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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 Goddard Chapel

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number Rose Hill Cemetery, Route 37 North not for publication

city, town Marion vicinity of congressional district 22

state Illinois code 012 county Williamson code 199

**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"/> building(s)	<input 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 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 type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name City of Marion

street & number City Hall, Tower Square Plaza

city, town Marion vicinity of state Illinois

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Williamson County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Marion state Illinois

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

Inventory of Historic Structures  
title in Williamson County has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1973  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Illinois Department of Conservation, Division of Historic Sites

city, town Springfield state Illinois

## 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	1918
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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

Located in the first edition of the Rose Hill Cemetery in Marion, Illinois, the Goddard Chapel stands in its original Neo Gothic Revival style. The one story building has a quarter basement for its original coal heating system. The rectangular building is front gabled with a side portico and a rear concave bay. Crowning the front gable is a stone crossfinial set within a halo. The exterior walls are broken course cut Bedford limestone. The roof is red clay, French design tile. Characteristic of Neo Gothic architecture are the pier buttresses supporting the roof.

The most outstanding features of the exterior are the series of Gothic arches and the stained glass windows. Shoulder arches crown the front and side double paneled doors. The side portico has the same on the three open sides. The front stained glass window has a four centered or depressed arch. The side and rear stained glass windows have lancet arches. Each stained glass window is individually leaded into cut limestone glazing bars with lily motifs. Also, each window has limestone lintels.

The Neo Gothic Revival designed interior remains intact. The chapel walls are common bond Pennsylvania brick. The floor is a running bond red paving brick. The windows are framed with detailed cut limestone. Raised Flemish oak blades with brackets set on limestone supports with oak leaf motifs support the Flemish oak ceiling. The raised crucks give it a vaulted effect. The rear bay is of similar design, but with a domical vaulted ceiling. Limestone arch supports separate this section from the pew section. The original Flemish oak pews and chairs remain. The pew section is separated from the foyer by Flemish oak partitions. The brick walls have a Flemish oak cornice. The Flemish oak interior is naturally stained.

Structurally, the chapel has been altered by the addition of restrooms located in the interior foyer. Also, one stained glass window was removed for replacement of broken panes in the existing windows. Portions of the portico roof tiles have been replaced with matching French tiles.

Electrical lighting fixtures remain unaltered. The lighting fixtures are designed in the Neo Gothic style and are original.

# 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		

**Specific dates** 1918 **Builder/Architect** John N. Nyden, Architect

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

The Goddard Chapel was built in 1918. It was a gift to the city of Marion from Leroy A. Goddard, president of the State Bank of Chicago. The Goddard Chapel is historically significant for its unique architectural style in Southern Illinois, and for its tribute to the founder of the first bank in Williamson County and two term mayor of Marion, Leroy A. Goddard.

Williamson County's banking industry began, January 1, 1879, when Leroy A. Goddard opened his private bank in Marion, Illinois at the age of 25. Goddard had already received prominence at the age of 23 by being elected mayor of Marion, serving two terms. In 1890, he became president of a bank in Mt. Carmel, Illinois. In 1892, Goddard became president of the State Bank of Chicago, and later Chairman of the Board of Directors. During his leadership in Illinois banking, Goddard became Grandmaster of Illinois Masons while living in Chicago. It was at that time, he was approached by the Marion Women's Club to erect a chapel at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Marion, Illinois for graveside services. Goddard agreed and enlisted the services of the prominent Chicago architect John N. Nyden to design the building in the Neo Gothic style. Goddard used the Chicago construction firm of Levin Company to construct the building at a cost of \$20,000.

Architecturally, the Goddard Chapel is unique to Southern Illinois for its exact detailing of the Neo Gothic style. The exterior has distinct Gothic detailing such as buttresses and arches with stained glass windows that are easily recognizable. The interior has the same Gothic qualities primarily found in the vaulted appearance of the ceiling. The addition of restrooms to the interior were done inconspicuously and add to the utility of the Chapel. The Chapel is still in use for graveside services. The unique details and designs remain in the original form needing only basic maintenance and preservation.

The building stands as a unique tribute to the founder of the banking industry in Williamson County and to the rare Neo Gothic Style in Southern Illinois.





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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 November 2, 1986 and ending November 8, 1986. For further information call (202) 343-9552.

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

ALABAMA, Butler County, Greenville, East Commerce Street Historic District (Greenville MRA), Roughly bounded by Cedar, Chesnut, Commerce, and Hickory Sts. (11/04/86)

ALABAMA, Butler County, Greenville, Greenville City Hall (Greenville MRA), E. Commerce St. (11/04/86)

ALABAMA, Butler County, Greenville, Little--Stabler House (Greenville MRA), 710 Fort Dale St. (11/04/86)

ALABAMA, Butler County, Greenville, Post Office Historic District (Greenville MRA), W. Commerce and Fort Dale Sts. (11/04/86)

ALABAMA, Butler County, Greenville, Ward Nicholson Corner Store (Greenville MRA), 219 W. Parmer (11/04/86)

ARKANSAS, Monroe County, Brinkley, Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 409 S. Main St. (11/04/86)

DELAWARE, Kent County, Clayton, Clayton Railroad Station, Bassett St. (11/06/86)

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, Washington, Buildings at 1644--1666 Park Road NW, 1644--1666 Park Rd., NW (11/06/86)

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, Washington, Embassy Building No. 10, 3149 Sixteenth St., NW (11/06/86)

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, Washington, McLachlen Building, 1001 G St. NW (11/06/86)

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, Washington, Southern Aid Society--Dunbar Theater Building, 1901--1903 Seventh St., NW (11/06/86)

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, Washington, Walsh Stable, 1511 (rear) Twenty-second St., NW (11/06/86)

FLORIDA, Manatee County, Palmetto, Palmetto Historic District, Roughly Bounded by Twenty-first Ave., Seventh St., Fifth Ave., and the Manatee River (11/06/86)

ILLINOIS, Alexander County, Tamms, Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad Depot, Front St. (11/06/86)

ILLINOIS, Champaign County, Urbana, University of Illinois Astronomical Observatory, 901 S. Mathews Ave. (11/06/86)

ILLINOIS, Cook County, Chicago, Legler, Henry E., Regional Branch of the Chicago Public Library, 115 S. Pulaski Rd. (11/06/86)

ILLINOIS, Cook County, Chicago, Uptown Broadway Building, 4703--4715 N. Broadway (11/06/86)

ILLINOIS, Montgomery County, Hillsboro, Blackman, George, H., 904 S. Main St. (11/06/86)

ILLINOIS, Williamson County, Marion, Goddard Chapel, Rose Hill Cemetery, Rt. 37 N. (11/06/86)

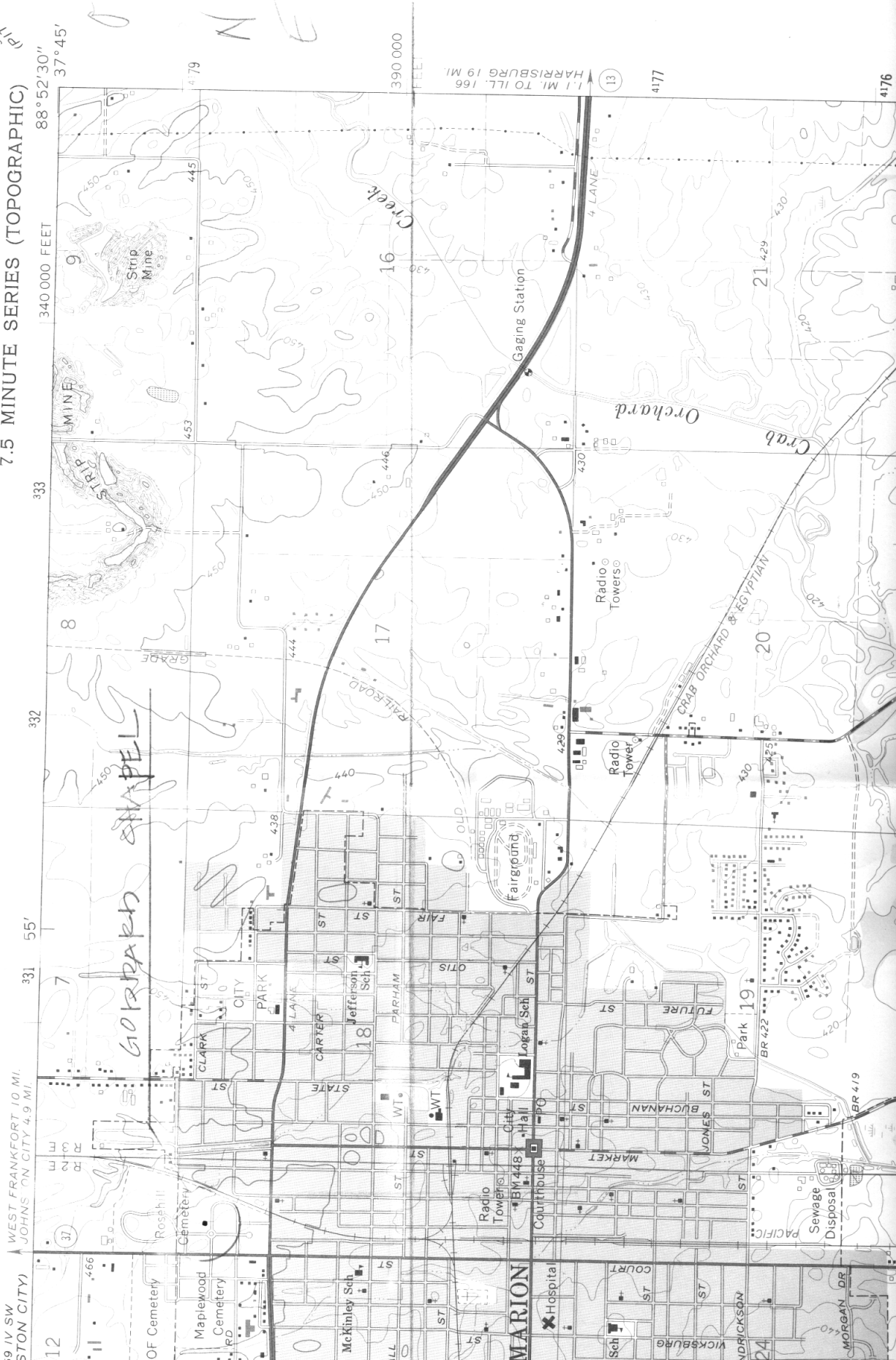
IOWA, Harrison County, Dunlap, Wheeler, John R., Jr., House, 407 S. Third St. (11/06/86)

IOWA, Ringold County, Maloy vicinity, Shay, Lee, Farmhouse, Off CR P-27 (11/06/86)

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