Form 10-200
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME
COMMON:
Jackson Park Historic Landscape District and Midway Plaisance
AND OR HISTORIC:
Site of the World's Columbian Exposition

2. LOCATION
STREET AND NUMBER:
Chicago
CITY OR TOWN:
Chicago
STATE:
Illinois
CODE:
17
COUNTY:
Cook
CODE:
031

3. CLASSIFICATION

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PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate):
- Agricultural
- Government
- Park
- Private Residence
- Religious
- Transportation
- Other (Specify)

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY
OWNER'S NAME:
Chicago Park District
STREET AND NUMBER:
Chicago
CITY OR TOWN:
Chicago
STATE:
Illinois
CODE:
17

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
RECORDS, REGISTRY OR DEEDS, ETC.
- Recorder of Deeds
- County Building
- Other

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
TITLE OF SURVEY:
DATE OF SURVEY:
- Federal
- State
- County
- Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
STREET AND NUMBER:
CITY OR TOWN:
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Jackson Park and the Midway are justly famous as the sites of the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893. The exposition, which was to have an important effect on the evolution of architecture in the United States, contained works by the most famous American architects of the Late Nineteenth century including McKim, Mead & White; Richard Morris Hunt and Adler & Sullivan. One building, the Fine Arts by Charles Atwood (designer of the Loop Landmark, the Reliance Building) is an impressive example in America of a French Beaux-Arts type.

Many features of the Park retain the arrangements of Frederick Law Olmsted, America's foremost nineteenth-century landscape architect. The park is thus also significant as a mature design by Olmsted. The Midway is also important because, as a connection between two parks, it looks forward to Burnham's famed plan of Chicago published in 1915.

The Midway is also significant as the site of Ferris' Giant pleasure wheel, of Midway Studios (still standing) where Lorado Taft worked, of Robie House which originally looked out onto the Midway, of the Campus of the University of Chicago which borders it and of Taft's Fountain of Time where the Midway ends at Washington Park.

List of Sculpture -- Jackson Park and the Midway

Washington Park (facing Midway Plaisance west of Cottage Grove)
- The Fountain of Time
- Pictures of Humanity passing in review before Father Time
- Lorado Taft
- Donated by B. F. Ferguson Fund, Nov. 15, 1922.

Midway Plaisance (east end)
- Thomas G. Masark Monument
- President & Liberator of Czechoslovakia Albin Polasek
- Donated by Masark Mem. Assoc. 1949
Jackson Park and the Midway served as the site of the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893. The park, as laid out on the site of the Fair retains many features of the Exposition. The wooded Island with its surrounding lagoon is fully intact as is the north pond and the Fine Arts Building. The south pond, which originally contained a reproduction of the Santa Maria, now serves as the outer yacht basin and its breakwater approximately follows the line of the pier at the Fair. A replica, on a smaller scale, of French's statue of the Republic stands at an intersection between the wooded island and the south pond.

The Fine Arts Building, located in the north part of the park, was designed in a French Beaux-Arts style by Charles B. Atwood who became Daniel Burnham's chief designer at the death of John Root. It survives because of its construction with double thick brick walls originally needed to protect the art collections. Its plaster exterior was replaced with stone at a later time through the generosity of Julius Rosenwald. The building now serves the Museum of Science and Industry.

In addition to the Museum and statue of the Republic, the park contains three yacht basins, two beaches, a golf course, and other recreational areas. There is also a children's hospital, several yacht clubs, and a large bath house. The Midway, a formal connection between Jackson and Washington Parks, runs through the University of Chicago. Facing on it is Midway Studio, and—a block away but also originally facing on the Midway—is Wright's Robie House, both of them Registered National Historic Landmarks. The site of Wright's famous Midway Gardens adjoins the Midway at Cottage Grove Avenue. Lorado Taft's Fountain of Time, immediately inside Washington Park at the Western end of the Midway, terminates the vista. A statue of Thomas Horsfall stands at the eastern end of the Midway.
No. 8 Statement of Significance

Jackson Park (opposite 65th Street)

Replica of the Republic, originally standing in the Court of Honor, Columbian Exposition, 1893.

Daniel Chester French

Donated by B. F. Ferguson Fund and Woman's World Fair Fund, May 11, 1918.
**5. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**


**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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**APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:** 623 Acres

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

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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

**NAME AND TITLE:**

Paul Sprague

**ORGANIZATION:**

Illinois Historic Structures Survey

**ADDRESS:**

1600 S. Prairie Avenue

Chicago

**DATE:**

July 17, 1972

**12. STATE LAND 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 [X]
- State [X]
- Local [ ]

Name: __________________________________________

Title: __________________________________________

Date: ____________

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: ____________________________

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date: ____________________________
## National Register of Historic Places

**Property Map Form**

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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3. PHOTO REFERENCE
PHOTO CREDIT: Paul Sprague
DATE OF PHOTO: July 1972
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Illinois Historic Sites Survey, 320 S. Main St., Benton, Illinois 62812

4. IDENTIFICATION
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

Looking Southeast

Looking West from I. C. Tracks