

# Building Plaque Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Building Address \_\_\_\_\_

Building Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(for public/commercial structures)

If applicant's name is different from above:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Original Owner Fred Miller

Date of Construction c1893

Architect (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Builder (if known) Fred Miller

Check if attached:

☒ **Statement Of Value**

Please review the criteria on page 5. The Elgin Heritage Commission uses these criteria to review your application and award a plaque. Attach an explanation of the historical **and** architectural value of the building. Attach photocopies of relevant materials such as copies of Sanborn maps, original property deeds and City Directory listings. Applications without these requirements will not be considered by the Elgin Heritage Commission.

☒ **Building Alterations**

Describe any alterations to the **exterior** of the building and include dates. Attach description to the application.

☒ **Photograph**

Include a recent photograph in which the building is clearly visible. Additional photographs depicting a close up and details of decorative features are helpful.

## Stipulations

If the building is not awarded a plaque, the application fee of \$15.00 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 the property of the City and cannot be altered or removed from the building. It is the City's responsibility to replace the plaque if and when the situation warrants it.

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

Owner's Signature

Mary M. Hill

Date

11/24/98

Signed

Mary M. Hill

Date

Nov 3, 1998



## Historical/Architectural

Phineas J. Kimball bought and annexed property to the growing town of Elgin in the mid 1800's, north of what is now Kimball St. and east of the Fox River. Out lot 1 of P.J. Kimball's Third Addition contained many lots and in the last quarter of the 19th century,, A.J. Waldron bought 5 of them to make "A.J. Waldron's Subdivision." <sup>by 1900</sup> Lot 41 was bounded by Jefferson St. (then the north city limit) on the north, River St. (Grove Ave.) on the west and Brook St. on the east; in 1881 lot 3, on the corner of Brook and Jefferson was bought by Henry Muntz. By 1892, the north half of lot 3 was in the possession of Fred Miller (also spelled Müller), a carpenter who had built houses all over Elgin. The 1894-95 city directory lists Fred Miller at 568 Brook St. and the 1897 Sanborn Map indicates a house at 568 Brook St. It is doubtful that Fred Miller actually lived at that address, owing to the fact that his name appears in numerous city directories, always at a different address each time. It is more likely that he was listed as the owner of record rather than the occupant. In 1897, Miller sold 568 Brook St. to Charles and Marietta Gardinier of Wauconda for \$3500--a substantial increase over Miller's paid price in 1892 of \$925. City directories list the house as either vacant or occupied by someone other than Gardinier until it was sold by Lucy Slocum, Charles Gardinier's heir, in 1908 to Leo Danner.

Leo Danner was in the beverage business, first soda pop, then as an agent for Anheuser-Busch (Budweiser, King of Beers) in the partnership of Danner & Markwardt. Danner lived at 253 Brook St. and the business was at the corner of Brook and Kimball. 568 Brook St. continued to be a rental until bought by Francis and Anthony Zenk, owners of the Zenk Brothers grocery at 620 Brook St. Zenk Bros. was well known in Elgin for having good meats. The house changed hands several more times until bought by its present owner.

Architectural

The house is quite simple and generally lacks ornamentation or "busy-ness" usually seen in Queen Annes; however, the house does contain the basic elements frequently found in Queen Anne's: a steeply pitched roof with front-facing gable and side gables; a small window in the roof peak, detail over all second floor windows, and the front door off to the side. These are common to the dozens of houses in Elgin built around the same time.

The front porch as it now exists is an expanded one when compared to the 1897 Sanborn Map. It is constructed of stone-faced block and has rounded porch supports in the classical style which appeared in the beginning of the 20th century. First floor windows have vertical panes in the upper sash, indicative of the 19teens or later

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1897-98

Gannon Mary G. Miss, emp W F, bds 310 Franklin.

Gannon Theresa Miss, emp W F, bds 310 Franklin.

Gannon Thomas, emp E S M &amp; Co, bds 331 Lawrence ave.

Gannon William (Mary) painter, h 361 Bent.

Gansen, see also Jansen, also Jensen, also Johnson.

Gansen Charles (Carrie) janitor Locust st school, h 220 Perry.

Ganshow John, emp Rietz ice house, bds 688 Keep ave.

Ganter Blasius F (Anna) emp W F, h 320 W Chicago.

Gapert Carl (Christie) laborer, h 309 Hill ave.

Garbett, see also Corbett.

Garbett James (Emma) emp W F, h 67 Ashland ave.

Gardiner May Weld Mrs, bds 52 N Crystal ave.

Gardiner Charles H (Marietta) h 568 Brook.

Gardiner Daisy Mae, emp C F, bds 568 Brook.

Gardner Anna Mrs, emp training school St. Francis hospital.

Gardner Fred, bar tender Peterson, h 549 Mann pl.

Gardner Myrtle Miss, emp shoe factory, bds 549 Mann pl.

Gardner Nettie Mrs, emp W F, bds 209 Billings.

Garis Rio R (Eliza) emp W F, h 271 Raymond.

Garner Grace, emp W F, h 120 Hilton pl.

Garner Martha Mrs, wid James, h 120 Hilton pl.

Garrett Robert W (Frances L) pressman Daily News, h 446 Hickory pl.

Garrison Charles L (Ella) liveryman 163 North, tel 79, h 277 do.

Garrison James H (Carrie) with J W Ranstead, real estate and notary public 167 DuPage, h 52 N Channing.

Garrison Joseph T (Lenah) h 283 North.

Garrison Lewis B (Bertha) emp W F, h 38 N Clifford.

Garrison Mildred Miss, teacher Hill st school, bds 52 N Channing.

Garrity Mary Mrs, wid Patrick, bds 464 Chicago.

Garten Preston S (Sarah) contractor and builder, h 205 N Spring.

Garthland Walter J (Julia) drug clk Swan's, bds 419 Addison.

Garvin Angeline Mrs, wid Edmund, bds 413 Wilcox ave.

GATES CHARLES, pres Creamery package mfg co, resident in Chicago.

Gates Charles W (Arabella) tank mfr 159 Division, h 110 Ann.

Gates Dorothy Mrs, wid Fred, h 559 Walnut ave.

Gates Gussie Mrs, wid Harry W, bds 465 N Spring.

Gates J William, city express (1) prop Park Side place, h Oakwood bldg.

Gates Mary Mrs, wid Suas, h 465 N Spring.

Gates Maude S Miss, teacher Washington school, bds 110 Ann.

Gates Minnie Miss, emp N Y C M Co, h 559 Walnut ave.

Gaylord Donald M, emp B A Dunser, bds 530 Locust.

INTER-STATE  
Adlai E. Stevenson  
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Gaylord John

Gaylord Win

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Gebhart Heri

GERBERT FR

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GEDDES JO

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Geer Ellen E

Gelek William

Geiger Mary

Geister Bloel

GEISTER C

ave, tel 5

Geister Laur

Gellermann J

Gelow Herm

Genesee Salt

George Dollie

George Elmie

George Fred

George Minn

George Olive

George Robe

George Rose

Gerber Willi

Gerberding C

Gerberding V

Gerke Louis

Gerlach Cora

Gerlach Emil

Germaine Sis

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Gersler Henr

Gerth Frank



**E** D. N. DANGERFIELD, Notary Public. P. O. Block.  
**WILL INSURE YOU** against damage by FIRE, LIGHTNING, TOR-  
NADO, ACCIDENT. Plate Glass Insured.

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*Elgin City Directory.*

1894-95

Midow Tony, emp L S F, h 362 Seneca  
Miger George, teamster, h 646 Railway ave  
Mike Charles, emp McGarry & co, h 640 Logan ave  
Milbrandt Albert, carpenter, h 555 Ann  
Milbrandt Edward, carpenter, h 577 Ann  
Milbrandt William, carpenter, h 424 N Gifford  
Milbrink Henry, laborer, h 319 Locust  
Mill Street School, se cor N Jackson and Mill  
MILLER, see also MELLER, also MUELLER, also MULLER  
Miller Mrs, emp w f  
Miller Albert, emp E B T co, h River cor Kimball  
Miller Annie M Miss, emp w f, bds 656 Lillie  
Miller Charles, emp E B T co, h River cor Kimball  
Miller Charles A jr, teacher manual training school, bds at  
academy  
**MILLER CHARLES N**, livery 113 Grove ave tel 76, h 215  
Fulton  
Miller Christ, h 500 Lawrence ave  
Miller D M, city express (Nos 22 and 23) h 132 River  
Miller Emma Miss, emp L S F, bds 568 Brook  
Miller Frank, emp planing mill, h 221 N Spring  
Miller Frank L, teaming and storage warehouse 132 River, h do  
Miller Frank W Mrs, h 438 DuPage  
Miller Fred, h 112 Vine  
Miller Fred, laborer, h 463 River  
Miller Fred J, carpenter, h 568 Brook  
**MILLER FRED W**, saloon 61 River, h 105 Commonwealth  
ave  
Miller Frederick, h 229 River  
Miller Frederick T, machinist w f, h 351 Silver  
Miller Freda Miss, emp C F, bds 568 Brook  
Miller George H, bds 312 North  
Miller Henry, emp Fred Jencks, h 275 Center  
Miller Jacob, h 58 Franklin  
Miller James C, rubber stamps 36 Grove ave, h do  
Miller Jesse M Miss, h 312 North  
Miller John, bds 275 Center



This Indenture, Made this Eighteenth day of August in the year of our Lord one  
Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty (1880) BETWEEN German Schuman and Anselm  
Schuman his wife  
of the Town of Waukegan In the Co. of Laurel and State of Illinois  
party of the first part, and Fred Miller  
of the City of Elgin In the County of Kane  
State of Illinois party of the second part.

WITNESSETH, that the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Nine Hundred and twenty  
five (925) Dollars, in hand paid by the said party of the second part,  
the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and the said party of the second part forever released and discharged therefrom, have granted, bargained, sold,  
remised, released, conveyed, aliened and confirmed, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, remise, release, convey, alien and confirm, unto the said  
party of the second part, and to his heirs and assigns FOREVER, all the following described lot, piece or parcel of land, situated  
in the County of Kane and State of Illinois, and known and described as follows, to-wit:

The north one half (1/2) of Lot number three (3) of Block number forty one (41)  
in the subdivision of Out Lot one (1) of P. J. Timball & Son Third (3d)  
Addition to Elgin, Kane County, Illinois, according to the plat thereof  
recorded in the Recorder's Office of said County.

TOGETHER WITH ALL AND SINGULAR the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, and the reversion  
and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof; and all the estate, right, title, interest, claim, or demand whatsoever, of the said  
party of the first part, either in law or equity, of, in and to the above bargained premises, with the hereditaments and appurtenances. TO HAVE AND TO  
HOLD the said premises above bargained and described, with the appurtenances, unto the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns FOREVER.

And the said German P. Schuman of the  
party of the first part, for himself and for his heirs, executors and administrators, do covenant, grant, bargain and agree, to  
and with the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns, that at the time of the enclosing and delivery of these presents, he is  
well seized of the premises above conveyed, as of a good, sure, perfect, absolute and indefeasible estate of inheritance in law, in fee simple, and has good  
right, full power and lawful authority to grant, bargain, sell and convey the same in manner and form aforesaid, and that the same are free and clear from all  
former and other grants, bargains, sales, liens, taxes, assessments and encumbrances, of what kind or nature soever; and the above bargained premises, in the  
quiet and peaceable possession of the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns, against all and every other person or persons lawfully  
claiming or to claim the whole or any part thereof, the said party of the first part shall and will WARRANT AND FOREVER DEFEND.

And the said party of the first part hereby expressly waive and release any and all right, benefit, advantage or claim of any and all Statutes of the State of Illinois.

STATE OF ILLINOIS,  
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

*Vincent S. Howell* a Notary Public

In and for the said County, in the State aforesaid, Do HEREBY CERTIFY, that *Kenneth R. Schuren and Amelia Schuren his wife* are

Notarial Seal

personally known to me to be the same persons whose name *is* subscribed to the foregoing Instrument, appeared before me this day in person, and acknowledged that they signed, sealed and delivered the said Instrument as *their* free and voluntary act, for the uses and purposes therein set forth, including the release and waiver of the right of homestead.

GIVEN under my hand and *Official Notarial* day of *August* A. D. 18*90*.

seal, this *twenty second*

*Vincent S. Howell*

*Notary Public*

No. *31786* Filed for Record this

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day of *Sept*

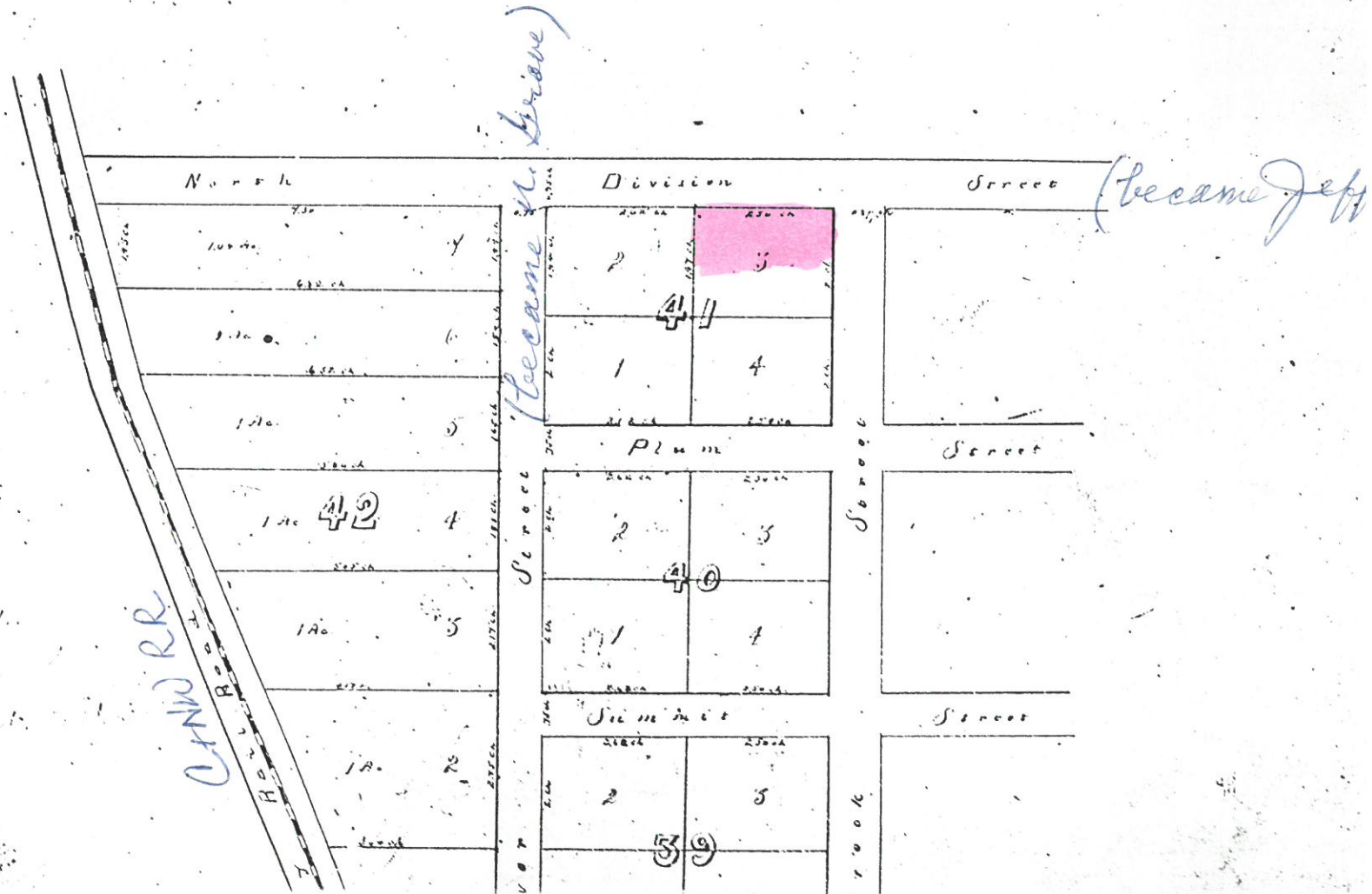
A. D. 18*90* at *2:30* o'clock, A. M.

*John C. Miller*

RECORDER.  
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# *Subdivision* of Out-Lots No. 1 in P. J. Kimball Town 3<sup>d</sup> Addition to **ELGIN.**





BROOK

DOUGLASS

AVENUE

Jefferson St.

1897 Sanborn Map

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#FRTel. Box.

