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Previous Surveys

In 1988, Will County performed a survey of unincorporated rural areas, documenting approximately 4,867 structures dating from before 1945. The documentation, performed by architect Michael A. Lambert, consisted of black and white photographs and a completed information card utilizing a format established by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency. Recorded information included the approximate age, architectural style, construction materials, noticeable additions or alterations, and overall condition of the structure. For most sites, survey data was gathered from the public right-of-way. In addition to the survey a report was prepared, entitled "Historic Structures of Will County," dated 1991. The report examined the overall rural themes present in the county and identified noteworthy structures.

In 1999, the Will County Land Use Department, acting as liaisons for the Will County Historic Preservation Commission, engaged Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc. to perform an intensive survey of Wheatland, Plainfield, and Lockport Townships in northwest Will County, Illinois. In 2001, an intensive survey was performed of DuPage Township in Will County, followed by Homer Township in 2002; New Lenox Township in 2003; Green Garden Township in 2004; and Frankfort and Manhattan Townships, now in progress and planned for completion in 2006.

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