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**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation 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 Pelton, Ora House

and/or common Izzo-Pelton House

2. Location

street & number 214 South State Street

N/A not for publication

city, town Elgin

N/A vicinity of

~~Congressional District~~

state Illinois

code 012

county Kane

code 089

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input 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
	<i>N/A</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Izzo

street & number 214 South State Street

city, town Elgin

N/A vicinity of

state Illinois

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Kane County Government Center--Recorder of Deeds

street & number 719 South Batavia Avenue

city, town Geneva

state Illinois

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

1) Illinois Historic Structures Survey
title 2) Illinois Historic Landmarks Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1) 1972 2) 1974 federal state county local

depository for survey records Depository for Survey Records--Illinois Department of Conservation

city, town Springfield

state Illinois

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The architectural significance of the Izzo-Pelton House lies in its purity of Victorian detailing and form. Built in 1889, the exterior and interior remain essentially unaltered.

The three story detached house is basically rectangular in plan, with porches, towers and a porte cochere providing complexity and interest. The house is of frame construction with a native stone foundation.

The exterior represents a synthesis of Stick Style and Eastlake detailing. The varied roof forms, complex silhouettes and massing, projecting gables, sculptured chimneys, towers, etc. create an exuberant High Victorian expression against the sky. Much of the detailing, including the clapboard siding with additional overlaid boards running horizontally, vertically, diagonally and curvilinear exhibit distinctive Stick Style characteristics--the outward expression of the concealed structure. Contrasting the flat, Stick Style detail is the Eastlake detail, as shown by the porch columns and second floor balcony. The spindlework and balustrade details are an interpretation and reshaping of the furniture design principles of Charles Locke Eastlake. The exterior remains finely preserved, from the curved, beveled glass windows in the corner tower to the Moorish keyhole arch on the second floor balcony, and complex detailing and siding patterns.

Today, the only change to the exterior expression is the result of a sympathetic 1920's one story addition on the southwest corner of the house. Respect for the original design can be seen in the sensitivity of scale, a matching stone foundation, and wood siding.

The finely designed interior is also well preserved. Even today, the formal oak staircase in the foyer rising along a curved wall with beveled glass windows exudes the feeling of grandeur which surely has existed since Ora Pelton first lived here. Suspended over the staircase is a delicate crystal chandelier imported from Czechoslovakia. A stained glass skylight provides natural light in the third floor corridor. The interior woodwork, detailing, doors, door hardware, and hardwood flooring still remain in excellent condition. The parlor has retained its inlaid interlocking chain design parquet flooring defining each entrance into the room. Examples of the elegant fireplace and mantle designs can be seen in the parlor and in two of the second floor bedrooms. Rooms have not been altered, still retaining their original spatial interrelationships. Each room is finished with a different kind of wood: hall and stairway-oak; parlors-birch; dining room-sycamore; office-birds eye maple; kitchen-yellow leaf pine; second floor rooms-gum wood. The leaf of the type of wood used is depicted in a carving on the casing of each door frame for each room.

The carriage house in the rear, built in 1890, is also a significant structure. It remains essentially unaltered, helping to define the courtyard space behind the house. The design continuity of the house itself, the porte cochere, and the carriage house provide an integral sense of enclosure.

The site of the Izzo-Pelton house has retained its significance, and still commands a spectacular view of the Fox River and downtown Elgin.

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"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)		

Specific dates Residence-1889 **Builder/Architect** Gilbert M. Turnbull

Carriage House-1890

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Today, of the few remaining houses along the South State Street corridor the Izzo-Pelton house is the best preserved and represents the most significant example of Stick/Eastlake architectural style. Many of the other houses have been converted to other uses, substantially altered, or demolished. The fine condition of the Izzo-Pelton house can, in part, be attributed to its ownership by only two families--the Pelton's from 1889 to 1955 and the Izzo's from 1955 to the present. It was 1889 when Dr. Ora A. Pelton, Sr., a highly esteemed physician in both Elgin and Kane County, commissioned contractor and architect Gilbert M. Turnbull to design and construct a residence at 214 South State Street. Turnbull designed many significant structures in Elgin including the Elgin City Hall (1892, now demolished), Abby Wing School (1899), A. M. Steward Block (1888), Sherman Hospital (1893, substantially altered), German Evangelical Church (1893), as well as, a large number and variety of residences (single family, brick duplexes, and row housing). Many of Turnbull's designs were of a functional, utilitarian character. The Izzo-Pelton house appears to be one of the few existing examples of elaborate wood ornamentation designed by this local architect. The area chosen by Dr. Pelton for his residence was described by C. E. Botsford in 1891 as follows:

"Rising in a gradual ascent from the business portion, the residence area occupies a commanding position on the bluffs, which line the Fox River, and from which Elgin has received the sobriquet of "Bluff City". The wealthier residents vie with each other in the adornment of their homes, many of which are of beautiful architectural design, surrounded by large and well kept lawns. . . ."

The present house not only retains its architectural features but the surrounding vegetation and carriage house compose a setting representative of its original 1889 environment. Dr. Pelton continued to practice medicine in Elgin and by 1935 he held the record of being the longest practicing physician in this portion of the state, as well as being recognized as a prominent surgeon.

*C. E. Botsford, "Elgin and Surroundings", 1891, C. E. Botsford Publisher, pages 62-63.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See Continuation Sheet

10. Geographical Data

Area of nominated property .4 of an acre

Quadrangle name Elgin

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

A

16	393740	4653720
Zone	Easting	Northing

C

Zone	Easting	Northing

E

Zone	Easting	Northing

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B

Zone	Easting	Northing

D

Zone	Easting	Northing

F

Zone	Easting	Northing

H

Zone	Easting	Northing

Verbal boundary description and justification Lot 4 of Lords Park Addition in the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 14, Township 41 North, Range 8 East, all within the City of Elgin, Kane County, Illinois. Tax Number 06-14-478-023, Elgin Township.

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

state	code	county	code
N/A			

11. Form Prepared By

name/title 1) Patricia A. Damler, Planner
 2) Bruce R. Dahlquist, Architect

organization 1) City of Elgin, Community Development Dept.
 2) Burnidge, Cassell & Assoc., Architects date

street & number 1) 150 Dexter Court
 2) 1750 Grandstand Place telephone 1) 312-695-6500
 2) 312-695-5840

city or town Elgin state 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

D. J. ...

title *Director*

date *6/25/82*

For HCRS use only I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	date
Keeper of the National Register	date
Attest:	date
Chief of Registration	

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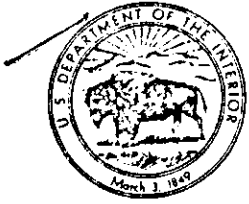
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1. Kane County Urban Development Department, "Architecture and Historic Urban Neighborhoods on the Fox River--1976-1977", page 34.
2. Lowrie and Black, "Elgin Today 1904--Historical, Descriptive, Biographical Elgin, Illinois", 1903, Lowrie and Black Publishers, p. 151-biographic sketch on Dr. O. L. Pelton, Sr. (See exhibit #3)
3. Daily Courier News, "Historical Record of Elgin's First 100 Years", June 15, 1935. (See exhibit #4)
4. C. E. Botsford, "Elgin and Surroundings", 1891, C. E. Botsford Publisher, pages 62-63. (discussion of South State Street residences)
5. Elgin Courier News, Annual Review of Local Construction, December 14, 1889. (See exhibit #5)
6. William Ernest McGregor and Carl Gerard Whitstruck, "Picturesque Elgin, 1902", (publisher same as author). Photographs of westside residences including the Pelton residence. (See exhibit #6)
7. Daily Courier News, July 27, 1975--article on South State Street residences. (See exhibit #7)

All the above material is located at the Gail Borden Library, 200 North Grove Street, Elgin, Illinois 60120.



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
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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 August 8 and ending August 14, 1982. For further information call (202) 272-3504.

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

ARKANSAS, Washington County, Favetteville, Hemingway House and Barn, 3310 Old Missouri Rd. (08/12/82)

CONNECTICUT, Fairfield County, Ridgefield, Branchville Railroad Tenement, Old Main Highway (08/12/82)

GEORGIA, Elbert County, Elberton, Elberton Residential Historic District, Roughly bounded by Elbert, Oliver, Adams, Thomas, Edwards, and Heard Sts. (08/11/82)

GEORGIA, Twiggs County, Jeffersonville vicinity, Chapman, John, Plantation, SE of Jeffersonville on GA 96 (08/11/82)

IDAHO, Idaho County, Riggins vicinity, Aitken Barn, SW of Riggins on US 95 (08/09/82)

ILLINOIS, Adams County, Quincy, Wood, Ernest M., Office and Studio, 126 N. 8th St. (08/12/82)

ILLINOIS, Cook County, Blue Island, Young, Joshua P., House, 2445 High St. (08/12/82)

ILLINOIS, Cook County, Wilmette, Bailey — Michelet House, 1028 Sheridan Rd. (08/12/82)

ILLINOIS, Kane County, Elgin, Pelton, Ora, House, 214 S. State St. (08/12/82)

ILLINOIS, Peoria County, Peoria, Pere Marquette Hotel, 501 Main St. (08/12/82)

ILLINOIS, Tazewell County, Pekin, Pekin Theatre, 21-29 S. Capitol St. (08/12/82)

ILLINOIS, Will County, Joliet, Christ Episcopal Church, 75 W. Van Buren St. (08/12/82)

ILLINOIS, Will County, Joliet, Joliet Township High School, 201 E. Jefferson St. (08/12/82)

KENTUCKY, Jefferson County, Louisville, Belknap, William R., School, 1800 Sils Ave. (08/12/82)

KENTUCKY, Jefferson County, Louisville, Rauchfuss Houses, 837-847 S. Brook St. (08/12/82)

KENTUCKY, Jefferson County, Louisville, Republic Building, 429 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd. (08/12/82)

KENTUCKY, Jefferson County, Louisville, Stewart's Dry Goods Company Building, 501 S. 4th Ave. (08/12/82)

KENTUCKY, Jefferson County, Louisville, Theater Building, 625-33 S. 4th Ave. (08/12/82)

LOUISIANA, Ascension Parish, Donaldsonville, Landry Tomb, Ascension Catholic Church Cemetery, St. Vincent and Claiborne Sts. (08/11/82)

LOUISIANA, Ascension Parish, Donaldsonville, Lemann Store, 314 Mississippi St. (08/11/82)

LOUISIANA, Avovelles Parish, Marksville, Joffrion House, 605 N. Mohroe (08/11/82)

LOUISIANA, Bossier Parish, Elm Grove vicinity, Cashpoint Plantation House, N of Elm Grove off LA 71 (08/11/82)

LOUISIANA, Caldwell Parish, Columbia, First United Methodist Church, LA 165 and Church St. (08/12/82)

LOUISIANA, Iberville Parish, Rosedale, Church of the Nativity, Laurel St. (08/11/82)

LOUISIANA, Orleans Parish, New Orleans, Orpheum Theatre, 125-129 University Pl. (08/11/82)

LOUISIANA, St. Landry Parish, Grand Coteau vicinity, Frozard Plantation House, S of Grand Coteau off LA 93 (08/12/82)

LOUISIANA, St. Landry Parish, Grand Coteau, Burleigh House, Burleigh Lane (08/11/82)