, George W. Gayle, in designing this house created a home of enduring quality. This is indeed a well preserved example of a detailed custom designed Italianate house of 1874. It is locally significant because it represents quality of workmanship in the beginning of its existence and masterful stewardship in maintaining its integrity through the years. This house served as a model of efficiency in Lincoln in 1874. Its contribution to the City of Lincoln and Logan County should be recognized and preserved.

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Verbal Boundary Description

A part of Lot 1 and a part of Lot 2 in Block 6 of Park's Addition to the City of Lincoln, Logan County, Illinois; further described as follows: Beginning at a drill hole at the South corner of Lot 1 Block 6 of Park's Addition thence Northwesterly along the Southwesterly lot line of Lot 1, 145.75 feet to an iron pin; thence Northeasterly making an interior angle of  $90^{\circ}-26'-27''$  with the last described course 77.14 feet to an iron pin at the beginning of a non-tangent curve, thence Northwesterly 36.53 feet along a curve concave to the Southwest having a radius of 21 feet to an iron pin; thence Northeasterly 52.3 feet to an iron pin on the Northeasterly line of Lot 2; thence Southeasterly 171.19 feet to a drill hole at the East corner of Lot 1, thence Southwesterly 150.0 feet to the point of beginning.

Lots are 150' X 160'

Boundary Justification

The nominated property includes only that part of the original Matilda M. and Harrison B. Schuler property of 1874 now owned by the present resident.

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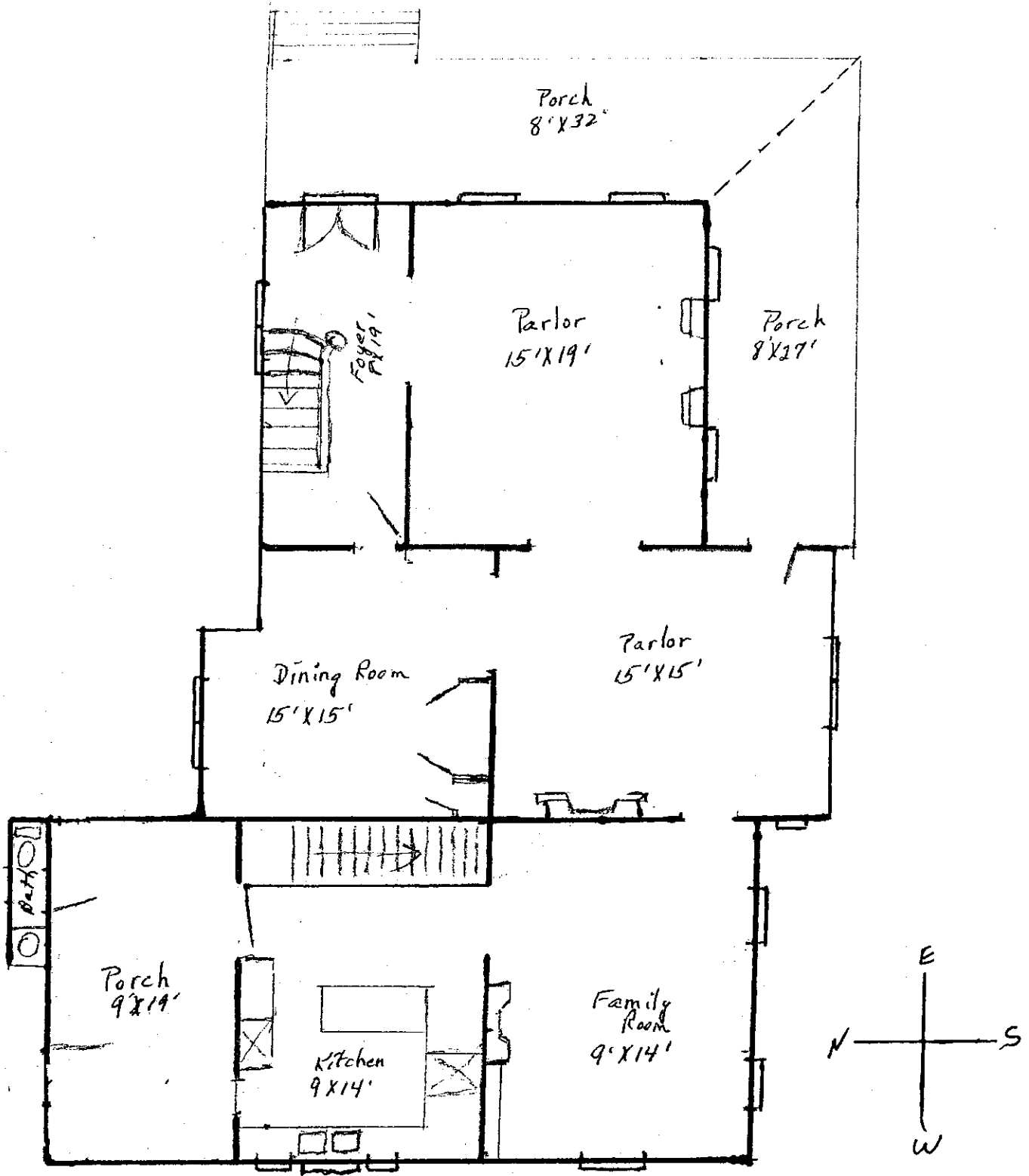
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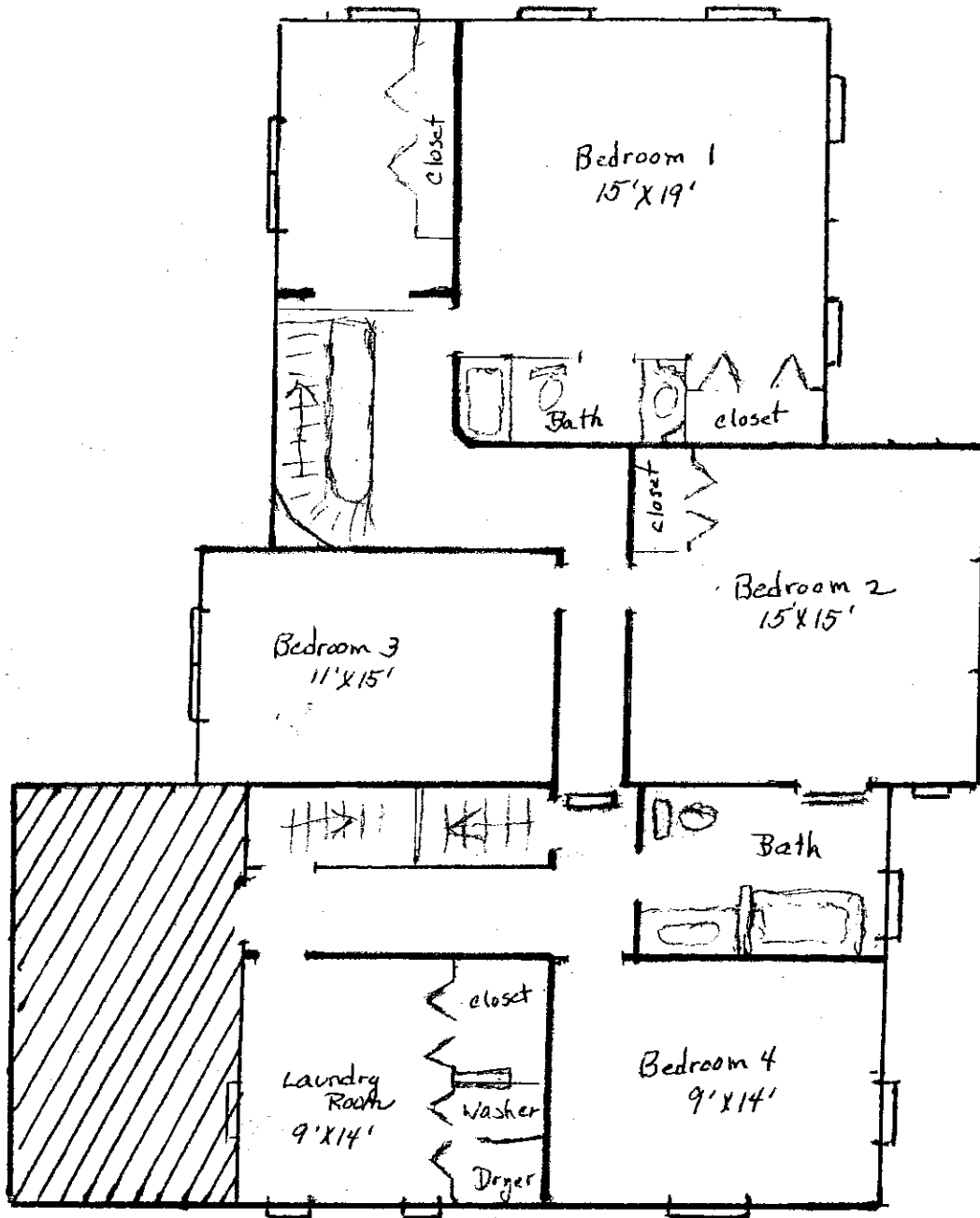
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3. Photographer - Jo Anne Beard
  4. Date - August 31, 2006
  5. Negatives with Jo Anne Beard
  7. Photograph number and 6. Description
- #1 East facade - looking northwest.
  - #2 Main front entrance - on east facade - facing west.
  - #3 North facade - looking south.
  - #4 Extruded bay on north side - note double windows with ornamental rope design.
  - #5 Wraparound porch on south east corner - looking northwest.
  - #6 South facade - looking north - note (hidden) extruded bay and traces of former porch.
  - #7 Southwest corner of rear wing showing west facade and driveway - Rear entry on south side to current family room.
  - #8 Northwest corner showing west facade and expanded porches. Looking southeast from garage.
  - #9 Front double doored entry windows from interior foyer - looking east.
  - #10 Main staircase in front foyer - doorway into dining room - note coffin corner.
  - #11 Front parlor - looking into rear parlor - then into family room - note floor.
  - #12 Rear parlor - looking through left arch into dining room and looking through right arch into front parlor then on through further arch into entry foyer.
  - #13 Modern three-car garage on northwest corner of lot.



First Floor Plan  $1/4" = 2'$



Second Floor Plan  $\frac{1}{4}'' = 2'$





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1703 Hill Ave.,  
Spirit Lake, 07000452,  
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IOWA, RINGGOLD COUNTY,  
Beaconsfield Supply Store,  
1621 Main St.,  
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KENTUCKY, BOURBON COUNTY,  
West Millersburg Rural Historic District, Millersburg--Ruddels Mills Rd and Steele Ford Rd.,  
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Bagatelle Plantation House,  
695 LA 991,  
Sunshine vicinity, 07000424,  
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Holz Family Farmstead,  
4665 Manor Dr.,  
Eagan, 07000459,  
LISTED, 5/24/07

MINNESOTA, ST. LOUIS COUNTY,  
Stuntz Bay Boathouse Historic District,  
At the northern of Stuntz Bay Rd.,  
Breitung Township, 07000460,  
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Kirkwood, 07000462,  
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