

2nd Draft

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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date entered

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Caroline Mark Home

and/or common Caroline Mark Home

2. Location

street & number 222 East Lincoln Street *N/A* not for publication

city, town Mount Carroll *N/A* vicinity of

state Illinois code 012 county Carroll code 015

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 Trustees of the Caroline Mark Estate

street & number 222 East Lincoln Street

city, town Mount Carroll *N/A* vicinity of state Illinois

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Carroll County Clerk & Records Office

street & number Carroll County Courthouse

city, town Mount Carroll state Illinois

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Inventory of Historic Landmarks in Carroll County has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date March 1973 federal state county local

depository for survey records Illinois Department of Conservation

city, town Springfield state Illinois

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved

date

N/A

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Caroline Mark Home is located on a 4.91 acre tract lying North of Lincoln Avenue and West of East Street in the City of Mount Carroll, Carroll County, Illinois. The two story home was constructed in 1906 and is 33' wide- 134' long with a terrace on each end. The foundation was laid up of selected local limestone and provides a full basement under the entire building. The floors and roof are reinforced concrete with steel beams and columns. The exterior walls are brick, the face brick are pressed brick laid with a buttered joint. The Keystones, water table sill courses, band courses and chimney caps are buff bedford limestone. The hipped roof is Huntington Shingle Tile.

There are twenty-six rooms, a dining room, kitchen, library, office and reception hall. There are fireplaces in the library and dining room. The main stairs are cast iron with Tennessee Marble treads. Ceramic mosaic tile compose the hall and dining room floors, interior trim is oak.

The change to the exterior of the building has been the addition of a fire escape on the North end and an access ramp on the South end. Other changes have been the removal of the planted on gutters replaced with half-round hanging gutters and the solid framing of the kitchen entry porch.

The other buildings on the property are a smoke house, ice house, pumphouse and caretakers house all constructed at the time of the Home itself.

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

Specific dates 1906 ~~Builder~~ Architect Berkeley Brandt

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Caroline Mark Home, built in 1906, is significant both architecturally and for humanitarian reasons. The home stands as an example of the arts and crafts movement; its thought, materials, craftsmanship and detailing a tribute to the high standard of workmanship of the period. The humanitarian force which created the Home, Mrs. Caroline Mark, is a rare occurrence in history of a person farsighted enough to foresee the need to provide for the welfare of the elderly. Her farsightedness was backed with generosity and the means to provide for the welfare of the elderly and to ensure that future generations likewise would be accommodated.

Caroline Wade Mark arrived in Mount Carroll in 1836. She married James Mark in 1843. Mark had prospered as a landowner and was ultimately the president of the First National Bank of Mount Carroll--the result of which was a sizeable estate at the time of his death.

Mrs. Mark had observed in her lifetime that many elderly women were left penniless and neglected and thus decided to leave the bulk of her estate to accommodate the plight of such women. After her death in 1900, the Caroline Mark Home was built and received its first occupants in 1908. The Home, then as today, provided, at no obligation, housing, meals and social activity for needy elderly women.

That Mrs. Mark addressed solving a potential social problem as opposed to providing a short term remedy is confirmation of her humanitarian motives. Mrs. Mark provided funds not only to build a home for elderly women, but allowed in her estate for proper maintenance of the building and for all the living needs of the occupants at that time and into the future. Due to the humanitarian efforts of Mrs. Caroline Mark, the Caroline Mark Home is an establishment which has promoted the welfare of elderly women in Carroll County for 77 years at no expense to local, state or federal governments, taxpayers, or to the persons taking advantage of the services of the Caroline Mark Home.

The architectural significance of the Caroline Mark Home is realized in the design, construction and craftsmanship of the building. With longevity, safety and maintenance in mind the home is a true work of art from its floors and roof of reinforced concrete and Huntington Shingle Tile roof to its functional yet decorative ceramic tile flooring. The craftsmanship of the structure is evident throughout: the exterior masonry laid with buttered joints; the quoining detail around window openings and the use of roman brick in the keystone arches; the bedford limestone lintels and band courses beveled for proper wash; the brick battering of the foundation and the corbelling between the 1st and 2nd levels to bring the building faces into plumb and to create a visual balance of the structure. The interior woodwork is all oak, the decorative mosaic ceramic tile flooring an additional mark of craftsmanship.

(see continuation sheet)

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Continuation sheet

Item number 8

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By its design and location the Caroline Mark Home is a significant architectural work in the Mount Carroll community. Being situated near the Mount Carroll Historic District (listed on the National Register), it is also a complement to the District's grouping of structures. The Caroline Mark Home today retains its original character, fabric and features and stands as an excellent representation of the high quality design, materials and craftsmanship of the time it was built and which have allowed the structure to survive, in tact, as originally conceived.

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ark Home
wch.
M, IL

AREA - 4.91 Acre

SMOKE HOUSE
ICE HOUSE

CARE TAKERS
HOUSE

CAROLINE MARK HOME

WORKSHOP
WAY

DRIVE

LINCOLN

571'

AVE

SCALE 1" = 50'

EAST 875'

ST.

178°-18'

375'

178°-18'

89°-18'

89°-18'



9. Major Bibliographical References

H.F. Kett & Co., The History of Carroll County, Illinois, Chicago 1878

Thiem, E. George, editor, Carroll County-A Goodly Heritage, Mt. Morris, Illinois, 1968.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 4.91

Quadrangle name MT. CARROLL

Quadrangle scale 1:62500

UTM References

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16	254005	4665035
Zone	Easting	Northing

B

Zone	Easting	Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification Beginning at the SE corner of Lot 8, Blk 2 in the original J.F. Allison Addition thence northerly 375' to an iron rod thence westerly 571' to a point thence southerly 375' to an iron rod thence easterly 571' to the point of beginning.

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

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Theodore R. Robbe

organization date April 13, 1983

street & number P.O. Box 223 telephone 815/244-2074

city or town Mount Carroll 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 National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *Dustin*

title *Dustin* date 6/22/83

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

date

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

AUG 16 1983

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 July 31, 1983 and ending August 14, 1983. For further information call (202) 343-9552.

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

ARIZONA, Navajo County, **Homolovi II, (08/02/83)

CALIFORNIA Alameda County, Oakland, Oakland Public Library, 659 14th St. (08/11/83)
CALIFORNIA, Los Angeles County, Los Angeles, Oviatt, James, Building, 617 S. Olive St. (08/11/83)
CALIFORNIA, Orange County, Seal Beach, Seal Beach City Hall (Old), 201 8th St. (08/11/83)
CALIFORNIA, San Francisco County, San Francisco, Belden, C.A., House, 2004-2010 Gough St. (08/11/83)
CALIFORNIA, San Francisco County, San Francisco, Park View Hotel, 750 Stanyan St. (08/11/83)
CALIFORNIA, Santa Cruz County, Ben Lomond vicinity, Phillipshurst/Riverwood, CA 9 (08/04/83)
CALIFORNIA, Sonoma County, Santa Rosa, Lumsden, W.H., House, 727 Mendocino Ave. (08/11/83)

CONNECTICUT, Fairfield County, Stamford, Linden Apartments, 10-12 Linden Pl. (08/11/83)
CONNECTICUT, New Haven County, Waterbury, **Downtown Waterbury Historic District, Roughly bounded by Main, Meadow, and Elm Sts. (08/03/83)

DELAWARE, New Castle County, Newark vicinity, England House and Mill Amendment, 81 Red Mill Rd. (08/04/83)
DELAWARE, New Castle County, Wilmington, Eighth Street Park Historic District, Roughly bounded by 6th, 10th, Harrison, and Broom Sts. (08/04/83)

FLORIDA, St. Johns County, St. Augustine, **Model Land Company Historic District, Roughly bounded by Ponce de Leon Blvd., King, Cordova, and Orange Sts. (08/02/83)

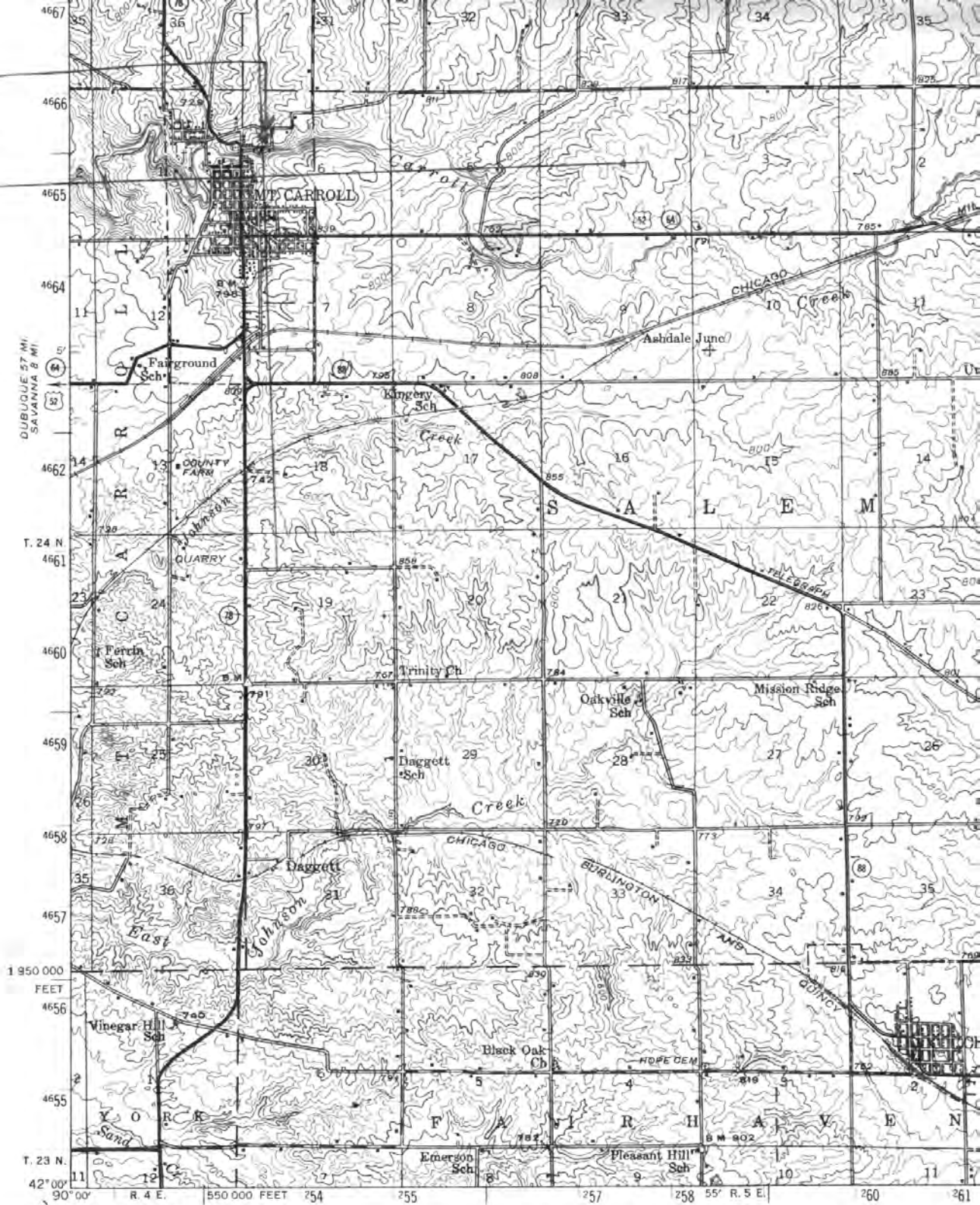
GEORGIA, Chatham County, Savannah, Laurel Grove-North Cemetery, W. Anderson St. (08/04/83)
GEORGIA, Floyd County, Rome, Oakdene Place, Roughly bounded by the Etowah River, Queen, and E. 6th Sts. (08/04/83)
GEORGIA, Liberty County, McIntosh, Cassels' Store, Off U.S. 82 (08/05/83)

ILLINOIS, Carroll County, Mt. Carroll, Mark, Caroline, House, 222 E. Lincoln St. (08/11/83)

INDIANA, Harrison County, Corydon, **Kintner-McGrain House, 740 N. Capital Ave. (08/03/83)
INDIANA, Jackson County, Seymour, Farmers Club, 105 S. Chestnut St. (08/11/83)
INDIANA, Tippecanoe County, West Lafayette, Andrew, Jesse, House, 125 Andrew Pl. (08/11/83)
INDIANA, Wayne County, Richmond, Gennett, Henry and Alice, House, 1829 E. Main St. (08/11/83)

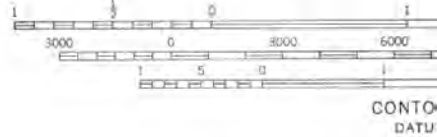
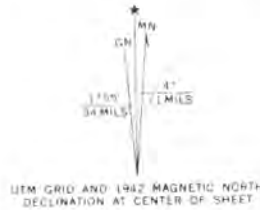
IOWA, Dubuque County, Dubuque, **Old Chapel Hall, 2050 University Ave. (08/05/83)
IOWA, Monroe County, Lovilia vicinity, **Buxton Historic Townsite, NE of Lovilia (08/09/83)

Caroline
Mark House



(Clinton)
79671
Topography by S. G. Lunde,
C. E. Walker, E. W. Gouchenour,
A. W. Thomas, and B. E. Peterson
Surveyed in 1939, 1940, and 1942

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ILLINOIS HISTORIC SITES SURVEY INVENTORY

SURVEY USE ONLY

- 1. Name of Site: Caroline Mark Home
 - Common
 - Historic

- Archaeology
- Architecture
- History

201242

2. Location:

Street and Number

Lincoln St.

Township

Mt. Carroll

Section

City or Town

Mt. Carroll

Zip Code

Range

T24N

1/4 Section

County

Carroll

R5E

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)
old people's home

5. Ownership of Property

Owner's name

Street and Number

Phone Number

City or Town

State

County

Zip Code

6. Description very large old house, converted to nursing home.

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)

COMMERCE



8. Specific Date: 1907

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

- | | |
|--|--|
| <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input 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. Elegant house built by local banker and landholder

9. Form prepared by:

Name and title: _____ 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.

Theim, Carroll County, p. 99.