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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Carol J. Wallace, Regulatory Review and Compliance Manager  
Illinois State Historic Preservation Office

**FROM:** Richard H. "Quijas" Brunk, County Board Chairman  
Rock Island County

**DATE:** December 15, 2022

**RE:** Rock Island County Courthouse Recordation

Benjamin Historic Certifications, who was selected as contractor to undertake the recordation of the Rock Island County Courthouse at 210 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Rock Island, Illinois. (SHPO LOG #003092716) is finishing up the Recordation.

1. The fieldwork has all been completed and approved by David Calese, Architectural Historian, National Park Service, Interior Regions 3,4,5. He wrote in an e-mail dated August 4, 2022, "Based on the documentation submitted, (photographs and field notes) it appears that items that require fieldwork to be undertaken have been sufficiently documented. The remaining aspects of the documentation that need further development can be completed without continued site work at the courthouse." This was noted in the last report.
2. The contractor has made a second site visit to be certain that no other work onsite would be needed to complete the Recordation of the Rock Island Courthouse. Additional digital photographs were taken for the Recordation.
3. Recordation Components
  - a. Current condition drawings have been compiled according to HABS Standards
  - b. Package containing photo prints, original negatives and a contact are being assembled for submission
  - c. All research has been assembled
  - d. The 95% narrative has been written and submitted to David Calese for review
  - e. David Calese has reviewed the narrative and made comments, which have been integrated into the narrative and inserted into the Recordation
  - f. The contractor is proofreading the 95% material and the completed recordation incorporating David Calese's comments. It will be sent back to him and to C. J. Wallace at the Illinois State Historic Preservation Office for their sign off.
  - g. Historic images and maps that have been gathered are being scanned into the Recordation package.
  - h. Archival material, including archival CD/DVDs are assembled to submit hard copy, the last 5%.
  - i. Once the Recordation has been accepted in writing by David Calese and C. J. Wallace, the Contractor will submit two copies of the final recordation, which will go to the Heritage Documentation Program at the National Park Service and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library in Springfield.

Although initially, the Recordation work took added time because of the unheated and unlit building, requiring the Hazmat suits to enter, the poor weather and Covid, the process is being completed in a timely fashion and is winding up—with no problems, disputes or objections received in the County's efforts to provide mitigation through the recordation process.