

Drury, John. *Old Illinois Houses*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1977, \$3.95 paper.

This book was first published approximately 30 years ago for the Illinois State Historical Society and reprinted in 1977. The author toured the State of Illinois in 1941 in quest of 19th century historic houses. The results of his journey appear in this book.

The book contains descriptions and photographs of houses while the main emphasis has been placed on the personage or event that gave it distinction.

Among the houses described are those of Joseph Smith and Brigham Young at Nauvoo; the pioneer residences of John Deere, Abraham Lincoln and Ulysses S. Grant; and post Civil War period homes of William Jennings Bryan, Jane Adams and Frances Willard. Equally interesting are the birthplaces or homes of Edgar Lee Masters, Carl Sandburg, Ernest Hemingway and Frank Lloyd Wright.

Unfortunately, there is no documentation as to how many of the houses described in the book remain today.

Also recently reprinted:

Drury, John. *Historic Midwest Houses* Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1977 (first copyright 1947), \$6.95 paper, 246 pages, with black and white photographs of homes in twelve states, from Ohio to the North Dakota/Kansas tier.

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To The Editors:

Ms. Betty Jo White's review of *Mobile Home Park Siting in New York State* was recently brought to my attention (*Housing Educators Journal*, Volume 4, Number 1, January, 1977, pp. 33, 34). The inference that I am biased against mobile homes is incorrect. Purchase of a mobile home is generally a less prudent investment than purchase of another type of home, particularly given that mobile homes are generally more subject to depreciation than other types of homes. Mobile home purchase is, never the less, the best available solution to the housing "problem" of many.

Regarding the color accents of the drawings, "good," or preferable accommodations to the landscape are highlighted with *green*; "poor", or less preferable accommodations, with *red*. The color choices do not reflect biases, on the part of this co-author, in favor of green; against red!

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