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DATA SHEET

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC JONES HOUSE

(Behmer, John, House)

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
314 E. Madison Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

CITY, TOWN
Pontiac

VICINITY OF
CODE

15

STATE
Illinois 61764

COUNTY CODE
Livingston

3 CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | PRESENT USE |
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| <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"/> MUSEUM |
| <input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SITE | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED | <input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY |
| | | | <input 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

Livingston County Historical Society, Inc.

NAME

STREET & NUMBER
200 Pontiac National Bank, P.O. Box 680

CITY, TOWN
Pontiac

VICINITY OF

STATE
Illinois 61764

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Recorder's Office

STREET & NUMBER
Livingston County Court House

CITY, TOWN
Pontiac

STATE
Illinois 61764

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Inventory of Historic Landmarks in Livingston County

DATE
February 1975

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
Illinois Department of Conservation

CITY, TOWN
405 E. Washington, Springfield,

STATE
Illinois

7 DESCRIPTION

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| CONDITION | | CHECK ONE | CHECK ONE |
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| <input 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 _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED | | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Jones House is a pre-Civil War, Gothic Revival style, two-story brick residence.

ORIGINAL EXTERIOR:

The house is constructed with 8" thick brick bearing walls on a foundation of limestone rubble and brick. The original house also included a wood frame structure attached to the back which predated the house itself. The present porch is anachronistic.

The house had a somewhat ornate porch, the outline of which can clearly be seen in paint markings on the brick of the front wall. Other indications of the extent and style of the porch are flashing outlines at juncture of roof and front wall, the remains of brick foundations which supported the front extension.

The front elevation displays a five-bay, symmetrical format which is more often found in previous styles. The gable roof presents the same symmetry of the first floor but departs from it in that there are three equal gables containing gothic windows (casements). Chimneys were present on the original building at the center of the East and West gable ends. Research indicates that original framing members and wood decking are extant and in good condition in the roof. Some original flashing remains under three layers of shingles but all exterior roof trim and soffits are replacements. Indications of original roofing material may be found upon removal of existing layers.

The front entrance door with two sidelights and transom is original and the sidelights display finely worked wood embellishments typical of the Gothic. These, as well as the outlines of the porch mentioned above, would indicate that the house originally had fully developed gothic detailing at gables and the front porch itself. Further research on the original fabric of the structure (and into local historic documents) will provide the necessary proofs for the accuracy of the restoration. It is expected that the shape of original chimneys may be indicated upon removal of existing anachronistic chimneys and roofing.

The West elevation is intact in its original condition and all masonry is in good condition. The East elevation displays a second floor window which has been bricked in. Removal of paint will reveal whether this is original construction or a later addition. A coal chute to the basement is later. Unlike the front elevation, the rear contains several doors which are actually enlargement of window openings which will be rebuilt to original condition.

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EXISTING INTERIOR:

Interior rooms display the usual accumulation of cosmetic treatments of the prior 120 years including acoustical tile, wallpapers, flooring, closets, etc. Underneath, the original plaster ceilings and walls are intact but in need of repair. Original pine floorboards are extant as is most base and window and door trim. Most doors are original and have original hardware. The Original stairs and handrail are in place although somewhat altered. The mantel and it's trim at the East room are original. The fireplace at the West room may contain an original cast-iron stove (built-in). Further research will be done to determine if this is the case. The West room of the first floor sustained a minor fire in 1975 but no major damage occurred.

The second floor contains a center stair hall, front to back in the center of the building, a large bedroom with fireplace and mantel (original) on the East and a smaller bedroom on the West which has an eight foot wide dressing room or child's bedroom on the South. This room has been remodeled for a bath which will be removed.

Windows on both floors are original and have original trim mouldings, aprons and stools.

With further research into finishes (paint, varnish, wallpaper, etc.) enough original fabric remains in the interior of the house to restore it very accurately to it's 1858 condition. The Livingston County Historical Society has retained a restoration architect and is proceeding with this work.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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| <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 |
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| <input 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 1858

BUILDER/ARCHITECT unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Jones House is architecturally important because it is locally unique. It is one of the few pre-Civil War Gothic Revival residences which survive within Livingston County, and the second oldest brick house in Pontiac.

The house is also important because it was the residence of two important Pontiac businessmen, first John Dehner, and later Henry C. Jones.

The property on which the house is located was sold to John Dehner in October 1857. The house was finished on the lot in 1858. Dehner was a prominent Pontiac businessman in the late nineteenth century. In 1865 he was partner with other Livingston county residents in the creation of the Chicago and Paducah Railroad. He also formed a partnership (1866) with other Pontiac citizens to begin the first coal mining operation in the Pontiac vicinity. He built the first brick commercial building in downtown Pontiac.

Henry C. Jones purchased the property in 1899 and lived in the house until 1921. He founded the Free Press in 1865. Later he also purchased the only other newspaper, the Sentinel. He also developed the Pontiac Light, Heat, and Power in the 1890's. He served as its president for many years afterward.

After Jones' death, the house passed to members of his family and in more recent years was converted into apartments by adding several wood frame additions. The house was damaged by fire in 1975 and slated for demolition. However, the Livingston County Historical Society purchased the property in 1976 and is implementing plans to restore it as a county museum.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Biographical Record of Livingston County, S.J. Clarke, Chicago, 1900.
 History of Livingston County, William LeBaron, Jr., and Co., Chicago, 1878
 Historical Encyclopedia of Illinois and History of Livingston County,
 2 vols., Munsell Publishing Company, Chicago, 1909.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Less than 1 acre

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1 city lot

Lat- 40° 52' 46"

Long- 88° 37' 27" 33

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Block 51, Lot 2 of the original city of Pontiac

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

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| STATE | Illinois | CODE | COUNTY | Livingston | CODE |
| STATE | | CODE | COUNTY | | CODE |

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Lehman & John Perring

ORGANIZATION

Livingston County Historical Society

DATE

April 22, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

c/o Pontiac National Bank, Box 680

TELEPHONE

844-3171 (Perring)

CITY OR TOWN

Pontiac

STATE

Illinois 61764

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

Dad Kenny

TITLE

Director, Department of Conservation

DATE

October 19, 1977

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

White

DATE

1/17/78

ATTEST: *W. H. Cole*

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

4-26-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Property *Jones House*

78001163
Livingston, County

State *Ill.*

Working Number *11.14.77.1899*

TECHNICAL

Photos *2*
Maps *1*

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3.23. pl
OK 11.17.77

Agency - obviously less than I see. OK - unless we need to wait w/ restoration.

HISTORIAN

Shaffy
2-7-78
accept

Wretched condition - but restoration planned - demolitions at rear apparently destroyed original fabric, along with additions. Call for acreage.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

~~*Barbham*~~
Barbham
12.22.77

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

see above comments. Language of nomination conveys a concern for doing an accurate restoration (restoration architect hired)

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
Lebovich

Despite damage - architecturally significant as is.

7/6/78

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

Accepted
5/5/78

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back _____

Entered *MAY 5 1978*

Federal Register Entry *6.6.78*

Re-submit _____

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Jones House
Pontiac, Il. , Livingston Co.
Photographer: William Morse
Neg. located at Vermillion Studio
Rear View
Photo taken 3/25/77

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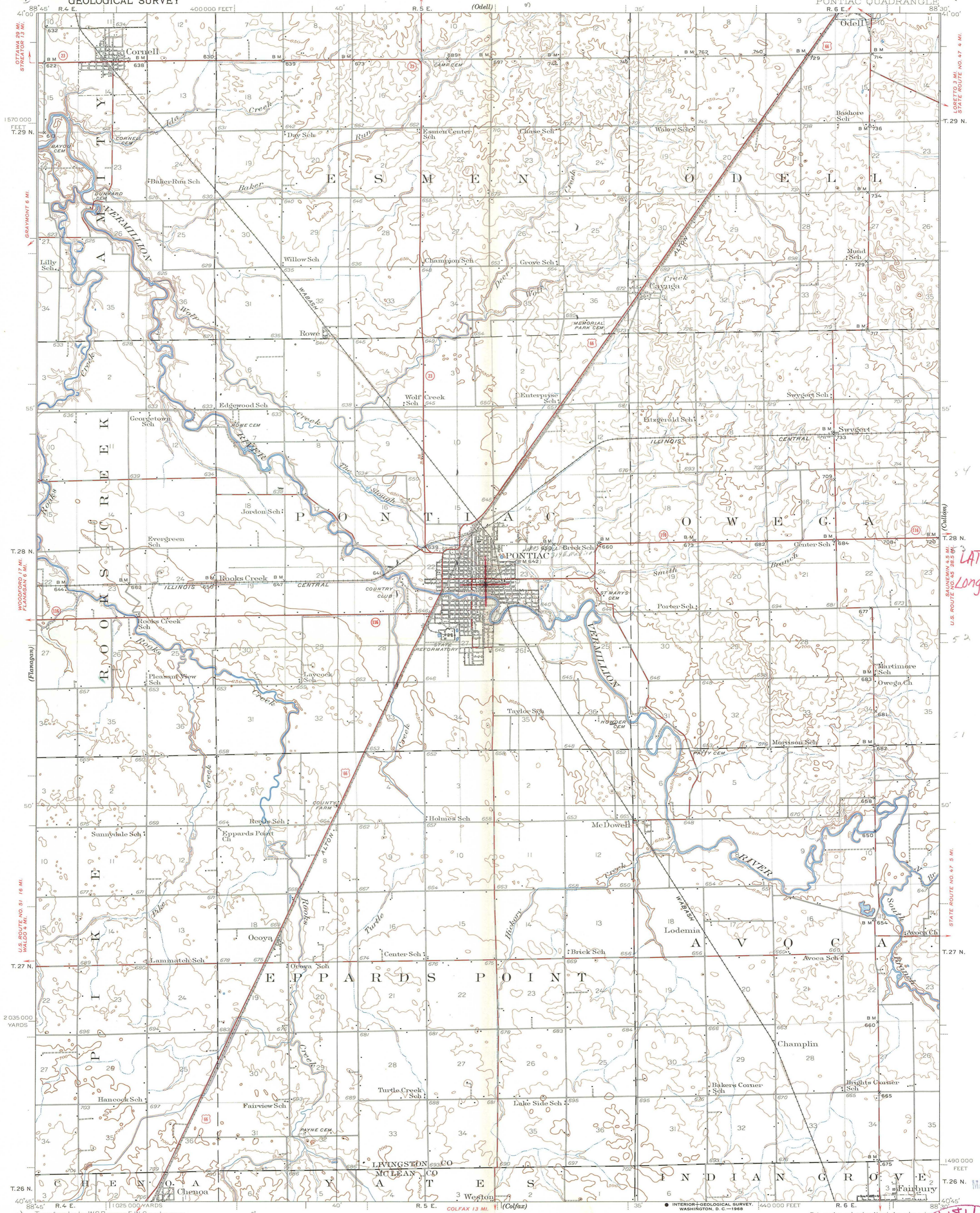
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Front View
Photo taken 3/25/77 282

MAY 5 1978

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STATE ROUTE NO. 17 6 MI.

JOLIET 48 MI.
DWIGHT 9 MI. ILLINOIS
PONTIAC QUADRANGLE
R. 6 E.



LAT: 40° 52' 46"
LONG: 88° 37' 27"

Topography by W.S. Beames, E.W. Gouchenour,
F.W. Weber and R.V. Henderson
Surveyed in 1935
LEXINGTON 8 MI.
BLOOMINGTON 24 MI.

Scale 62500
1 2 3 4 Miles
5000 10000 15000 20000 Feet
1 2 3 4 5 Kilometers
Contour interval 10 feet
Datum is mean sea level

Polyconic projection, North American datum
5000 yard grid based on U.S. zone 18
10000 foot grid based on Illinois State
rectangular coordinate system
ANCHOR 14 MI.

ROADS IMPERVIOUSLY SURFACED
ROADS OTHERWISE SURFACED
U.S. ROUTE 1938 STATE ROUTE

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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



MAY 5 1978

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE ILLINOIS

Date Entered MAY 5 1978

Name

Location

Jones House

**Pontiac
Livingston County**

Huntoon, Joseph, Homestead

**Moline
Rock Island County**

Also Notified

Hon. Charles H. Percy

Hon. Adlai E. Stevenson

Hon. Tom J. Corcoran

Hon. Tom Railsback

NR Mott 5/9/78

**State Historic Preservation Officer
Mr. David Kenney
Director, Department of Conservation
605 State Office Building
400 South Spring Street
Springfield, Illinois 62706**

NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

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| ① NAME as it appears on federal register: Jones House | | ② OTHER NAMES: <i>Jehonah Daley House</i> | | ③ date of entry: MAY 5 1978 | ④ county code: 105 |
| ⑤ LOCATION street & number 314 E. Madison St. | | city / town Pontiac | vicinity of | state IL | county Livingston |
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