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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Arthur J. Dunham House

AND/OR COMMON Lucile Evans House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 3131 S. Wisconsin

*N/A* NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN Berwyn *N/A* VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT Sixth

STATE Illinois CODE 012 COUNTY Cook CODE 031

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
	<i>N/A</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Mrs. Lucile Evans

STREET & NUMBER 3131 S. Wisconsin

CITY, TOWN Berwyn *N/A* VICINITY OF STATE Illinois

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Cook County Recorder

STREET & NUMBER 118 North Clark Street

CITY, TOWN Chicago STATE Illinois 60602

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE Inventory of Historic Structures in Cook County (Berwyn)

DATE 1975  FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Illinois Department of Conservation, 400 South Spring St.

CITY, TOWN Springfield STATE Illinois

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE <u>N/A</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Situated on a lot 103 ft. by 225 ft. in the community of Berwyn, the A. J. Dunham house is two stories high and has a hipped roof with original slate shingles and built in gutters. The structure is basically a stuccoed two-story block (facing west) with a chimney on the north wall, and attached two-story wings to the south and east. A one-story brick garage joins the north-east corner of the main block. The house sits on a beveled concrete foundation with a prominent brick base which terminates with a stone sill course at the bottom of the main floor windows. (Piers supporting a porch on the south wing are also of brick.) Exterior walls are finished in ochre colored stucco with dark oak banding near the roof.

The floor plan of the Dunham house is not a cruciform such as one might expect from the exterior configuration. It is a modified "L" shape centered around a large entrance hall which provides access to the ground floor rooms. On the main floor the program is comprised of a living room, library, dining room, kitchen, sun porch, bedroom, and a front and back stair. The second floor is made up of a master bedroom suite, two bathrooms and four small bedrooms, at least one of which was probably used originally for servants quarters.

The interior detailing is virtually intact and includes intricate quarter sawn oak banding and trim (which is in excellent condition) and leaded glass doors of the period. Leaded glass windows exposed to the exterior are found in the staircase wall and the front door. The majority of windows are wooden casement with clear glass, except in the east wing where double hung sash are used, and in the living room where there is a large picture window on the west wall that is original to the house. In the major spaces walls were all initially executed in integrally colored plaster of three different tones and textures with dark oak paneling on the lower portions of the dining room walls. In the major rooms the bands of plaster above the picture molding is nearly as textured as the exterior stucco, while the ceiling and lower walls are smoother.

Structurally the residence has had two early additions and one minor alteration. In 1923, 16 years after completion, Dunham's daughter added a small room to the second floor over the porch (south wing) and also constructed a larger room to the ground floor at the rear of the house, forming the east wing. Both additions were designed by the original architects (Tallmadge and Watson) and are in keeping with the style and fabric of the house. Also in 1923, the main stair entrance from the ground floor hall was closed to provide a private apartment on the second floor. None of the 1907 detailing was removed and the alteration is completely reversible at minimum cost.

The Dunham house is in excellent condition. The exterior has been recently renovated by the current owner, maintaining the original appearance.

# 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1907

BUILDER/ARCHITECT TALLMADGE + WATSON

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Arthur J. Dunham house (built ca. 1907) is a significant example of "Prairie School" architecture. It was one of the first buildings designed by the architects Tallmadge and Watson, two architects who emerged from the office of D.H. Burnham and Company. Tallmadge and Watson followed the teachings of Wright and Sullivan and became major figures in the Prairie School. They formed their firm in 1905. The firm later became renowned for ecclesiastical architecture, although initially specialized in residences, many of which were built in Evanston and Oak Park. The Dunham house is the only one of its kind in Berwyn.

The massing and detailing of the house are characteristic of the Prairie School of Architecture. Horizontal lines and broad open planes are stressed (in the spirit of the Midwestern prairie) through the use of long, low hipped roofs, a lateral wing and porch, horizontal banding of windows and oak trim, and an open plan which maximizes the sense of space. Both the use of an attached garage at the rear of the house and a picture window in the living room were new concepts in 1907. Through its execution the Dunham house reflects clearly the modern ideals of the Prairie School--to create a truly American architecture, with an honest use of materials, rejecting imported historical styles. The building is stripped of classical ornament and expressed with clear precise angles and a continuity of line and surface. Enrichment is achieved through textural expression of materials, stucco, oak, and brick.

The Dunham home has been owned and cared for by the family that built it for three generations (73 years), and as a result has remained essentially intact. The current owner possesses blueprints of the 1907 plans done by Tallmadge and Watson, as well as the specification sheets for the house.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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. Prairie School Architecture..., Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1975.

Evans, Mrs. Lucile. interview.

Saccaro, Susan. "Evans House Nominated as Landmark", The Life, Oct. 1, 19

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 23,175 sq. ft. (approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre)

QUADRANGLE NAME Berwyn Quadrangle

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION Lots 30, 31, 32, 33 in Block 31 Andrews and Pipers Second addition to Berwyn, in Section 31, Township 39 north, Range 13, east of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
<u>N/A</u>			
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME/TITLE 1. Mrs. Lucile Evans

2. Susan Horst Mori and Wilbert R. Hasbrouck

ORGANIZATION 1. Owner

DATE

2. HISTORIC RESOURCES

10/16/80

STREET & NUMBER 1. 3131 S. Wisconsin

TELEPHONE

2. 711 S. Dearborn St.

2. 922-7211

CITY OR TOWN 1. Berwyn

STATE

2. Chicago

1. Illinois

2. Illinois

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL   

STATE X

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 1/2/81

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION