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National Park Service

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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 Richard M. Skinner House

and/or common "The House with the Deer"

2. Location

street & number 627 East Peru Street (Also, Ill. Routes 6 & 26) not for publication

city, town Princeton vicinity of

state Illinois code 012 county Bureau code 011

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> park
			<input 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 Dr. and Mrs. Louis Tarsinos

street & number R.F.D. 3

city, town Princeton vicinity of state Illinois

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Bureau County Clerk and Recorder

street & number Court House, South Main Street

city, town Princeton state Illinois

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Illinois Historic Structures Survey
title Bureau County has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1974 federal state county local

depository for survey records IL Department of Conservation- Historic Sites

city, town Springfield state 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

The Richard M. Skinner home was built in 1878 and has three stories and a brick basement. (The third floor is full and was finished during the last two years.)

The mansard roof with concave sides and the seven dormer windows, as well as the well defined front central pavilion constitute the architectural features representing the Second Empire school of domestic architecture. There are also Italianate features influencing the structure. A small screened porch, about six feet, was added toward the back and the westside of the first floor during the middle 1900's.

Brackets support the wooden eaves and cornice below the mansard roof. The windows are arched with wooden heads. Dormer windows have wood moulding at the top and center of their arches. The front part of the first floor has a tall window on each side of the round eyebrow-like arched double door entry with glass paneling. There are also several paired windows. There is a wood moulding around the edge of the top of the mansard roof. The roof itself was tin and has been retinned.

A veranda extends across the front of the house on the first floor with several columns. The moulding surrounding the top and bottom of the veranda are elaborate and their design was made in West Flushing, Long Island, New York. There is a smaller eastside porch in the back. In the past the house has been painted beige. The architect is Joseph Plummer Bryant of Princeton, Illinois.

The plan of the original house has remained the same with four rooms on each side of the two floors, placed symmetrically about a central hall. Minor alterations and additions were at the back of the house such as: first floor-kitchen and second floor-servants quarters. The interior retains its original oak flooring, staircase to the third floor, mirrored china closet, window shutters with hardware, and six fireplaces.

The proposed site includes a small octagon structure with some windows and a tower-like roof. The floor is brick. It has been known to be used for storing garden tools and wood. At one time there was speculation that summer meals were prepared there.

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		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)		

Specific dates 1878

Builder/Architect Joseph Plummer Bryant

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The proposed site is being submitted because of its achievement in demonstrating the Second Empire Style of domestic architecture, as well as features representing the Italianate period. According to current evidence available, this style had not appeared in the immediate area until this home was built in 1878. Although large homes were being built, they mostly represented the Georgian, and the Gothic, Greek, and Colonial Revival styles. Several years later, in the 1880s, another home was built in town and was modeled after the proposed site which differs. It's central pavilion extending to the center front dormer of the mansard roof is higher than the main roof. The exterior cornices and wood molding differ and are ornate. Previous attempts were made by the owner to earnestly retain the distinctive architectural features of this house and the period it represents, as well as in replacing the building materials. It has been reported by an elderly relative of the former owner that the house's architectural design was patterned after a home in New Jersey.

The architect was Joseph Plummer Bryant (1845-1916) who was born and raised in Princeton, Illinois (attached is a copy of his obituary with pertinent information). An excerpt states, "When a young man, he took up the profession of architecture, entering the office of one of the best architects in Chicago and remaining in the city for a number of years. Later he came back to Princeton and opened an office combining with Architecture, surveying and landscape gardening, and continued in this line of work until his health failed. His architectural work was noted for its accuracy and completeness of detail and he planned many public buildings throughout the country, especially many school buildings."

There are two homes in Princeton known to be designed by Mr. Bryant. Other have not been identified as yet. Their architectural styles are not the same as the proposed site. Mr. Bryant also made the plans and supervised the remodeling of Princeton High School at about the turn of the century.

The present owners have continued to retain and restore the interior and exterior architectural features. The house is visibly located in town and along Illinois Routes 6 and 26. It's setting is about 120 feet from the street with a surrounding green lawn on which stands an iron cast deer since the 1890s. When viewing the house and the style of architecture one experiences a feeling of a bygone era.

9. Major Bibliographical References The following are in present owners' possession

- A. Original owner's day book of information pertaining to building of house, materials used, dates and names of various tradesmen, their fees and progress.
- B. Detailed floor plan signed by J.P. Bryant, Architect, in Princeton. Also additional drawings and specifications for windows, including dormers.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1.01
Quadrangle name Princeton South Quadrangle scale 7.5

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification See attached entitled "Flat for Assessment Purposes" which lists the boundaries of the site and is outlined with a pencil.

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

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Electra Tarsinos

organization _____ date September 15, 1982

street & number R.F.D. 3 telephone 815-875-1181

city or town Princeton 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 _____

title _____ date _____

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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

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3. Shop drawings of exterior ornamental architectural details stamped "S.B. Reed, Architect, West Flushing, Long Island."

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Acreage of nominated property 1.01

Quadrangle name Princeton South

Quadrangle scale (7.5)
1:24 000

UTM References

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title Director date 12/23/82

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United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

FEB 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 during the week beginning February 6, 1983 and ending February 12, 1983. For further information call (202) 272-3504.

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

ARIZONA, Maricopa County, Phoenix, U.S. Post Office, 522 N. Central Ave. (02/10/83)

ARIZONA, Pima County, Tucson, U.S. Post Office and Courthouse, 55 E. Broadway (02/10/83)

CALIFORNIA, Humboldt County, Eureka, U.S. Post Office and Courthouse, Fifth and H Sts. (02/10/83)

CALIFORNIA, Merced County, Merced, U.S. Post Office, 401 W. 18th St. (02/10/83)

CALIFORNIA, San Diego County, San Ysidro, U.S. Inspection Station/U.S. Custom House, Virginia and Tijuana Sts. (02/10/83)

CALIFORNIA, San Joaquin County, Stockton, U.S. Post Office, 401 N. San Joaquin St. (02/10/83)

CALIFORNIA, Stanislaus County, Modesto, U.S. Post Office, Twelfth and I Sts. (02/10/83)

ILLINOIS, Bureau County, Princeton, Skinner, Richard M., House, 627 E. Peru St. (02/10/83)

ILLINOIS, Cass County, Beardstown, Park House, 200 W. Second St. (02/10/83)

ILLINOIS, Cook County, Chicago, King, Patrick J., House, 3234 W. Washington Blvd. (02/10/83)

ILLINOIS, Cook County, Chicago, Singer Building, 120 S. State St. (02/10/83)

ILLINOIS, Lee County, Dixon, Nachusa House, 215 S. Galena Ave. (02/10/83)

ILLINOIS, Logan County, Mt. Pulaski vicinity, Buckles, Robert, Barn (Round Barns in Illinois TR), SE of Mt. Pulaski (02/10/83)

ILLINOIS, McLean County, Chenoa, Scott, Matthew T., House, 227 1st Ave. (02/10/83)

ILLINOIS, Peoria County, Norwood Park vicinity, Christ Church of Lower Kickapoo, W of Norwood Park on Christ Church Rd. (02/10/83)

ILLINOIS, Pike County, Summer Hill, Scott, Lyman, House, U.S. 54 (02/10/83)

ILLINOIS, Sangamon County, Springfield, St. Nicholas Hotel, 400 E. Jefferson St. (02/10/83)

INDIANA, Monroe County, Bloomington, Blair-Dunning House, 608 W. 3rd St. (02/10/83)

KANSAS, Ford County, Dodge City, Sacred Heart Cathedral, 903 Central Ave. (02/10/83)

KANSAS, Gray County, Cimarron, Cimarron Hotel, 203 N. Main St. (02/10/83)

KENTUCKY, Christian County, Hopkinsville, Dalton, Monroe, House (Christian County MRA), 713 E. 7th St. (02/10/83)

KENTUCKY, Jefferson County, Harrods Creek, Nitta Yuma Historic District, 5028, 5040, 5044, and 5051 Nitta Yuma (02/10/83)

KENTUCKY, Taylor County, Campbellsville vicinity, Hiestand, Jacob, House, W of Campbellsville off KY 210 (02/10/83)

KENTUCKY, Taylor County, Campbellsville, Campbellsville Historic Commercial District, Roughly bounded by Columbia Ave., Broadway, 1st, Hotchkiss Sts., Central Ave. (both sides), and RR tracks (02/10/83)

MICHIGAN, Cheboygan County, Cheboygan, Newton-Allaire House, 337 Dresser St. (02/10/83)

MICHIGAN, Wayne County, Detroit, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Complex, 1345 Gratiot Ave. (02/10/83)

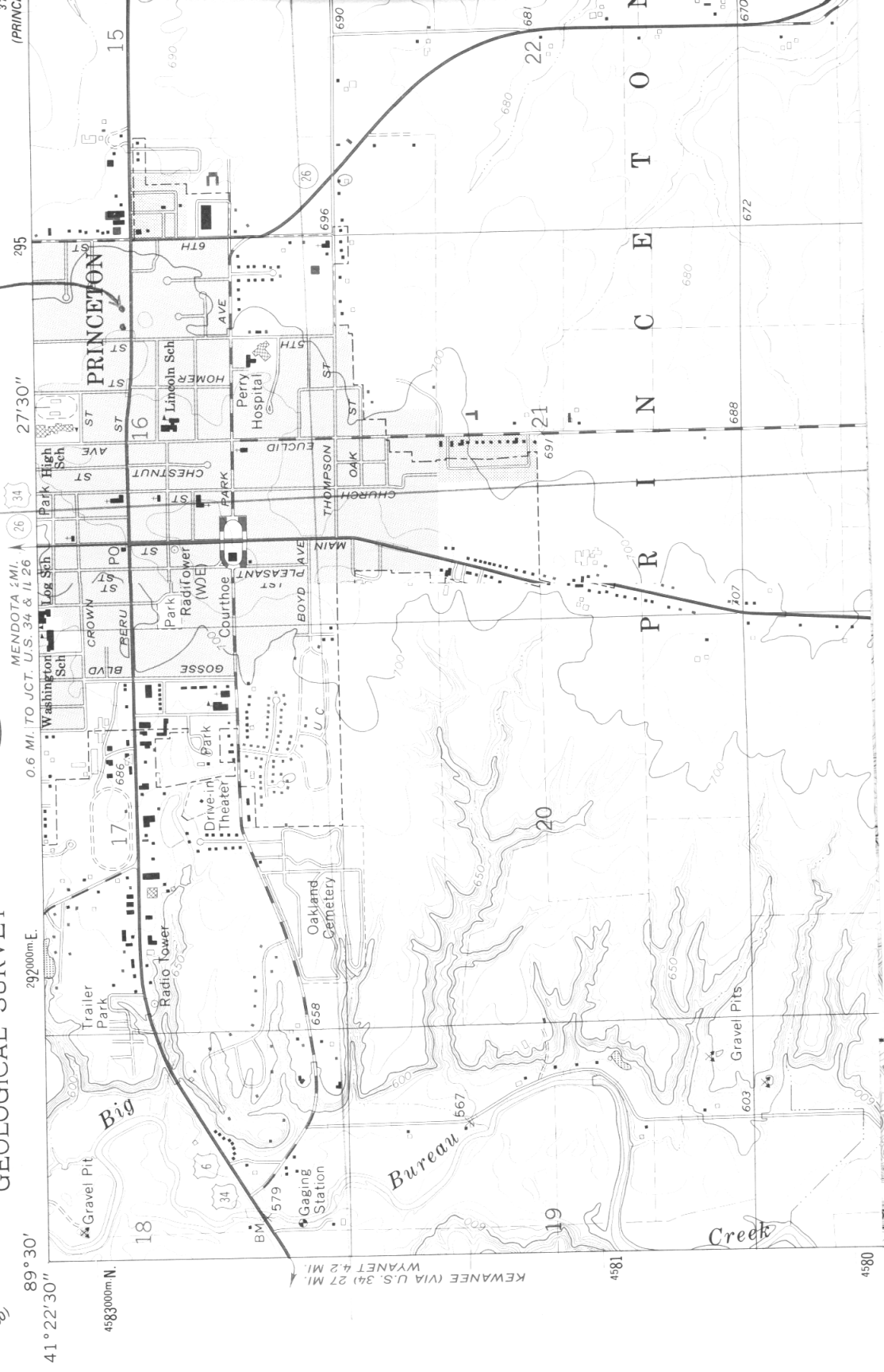
STATE OF ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
URBAN GEOLOGICAL SURVEY (PRINCETON)

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