

ILLINOIS HISTORIC SITES SURVEY INVENTORY

INFO ONLY

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1. Name of site: **Williamson County Courthouse**

Common

Historic

2. Location:

Street and number

Township

Section

City or Town

Zip Code

Range

1/4 Section

**Marion**

County

**Williamson**

3. Classification:

Category (check one)

- District
- Building
- Site
- Structure

Integrity (check one)

- Altered
- Unaltered
- Moved
- Original Site

4. Ownership

- Private
- Public

Status (check one)

- Occupied
- Unoccupied
- Preservation work in Progress

Access to Public

- Yes
- Restricted
- Unrestricted
- No

Present Use ( check one or more)

- Agricultural
- Commercial
- Educational
- Entertainment
- Government
- Industrial
- Military
- Museum
- Park
- Private Residence
- Religious
- Scientific
- Transportation
- Other (specify)

5. Ownership of Property

Owner's name **Williamson County**

Street and number

Phone Number

City or Town

State

County

Zip Code

6. Description

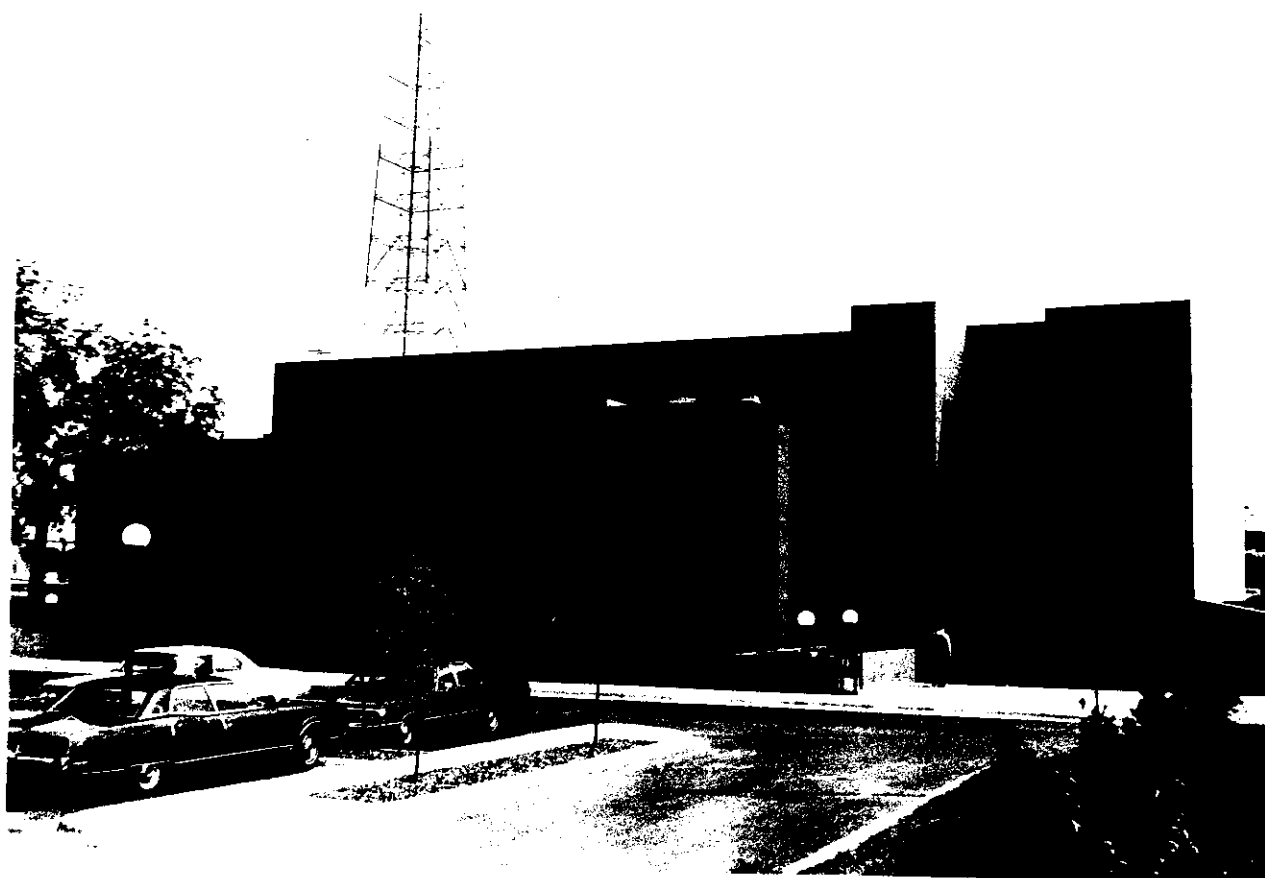
Condition

- Excellent
  - Good
  - Fair
  - Deteriorated
  - Ruins
  - Unexposed
- Is there a program of preservation underway?  Yes  No

7. Historical Themes: (check one or more of the following)

- Archaeological Site (Pre-Columbian)
- Archaeological Site (Post-Columbian to 1673)
- French Influence 1673-1780
- Illinois Frontier (1780-1818)
- Illinois Early (1818-1850)
- Illinois Middle (1850-1900)
- Illinois Late (1900-present)
- Famous People (give names & dates)

MAJOR THEME - LAW  
SUB-THEME - ADMINISTRATION



8. Specific Date: 1972

Areas of significance (check one or more of the following)

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|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal (historic)     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal (pre-historic) | <input type="checkbox"/> Military             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture               | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Science              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communication             | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation              | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Industry                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Invention                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture    |                                               |

Brief statement of significance: (include all names and dates.) Use  
additional sheets if necessary. Built in 1872 to replace former courthouse  
built in 1888.

9. Form prepared by:

Name and title: William G. Farrar Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Street and number: \_\_\_\_\_

City or town: \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

During the course of the Survey we often find it necessary to search for references for a particular site. When filling out the Survey form, please list according to the following example, published references to the site for which forms are being completed. If a bibliography can be compiled, it will greatly deduct from the Survey's task.

Bibliography

Robertson, Robert, Of Whales and Men. New York, Alfred K. Knopf, Inc., 1954.

# Williamson County Gets New Court House

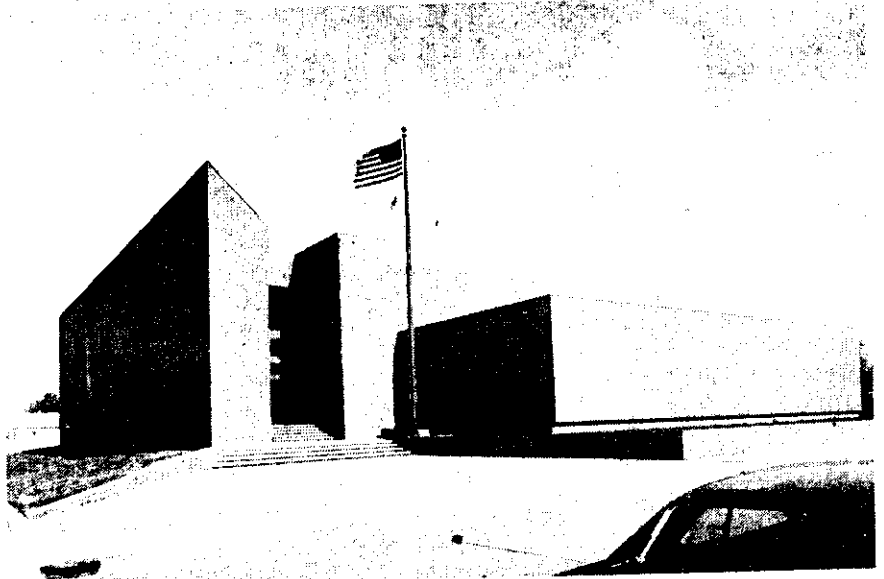


Old Court House

Eighty-three years ago Williamson County had a new courthouse. Today they have another new courthouse. The old courthouse 83 years ago was really something for that day but times have changed and so have buildings. The Williamson County new courthouse is as much more improved and up-to-date as the old one was 83 years ago over the old log cabin.

The County Board of Commissioners who were comprising the County Board last November when the courthouse was dedicated were William J. Sinks, Chairman; Jack Hampton and Robert Williams.

Members of the Building Committee who steered the planning and



New Court House

overseeing the construction were Finis E. Holmes, Oscar P. Schafale, Knute E. Aronson, Harry McMurtrie, Herman Bearden, Gordon Franklin, August L. Fowler, Thomas W. Haney, Frank Samuel, Jr., and Edward Dahmer.

Williamson County Officers are as follows:

County Coroner, James R. Wilson; Probation Officer, Elmer L. Farmer;

Public Defender, George Morgan; County Clerk, Barney R. Boren; Circuit Clerk, James Basler; Tax Assessor, Wade Rowatt; Treasurer, Harold Farner; States Attorney, Kenneth Powless; Superintendent of Educational Service Region, Leslie Stille; Highway Superintendent, Fred Thane; Sheriff, Russell Oxford; and Administrator of General Assistance, Adolph Fluck.

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