

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

**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 GOVERNOR YATES HOME

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 1190 WILLIAMS BOULEVARD not for publication

city, town SPRINGFIELD vicinity of

state ILLINOIS code county SANGAMON code

**3. Classification**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>
<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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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
		<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 DR. AND MRS. J. PETER FRECHETTE

street & number 1190 WILLIAMS BOULEVARD

city, town SPRINGFIELD vicinity of state ILLINOIS 62704

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. SANGAMON COUNTY RECORDER OF DEEDS

street & number 800 EAST MONROE ST. ROOM 106

city, town SPRINGFIELD state ILLINOIS

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title ILLINOIS HISTORIC STRUCTURES SURVEY has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date OCTOBER 1974  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records 405 EAST WASHINGTON STREET

city, town SPRINGFIELD state ILLINOIS

# 7. Description

**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered (interior)

**Check one**

original site  
 moved date \_\_\_\_\_

**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

The home of Governor Richard Yates Jr. was designed in the Romanesque and modified Queen Anne styles, in 1904-05.

The main entrance is on the southwest with access through an archway onto a covered porch.

The first floor plan is basically symmetrical (as the sketch shows) but unusual for the non-traditional use of space in a home. The home has no foyer but instead a grand hall which joins the other rooms.

The dining room, parlor, and turret open into the grand hall with oversize openings and no doors.

The turret has doors on both the north and south with three large curved windows on the west.

The fireplace landing is set back from the grand hall and raised three steps.

The six Ionic columns are around the grand hall—four of which serve a structural purpose and two decorative.

The ten foot wide open hall on the second floor is a balcony overlooking the fireplace landing.

On the second floor there are six bedrooms and three baths

The exterior of the home is large smooth river rock foundation with the first floor walls of cut stone. The second floor and gables are painted wood shingles. The carriage house is of the same type of construction and also has a basement and attic as does the home.

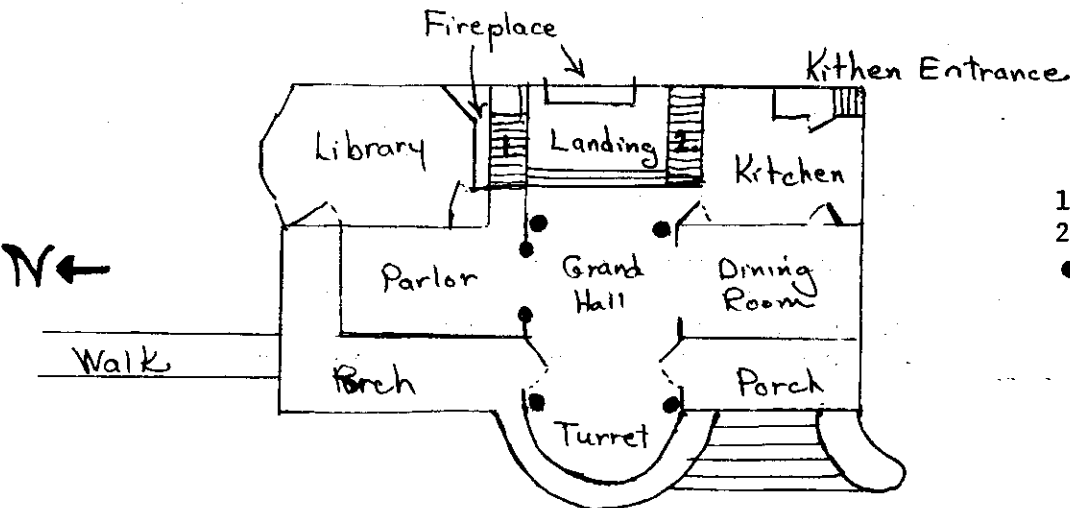
On the west face of the home is the turret—two stories tall of cut stone. The circular shape is capped by a cone shaped roof and a copper lightning rod.

The drive, in its original position and orientation to the house and carriage house, is now bituminous instead of shale.

**Interior changes consist of:**

1. Late 1920's; paneling the unfinished library in walnut,
2. Late 1920's; covering the cobblestone fireplace with a facade of marble and wood. (The cannon ball given to Gov. Yates Sr. (the Civil War Governor) is still embedded in the stonework.)
3. Early 1960's; converting of the NE bedroom to a chapel for the use of the Episcopal Bishop—presently again being used as a bedroom.
4. Late 1970's; modernizing of the kitchen for use by present owners.

There are no significant exterior changes except for the roof shingles and the style of the carriage house doors.



1. Open stairs to 2nd fl.
2. Maid's stairs
- Ionic columns

# 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

<b>Specific dates</b>	1904-05	<b>Builder/Architect</b>	HELMLE & HELMLE ARCHITECTS JAMES CULVER BUILDER
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**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

The home of Governor Richard Yates Jr. was designed by the prominently known local architectural firm of Helme & Helmle. The use of cut stone for this residence was unusual as George H. Helmle did not use cut stone except on non-residential designs. The firm over a period of 75 years designed over 400 buildings, contributing significantly to the appearance of the city. James Culver worked closely with the Helmle firm as he was the chief supplier of stone in the central Illinois area.

The home designed and built specifically for a political figure has many characteristics found in public buildings, including areas for large gatherings, office space(library), and elevated areas for speeches, but also has privacy for a growing family.

On the first floor the location of the two doors in the turret allow guests to enter on the south, greet the hosts, visit, and exit on the north and not interfere with the flow of traffic. The large openings into the grand hall allow for the expansion of the diningroom across the hall into the parlor for large dinner parties. The fireplace landing, three steps up from the grand hall, makes a raised platform from which to address guests and make after dinner speeches. The six Ionic columns give the first floor a feeling of stability and importance. The extra wide hall on the second floor gives the family privacy when it was necessary to use the bedrooms if functions were going on downstairs. The turret, a large rounded projection on the west, is surrounded by a wall and walkway of rock and stone that rises from the gently falling contours of the landscape. The wall and walk above the lawn is reminiscent of the portico porch at the Illinois Governor's Mansion, again a ideal place for speeches and addresses.

The home is located adjacent to Washington Park in Orendorff Place, developed by J. F. MacPherson. At the turn of the century and into the teens Orendorff Place was the newest and most prestigious area of the city, With only a hundred homes being built within its forty acres of woodland park.

Born in Jacksonville, Illinois in 1860 to the soon to be Governor and Mrs. Yates Sr. young Richard was very involved in politics. He attended local schools and graduated from Illinois College in Jacksonville as class orator in 1880. He was immediatly admitted to the bar in Michigan and Illinois when he graduated from the law school at Michigan University in 1884. In 1888 he married Helen Wadworth a popular, strong-willed, society miss. They had two daughters Dorothy and Catharine.

Before becoming governor Richard Yates Jr. served as City Attorney in Jacksonville, County Judge in Morgan County, State Public Utilities Commissioner under Gov. Dunn, and Assistant States Attorney General.

Governor Yates was the first governor of Illinois born in Illinois; the first son of a governor to be governor; he was the first gubernatorial candidate to use a special train as a means of campaigning around the state; when elected governor in 1900, he won by the greatest victory ever witnessed in Illinois history; during his term as governor Richard Yates entertained his friend and sometimes advisee President Theodore Roosevelt three times in Springfield; After leaving the office of governor Richard Yates served in Congress for six terms (1919-1933). His death in 1936 ended a dominant and politically active life.



# 9. Major Bibliographical References

GOVERNOR RICHARD YATES JR. 1860-1936 AUTOBIOGRAPHY IL. STATE HISTORICAL LIBRARY  
 GOVERNOR RICHARD YATES JR. SANGAMON VALLEY COLLECTION LINCOLN LIBRARY, SPRINGFIELD  
 INTERVIEW: MRS. LOUISE FRECHETTE, PRESENT OWNER AND GREAT-NEICE OF CATHARINE YATES PICKERING  
 DAUGHTER OF RICHARD YATES JR. cont.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one  
 Quadrangle name Springfield West Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

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	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
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Verbal boundary description and justification

THIS PROPERTY IS BOUND ON THE NORTH BY WILLIAMS BOULEVARD, ON THE WEST BY WASHINGTON PARK AND ON THE SOUTH AND EAST BY PRIVATE RESIDENCES.

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

state	code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title LINDA L. FULGENZI

organization \_\_\_\_\_ date OCTOBER 7, 1983

street & number 1620 ILLINI ROAD telephone (217) 528-3151 or 787-7495

city or town SPRINGFIELD state ILLINOIS 62704

# 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 National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *Doris* date 12/30/83

For NPS use only

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

date

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

Chief of Registration

date



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# 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 beginning February 26, 1984 and ending March 3, 1984. For further information call (202) 343-9552.

STATE, County, Vicinity, Property, Address, (Date Listed)

ALASKA, Fairbanks Division, Fairbanks vicinity, Goldstream Dredge No. 8, Steese Hwy. (02/28/84)

ARIZONA, Cochise County, Douglas, El Paso and Southwestern Railroad Y M C A, 1000 Pan American Ave. (03/01/84)

ARIZONA, Navajo County, Winslow vicinity, Chevelon Ruin, SE of Winslow (03/01/84)

ARIZONA, Navajo County, Winslow vicinity, Homolovi III, N of Winslow (03/01/84)

CONNECTICUT, Fairfield County, Ridgebury, Ridgebury Congregational Church, Ridgebury Rd. and George Washington Hwy. (03/01/84)

CONNECTICUT, Hartford County, Hartford, Frog Hollow Historic District (Boundary Increase), Bounded by Park Terr., Hillside Ave., Hamilton, and Summit Sts. (03/01/84)

CONNECTICUT, Litchfield County, New Milford, Housatonic Railroad Station, Railroad St. (03/01/84)

CONNECTICUT, New Haven County, New Haven, Lincoln Theatre, 1 Lincoln St. (03/01/84)

FLORIDA, Broward County, Pompano Beach, Sample Estate, 3161 N. Dixie Hwy. (03/01/84)

FLORIDA, Dade County, Kampong, (03/01/84)

GEORGIA, Cobb County, Marietta, Braswell-Carnes House, 2430 Burnt Hickory Rd., NW (03/01/84)

GEORGIA, Fulton County, Atlanta, Sciple, Charles E., House, 1112 Peachtree St. (03/01/84)

GEORGIA, Meriwether County, Greenville, Render Family Homestead, GA 18 (03/01/84)

ILLINOIS, Cook County, Chicago, Belmont-Sheffield Trust and Savings Bank Building, 1001 W. Belmont Ave.; 3146 N. Sheffield Ave. (03/01/84)

ILLINOIS, Sangamon County, Springfield, Yates, Gov. Richard, House, 1190 Williams Blvd. (03/01/84)

INDIANA, Benton County, Oxford, Presbyterian Church Building, NW of Benton and Justus Sts. (03/01/84)

INDIANA, Dearborn County, Aurora, George Street Bridge (County Bridge No. 159), George, Main, and Importing Sts. (03/01/84)

INDIANA, Dearborn County, Lawrenceburg, Downtown Lawrenceburg Historic District, Roughly bounded by ConRail tracks, Charlotte, Tate, Williams, and Elm Sts. (03/01/84)

INDIANA, Delaware County, Muncie, Boyce Block, 216-224 E. Main St. (03/01/84)

INDIANA, Delaware County, Muncie, Rose, F.D., Building, 121 E. Charles St. (03/01/84)

INDIANA, Floyd County, Galena vicinity, Jersey Park Farm, Off Cunningham Sarles and Borden Rds. (03/01/84)

INDIANA, Hamilton County, Noblesville, Harrell, Dr. Samuel, House, 399 N. 10th St. (03/01/84)

INDIANA, Kosciusko County, Warsaw, Warsaw Cut Glass Company, 505 S. Detroit St. (03/01/84)

INDIANA, Lake County, Dyer, Meyer, Joseph Ernest, House, 1370 Joliet St. (03/01/84)

INDIANA, Lake County, Gary, Knights of Columbus Building, 333 W. 5th Ave. (03/01/84)

INDIANA, Lake County, Hobart, Pennsylvania Railroad Station, 1001 Lillian St. (03/01/84)