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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 Greenwood Cottage

AND/OR COMMON
Joseph Innskeep Taylor House**2** LOCATIONSTREET & NUMBER
543 East Peru Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN
Princeton

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE
Illinois 61356CODE
012COUNTY
BureauCODE
011**3** CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
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4 OWNER OF PROPERTYNAME
Mary Winifred WalterSTREET & NUMBER
543 East Peru StreetCITY, TOWN
Princeton

VICINITY OF

STATE
Illinois 61356**5** LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Bureau County Courthouse - Recorder's OfficeSTREET & NUMBER
South Main StreetCITY, TOWN
PrincetonSTATE
Illinois 61356**6** REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYSTITLE
Inventory of Historic Landmarks in Bureau CountyDATE
March 1973FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS
State Historical SocietyCITY, TOWN
SpringfieldSTATE
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**

Greenwood Cottage is a Gothic Revival residential structure which is very much in keeping with the picturesque country houses popularized by American architect A.J. Davis and landscape horticulturalist Andrew Jackson Downing. The building stands one and a half stories tall and is built of frame construction resting on a brick foundation. The house has an original clapboarded exterior. The main facade of the house is highlighted by a single-story porch. The porch extends nearly the full width of the building and is accented through the use of gingerbread vergeboard on the lower first floor and an ornate balustrade on the upper level. The main entrance is a projection off the house and is also one and a half stories high. The first floor entrance has dual French doors, and the upper portion of this projection is accented through the use of three lancet windows. The two flanking windows have shutters. This detailing contributes heavily to the Gothic "feel" of the building. Other fenestration throughout the building consists of six over six windows with the exception of the two narrow six-pane windows on either side of the main entrance. All windows include original shutters. In addition to the main residence, several out-buildings still remain, including a smoke house, an ice house, and a stable.

The interior of Greenwood Cottage is extremely intact. The building has a "formal" floor plan. There is a central hall, a double parlor divided by a large Gothic arch, and a dining room which has an intricate floor consisting of alternating pieces of ash and walnut. The stairway to the second floor is made entirely of walnut and gracefully winds around in a L-shaped form. This stairway leads into a central hallway, which has two bedrooms off it. A third bedroom has been converted into a bathroom. One of the main features of the second floor is a library at the head of the central hall. This library has built-in glass book cases which include many of Mr. Taylor's personal books. The room is highlighted by three lancet windows which overlook the main circular driveway and grounds. Many of the rooms are furnished with the original furniture found in the house in 1852.

Structural changes to the Greenwood Cottage have been few. On the northwest corner of the building, there has been an addition to what once was the gentlemen's smoking room. As a result, the original chimney was rebuilt in the center of the wing. The only other exterior alterations have occurred on the east side. Half of an original screened porch has been closed in and made into a bathroom. The remaining screen was replaced by glass in 1960. On the second floor above this area, a small dormer has been added. These alterations through the years have done little to change the original exterior of the structure.

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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SPECIFIC DATES 1852

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Abel Martin

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Greenwood Cottage is being nominated for two outstanding qualities which this structure exhibits in their purest forms. The first of these is the building's architectural significance. This Gothic Revival Cottage was built in 1852 by local carpenter Abel Martin. The original contract states that the house was to be built "in accordance with Design No. 3 in (Andrew Jackson) Downing's County Houses". In addition to the virtually unaltered state of the house, the fact that this structure was directly patterned after Downing's style book is of key importance. The structure is one of the main contributors to the overall historic character of Princeton, Illinois. The grounds on which this building is located are so intact and are of such unique character that Greenwood Cottage is also being nominated for its significant landscaping. In keeping with the picturesque movement, Greenwood Cottage was planned in relation to its natural setting. The original landscape design was conceived by Joseph Innskeep Taylor, for whom the house was built. It was his personal interpretation of Downing's landscape ideals that led to the present day park-like setting for Greenwood Cottage. Native trees such as Black Walnuts, Oaks, Maples, Pines and a rare Shaggy Bark Swamp Birch are intermingled with exotic trees such as Ginkos, Hemlocks, Norway Spruces and Osage Orange hedges. The arrangement of these plantings was thoughtfully laid out so as to blend the Cottage with a planned natural environment. In addition to the general grounds, there is a beautiful English garden which was established in 1855. The main entrance of the garden is dominated by an ornate Gothic arch constructed in 1880. Many of the garden's original plantings still exist. These include Tea Roses, Philadelphia Virgilia, Hydrangia, and Carles Viburnum along with numerous native wildflowers. The idea of building Greenwood Cottage first became a reality for Joseph Innskeep Taylor in 1850 when he and his wife, Sarah Longsworthy Taylor, purchased a lot to build their new home. Joseph Taylor was born in 1822 in Lewis County, Kentucky and moved to Princeton, Illinois in 1846. He was a trial lawyer by profession, and it is known from personal correspondence that he was an associate of Abraham Lincoln. ~~_____~~ and later exchanged daguerrotypes of themselves. Taylor's wife, Sarah, came from Rhode Island, and her family's history in America extends back to the late 1680's. She was responsible for the establishment of the Princeton Presbyterian Church, and she and her husband were leading citizens in the establishment and success of Princeton. Today, two rare portraits of Sarah and Joseph remain the house which they built. These were painted by the famous Hudson River School artist, Junis Sloan.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Taylor-Longworthy Families Collection - Manuscripts in
Illinois Historical Library.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than 1

QUADRANGLE NAME _____

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lot 100 in original town of Princeton, Bureau County Courthouse, Princeton, Illinois

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

James R. Schimmer, Historic Preservation Planner

ORGANIZATION North Central Illinois
Council of Governments

DATE

January 19, 1983

STREET & NUMBER

400 North Main Street

TELEPHONE

815/875-3396

CITY OR TOWN

Princeton,

STATE

Illinois 61356

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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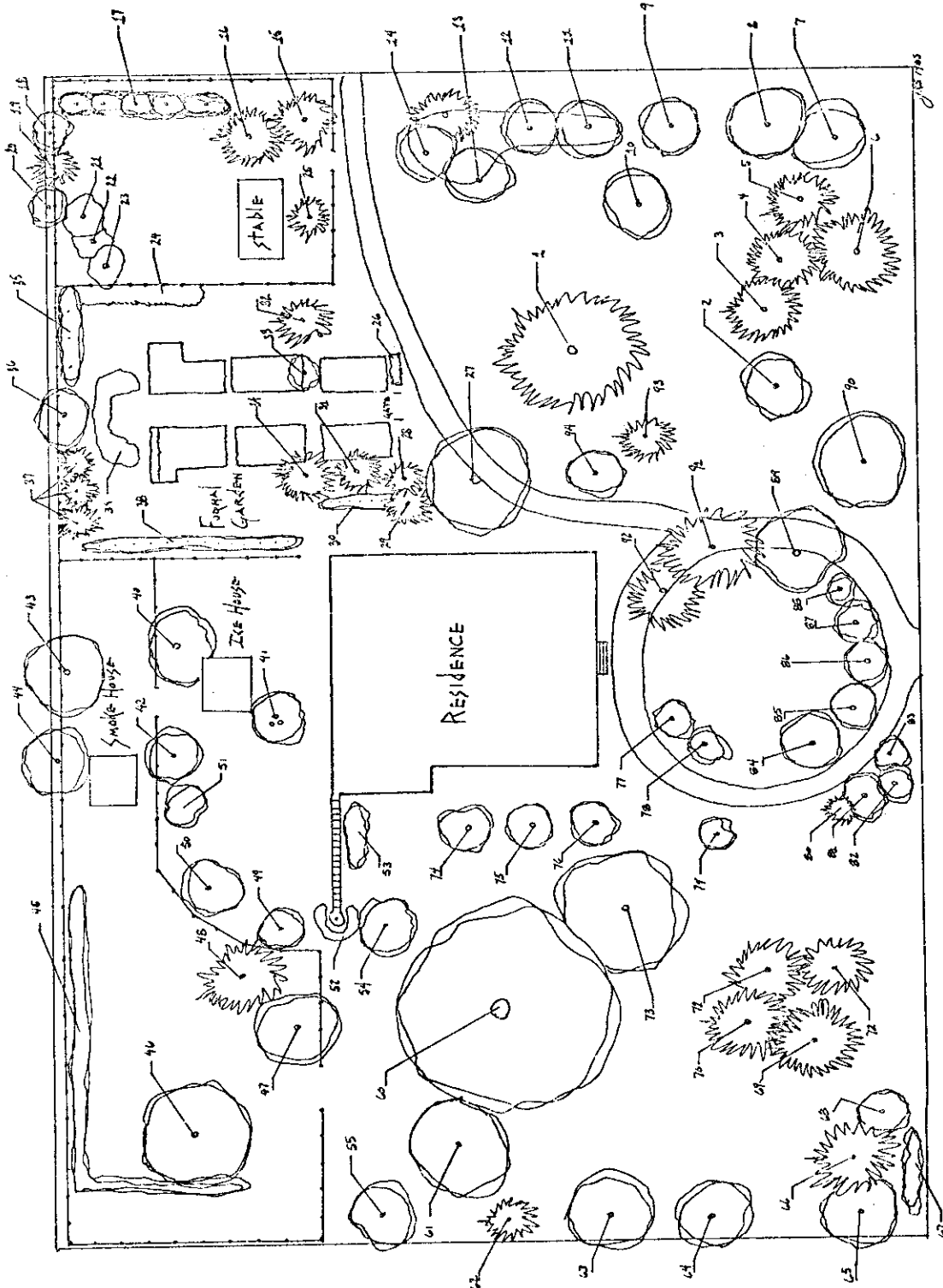
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KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

Greenwood Collage Landscaping



COMMON NAME PLANTINGS

1. Norway Spruce
2. White Pine
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6. Quince
7. Tulip Tree
8. Oak
9. Maple
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12. Tulip Tree
13. Black Walnut
14. White Pine
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17. Honey Suckle Hedge
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543 E. Park St., Princeton, Illinois

After a sketch by Mary Nim White 1-7-33

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STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE *David Kenney*

TITLE Director

DATE 3/21/83

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

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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 during the week beginning May 8, 1983 and ending May 14, 1983. For further information call (202) 272-3504.

State, County, Vicinity, Property, Address, (date listed)

- COLORADO, Delta County, Austin vicinity, Ferganchick Orchard Rock Art Site, (05/09/83)
COLORADO, Denver County, Denver, McCourt, Peter, House, 1471 High St. (05/09/83)
COLORADO, Jefferson County, Arvada, Russell-Graves House, 5605 Yukon St. (05/09/83)
COLORADO, Otero County, LaJunta, Rourke, Eugene, House, 619 Carson St. (05/09/83)
COLORADO, Routt County, Oak Creek vicinity, Foidel Canyon School, NW of Oak Creek (05/09/83)
- FLORIDA, Escambia County, Pensacola, North Hill Preservation District, Roughly bounded by Blount, Palafox, Wright, Belmont, Reus, and DeVilliers Sts. (05/09/83)
FLORIDA, Manatee County, Bradenton, Braden Castle Park Historic District, Roughly bounded by the Manatee and Braden Rivers, Ponce DeLeon St. and Pelot Ave. (05/09/83)
- GEORGIA, Fulton County, Atlanta, Butler Street Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, 23 Butler St., SE. (05/09/83)
- ILLINOIS, Bureau County, Princeton, Greenwood Cottage, 543 E. Main St. (05/09/83)
ILLINOIS, Champaign County, Champaign, Priner's Confectionery, Main St. (05/09/83)
ILLINOIS, Clay County, Flora, Shriver House, 117 E. 3rd St. (05/09/83)
ILLINOIS, Cook County, Cicero, Morton, J. Sterling, High School East Auditorium, 2423 S. Austin Blvd. (05/09/83)
ILLINOIS, Madison County, Edwardsville, St. Louis Street Historic District, 603--1306 St. Louis St. (some exclusions) (05/09/83)
ILLINOIS, Madison County, Edwardsville, Weir, John, House, 715 N. Main St. (05/09/83)
ILLINOIS, Mercer County, Keithsburg, Commercial House, 4th and Main St. (05/09/83)
ILLINOIS, St. Clair County, Belleville vicinity, Knobeloch-Seibert Farm, Off IL 177 (05/09/83)
- INDIANA, Clark County, Jeffersonville, Grisamore House, 111--113 W. Chestnut St. (05/09/83)
INDIANA, Floyd County, New Albany, Mansion Row Historic District, Main St. between State and 15th Sts. and Market St. between 7th and 11th Sts. (05/09/83)
INDIANA, Marion County, Indianapolis, Byram-Middleton House, 1828 N. Illinois St. (05/09/83)
INDIANA, Marion County, Indianapolis, Marott's Shoes Building, 18--20 E. Washington St. (05/09/83)
- KANSAS, Labette County, Chetopa vicinity, Harmon Site, (05/09/83)
- KENTUCKY, Mason County, Mays Lick vicinity, Fox Farm, (05/09/83)
- MAINE, Somerset County, North Anson, Temples Historic District, Madison Ave. (05/12/83)
- MARYLAND, Baltimore (Independent City), Eutaw-Madison Apartment House Historic District, 2502 and 2525 Eutaw Pl., and 2601 Madison Ave. (05/12/83)
MARYLAND, Baltimore County, Glencoe, Glencoe, 1314 Glencoe Rd. (05/09/83)
MARYLAND, Queen Annes County, Stevensville, Cray House, Cockey's Lane (05/09/83)
- MICHIGAN, Ottawa County, Holland, Holland Historic District, 11th, 12th, 13th Sts., and Washington, Maple, and Pine Aves. (05/12/83)

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(PRINCETON NORTH)

LOCATION OF
GREENWOOD COTTAGE

