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INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
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1 NAME

HISTORIC

Aaron G. Cloud Home

AND/OR COMMON

McCoy Memorial Library

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

104 S. Washington

CITY, TOWN

McLeansboro

STATE

Illinois

VICINITY OF

CODE
62859

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

COUNTY

Hamilton

CODE

3 CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | PRESENT USE |
|---|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC | <input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDINGS | <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE | <input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK |
| <input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH | <input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS | <input checked="" 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

City of McLeansboro - James P. Mick - Mayor

tele: 643-2763

STREET & NUMBER

103 W. Main

CITY, TOWN

McLeansboro

VICINITY OF

STATE

Illinois 62859

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Hamilton County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

McLeansboro

STATE

Illinois 62859

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Illinois Historic Landmarks Survey - Dept. of Conservation
Illinois Structures Report - Dept. of Conservation
Outdoor Illinois - May 1974, Open Space & Outdoor Recreation Plan

DATE

June 1972

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Southeastern Illinois Regional Planning and Development Commission

CITY, TOWN

Harrisburg

STATE

Illinois 62946

| CONDITION | | CHECK ONE | CHECK ONE |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS | <input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED | | DATE _____ |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The McCoy Memorial Library stands prominently on the southwest corner of the public square in McLeansboro, Illinois. The building is two and one half stories, red brick on a high rusticated stone foundation. The mansard roof contains heavily ornamented gable dormers and is topped with decorative iron cresting. The house boasts a three and one half story central tower in a plan corner. The tower is terminated with a pyramidal cap with a double windowed gable on each side. All detailing on the house is heavily scaled Eastlake Style. Windows are elongated double hung sash, topped with decorative flat window hoods. The front facade contains a three bay entry porch with a railing across the top. A large semi-circular bay bellies out from the front facade, also topped with a railing. Five of the original seven chimneys remain; one fell in an earthquake and another was damaged and finally removed. Six attic windows have been bricked in, three on west side of building, one on south, and two on north. Other than these minor alterations the house is in excellent condition.

The plan is not unlike other large houses in Illinois of the 1870's with a parlor and drawing room on either side of the entrance, a stair hall opposing a library in the center and the dining room and kitchen at the far end of the hall. This first floor has been used as a library since 1922. The second floor, reached by a modern stairway and entrance on the south side, was after 1922 used as offices and is currently being restored for use as museum and historical and geneological library. The original, elaborately carved grand staircase located at the mid-point of the floorplan serves as an auxiliary route to the second floor.

The house contains nine fireplaces, four on the main floor and five on the second floor. Each is uniquely crafted from a different wood or marble and decorative tile. The parlor fireplace is birds eye maple with inlaid tile featuring a scene with exotic birds and an extensively ornamentated overmantel.

The library fireplace is black walnut with decorative tiles depicting historical events. The fireplace in the dining room is the most unusual with a split flue surrounding a window. The mantel and decorative over mantel surrounding the window is chestnut. Other fireplace mantels are made from red cherry, mahogany, quartersawn oak and white marble, most with decorate tile surrounding the firebox. Fireplaces on the second floor are not as elaborate as those on the first floor, yet still are quite beautiful.

SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

☐ PREHISTORIC
☐ 1400-1499
☐ 1500-1599
☐ 1600-1699
☐ 1700-1799
☒ 1800-1899
☐ 1900-

☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
☐ AGRICULTURE
☒ ARCHITECTURE
☐ ART
☐ COMMERCE
☐ COMMUNICATIONS

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING
☐ CONSERVATION
☐ ECONOMICS
☐ EDUCATION
☐ ENGINEERING
☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT
☐ INDUSTRY
☐ INVENTION

☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
☐ LAW
☐ LITERATURE
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSIC
☐ PHILOSOPHY
☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

☐ RELIGION
☐ SCIENCE
☐ SCULPTURE
☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
☐ THEATER
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)

SPECIFIC DATES

1884

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

(Architects)

Reid Brothers, Evansville, Ind.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This impressive structure was constructed in 1884 by Aaron G. Cloud as a family residence. Mr. Cloud was a banker and was also responsible for the 1882 construction of the Cloud State Bank, a Second Empire gem immediately north of the house. Architects for the house were the Reid Brothers of Evansville, Indiana and the contractor was R.A. Stanley.

The structure is far from stylistically pure but instead is significant for its provincial eclecticism. The house combines elements of Italianate, Second Empire, Queen Anne and Eastlake. The exterior Eastlake detailing is outstanding as is the interior Queen Anne detailing. Few examples of this scale, quality, and integrity exist in Hamilton County and in Illinois.

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

History of Gallatin, Saline, Hamilton, Franklin, and
Williamson Counties, 1887, pg. 685.

Cloud Manuscripts - Construction Day Book

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lots 38 and 39 in town of McLeansboro. Each lot 60 feet wide and 180 feet deep.

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

McCoy Memorial Library Board

11/2/77

ORGANIZATION

164 S. Washington

DATE

643-3125

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

McLeansboro

Illinois 62869

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

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

David L. ...

TITLE

Director, Department of Conservation

DATE

12/30/77

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

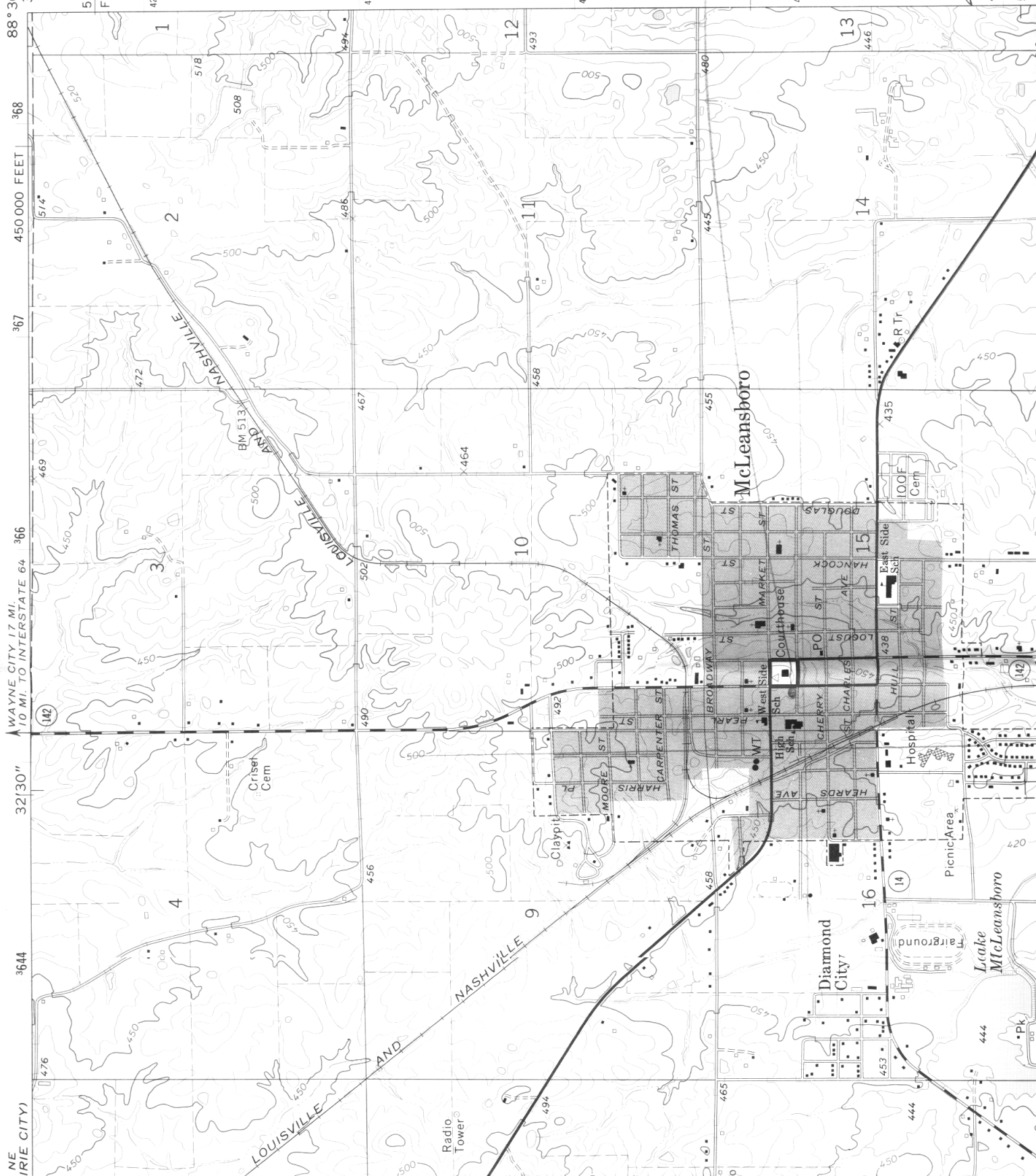
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(BUNGAY)

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7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
SE/4 MCLEANSBORO 15' QUADRANGLE

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McCoy
Memorial
Library

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EASTING 365260
NORTHING 4217060