

McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission Findings Report

Application Filing Date: September 30, 2024

Nomination: Historic Building: Prescott Whittemore Homestead
Nominator: Jessica Rodarte and Ramon Bernal; Huntley, Illinois
Property Owner: Jessica Rodarte and Ramon Bernal; Huntley, Illinois
Location: Northeast side of Marengo Road, approximately 1,500 feet northwest of the intersection of Marengo Road and Main Street.
Address: 13520 Marengo Road, Huntley, Grafton Township, Illinois 60142.
PIN and acreage: 18-30-400-016 The parcel contains approximately seven (7) acres.
Legal Description: (See the attached legal description for a full description.)

HISTORIC INFORMATION OUTLINE

ARCHITECT:	Unknown	YEAR BUILT:	1841	PURPOSE/TYPE: Residence (said to have been used as a hotel for the first 10 years after construction.)
ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:	Prairie style architecture, characterized by a strong horizontal emphasis, open floor plans, and natural materials.			
MODIFICATIONS:	The building is currently under construction for additions and alterations, but the majority of the original structure has not been modified.			
HISTORIC INTEGRITY:	The limestone material on the façade is original to the construction. The structure remains on the land it was originally built on and the land/parcel has not been altered since.			
PRESENT/LAST USE:	The building was last used as a residential dwelling.			
PLANNED USE:	Private residence			

PUBLIC HEARING FOR LANDMARK ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION

Date and Time of Public Hearing: April 2, 2025 at 6:15 PM
Location of Public Hearing: McHenry County Administration Building, 667 Ware Road, Woodstock, IL; County Board Conference Room

Summary of Public Hearing Testimony:

Vice Chairman Donald opened the public hearing. Commissioners Alfaro, Taylor, Thiel, Metivier Schadt, and Milarski were present. Chairman Gussie arrived after the public hearing.

Vice Chairman Donald noted that the application was deemed complete and had previously been discussed by the Commission. It was determined that the nominated structure meets most of the criteria for landmark status. Publication of the legal notice and mailed notices to the owner and adjacent property owners had been completed, pursuant to ordinance requirements.

There were no members of the public present to ask questions or make comments regarding the proposed landmark designation.

Summary of the Voting Session:

Motion: Motion by Ms. Milarski, seconded by Ms. Metivier Schadt to recommend to the County Board that the Prescott Whittemore Homestead be designated a local historic landmark. All members present voted, 6 ayes and 0 nays.

Summary of Approval Criteria:

The Commission finds that the Prescott Whittemore Homestead meets the specific criteria as described in Article III of the McHenry County Historic Preservation Ordinance.

After the hearing and voting were concluded, Ms. Scharlow explained the case will go to the Planning, Environment, and Development Committee for review before it goes forward to the County Board for their consideration.

PICTURES OF THE
PRESCOTT WHITTEMORE HOMESTEAD

