

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Illinois	
COUNTY: Adams	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
John Wood Mansion

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Historical Society of Quincy and Adams County Building

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
425 South Twelfth Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Quincy

STATE Illinois	CODE 12	COUNTY: Adams	CODE 001
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**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	_____

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNERS NAME:  
Historical Society of Quincy and Adams County

STREET AND NUMBER:  
425 South Twelfth Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Quincy

STATE:  
Illinois

CODE:  
12

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:  
Adams County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:  
521 Vermont Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Quincy

STATE:  
Illinois

CODE:  
12

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 acre

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:  
Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Original Site <input type="checkbox"/>

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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When the Historical Society of Quincy and Adams County acquired the building in 1907, a portion of the one story section was raised to two stories featuring an exterior porch copied in the Greek Revival style by local architect Ernest Wood. As a result the present structure is more imposing than the original. The building was moved from its original position in 1864 across the street to its present location, after its owner John Wood constructed a larger mansion. It then became the home of Wood's oldest son, Daniel C. Wood.

The mansion, a frame dwelling with brick and stone fill in the outside walls was erected for John Wood by John Cleaveland, a master mechanic, who had come to Illinois from Sandy Bay, Massachusetts in 1834. The impressive front view features four columns in doric style. The interior woodwork, much of it hand carved, is painted and is probably butternut. The master bedroom, parlor and front hallways are resplendent with plaster ceiling medallions. The original wide pine floor boards have recently been refinished in some rooms.

The building is structurally sound and in good condition. Exterior repair and painting is scheduled for the spring of 1970 and at regular intervals thereafter.

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian       16th Century       18th Century       20th Century   
 15th Century       17th Century       19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1835**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |  |   |  |
|--|--|---|--|
| Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/>          | Education <input type="checkbox"/>             | Political <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/>  |
| Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/>         | Engineering <input type="checkbox"/>           | Religion/Phi- <input type="checkbox"/>        | Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Historic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Industry <input type="checkbox"/>              | osophy <input type="checkbox"/>               | _____                                    |
| Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/>         | Invention <input type="checkbox"/>             | Science <input type="checkbox"/>              | _____                                    |
| Art <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>      | Landscape <input type="checkbox"/>             | Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/>            | _____                                    |
| Commerce <input type="checkbox"/>            | Architecture <input type="checkbox"/>          | Social/Human- <input type="checkbox"/>        | _____                                    |
| Communications <input type="checkbox"/>      | Literature <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | itarian <input type="checkbox"/>              | _____                                    |
| Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>        | Military <input type="checkbox"/>              | Theater <input type="checkbox"/>              | _____                                    |
|  | Music <input type="checkbox"/>                 | Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>       | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

John Wood in 1822 became the first white man to settle permanently in the Quincy area. The mansion built in 1835, is the oldest major large residence still standing and in good condition in the city of Quincy. Wood was a major figure in Quincy's growth and development into the 1880's. He was a founder of the Republican party and served as Lieutenant Governor in 1856. In 1859, John Wood became governor of Illinois upon the death of Governor Bissell. During the Civil War, Wood was a Colonel of the 137th Illinois and later served as a delegate to the peace commission. Records also show that John Wood was a personal friend of Abraham Lincoln.

The historical collection includes such items as: fine oil paintings of early Quincians by Chester Harding, a silver ladle given to John Marshall by George Washington, a small muzzle loading pistol which belonged to Aaron Burr, part of a collection of items from the Lincoln assassination trial, including keys to cell doors in Old Capitol Prison, Washington, and a special head cap used to prevent prisoners from committing suicide. The balance of the items from this trial are in the Smithsonian Institution in Washington.

There are also items connected with the Mormons who had settled in Nauvoo. Among these are a large sun stone from the ruins of the Mormon Temple in Nauvoo and keys to the Temple which were given to Artois Hamilton when the Mormons left for Utah. This was done out of gratitude to Hamilton for having given proper burial to Joseph and Hiram Smith after they were tragically murdered in the jail at Carthage, Illinois.

Occupying a building on the grounds of the Historical Society is the Friends in Council, the oldest women's literary club in the United States in continuous existence.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Drury, John, Old Illinois Houses (Occasional publications of the Illinois State Historical Society), pp. 67-68

Koeper, Frederick, Illinois Architecture, From Territorial Times to the Present (Chicago; The University of Chicago Press, 1968) p. 228

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OR LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	0 . . . . .	0 . . . . .		39° 55' 38"	91° 23' 43"	
NE	0 . . . . .	0 . . . . .				
SE	0 . . . . .	0 . . . . .				
SW	0 . . . . .	0 . . . . .				

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
Illinois		Adams	
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
**William Nemoyten, Administrator**

ORGANIZATION: **Historical Society of Quincy and Adams County** DATE: **January 15, 1970**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**428 Maine Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Quincy** STATE: **Illinois** CODE: **12**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name **Dan Malkovich**

Title **Acting Director**

Date **February 9, 1970**

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

**Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

**Keeper of The National Register**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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Survey Track

Archaeology

Architecture

History

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NR DISTRICT

1. Name of Site:

Common:  
John Wood Mansion

Historic:

Historical Society of Quincy and Adams County Building

2. Location of site:

Street and Number  
425 South Twelfth Street

Township

Section

City or Town

Zip Code

Range

1/4 Section

Quincy

62301

County:

Adams

3. Classification

Category: (check one)

- District
- Site
- Building
- Structure

Integrity: (check one)

- Altered
- Unaltered

Position: (check one)

- Moved
- Original Site

4. Ownership:

- Public
- Private

Status:

- Occupied
- Unoccupied
- Preservation work in progress

Access to the public:

- Yes
- Restricted
- Unrestricted
- No

Present Use: (check one or more)

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

5. Owner of property:

Owner's name

Historical Society of Quincy and Adams County

Phone number

Street and number  
425 South Twelfth Street

City or town

Quincy

State

Illinois

County

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Zip Code

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POLITICAL AFFAIRS





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ILLINOIS HISTORIC SITES SURVEY INVENTORY

INFO ONLY

307, 296

1. Name of Site:

Common Wood House Marker

Historic

2. Location:

Street and Number

425 S. 12th St.

City or Town

Quincy  
County

Zip Code

Township

Range

Section

1/4 Section

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Category (check one)

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 Site                 Structure

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 Moved             Original Site

4. Ownership:

- Private  
 Public

Status (check one)

- Occupied  
 Unoccupied  
 Preservation work in progress

Access to Public

- Yes     Restricted     Unrestricted     No

Present Use (check one or more)

- |  |  |   |
|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural  | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial        | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial    | <input type="checkbox"/> Military          | <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational   | <input type="checkbox"/> Museum            | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Park              | <input type="checkbox"/> Other          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government    | <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence |   |

5. Ownership of Property:

Owner's Name

Phone Number

Street and Number

City or Town

State

County

Zip Code

6. Description:

- 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)

- Archeological Site (Pre-Columbian)
- Archeological 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)

8. Specific Date:

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

- Aboriginal (historic)
- Aboriginal (pre-historic)
- Agriculture
- Architecture
- Art
- Commerce
- Communication
- Conservation
- Education
- Engineering
- Industry
- Invention
- Landscape Architecture
- Literature
- Military
- Music
- Political
- Religion/Philosophy
- Science
- Sculpture
- Social/Humanitarian
- Theater
- Transportation
- Urban Planning
- Other (specify)

Brief statement of significance: (include all names and dates)  
Use additional sheets if necessary.

9. Form prepared by:

Name and Title:

Date:

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.



