October 29, 1987

Mr. Leon Atchison, Chairman
Board of Governors
Wayne State University
5050 Cass Avenue
Detroit, Michigan 48202

Dear Mr. Atchison:

The Michigan Historical Commission is pleased to inform you that the Frederick Linsell House, Detroit, Michigan, Wayne County, has been listed in the State Register of Historic Places.

In 1904, Frederick C. Stahl, Jr. built this Federal Revival house for Frederick Linsell at a cost of about $9,000, including a stable. Located on Second Avenue at the corner of what was once Putnam, the two-story, yellow brick, and hipped roof structure has five fan-lighted gabled dormers and a beautiful stone-framed Palladian window positioned over the front portico. All first and second story windows have flat stone lintels which have large keystones. A denticulated cornice of about one foot in depth forms an overhang around the entire house. On the interior of the house, the original unpainted oak woodwork is still in excellent condition.

The Frederick Linsell House is significant as a work of John C. Stahl, Jr., a Detroit architect who designed many churches in the Detroit area. The structure is significant also because it was among the first houses that Wayne University moved into when it began to expand in the late-1930s and 1940s. The Linsell House was thus one of the first of the former residences of the well-to-do to pass into public ownership for the growing urban university.

The State Register was established by Act 10 of the Public Acts of 1955 to recognize historic sites in Michigan. This designation also enables the purchase and display of an official state identification marker noting the name of the site and the year of its listing. Sites with unusual historical significance may, upon application to the commission, also be deemed eligible for an informational marker.

Sincerely,

Martha M. Bigelow, Director
Bureau of History
and Executive Secretary
Michigan Historical Commission

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