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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

Müller House

AND/OR COMMON

Arlington Heights Historical Society

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

500 N. Vail Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Arlington Heights

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

12

STATE

Illinois

VICINITY OF

012

COUNTY

Cook

CODE

631

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESID

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTAT

NO

MILITARY

OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Village of Arlington Heights

STREET & NUMBER

33 South Arlington Heights Road

CITY, TOWN

Arlington Heights

VICINITY OF

Illinois

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Cook County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

118 N. Clark Street

CITY, TOWN

Chicago

STATE

Illinois

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Illinois Historic Sites Survey

DATE

June 12, 1975

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Illinois Department of Conservation--Div. of Historic Sites

CITY, TOWN

Springfield

STATE

Illinois

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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

The Arlington Heights Historical Society is housed in a renovated 1882 building that originally served as a combination home and factory for the F. W. Müller family and their soda water business, F. W. Müller and Sons. The structure has two and one-half stories, the "half story" being the above ground continuation of a large basement factory (about three feet above ground). The next story, which originally was the top floor, was outgrown by the family and the highest story was added in 1896 bringing the house to its present size. Concurrent with the 1896 floor addition, a two story dormitory was built to house factory workers hired for seasonal rush business. This smaller building shares the north wall of the house, but has separate entrances, kitchen, and toilet facilities.

The Müller house is built of brick and detailed with carved wood trim, the former painted cream and the latter dark brown. The house is rectangular in plan, and the roof is a conventional saddleback, with the end gables parallel and a single pitch. The broad planes of the exterior walls are broken by arched windows, and these windows are emphasized by projecting brick cornices and sills. A slightly projecting eave (approximately six inches) at the front of the house shelters a simple Greek key cornice supported by double scrolled brackets. The cornice is not carried on the sides or rear of the house. The factory area is visually separated from the body of the house by a stringcourse running the circumference of the building. The house demonstrates a functionalism popular in factory buildings but rare in late nineteenth century homes with this stringcourse and with small arched windows that define the stair and hall spaces in the interior. The elevations of the Müller house vary, the fenestration depending on the need for light in a given space rather than on preconceived plans. On the west side of the house, for example, there is a large bay window detailed with a hand-carved architrave that is unduplicated elsewhere. The house was served by two chimneys, one at the mid-point and one in the rear. When the workers' quarters were added, the rear fireplaces were enlarged to provide heat to the addition.

The space used as a home by the Müller family has been restored to resemble a moderate income home of an Arlington Heights family in the 1880's and a museum of the area's history. The interior woodwork is noteworthy. The entrance is dominated by a hand-carved oak staircase. Arched screens of oak and walnut define some of the areas in the sitting room and dining room, and the original etched glass room dividers remain intact.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"The Historical Society and Museum of Arlington Heights," pamphlet
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Telephone conversation with Virgil Horath, Director, Arlington Heights
Historical Society, July 14, 1978

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one

QUADRANGLE NAME _____

QUADRANGLE SCALE _____

UTM REFERENCES

A	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C			
E			
G			

B	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
D			
F			
H			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lots 3 and 4 in Block 1; "Dunton," Cook County being the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of the
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 29-42-11. Rec. December 8, 1854 Book 85. p. 80
Rerecorded May 4, 1886 Book 22, p. 5 doc. 695762

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

Philip Lindsay Pomerance / Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission

DATE

July 13, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

400 W. Madison

TELEPHONE

454-0400, ext. 256

CITY OR TOWN

Chicago

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.

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TITLE

DATE

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ATTEST: KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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QUADRANGLE NAME ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 16 419560 4659860

B

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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David Kennedy

TITLE

Director, Department of Conservation

DATE

12/29/78

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ATTEST:

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

508

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE ILLINOIS

Date Entered MAR 23 1979

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
State Savings Loan and Trust Company	Quincy Adams County
Moore, C. H., House	Clinton DeWitt County
North Sangamon United Presbyterian Church	Athens vicinity Menard County
STUBBINS POINT Muller House	Arlington Heights Cook County

Also Notified

- Honorable Charles H. Percy
- Honorable Adlai E. Stevenson
- Honorable Paul Findley
- Honorable Edward R. Madigan
- Honorable Phillip M. Crane

COPY OF CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION

For further information, please call the National Register at (202)343-6401.

ILLINOIS HISTORIC SITES SURVEY INVENTORY

1. Name of Site:

Common Arlington Heights Historical Society

Historic Muller House

200100

2. Location:

Street and Number 500 N. Vail Township Section
City or Town Arlington Hts Zip Code Range 1/4 Section
County Cook

3. Classification:

Category (check one) Integrity (check one)
() District (x) Building () Altered (x) Unaltered
() Site () Structure () Moved (x) Original Site

4. Ownership:

Status (check one)
(x) Occupied
() Unoccupied
() Preservation work in progress

Access to Public

() Yes (x) Restricted () Unrestricted () No

Present Use (check one or more)

() Agricultural () Industrial () Religious
() Commercial () Military () Scientific
() Educational (x) Museum () Transportation
() Entertainment () Park () Other
() Government () Private Residence

5. Ownership of Property:

Owner's Name Arlington Hts. Hist. Soc. Phone Number
Street and Number
City or Town
State County Zip Code

6. Description: 2 story brick. Gable roof.

(x) Excellent () Good () Fair () Deteriorated
() Ruins () Unexposed

Is there a program of preservation underway? (x) Yes () No

HOMES OF PROMINENT PEOPLE

7. Historical Themes: (check one or more of the following)

- | | |
|---|--------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archeological Site | (Pre-Columbian) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archeological Site | (Post-Columbian to 1673) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> French Influence | (1673-1780) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Illinois Frontier | (1780-1818) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Illinois Early | (1818-1850) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Illinois Middle | (1850-1900) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Illinois Late | (1900-present) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Famous People | (give names & dates) |

8. Specific Date: 1882

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 type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Political |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy |
| <input checked="" 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. Home of early prominent citizen
restored for museum.

9. Form prepared by:

Name and Title: _____ Date: June 12, 1975
Organization: _____ Phone: _____
Street and Number: _____
City or Town: _____ County: _____ Zip Code _____

During the course of the Survey we often find it necessary to search 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.

Various.

