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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 Clarkson W. Freeman House

and/or common Freeman-Hughes House

2. Location

street & number 704 West Monroe Street not for publication

city, town Springfield vicinity of congressional district 20

state Illinois code 012 county Sangamon code 167

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 type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input checked="" 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. Floyd S. Barringer

street & number RR 6

city, town Springfield vicinity of state Illinois

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Sangamon County Recorder of Deeds

street & number 800 East Monroe Street, Room 106

city, town Springfield state Illinois

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Illinois Historic Structures Survey; 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

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Built in 1878, the Freeman-Hughes house is a two-story, frame, single-family residence. The massing of the structure is typical of vernacular interpretations of the Italianate: two wings perpendicular to each other, a porch along the facade, and a bay window on one side of the house. The gable roofs are steeply pitched and the siding is thin and horizontal.

Some of the details are also Italianate, such as the window heads and the brackets found under the cornice of the bay window on the east side. The windows add to the Italianate appearance with their long, thin proportions. All of the windows have shutters.

Much of the detailing is of the Carpenter-Gothic variety. Intricate carpentry work is found primarily on the porch and also along the front ends of the gables that face the street.

A false gable, identical in treatment to those on the front and side of the house, projects from the roof at the facade, a feature found in classic buildings of an earlier period.

A garage and storage room were added to the back of the house in the 30's. A railing was added to the original front porch when the picket fence in front of the house was removed, sometime after 1883. Three exterior chimneys were taken down in the 1960's. The front door has also been replaced.

The interior of the house retains the original stairways, doors, hardware, and trim. The original marble fireplace mantels and some of the gas light fixtures have been found in the basement and put back into place.

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

Specific dates 1878-c. 1930 Builder/Architect unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Freeman-Hughes house represents a basically simple vernacular structure that was embellished with high-style elements in order to bring it into a more fashionable mode of architecture. Its "Carpenter-Gothic" trim is the most elaborate of any surviving in Springfield. The house is listed on the Illinois Historic Structures Survey.

Relatively unchanged over the last one hundred years, the house was in the same family until recently. Clarkson Freeman, son of one of Springfield's earliest residents, was born in 1852. He was at first a farmer and later in the transfer and storage business. In 1879, he and his bride, Katherine Taylor, moved into their newly-built home on Monroe Street. The house passed to Arthur Freeman Hughes, Clarkson's nephew, upon the death of Katherine Freeman in the 1920's.

The house retains original furniture and was acquired by the Barringers with the intention of creating a museum of both a late 19th century lifestyle and local history.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Abstract of the property at 704 West Monroe, Springfield, Illinois
 Interview with Arthur Freeman Hughes in 1966
 Present & Past Sangamon County, Illinois S. J. Clarke Publishing Co., Chicago, 1904

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name SPRINGFIELD WEST, IL

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A

116	271940	4408660
Zone	Easting	Northing

B

Zone	Easting	Northing

C

Zone	Easting	Northing

D

Zone	Easting	Northing

E

Zone	Easting	Northing

F

Zone	Easting	Northing

G

Zone	Easting	Northing

H

Zone	Easting	Northing

Verbal boundary description and justification East 60 feet of that part of Lot 11, lying south of Monroe. East 60 feet of Lot 12 and east 60 feet of north 26 feet of Lot 13, all in Block 1, in the Thomas H. Doyle Subdivision of the east half of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 33, township 16. (continued)

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

state	code	county	code

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title 1. Daniel M. Barringer 2. Cynthia J. Voelkl, Intern

organization 1. N/A 2. Historic Sites Division date 1. DECEMBER, 1979 2. May 12, 1980

street & number 1. 106 East Union Street 2. 623 Meadow Lane telephone 1. (217)546-5558 2. (312)968-8905

city or town 1. Springfield 2. Lisle 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 *Daniel Barringer*

title *Dir., Ill. Dept. of Conservation* date *6/30/80*

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I hereby certify that this property is eligible for inclusion in the National Register

date

Name of State Historic Preservation Officer

date

Attest:

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Continuation sheet Geographical Data

item number 10

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North range 5, west of the third principal meridian. Also a strip of ground 20 feet, more or less, in width lying between the east line of the above described premises and the west line of Walnut Street.

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE ILLINOIS

Date Entered SEP 29

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Plainfield Halfway House	Plainfield Will County
Shriver Farmstead	Virден vicinity Macoupin County
Freeman, Clarkson W., House	Springfield Sangamon County
Evanston Lakeshore Historic District	Evanston Cook County
Fort Sheridan Historic District	Highland Park vicinity Lake County

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Honorable Abner J. Mikva
Honorable Philip M. Crane
Mr. Francis B. Roche, DOD
Mr. Leo H. Price, Department of the Army

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