

Heritage Building Plaque Application

Name: Bob and Beth Tierney Building Address: 225 Villa Street

Building Name (for public/commercial structures only):

Current Owners: Bob and Beth Tierney

Street: 375 Prairie Street

City: Elgin State: IL Zip: 60120

If different than above:

Applicant's Name Daytime Phone:

Address: City: State: Zip:

Email: Address:

Original Owner: Angel Corbey Date of Construction: 1905

Architect (if known): William Wright Abell

Builder (if known)

Please attach the following information:

- 1. Statement of Value: This statement should include a narrative description of the historical and architectural value of the building.
- 2. Photocopies of relevant research materials including but not limited to, Sanborn Maps, City Directories and original property deeds. See page 3 of the program guidelines for research locations.
- 3. Building Alterations: List any alterations to the exterior of the building. Attach copies of all building permit applications.
- 4. Photographs: Include a recent photograph in which the building is clearly visible. Additional photographs depicting close-up details of decorative features are helpful.

Stipulations

If the building is not awarded a plaque, the application fee will be refunded.

This application and submitted materials shall be retained by the City of Elgin as a part of the permanent record of the building.

The Elgin Heritage Commission has the authority to edit and publish the information submitted in the application. This does not prohibit others from using the information.

When awarded, the plaque will remain with the building and should not be altered or removed from the building. It is the City's responsibility to replace the plaque if or when the situation warrants it.

In addition to the above stipulations, the undersigned attests that the information provided is, to the best of his/her knowledge, accurate.

Owner's Signature		Date	
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HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE

The property where 225 Villa Street sits was originally part of the J. T. Gifford Addition to Elgin. In December of 1902, part of Gifford's land was platted as O. Davidson's Heirs Subdivision. 225 Villa was constructed on Lot 14 of the new subdivision. George Bernard sold Lot 14 of O. Davidsons Heirs subdivision of part of Block 8 of J. T. Gifford's Addition to Elgin to Angeline T. Corbey in 1903 for \$1000. Angeline, a widow, and her children, Leon Joseph and Louise, moved into their new \$3800 house at 225 Villa after its completion in 1905. The first City Directory listing is in 1907-08. Angeline worked at the watch factory in the dial room, and later as a blocker. She legally changed her first name to "Angel". She died in 1965. It is interesting to note that her name on the tombstone appears as "Engel Corbey". Engel is the German word for Angel.

On August 27, 1891, Angel Corbey, filed an application to have her husband, Edward S. Corbey, legally declared insane. He was at the time confined in the Insane Hospital in Elgin. On October 5, 1891, a jury concurred that he was insane and incapable of taking charge of his property and effects. The same day, Angel was appointed conservator. Edward died in Philadelphia in 1899.

Edward S. Corbey was born in 1864 to Joseph E. and Louise Corbey. Joseph, born c.1842 in New York, worked as a shoemaker. In 1863 he married Louise, daughter of French-Canadian parents. Edward was apparently their only child. Joseph died in 1878.

Son Edward worked as a painter, and was also employed in the dial department of Elgin National Watch Factory. He was a member of the watch factory football team, and is pictured in the December 1921 issue of the Watchword, the publication of Elgin National Watch Factory.

In 1868, Louise, presumably divorced, remarried. Her second husband was Arnold Calame, son of Catherine and Armand Calame, a watchmaker who emigrated from Switzerland with seven of his ten children in 1867 to work in the Elgin National Watch factory.

Louise and Arnold had three children, Arnold J. (born c.1870), Clarence A. (born c.1873) and Carrie S. (born c.1880). In 1870, Louise E. Calame was living with her husband's father, Armand (b.1823), son Edward age 7, son Arnold age 7 months, and sisters-in-law Mary Calame age 17 and Rachel Calame age 15. Rachel would later marry W. W. Abell, architect for 225 Villa. In 1880, Louise, now head of the family, lived at 163 River Street with her four children. In 1890, Louise lived at 141 Grove Avenue with daughter-in-law Angel Corbey, grandchildren Louisa A. and Leon J. Corbey and three boarders.

Louise Corbey married John Christie, a life-long resident of Elgin, and the couple lived at 225 Villa with Louise's mother Angel. John was a carpenter-contractor, and Louise worked initially at the Elgin Watch Factory and later at Swan's department store and Ackemann's furniture store. Louise, widowed, moved to Los Angeles

California, where she died intestate on August 17, 1960, leaving her mother Angel and brother Leon and his wife Doris I. Corbey as owners of 225 Villa.

In 1960, the Corbeys sold the house to Charles and Hester Lorraine Tredway, who took out a mortgage for \$11,500 which they paid off in 1972. Charles was a painter, and had a business doing painting, decorating and paper-hanging.

According to Elgin City directories, Charles continued to live here until 1993, although Charles Tredway, a widower, sold to Kirk J. Cunningham in 1988. Cunningham, "divorced and not remarried" financed the property for \$78,000.

In 1989, Brian Anderson acquired the house, intrigued that it had retained most of its original architectural integrity. Brian, a relative of Conrad Ackemann, furnished the house with a number of items which had been passed down through the Ackemann family.

In 1998, Paul and Stacy Sargent purchased 225 Villa, and stayed there until 2009, when Melanie Broad bought it. Broad lost the house to foreclosure in 2013, and the current owners acquired it in 2014.

Bob and Beth Tierney, who married in 2005, are real estate investors interested in high-quality and historically sensitive restoration of older homes. Living nearby, they use 225 Villa as their office.

The house was on the Gifford Park Association House Tour in 1990 and again in 2016.

Deed references to Kane County Recorder of Deeds document books:

Book 440 p. 395 8/15/1904 purchase by Angeline Corbey

Book 2047 p. 611 10.26/1960 affidavit regarding death of Louise C. Christie

Book 2047 p. 612 11/4/1960 warranty deed from Corbey to Tredway

Book 2047 p. 613 10/13/1960 Tredway mortgage for \$11,500

Document 1912525 5/26/1988 warranty deed from Tredway to Cunningham

Document 1912526 6/2/1988 mortgage Kirk Cunningham

Document 2001K035597 4/20/2002 mortgage Paul Sargent

Document 2009K009137 2/10/2009 mortgage Melanie Broad

Document 2013K087300 12/19/2013sheriff's deed of foreclosure

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

Legal description: Lot 14 of O. Davidsons Heirs subdivision of part of Block 8 of J. T. Gifford's Addition to Elgin

The Elgin Daily Courier News of November 28, 1905 lists the construction of a house costing \$3800 on Villa Street for A. Corbey. It is perhaps not surprising that Angel Corbey selected W. W. Abell, a relative by marriage of her deceased husband Edward, to be the architect.

The two-story house, with a flared hipped roof is perhaps best described as transitional between the later Prairie Style and the earlier Queen Anne Style, with many details that were specialties of the architect. The floor plan echoes that of the American Foursquare, with living room, dining room and kitchen on the first story and bedrooms upstairs.

Prairie elements include the relatively low-pitched roof with wide eaves. Harkening back to the Victorian era are the irregular wall surfaces with an oriel bay on the northwest elevation, cut-away bays, and two-story polygonal bays. The glory of the front elevation, a projecting balcony with shingle-clad walls, geometric corbels, ornamental roof supports and quatrefoil decoration is seen in a number of other W. W. Abell designs. The scrollwork handrail is a unique feature.

Architect William Wright Abell (1853-1916) designed a number of architecturally important buildings in Elgin between 1891 and 1915.

Born in Cummington, Massachusetts in 1853, William was the first child of Joshua L. and Mahala Connor Abell. He had two siblings, Rodolphus Elliott (1858-1942) and Ashley J. (c.1863-1922). In his late teens, W. W. Abell worked for Massachusetts Central Railroad, and architectural and civil engineering firms in Springfield, Massachusetts and Nova Scotia and New Brunswick in Canada. In 1873 he came to the Elgin National Watch Factory where his uncle, George Hunter, was superintendent. Hunter was married to Louise Connor, a sister of Mahala Connor Abell. Joshua and Mahala Abell moved to Illinois in 1878, eventually settling in Chicago, where Mahala died in 1881, and Joshua in 1893. William's brother Rodolphus came to work at the Watch Factory in 1877, and soon thereafter married Anna Kohn. He then became a partner in the Kohn family's meat business. Similarly, Ashley J. Abell came to Elgin in 1880 and worked at the watch factory until 1891. The three Abell brothers were all active in the Watch Factory Band, which traveled extensively in the Midwest, helping to advertise Elgin watches.

William W. Abell married Rachel Calame (1855-1941) on October 11, 1877. She was one of ten children born in Switzerland to Armand and Catherine Spery Calame. Armand, a watchmaker, and eight of his children all worked at the watch factory. W. W. Abell also worked there for 18 years, making among other work technical drawings for watchmaking equipment.

W. W. Abell's earliest architectural designs in Elgin were the Teeple Barn on north Randall Road and the Oriental Roller Rink on south Grove Avenue, both completed in 1885. In 1891, he opened a private practice, and worked in nearly every state in the country. It is estimated that he designed around 100 buildings in Elgin. He belonged to the American Institute of Architects, Illinois Society of Civil Engineers and Surveyors, the Ancient Order of United Workmen, Archidean Union, and Elgin Century Club.

He resided at 527 Laurel. William and Rachel had two children, Ralph Elliott (1880-1947) and Claudia Violet (1886-1961). After earning a master's degree in

architecture at Cornell University, Ralph joined his father's firm, which was renamed W. W. Abell and Son, Architects and Civil Engineers.

The accessory structure at the rear of the lot has an unusual shape; the elevation facing the house is parallel with the house, the two side elevations are perpendicular to this, and the opposite side is parallel with the alley which runs on a diagonal. The section of the building facing the house is one story; the section bordering the alley has two stories.

ALTERATIONS

According to previous owner Brian Anderson, while Angel Corbey lived at 225 Villa, her son-in-law John Christie, a carpenter and contractor, transformed the original clapboard barn at the back of the lot into a stucco-clad coach house complete with running water and a wood-burning stove for heat. Only the wall facing the alley remains clad in clapboard.

After 1998, Paul Sargent modified the coach house window on the second story facing the alley. At this time, the enclosed gutters on the front porch were removed. The original handrail and balustrade on the rear porch were also replaced. The same owner also re-roofed both the main house and the coach house. The balcony on the front elevation originally had seasonal screen panels, including a screen door that incorporated the decorative quatrefoils on the balustrade of the balcony. These were apparently removed at the time of the 2013 foreclosure.

Addenda

Photos of house

Deeds

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Book 2047 p. 612 1960 sale to Tredways

Book 2047 p. 613 Tredway mortgage

Document 1912526 1988 Cunningham mortgage

Subdivision plat map

1895 Aerial map excerpt showing empty lot

Sanborn fire insurance maps 1903 and 1913

Building report November 28, 1905

City directory page 1907

Survey pages 2008

Tax record 1979

GPA house tour notes 1990

GPA house tour notes 2016

Ed Corbey in Watchword 1921

Conservatorship document for Ed Corbey 1891

E. S. Corbey obituary Elgin Advocate February 25, 1899



Southwest elevation



Northwest elevation



Balcony



Porch and railing

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Lot 14 of O. Davidson Heirs' Subdivision of a part of Block 8 J. T. Gifford's Addition to Elgin, in the City of Elgin, Kane County, Illinois,

TOGETHER with all buildings, improvements and apputtenances now or hereafter exceted or located thereon, including all screens, screen doors, norm doors and windows, awnings, window shades, venetian blinds, floor coverings, (but not carpeg or rugs), in-a-door beds, electric light fixtures, water heaters and softeners, and all apparatus and equipment to supply heat, gas, water, light, power, plumbings, air conditioning and vertilations, (all of which are declared to be a part of said feet leasts whether physically attached-thereto or not), and including the rent, sures and periods of aid premises and property, all of which are hereby pledged, assigned and transferred to the Mortgagee, TO HAVE AND TO HOLD be same unto the Mortgagee foeever, for the user herein set forth, hereby releasing and wairing all rights under or by vitrue of the Homested Emploien Laws of the State of Illinois.

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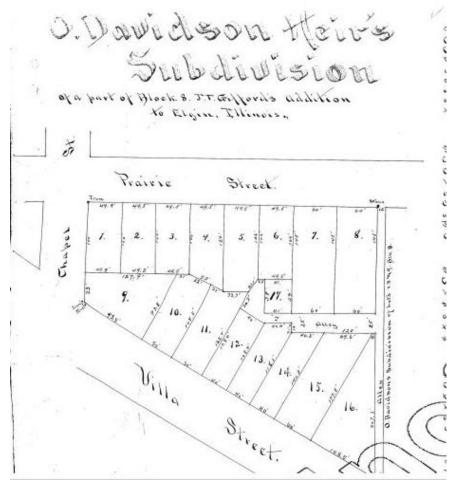
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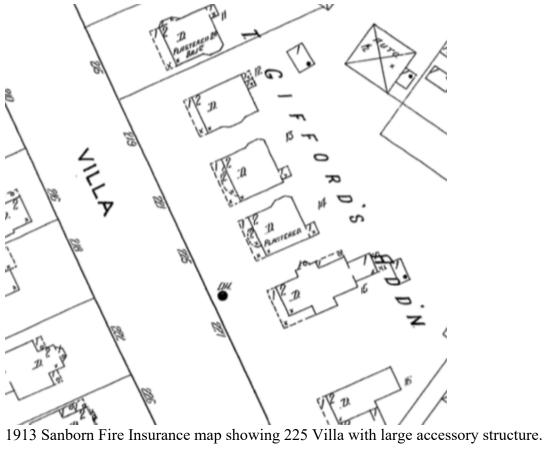
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1895 Aerial map showing vacant land pre-subdivision



1903 Sanborn Fire Insurance map showing empty lot at 225 Villa



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St. Paul's church building	21,000	;
New barns and sheds	19,450	
Old People's Home	25,000	Ę
Pavillon, Central park	2,500	

Total to Nov. 28.....\$487,950

Elgia still maintains her reputation as a city of homes, 108 having been erected during the present year at a cost of \$255,000. Before closing his books for the year Building Inspector West Expects to reach last year's figures of \$300,000 for residences.

-"It is a healthy growth that we are experiencing," said Mr. West. "Nearly all of these homes are to be occupied by the owners. Of course there will be a few for rent but as a rule Elgin people do not build to rent."

Pewer House Done Next Spring.

The new watch factory power house will dot be finished until spring. Word on the Old People's home is being pushed to completion and the pavilon in Central park across the atree, was finished several weeks

Bt Paul's church building was the only one of, its kind built during the year and it wil not be ready for occupancy until next year.

Us to today Building Inspector West had issued 155 permits for new buildings, alterations and the like.

Residences.

F. A. Munshaw, double house, Dun-

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Wm. Crow, Jackson street, \$1,600. T. Schniederwin, Algona avenue, \$1,600.

G. E. Farrington, Liberty street, \$3,400.

Adolph Lucck, Prairie street, \$1, 800. Edward Beil (cement), Algona ave-

Charles Veoder, Enterprise, \$3,000.

A. L. Lade, Channing street, \$4,200. E. A. Vandervere, Division street, 2,700.

E. A. Derkin, Ann street, \$700. W. E. Evans, Villa street, \$2,400. William Gross, brick, Brook street, \$1,500.

Charles Giertz (brick), Crystal street, \$2,800.

Wm. Bohning, Chapel street, \$2,400. Frank Heath, St. John street, \$1,-500.

F. J. Hawkins, Plum street, \$2,800. George Van Patten, Prairie street, \$2,400

C. A. Johnson, Bellevue avenue, \$2,-

Geo. A. Wilcox, Standish street, \$2,-

W. T. Clark, Villa street, \$4,200. J. H. Baker, Henry street, \$2,200. John Villars, Russell street (barn)

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ELGIN STREET DIRECTORY.

VILLA ST

From Chicago s to DuPage, 2 e of Grove ave, thence se to National, thence e to limits

East side

- 7 Howard McNeil
- 21 Charles L Knodle

DuPage crosses

First Universalist Church

63 Rev Henry Lenz Free Methodist Church

73 C Bruns

Advent Christian Church

81 George Mapes

Fulton crosses

Park

S Geneva intersects

121 Sherman property

Prairie crosses

Gifford Park

S Chapel intersects

Vacant house

- 211 Henry C Sedenberg
- 215 G F Bernard
- 219 Mortimer S Aldridge
- 221 William T Clarke
- 225 Mrs Anna Corbey
- 227 C Vincent McClure
- 233 George W Foote
- 235 Darwin W Bisbee
- 237 Leo N Lethin 245 Vacant house
- S Gifford intersects
- 251 Miss Lillian Morrison 253 Miss Kate McQueen
- 255 Henry G Weatherill
- 257 Miss Mayme Aylward
- 259 Jesse Townsend
- 261 J S Johnson
- 271 Arthur W Horne (rear house)
- 271 Joseph Randle
- 271 William Peterson
- Vacant house
- 281 Constantine Hansen
- 287 John S Dykes
 - S Channing intersects
- 315 Benjamin W Smith
- 319 Charles F Sharp
- 325 William W Markley, M D

329 William E Evans Percy intersects

North Side

- 402 William J. Lade
- 414 Augustus F Jennings
- 420 Mrs Carrie Ward
- 420 Mrs Ruth Barnett
- 426 Mrs Frances Kenney
- 426 Arthur S Abbott
- 426 Watch City Institute 432 Newton M Benson
- 438 Alexander Shaw
- 444 George Hermann
- 450 Alfred J Stanley
 - Healy ave intersects
- 500 William K Ober
- 508 Mrs Helen Bracken
- 516 Ray W Battin 516 Philip J Howard
- 520 George Gough
- 526 Oliver M Ober
- 530 Abraham Schacker
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- 600 Washburne Sanitarium

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Vacant lots to Illinois ave

- 660 Robert Swain
- 660 Mrs Wilhelmina Juby
- 668 Mrs Gusta Bauman
- 672 Mrs Caroline Woertz
- 678 Herman Kester
- 684 John A Larson
- 686 William A Agnew
- 699 Vacant house 694 Vacant house
- 700 Charles Bishop
- 704 Bernard K Seeliger
- 708 Walter W McFadden
- 720 Otto F Juby

Willow creek crosses

Willard ave crosses

- 806 Charles A Lind
- 838 August Mengler
- 872 Henry J LeFevre

Poplar creek crosses

976 Charles L Bates

West Side

Masonic Temple (Elgin Lodge)

- 12 Howard L Zook
- 18 D E Burlingame, M D

City of ELGIN

ELGIN HISTORIC DISTRICT ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL SURVEY 2008/2009



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CONDITION	Very Good	HISTORIC FUNCTION	Single Family
INTEGRITY	Very minor alterations	REASON for	
SECONDARY STRUCTURE	Barn	SIGNIFICANCE	
SECONDARY STRUCTURE	None		
	ARCHITECTUR	AL DESCRIPTION	
ARCHITECTURAL CLASSIFICATION	Queen Anne	PLAN	Square
DETAILS	Free Classic	NUMBER OF STORIES	2.5
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	1905	ROOF TYPE	Hip
OTHER YEAR	Circa	ROOF MATERIAL	Asphalt Shingle
DATE SOURCE	Historic Society	FOUNDATION	Unknown
WALL MATERIAL (current)	Wood Shingle	PORCH	Full Front
WALL MATERIAL 2 (current)	Stucco	WINDOW MATERIAL	Wood
WALL MATERIAL (original)	Wood Shingle	WINDOW MATERIAL	
WALL MATERIAL2 (original)		WINDOW TYPE	Double Hung
		WINDOW CONFIG	1/1
SIGNIFICANT FEATURES	Late period QA with stucco exterior, curvoverhanging porch, curved side bay, flare		e porch with gothic quatrefoil detailing, large
ALTERATIONS	Siding plastered prior to 1913 (Sanborn)		

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225 Villa



A Villa With Class

"The avant garde of European and English architecture was showing its influence in America. The iridescent art glass windows of Louis C. Tiffany had been exhibited at the Paris Exposition one decade prior. The language of classicism was heard spoken by architects: Pennsylvania Station in New York City was nearing completion. Ground was broken for the new Saint John's Lutheran Church in Elgin and the Elgin National Watch Company's astronomical observatory had opened. The year was 1910."

So writes Brian Anderson, the current owner of 225 Villa. He makes no claims to the house, although his name is on the deed. He is merely living in another person's house - another person who lived there for 46 years.

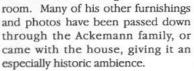
In 1910, Mrs. Angeline T. Corbey commissioned the house at 225 Villa to be built, as her new residence. Mrs. Corbey did have two children, so it seems there was an elusive Mr. Corbey in the picture somewhere, although the house was built in Angeline's name. Retained as its architect was William Wright Abell, who had worked for the Elgin Watch Company for 18 years, and had since leaving there, opened his own prac-



tice as an architect, with offices in Chicago and Elgin.

Brian Anderson was interested in and bought the house because it was altered very little over the years, and has most of its architectural integrity intact. He himself is very interested in architecture and the arts, and as only the fourth owner of this house, he will, no doubt, give it the proper care and upkeep which will keep it authentic for many years to come.

Brian is a relative of Conrad Ackemann, whose 1901 home is on the tour this year as the "Restoration in Progress." It was in the home at 582 Park Street that Conrad's wife painted the picture which now hangs in Brian's sewing



The stucco exterior is original, a common exterior for the American Foursquare, which this house appears to be, at its simplest explanation, but Brian will tell you otherwise. He will say that, "reposed above the street, the house displays features extolled in

the modern English Domestic style of the day and the native transcription of such. A purism of geometry combines with classical restraint and details into which is incorporated the artistic license of the architect. The projecting balcony with shingle clad vertical surfaces geometric corbels, ornamental supports and quatrefoil are also specialties of W.W. Abell."

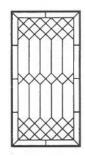
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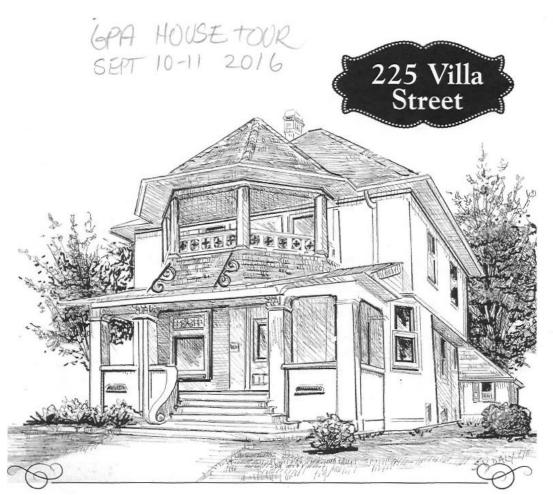
and exotic flora pervading the design and ornamentation of the room - especially manifest in the leaded windows, door and transom."

The kitchen has a delightful late 1930s decor, complete with original clock and

luminaire. Only the countertop and sink have been altered.

If you get the chance, take a walk down through the backyard, and view the garage from the alley. You'll see the extraordinary care that was taken by Angel Corbey when she turned a barn into a garage/workshop, complete with heat, plumbing and water, and maintaining the barn facade too!





Homeowners: Bob and Beth Tierney

It is perhaps fitting that 225 Villa Street is on one of Elgin's main arteries, being seen by many people driving in and through Elgin. Several of its residents, both past and present, focused on the city's residences, from contracting and carpentry to painting and decorating, to buying and renovating older homes.

This home was built for \$3,800 in 1905 for Angeline Corbey, widow of Edward Corbey. She hired noted Elgin architect William Wright Abell to design her new home. Abell worked at Elgin National Watch Co. for 18 years before opening his architecture practice in Elgin and Chicago.

Angeline worked in the dial room at the watch factory and later was a "blocker" there. She had two children, Leon

and Louise. Louise married John Christie, a life-long Elginite, and the couple lived at 225 Villa with Angeline. John was a carpenter-contractor for many years in Elgin. Louise worked at the watch factory for a time. Later she worked at Swan's department store and Ackemann's furniture store. The Corbeys and the Christies remained in the house through the mid-1950s—about 50 years.

Charles and Lorraine Tredway were the home's next owners. Charles was a contractor in painting and decorating. He and Lorraine also were longtime owners of the home, living in it from the mid-1950s until about 1990—about 35 years.

Brian Anderson was the next owner, purchasing 225 Villa in about 1990. He owned the home when it was on the Historic Elgin House Tour that year.

There was one more owner before current owners Bob and Beth Tierney purchased 225 Villa. Bob and Beth were looking for a community with older homes to rehab and rent out that was also close to their families. Elgin was "centrally located," Beth says. Bob lived in Oak Park at the time, and while it was historic and attractive, both Bob and Beth tired of the traffic congestion there. Elgin interested them for its comparative lack of crowded streets and architectural appeal. Elgin's grant programs to help renovate historic houses were also a strong attraction to the city.

Bob and Beth are real estate investors and rehabbers who married 11 years ago. Bob also teaches classes in how to invest in real estate at IQ Investments, a Downers Grove-based real estate training company. He is also starting to teach the fundamentals of rehabbing older homes there. "Lots of people don't want to do rehab," he says, but it can lead to more profit for homeowners.

Bob grew up in Streamwood and Beth in Crystal Lake, neither in an older home. Bob was first to catch "old-house fever" when he worked in construction in Oak Park and River Forest. As an Oak Park resident, he fell in love with that community's architecture. He worked on a number of Frank Lloyd Wright-designed and Victorian-era houses in Oak Park, and became interested in historically sensitive, high-quality restoration. He attended DePaul University while an Oak Park resident, studying entrepreneurship strategy, computer science and psychology.

Beth caught the old-house bug from Bob. She describes herself as the detail-oriented person in the company, handling accounting and project management. She has a background in customer service and international shipping.

The couple's favorite qualities of 225 Villa include its craftsmanship and character—specifically the woodwork—and being able to use the parade porch. "They don't build them like they used to," says Bob.

Among Beth's favorite features of Elgin are outdoor attractions like Lords Park, the Fox River bike path and their quiet neighborhood. She says the city has a "small-town feel" despite its having 110,000 residents. Bob appreciates being able to walk downtown, the Hemmens Cultural Center, the Riverwalk and the library.

The couple also own other Elgin properties and say their renters are great. Bob and Beth live near 225 Villa and use this home as an office. They see themselves staying in the area into their retirement years and continuing to own houses as rentals.

ARCHITECTURAL NOTES

This home is designed in the American Foursquare typology with Queen Anne-style detailing. A common misconception with the Foursquare is that it is referred to as a style. However, varying detailing found on Foursquares throughout the United States suggests that it should be categorized as a type, and to differ from one another, then be categorized by its specific style based on its details. The type is characterized by its space-efficient, cubic form, most often built on narrow lots that met a middle-class budget. After determining the type, the style could be ascertained from the details.

As early as the turn of the 20th century, builders began to show great interest in the use of stucco as an exterior finish material. The initial cost was more expensive than wood siding; however, the benefits certainly outweighed those costs. Stucco was considered maintenance-free and could be tinted in a variety of colors, though soft beige-brown appeared to have been the most popular color at the time.

The most common floor plan included a formal entry with stairs to the second floor, a living room, a dining room and a kitchen on its first floor—as seen at 225 Villa Street. Unique characteristics of 225 Villa are the shingled second-floor parade porch with interlocking and repeated quatrefoil inserts, as well as the scrollwork handrail found flanking the front stairs.



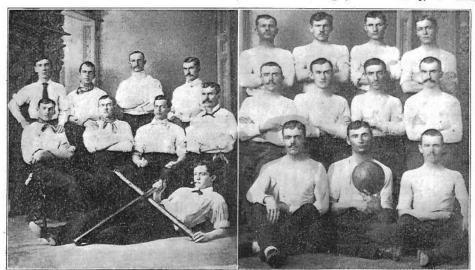


athletic uniforms groups don't resemble present day togs to any extent, do they? Never-theless, they were worn by men who in days gone were stellar athletes in the factory. Some of them are far away from Elgin now, some have passed into the Great Beyond, but a number are still faithful employes of Father Time.

which is now occupied by Fire Barn No. 5. The football team (which played Rugby, instead of the American game), defeated all teams in the shop, he says, then took into camp a factory aggregation composed of Englishmen

In the picture to the left, the players standing, left to right, are as follows: Al Russell, still a Dial room

In the picture to the right, those In the picture to the right, those in the rear row, left to right, are Jim Zanders, a resident of Elgin; Gus Grisel of the Gilding department; Chester Bouck, now employed in the Waltham "a.ch factory and a brother of Miss Emma Bouck of the Spring department, and another Al Russell. In the center row left to Russell. In the center row, left to right, are Tom Storey, now dead;



To the left is a picture of the Dial room baseball team in about the year room baseball team in about the year 1878, while to the right in a photograph of the Dial department football team in 1882. According to John H. Clark, present day employe of the Dial department, who is in both groups, the baseball team played in a watch factory league which was in existence at that time. Games were played on the Bent street lot, part of worker; Sam Christie, who was later a physician in the East, but is now dead; Charles Shaw, now of the Tim-ing room, and John H. Clark, a mem-Sitting, ber of the Dial room force. Sitting, left to right, are Charles L. Provost of the Dial room; Charles McDowell, a resident of Elgin; Bob Christie, now dead; and Bob Todd, now dead. The man in front, holding the bats, is Seward Smith, now dead.

New Indoor League

Winter athletic activities among employes of the watch factory were formally launched recently when an indoor baseball league, to be com-posed of four teams, was formed at

a meeting in the gymnasium. The departments to be represented in the new league are the Timing, Escape, Plate and Assembling.

The schedule will open Monday evening, December 20, when the Timing and Plate teams lock horns in the opening battle of the season.

Two games a week will be staged and

Charles McDowell; Al Russell (the same as in the baseball group); and John H. Clark. In the bottom row, left to right, are Ed Corbey, now dead, whose wife is a present day member of the Dial department force; Charles Provost, and Andy Marks, who has been traveling from place to place, painting inscriptions, insignia and initials on watch dials.

eighteen contests in all will be play-ed. From the league will be picked a representative watch factory nine, which will meet outside aggregations.

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