

Historic Landmark Status

The Kankakee County Historic Preservation Commission and the Kankakee County Board have approved local Historic Landmark Status on the following properties:



Kankakee County Courthouse is the third courthouse building in the history of the county to stand on its present site. Completed in 1912, it continues to serve as the county seat. It is a stately, three-story, symmetrical structure of the Beaux Arts Style. The Courthouse is located at 450 East Court Street, Kankakee, IL.



Letourneau Home Museum was originally built in 1837 and is architecturally classified as Greek Revival. The structure was once used as a government/post office and domestic/single dwelling house. The structure is currently a social/meeting hall and museum. It is open to the public and is located at 698 Stratford Drive East, Bourbonnais.



Durham-Perry Farmstead located at 459 North Kennedy Drive, Bourbonnais, IL. Thomas and Marguerite "Peggy" Durham built the farm house in 1840. The original house was an "I" house, two stories, two rooms wide, one room deep, a central hallway up-stairs and down, and a central stairway. This type of construction was known as a "tidewater stack house".

Guidelines to County Historic Landmark Designation

1. Consult website for examples of completed nomination forms.
2. Gain permission from property owner.
3. Deliver pre-qualification form to Kankakee County Historic Preservation Commission.
4. Upon pre-qualification approval, submit a full nomination form.

Blank Forms are available on the website.

For further assistance, please contact the Commission by email, mail, or phone.



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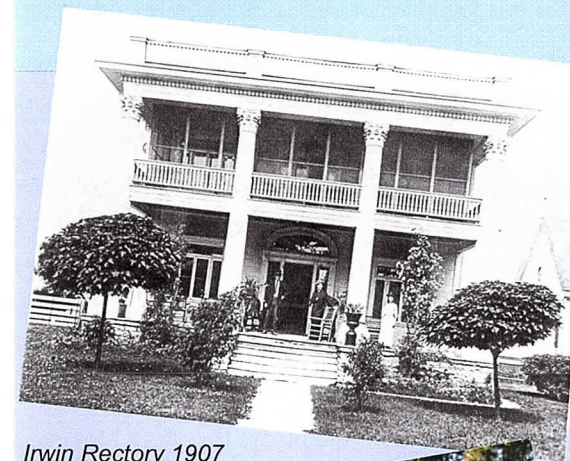
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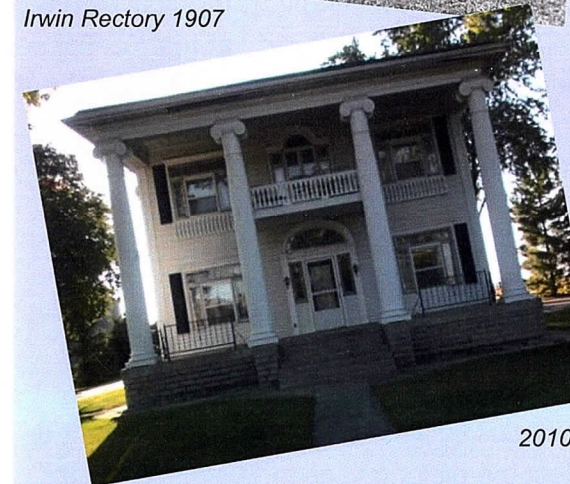
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Irwin Rectory 1907



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The Rectory for the St. James the Apostle Catholic Church located at 4124 Main St., Kankakee, Illinois, was originally built in 1906. The building was damaged by fire in early 1907 and was rebuilt the same year.



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The Commission

Kankakee County Historic Preservation Commission (KCHPC) was established in 2007 and became a Certified Local Government (CLG) in 2009.

The Commission has 9 members, all residents of Kankakee County. The membership includes one attorney, one historian, one architect/engineer, and one real estate professional. Others members are persons with demonstrated interest in prehistory, history, architecture, engineering or preservation.

The Commission welcomes public attendance at their meetings on the first Monday of each month at 3:30 p.m. at the Kankakee County Administration Bldg., 189 East Court Street, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Kankakee, IL.

Purpose and Intent

To identify, designate, protect, preserve and encourage the restoration, rehabilitation, and adaptation for continued use of those properties and structures which represent or reflect the historical, cultural, artistic, social, economic, ethnic or political heritage of the United States of America, State of Illinois, or County of Kankakee or which may be representative of an architectural or engineering type inherently valuable for the study of style, period, craftsmanship, method of construction or use of indigenous materials.

Visit our website for more information/forms:
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Joseph Legris Home: 465 S. Main Street, Bourbonnais, IL. Built in 1857. Mr. Legris owned two banks and was a village board member.



Zion Lutheran Church—11478 W Route 17, Bonfield, IL. Built in 1881, 32'x68' chapel with a 75' tower at a cost of \$3,000.

The Twelve Criteria

The KCHPC only reviews the exterior of buildings and structures. Designation is based on the following criteria for a potential landmark or historic district, which are outlined in Kankakee County's Historic Preservation Ordinance.

1. It has character, interest, or value which is part of the development, heritage, or cultural characteristics of a local community, the County of Kankakee, State of Illinois or the Nation;
2. Its location is a site of significant local, County, State, or National event;
3. It is identified with a person(s) who significantly contributed to the development of the local community, County of Kankakee, State of Illinois, or the Nation;
4. It embodies distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style valuable for the study of a period, type, method of construction, or use of indigenous materials;
5. It is identified with the work of a master builder, designer, architect, engineer, or landscape architect whose individual work has influenced the development of the local area, County of Kankakee, State of Illinois, or the Nation;
6. It embodies elements of design, detailing, materials, or craftsmanship that render it architecturally significant;
7. It embodies design elements that make it structurally or architecturally innovative;
8. It has a unique location or singular physical characteristic that makes it an established or familiar visual feature;
9. It has character which is a particularly fine or unique example of a utilitarian structure with a high level of integrity or architectural significance;
10. It is suitable for preservation or restoration;
11. It is included in the National Register of Historic Places;
12. It has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important to pre-history, history or other areas of archaeological significance.

Benefits of Designation

Once a property receives landmark designation, there are several benefits:

- * Tax Incentives:
 - ◆ Federal Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program for income-producing properties;
 - ◆ IL Tax Assessment Freeze Program for Residential Properties;
- * Network of preservation Partners;
- * Technical assistance from the KCHPC and its staff; and,
- * Protection for the historic landmark.



Burke Administration Building at Olivet Nazarene University formerly known as Marsile Alumni Hall at St. Viator College is located at 240 E. Marsile Avenue in Bourbonnais, IL. It was built in 1906 and constructed of limestone.

Information on Website

- * Prequalification Form
- * Full Nomination Form (after approval of prequalification)
- * Mapping of Historic Sites
- * Listing of Commissioners
- * Frequently Asked Questions
- * Kankakee County Historic Preservation Ordinance
- * Other Historic Preservation Links
- * Completed Prequalification and Full Nomination Forms