

	HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY			
	Agenda Item Title/Address:		Recommendation regarding Landmark Nomination for Camp Kane and Jones Law Office	
	Proposal:			
	Petitioner:			
Please check appropriate box (x)				
PUBLIC HEARING			MEETING 10/15/14	X
AGENDA ITEM CATEGORY:				
	Certificate of Appropriateness (COA)			Façade Improvement Plan
	Preliminary Review			Landmark/District Designation
X	Discussion Item			Commission Business
ATTACHMENTS:				
Draft Landmark Nomination				
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:				
<p>A Landmark Nomination for Camp Kane and the Jones Law Office was been prepared by Kim Malay and discussed by the Commission on 10/1/14.</p> <p>Staff is looking for the Commission's recommendation on the extent of the site to be landmarked. Attached is an aerial photo.</p> <p>The Commission's recommendation will be presented to the Planning & Development Committee to review. The Committee can then make a recommendation directing staff to file the Landmark Nomination on behalf of the City.</p>				
RECOMMENDATION / SUGGESTED ACTION:				
Provide a recommendation on the boundaries of the landmark designation.				



Data Source:
City of St. Charles, Illinois
Kane County, Illinois
DuPage County, Illinois
Coordinate System: Illinois State Plane East
Projection: Transverse Mercator
North American Datum 1983
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HISTORIC LANDMARK NOMINATION

Received Date

Instructions:

To nominate a property for Historic Landmark Designation, complete this application and submit all required documentation to the Planning Division. Based on a review of the application by City staff and the Historic Preservation Commission, additional detailed information to support this application may be required.

The information you provide must be complete and accurate. If you have a question please call the Planning Division and we will be happy to assist you.

1. Property Information:	Parcel Number(s):	
	Property Name (Historic or common name of the property): Camp Kane and Steven S. Jones Law Office	
2. Applicant:	Name City Of St. Charles	Phone 630-377-4443
	Address 2 E. Main St. St. Charles IL 60174	Fax
		Email
3. Record Owner:	Name City of St. Charles	Phone 630-377-4443
	Address 2 E. Main St. St. Charles IL 60174	Fax
		Email
4. Legal Description of Property: The legal description should be obtained from the deed, mortgage, title insurance, or other recorded document (attach sheets if necessary).		

I. Classification of Property (Check all that apply):

a) Ownership:

☐ private
☒ public-local
☐ public-state

b) Category:

☒ building
☐ district
☒ site

c) Integrity:

☒ original site
☒ moved: date Aug. 26, 2014
☐ unaltered

d) Function or Use:

Historic/Current

☐/ ☐ agriculture
☐/ ☐ commercial
☐/ ☐ educational
☐/ ☒ government
☐/ ☐ entertainment

Historic/Current

☐/ ☐ industrial
☒/ ☐ military
☐/ ☒ museum
☐/ ☐ private residence
☐/ ☒ park

Historic/Current

☐/ ☐ religious
☐/ ☐ scientific
☐/ ☐ transportation
☒/ ☐ other(specify
Law Office
Artifact

e) Architecture:

Early Republic

☐ Federal
☐ Early Classical
Revival

Mid-19th Century

☐ Greek Revival
☐ Gothic Revival
☐ Italian Villa
☐ National

Late 19th/20th Century Revivals

☐ Beaux Arts
☐ Colonial Revival
☐ Classical Revival
☐ Tudor Revival
☐ Late Gothic Revival
☐ Dutch Colonial Revival
☐ English Cottage
☐ Italian Renaissance
☐ French Renaissance
☐ Spanish/Mission

Regional Origin

☐ Vernacular (describe)

☐ Other (describe)

Late Victorian

☐ 2nd Gothic Revival
☐ Italianate
☐ Second Empire
☐ Queen Ann
☐ Stick/Eastlake
☐ Shingle Style
☐ Romanesque
☐ Renaissance
☐ Folk Victorian

Late 19th and Early 20th Century
(American Movements)

☐ Princess Ann
☐ Homestead

(Amer. Arts & Crafts Movement)

☐ Craftsman
☐ Bungalow
☐ Foursquare
☐ Prairie School

Modern Movement

☐ Modern
☐ Art Deco
☐ International Style
☐ Ranch

II. Building Materials:

Please mark the appropriate boxes listing the materials that exist on the building.

	Foundation	Walls	Roof	Others
Wood				
Weatherboard, Clapboard		x		
Shingle			x	
Log				
Plywood				
Shake				
Stone				
Granite				
Sandstone				
Limestone				
Marble				
Slate				
Brick				
Metal				
Iron				
Copper				
Bronze				
Tin				
Steel				
Lead				
Nickel				
Cast Iron				
Stucco				
Terra Cotta				
Asphalt				
Asbestos				
Concrete	x			
Adobe				
Ceramic Tile				
Glass				
Cloth/Canvas				
Synthetics				
Fiberglass				
Vinyl				
Aluminum				
Rubber				
Plastic				
Drivit/EIFS				
Other				

III. Significance of Property:

Please indicate source of documentation, if available.

- a) Original Owner: Law Office - Steven S. Jones, Camp Kane
- b) Architect/ Builder: _____
- c) Significant Person(s): Law Office-Steven S. Jones, Camp Kane, Gen John F. Farnsworth
- d) Significant Dates (i.e., construction dates): Camp Kane - Sept 18, 1861
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e) Please indicate which of the following criteria apply to the property:(check all that apply.)

- ☒ Property has character, interest, or value which is part of the development, heritage, or cultural character of the community, county, or nation.
- ☒ Property is the site of a significant local, county, state, or national event.
- ☒ Property is identified with a person who significantly contributed to the development of the community, county, state, or nation.
- ☐ Structure embodies distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style valuable for the study of a period, type, method of construction, or use of indigenous materials.
- ☐ Property is identified with the work of a master builder, designer, architect, or landscape architect whose work has influenced the development of the area, the county, the state, or the nation.
- ☐ Structure embodies elements of design, detailing, materials, or craftsmanship that are of architectural significance.
- ☐ Structure embodies design elements that make it structurally or architecturally innovative.
- ☒ Property has a unique location or physical characteristics that make it a familiar visual feature.
- ☐ Structure is a particularly fine or unique example of a utilitarian structure with a high level of historical or architectural significance.
- ☒ Property is suitable for preservation or restoration.
- ☐ Property is included on the ___ Illinois and/or ___ National Register of Historic Places.
- ☐ Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important to prehistory, history, or other areas of archaeological significance.

IV. Attachments

1. Descriptive Statement: Attach a narrative statement describing the property and its historical architectural significance as indicated in Sections I, II, and III above. Describe structural changes, additions, and decorative modifications or material changes and dates of such work if known. State the reasons it should be designated as a Historic property.
2. Plat of Survey: Attach a plat of survey showing the boundaries and location of the property. This may be obtained from the County Recorder (630-232-5935) at the Government Center. You may also have one from your house closing.
3. Photographs: Attach photographs showing the important structures or features of the property and a photograph as viewed from the public way. Black and white or color prints. A minimum of one photograph of the structure as viewed from the public way is required.

I (we) certify that this application and the documents submitted with it are true and correct to the best of my (our) knowledge and belief.

Record Owner

Date

Applicant or Authorized Agent

Date

Descriptive Statement for Camp Kane

In the mid 1800's Illinois was an active part of the Abolitionist movement, St. Charles was a very active part of that movement. Congressman John F. Farnsworth, St. Charles resident was a well-known abolitionist, was a personal friend to Abraham Lincoln, an advisor to Lincoln during the Lincoln Douglas debates and was the person who nominated Lincoln for President in 1860.

After the start of the Civil War, John F. Farnsworth requested permission from President Lincoln to commission the 8th Illinois Cavalry and train them in St. Charles. President Lincoln approved that commission on August 11, 1861 and called the 8th Illinois Cavalry "Farnsworth's Big Abolitionist Regiment" while making John F. Farnsworth a Colonel and later in 1862 a Brigadier General.

By August 20, 1861 the first company was formed. Many members of this unit were employees of the Chicago Tribune including the company's captain William Medill, brother of Joseph Medill, Chicago Tribune editor and owner. Joseph Medill and Farnsworth were strong political allies and Medill supported Farnsworth's efforts. Many articles were published in the Chicago Tribune on the formation of the 8th Illinois Cavalry which helped fill the ranks of the regiment with members from all around Illinois and surrounding states

As stated in the book "History of the Eighth Cavalry Regiment" written by Dr. Abner Hard, surgeon for the 8th Illinois Cavalry, Colonel Farnsworth used the property that he owned that is now commonly known as Langum Park to develop Camp Kane, the Civil War Training Camp that would become the home of the 8th Illinois and 17th Illinois Cavalries. This was the only Civil War training camp in Kane County. The 8th Illinois Cavalry officially mustered in at Camp Kane with 1,164 men on September 18, 1861 and Camp Kane remained active until early 1864.

The 8th Illinois Cavalry's honors include battles such as Mechanicsville, Antietam, Fredericksburg and most notably Gettysburg, where it was the 8th Illinois Cavalry's Lt. Marcellus Jones who fired the first shot of that famous battle. Confederate Colonel John S. Mosby "The Grey Ghost" called the 8th Illinois "The best cavalry regiment in the Army of the Potomac". The 8th Illinois Cavalry also had tragic honors of participating in the hunt for President Lincoln's assassin and serving as the Honor Guard for President Lincoln's Funeral Train.

Descriptive Statement for Steven S. Jones Law Office

In Mid 1838 Steven S. Jones arrived in Charleston IL. He was the first attorney in the Fox Valley. In 1839, Jones brought to the founders' attention that there already was a town called Charleston in southern Illinois. He made the suggestion to call the settlement St. Charles.

Jones purchased the property on the Northeast corner of 5th Ave and Main St. on April 8, 1843. A small 14X18 structure was added shortly after. That structure was Jone's law office. It is believed the porch was added in 1860. During the Civil War the Law Office served as a holding cell for war deserters.

Some think that the 14X18 structure could actually be the original Kane County Court House that was abandoned in 1843 after the new court house was constructed. No one seems to know what happened to that structure and the descriptions of both those builds are very similar but there is no proof that this is the case.

In 1987 Jane Dunham had the building relocated to the Dunham Hunt Museum at 304 Cedar Ave. It remained there until August 26, 2014 when the City of St. Charles had the building relocated to Camp Kane.