

ILLINOIS HISTORIC SITES SURVEY INVENTORY

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SURVEY USE ONLY

1. Name of Site: **White County Courthouse**

Common  
Historic

- Archaeology  
 Architecture  
 History

2. Location:

Street and Number                      Township                      Section  
Main  
City or Town                      Zip Code                      Range                      ¼ Section  
Carmi  
County

3. Classification:

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

4. Ownership

Private                       Occupied  
 Public                       Unoccupied  
 Preservation work in progress

Access to public

Yes                       Restricted                       Unrestricted                       No

Present Use (check one or more)

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

5. Ownership of Property

Owner's name  
Street and Number                      Phone Number  
City or Town  
State                      County                      Zip Code

6. Description

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)

Theme - GOVERNMENT



8. Specific Date: 1883

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

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|--|---|
| <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 checked="" 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.

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.

The first courthouse was actually a rented room in the log cabin built by John Crow in 1814. (later Sen. Robinson home). A brick courthouse was erected 1828-81. As the custom in this country is to tear down the old before building the new, the 1828 courthouse was destroyed around 1881 and the present one was constructed 1883.