

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Wisconsin
COUNTY:	Walworth
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE	DEC 27 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Jones, Fred B., Estate ("Penwern")

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
3335 South Shore Drive

CITY OR TOWN:
Lake Delavan (Delavan Vicinity)

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
First

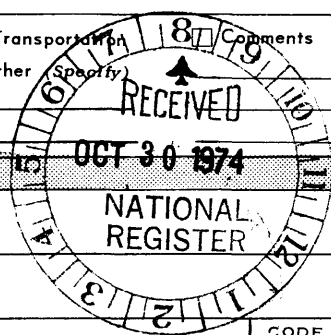
STATE: Wisconsin 53115 CODE: 55 COUNTY: Walworth CODE: 127

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		



4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Burr L. Robbins

STREET AND NUMBER:
2430 North Lakeview

CITY OR TOWN:
Chicago

STATE:
Illinois 60614

CODE:
17

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Register of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER:
Walworth County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN:
Elkhorn

STATE:
Wisconsin 53121

CODE:
55

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Wisconsin's Historic Preservation Plan, The Inventory

DATE OF SURVEY: 1973 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
State Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:
816 State Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Madison

STATE:
Wisconsin 53706

CODE:
55

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Fred B. Jones estate consists of a main house, gate house, boat house, and a barn with stables. All are extant and in good condition. All structures have fieldstone foundations and wood frame superstructures. Fieldstone was also used in a foot bridge which exists on the grounds.

The gatehouse sits directly on South Shore Road. It is sheathed with board-and-batten siding. The rather sharply pitched, shingled roof is the building's most distinguishing feature, for it continues across the driveway to connect with a two-story rectangular tower. Over the gatehouse the roof is broken by two Gothic-like dormers which are linked by a low, flat-roofed dormer containing two, small rectangular windows. Each of the Gothic dormers has two pointed windows.

The main house is distinguished by broad arches spanning the front veranda and the porte-cochere. The latter connects the main block of the house with a structure similar to the gate house tower. The entire house is faced with board-and-batten siding. The large veranda is surrounded by a low fieldstone wall decorated by urns. The interior space along the lakefront is taken up by the living room which features a large Roman fireplace. On the second story is a balcony that overlooks the first floor rooms. The house has been altered by the addition of several rooms.

The composition of the house is assymmetrical, but the barn is quite symmetrical. The stable doors are marked by a gable. Like the other structures, the siding is board and batten.

The boat house is situated so that only the roof rises above the lake bank. It has board and batten siding, and the same broad arch used in the main house is repeated on the lake facade. The roof has a strong Japanese feeling with its rising ridgepoles and flaring eaves.

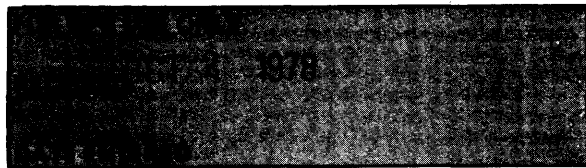


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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE



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CONTINUATION SHEET

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NOTE: Herewith is an update on the status and current appearance of the following nomination for a property listed on the National Register of Historic Places on December 27, 1974:

State of WISCONSIN
Walworth County
Delavan vicinity
Jones, Fred B., Estate ("Penwern")
3335 South Shore Drive

The boat house was destroyed on September 2, 1978, in a fire set by an arsonist.

SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1900, 1901, 1903**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Fred B. Jones estate is the most extensive of Frank Lloyd Wright's Lake Delavan summer cottages. It was constructed in stages with the boat house being built in 1900, the main house in 1901, and the gatehouse and barn in 1903. Jones named the estate "Penwern." This is one of the few projects existing in Wisconsin that Wright designed during his brief association with H. Webster Tomlinson.

The estate is significant for the variety of building types Wright designed on the property. Each building has a different character. Of particular importance is the boathouse. It is one of the few structures Wright designed with undisguised Japanese details. The only others are the house and barn built for Judge S.A. Foster in Chicago, and a cottage for E.H. Pitkin on Sapper Island near Desbarats, Ontario, Canada. All were built in 1900. Throughout Wright's career Japanese influences can be seen, but never to the extent that one sees in these works.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

The Architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright, William Allin Storrer. MIT Press Cambridge, Mass. 1974. plates 83, 84, 86.
Frank Lloyd Wright to 1910, Grant Carpenter Manson. Reinhold Publishing Corp., New York, 1958. p. 96-97, figure 74.
In the Nature of Materials, Henry-Russell Hitchcock. DeCapo Press, New York, 1973. p. 35

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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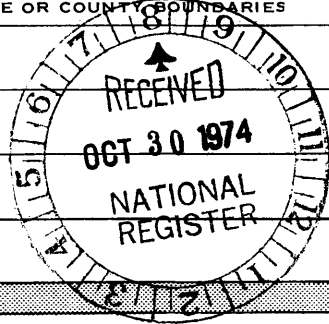
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 4,716,720 N.
 367,300 E.

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **2.5 Acres**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Richard L. Cleary, Preservation Planning Assistant

ORGANIZATION: State Historical Society of Wisconsin DATE: 18 Sept. 1974

STREET AND NUMBER:
816 State Street

CITY OR TOWN: Madison STATE: Wisconsin 53706 CODE: 55

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: James Morton Smith
 Title: Director, State Historical Society of Wisconsin
 Date: Oct. 23, 1974

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Alf Mortensen
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 12/27/74

ATTEST:
W. M. [Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: DEC 26 1974