

# 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 AUGUST H. HAMEISTER

Date of Construction 1937

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

Builder (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Donald Sader

Date

7/20/2008

Signed

Mary M. Hill

Date

20 July 2008

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## ELGIN CITY DIRECTORY

128

- Brook St—Continued**  
 155 Elgin Auto Top Shop  
 157 Economy Furniture Co  
 Bonded Warehouse  
 159 Vacant  
 2d fl Williams Manufacturing Co  
 3rd fl Empire Milking Machine Inc  
 3rd fl Artistic Carton Co  
 169-171 Elgin Foods Inc
- North crosses**  
**C & N W crosses**  
**Kimball crosses**  
 253 John Drahota\*  
 253 Paul Torok  
 253 Charles Elvin  
 259 Louis McIntire  
 265 Edward Alkire  
 265 Harley M Bickler  
 271 Maurice Jorgensen  
 271 Mrs Emma Honert  
 271 Mrs Agnes Cabetski  
 275 Mrs Caroline Martens\*  
 275 William G Hester  
 275 (rear) William F Martens  
 283 Miss Elizabeth Kohn\*  
 301 Thomas Meuser  
 303 Benno W Fischer  
 309 Mrs Mary Zenk\*  
 319 Mrs Irene Mullinax  
 319 Mrs Catherine Brennan
- Ann crosses**  
 351 Frank Rowe\*  
 363 Louis F Homfeldt\*  
 367 Frank F Burmeister  
 373 John H Anderson  
 373 Mrs Belle Luster
- Cherry crosses**  
 405 Seeliger's Cash Grocery\*  
 407 Roy H Smith  
 407 Nicholas Saffris  
 415 Adolph Kind\*  
 417 Wax-All Inc  
 417 Victor Swanson  
 421 Louis H Cossman  
 421 Chester E Williams
- Seneca crosses**  
 459 John Watson\*  
 465 Fred F Rasmussen  
 471 Miss Carrie Cohn  
 471 Henry E Wilking
- Summit crosses**  
 503 Harry Williams  
 503 Vacant apt  
 509 Alvin T Pruden\*  
 509 George J Mattocks  
 515 Fred G Volstorff\*  
 521 Warren C Nash

- Plum crosses**  
 551 Vacant house  
 559 George Kramer\*  
 565 Mrs Anna Studdt\*  
 573 Christ Lang\*
- Jefferson ave crosses**  
 601 William T Kruse\*  
 611 Harry F Levy  
 611 Jake H Levy  
 617 Mrs Rose E Heidemann\*  
 617 William C Olhaber  
 623 Mrs Minnie Rakow\*  
 623 Clarence C Kellerman  
 629 Mrs Helena Gerke\*  
 635 Herman H Plote\*  
 647 Joseph Angelo\*
- Lovell crosses**  
 707 Charles E Rinehimer\*  
 711 Raymond Dumbauld  
 715 Carleton C Hoth  
 717 John A Schmidt  
 721 Herman F Quandt\*
- Lincoln ave crosses**  
 801 Fred W Helper\*  
 821 Raymond M Pearsall\*  
 845 Raymond F Leitner\*  
 851 William Graf\*
- Slade ave crosses**  
 929 Leo H Leitner\*  
 933 Albert C Rinehimer\*
- West Side**  
 106 Dowell Garage  
 2d fl Elgin Sheet Metal Works  
 William A Reber  
 108-110 National Rubber Co  
 112-116 Leech Auto Parts Co  
 112-116 Carlson Machine & Mfg Co  
 118 Elgin Toy Co
- Dexter ave crosses**  
 150-154 Muntz & Lea Co  
 156-160 The Lea Co  
 162 Helm Bros Warehouse  
 2d fl The Moseley Lathe Co
- Gross Bros**  
 2d fl Vacant  
 172 M M Lehman Co  
 172 Louis Hodel
- North crosses**  
 200 Elgin Mfg Co
- Water intersects**  
 216 C H Seymour & Co
- C & N W crosses**  
**Kimball crosses**  
 260 A B Markwardt Grocery  
 260 Kingsbury Distributing Co  
 266 Vacant house  
 270 Irvin Hulke  
 276 Andrew Jorgensen\*

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## ELGIN STREET DIRECTORY

329

- Franklin blvd intersects**  
 300-302 The Elgin Storage & Transfer Co  
 300-302 Durand McNeil & Horner Co  
 308 Robert E Myers  
 308 Benjamin H Myers  
 314 John Del Rosa  
 314 Fernando Baldivia  
 320 Frank N Shinberger  
 320 Cornelius P Acord\*
- Ann crosses**  
 350 Barron Bros  
 356 Alex Motulka  
 360 William F Neumair  
 362 William H Leiseberg\*  
 364 Stanley Boncosky  
 370 C L Rauschenberger Furniture Co
- Cherry crosses**  
 Lion's Club Children's Playground  
 420 Julius Schauer Sr\*  
 420 Gordon V Watgen
- Seneca crosses**  
 452 Carl H Parlasca\*  
 460 William F Hoffman\*  
 462 Peter Schaeffer  
 466 Alfred Schaeffer
- Summit crosses**  
 500 Herman Gaede\*  
 506 Albert A Schmidt\*  
 512 Robert G Speicher\*  
 516 Walter W Smitendorf\*  
 522 William C Bode\*
- Plum crosses**  
 552 William Jancke\*  
 566 Anthony B Zenk\*  
 568 Leo A Danner\*
- Jefferson ave crosses**  
 612 Fred A Bielenberg\*  
 612 Charles Harms  
 616 Paul Bielenberg\*  
 620 Zenk Bros  
 628 Philip J Gothier  
 634 Mrs Ella Savage\*
- Lovell crosses**  
 702 Lewis Kammrad\*  
 712 Misses Higinbotham\*  
 720 Misses Pfeiffer\*  
 720 Harry F Zimmerman  
 726 Henry E Jarrett\*  
 726 Norman H Jarrett  
 732 Clarence P Gubbins\*
- Lincoln ave crosses**  
 802 George E Morris\*  
 814 Olive Apartments  
 818 Mrs Flora Studer\*  
 820 Julius C Studer  
 826 C Roy Dougherty  
 834 Rudolph Born  
 838 Ralph E Gray

- 844 Mrs Mary Vanston\*  
 848 Vacant house  
 852 Clarence W Peterson\*  
 890 Walter J Fay\*
- BUCKEYE ST**  
 From N State w to Wing Park, 2 n of Wing
- North Side**  
**C & N W crosses**  
 670 August H Prell\*  
 702 Linus M McDonough\*  
**McCLURE ave crosses**  
 774 Arthur Andresen\*  
 776 Arthur Andrews\*  
**Clark crosses**  
 806 Fred W Harris\*  
 802 Timothy J Kelley\*
- South Side**  
**C & N W crosses**  
 665 Valentine Rosenberger\*  
 671 Fred Hellmuth  
**N Crystal ave crosses**  
 713 Mrs Myrtle Spriet  
**McClure ave crosses**  
 765 Mrs Sophie Lallman\*  
 775 William Von Lanken  
 777 Carl Holze\*  
**Clark crosses**  
 Vacant lots to Wing Park
- CARR ST**  
 From 128 Wilcox ave w to limits, 3 s of  
 W Chicago
- North Side**  
 866 William F Schuld
- South Side**  
 Vacant lots to Mallery ave  
 859 Vacant house  
 863 Mrs Minnie Robinson  
**S Commonwealth ave crosses**  
 Vacant lots to S DuBois ave  
 1015 LeRoy O Hageman\*  
**S Edison ave crosses**  
 Vacant lots to McLean ave  
 Elgin Chromeo Co
- CEDAR AVE**  
 From 427 Lovell n to limits, 2 w of Dun-  
 dee ave
- East Side**  
 701 Mrs Katherine Healy\*  
 707 Mrs Emily Worthy\*

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## 330 ELGIN CITY DIRECTORY

1939

Bluff City Blvd—Continued  
514 Harold F Lagerstrom  
514 Mrs Mabelle M Carbaugh  
520 Augie R Ring

S Liberty crosses  
602 George W Lascoe  
608 Samuel J Thies\*  
608 Lester A Cronk  
612 Mrs Minnie Raddatz\*  
612 John Schuring  
616 Fred T Hall\*  
620 Theodore Akemann\*

Illinois ave crosses  
654 Louis Petersen  
656 Joseph A Goldner\*  
664 David McCarthy\*  
668 Eldon L Wicklund  
670 Elmer Kaiser

Lavoie ave crosses  
708 Richard L Forrey  
726 Miss Amelia J Redeker\*

Cookane ave crosses  
750 Fred W Runge\*  
760 Earl Cornish\*  
764 Alvin L Plagge\*  
764 Glenn Hartman  
768 Harold N Bloomfield\*  
772 Henry Gromer\*  
774 George A Cornish\*  
774 Newell A Cornish  
774 Cornish Sisters  
774 G A Cornish & Sons

Poplar Creek crosses  
James Donaldson (trailer)  
884 Elgin Monument Works  
Elgin Granite Works

Wright ave intersects  
954 Frank W Otis\* R R 4 bx 48  
956 Mrs Bertha Plagge\*

Dickie ave intersects  
Plagge's Flowers  
Ludlow pl intersects  
1078 James McCutcheon\* R R 4 bx 246

South Side  
Elgin Butter Tub Co  
Raymond crosses  
Collingbourne Mills Inc  
Grace crosses  
403 Collingbourne Mills Office  
407-411 Collingbourne Mills Stamped Goods Dept

Elizabeth intersects  
473 John S Sinko Jr  
477 Hansen's I G A Store  
479 Burns Apartments  
479 Andrew J Nowakowski, M D

479 Apt 1 Richard Hoagland  
Apt 2 Lawrence S Wheeler  
Apt 3 Milton E Burns\*  
481 Burns Drug Store

St Charles crosses  
507 Voelker's Service Station  
509 Richard Voelker\*  
S Liberty crosses  
Illinois ave crosses  
667 William E Schramm  
671 Otto J Riebock  
675 Mrs Hannah F Carlstrom

Lavoie ave crosses  
703 Sparks Insurance Agency  
703 Carl J Struve\*  
711 Donald Adkins  
725 Frank W Grote\*

Cookane ave crosses  
751 John A Zimmer  
753 John M O'Malley  
755 Noah E Cates  
Wing & Geister Gravel Co  
Poplar Creek crosses  
Bluff City Cemetery  
945 Fred C Meier R R 4 bx 50

### BOWEN CT

From 407 Sherman ave s to Regent, 1 s d  
St Charles

East Side  
401 Amos Nelson\*  
407 Edward J Getsch\*  
411 James J Roche\*  
421 Henry W Grote\*  
425 Clarence E Okerson  
427 Samuel E VanTrease\*  
431 Lester L Snyder

West Side  
400 Axel W Moody\*  
408 Edward S Conner\*  
414 Samuel Spolane  
414 Paul L Reimer  
420 Carl F Ganter\*  
426 William L Morgan\*  
430 Winston Bennorth\*  
432 Wilbur F Seidel\*  
432 George Stambazze

### BROOK ST

From 100 Division n to Slade ave, 1 s d  
Douglas ave

East Side  
Washington Hotel  
121 Sam Goldman  
149 Harris Goldman

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## ELGIN STREET DIRECTORY

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Dexter ave crosses  
151 C F Fannin  
151 P J Gothier  
2d fl Paul F Kraft  
155 Elgin Auto Top Shop  
155 Elgin Upholstering Shop  
157 Economy Furniture Co  
157 Bonded Warehouse  
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283 Edwin Underwager  
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303 Benno W Fischer  
309 Mrs Mary Zenk\*  
319 Virgil Mullinax  
319 Mrs Irene Mullinax  
319 Mrs Thelma Alkire

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357 Frank F Burmeister  
373 John H Anderson  
373 James R Dillow

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457 Roy H Smith  
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415 Adolph Kind\*  
417 Mrs Josephine Lindsay  
421 Louis H Cossman  
421 Harold F Throgmorton

Seneca crosses  
459 John W Watson\*  
455 Fred F Rasmussen\*  
471 Henry E Wilking  
471 Albert A Schmidt Jr  
Summit crosses  
459 John L Fairchild

503 Charles O Holthusen Jr  
509 Alvin T Pruden\*  
509 George J Mattocks  
515 Fred G Volstorff\*  
521 Mrs Anna Thies\*  
521 Elmer H Voltz

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611 Harry F Levy  
611 Mrs Esther Levy  
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617 William C Olhaber  
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629 Mrs Helena Gerke\*  
635 Herman H Plote\*  
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711 Bernard C Herrold  
715 Carlton C Hoth\*  
717 Ernest H Trude  
721 Rev William Bartz

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801 Fred W Helper\*  
811 Robert L Holt\*  
821 Raymond M Pearsall\*  
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937 August H Hameister\*

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Water intersects  
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## Historical/Architectural

David C. Cook moved his non-denominational religious literature publishing business to Elgin from Chicago in 1882. Cook was a savvy businessman and the company prospered.

By the turn of the century, Cook Publishing had outgrown the building located near the Fox River on Chicago Street. Cook began looking around Elgin for enough land to accommodate a large publishing plant. Edward C. Lovell, aware of Cook's quest, had the ideal place in mind. The land was open, along a railroad line, and in a part of Elgin that needed a boost. He offered to donate five acres of land in Elgin's north end for the plant and offered the remaining acreage needed at reasonable terms. The land offered for the new and expanded publishing plant was in the 160 acre tract of land owned by the heirs of Lucy Lovell. The land was originally acquired by Vincent and Lucy Lovell in the 1840s and was passed along to their sons and their subsequent heirs. The deal was made with the transaction occurring on December 31, 1900.

For the publishing company, Cook acquired property running from Lincoln to Slade Avenues and from River Street (now N. Grove Avenue) to the right of way of the CNWRR track that ran parallel to the river. As a private individual, he acquired property across the street, from Lincoln Avenue to Slade Avenue and platted "David C. Cook's Addition" in 1901. The Addition had a park in the center, Esmeralda Park, with entry drives on all four sides across from the offices of Cook Publishing and was used for residences.

In 1904, Cook added to his previous property acquisitions when he bought "all the land west of Brook Street...to the right of way of the railroad and lying north of Slade..." The east boundary was an alley on the east side of Brook Street and the south boundary was Slade Avenue. The north boundary contained one lot on the north side of River Bluff Road where said road and the alley meet. The land was separated from the Fox River by the Chicago and Northwestern Railway on its west boundary.

DeGoy Ellis was a "leader in the political, civic, and social life" of Elgin, as stated in his obituary January 19, 1949. He was an attorney for 50 years, serving as city attorney for Elgin, serving in the state legislature, and in local and federal courts of equity. He was a partner in Irving Western's law firm and later in his own law firm of Ellis, Hamilton, and Geister. His specialty was probate work and he had handled the estate of David C. Cook. It appears that Western, Ellis, Daniel Weed, and others formed a group of investors with interest in the 1904 property.

In 1926, Ellis and Daniel Weed, treasurer for Cook Publishing Company, were owners of the property Cook had bought in 1904. Perhaps taking advantage of the building boom sweeping the United States at the time, Ellis and Weed had the property platted as "Home In The Woods" subdivision, a housing tract unique to Elgin at the time. Its primary uniqueness lay in its design. Other additions and subdivisions followed a straight-line streets grid format. HOMWD's\* "main street" was an extension of N. Grove Avenue; however, once N. Grove crossed Slade Avenue, it became River Bluff Road, fittingly named since it followed the contour of the land and river, running in a northeasterly direction. At its confluence with the straight-line Brook Street and Cooper Avenue, a rounded piece of land was set aside as a park. Lots 6 and 7 to the east of the park and lot 37 to the north of the park were similarly rounded.

HOMWD contained 43 lots, all of which were subject to building restrictions- a new

embellishment to land development. It appears that the focus of the building restrictions was to ensure property values by establishing building lines (distance from the street), type and cost of buildings (residences costing at least \$8,000 and private garages and no "flats"), where the garages were to be (at the rear of the residence and not used for a residence). Five lots were designated for "flats" and apartments, or industrial and commercial pursuits, but nothing clamorous, offensive, or noxious. Said lots were on the far north and south reaches of HOMWD and would likely cause little annoyance to the remainder of the subdivision. The building restrictions were to be in effect until June 1940.

One of the first houses built in HOMWD was at 50 River Bluff Road for DeGoy Ellis, about 1929. It is thought that perhaps the house was designed by architect R. Harold Zook since it contains numerous elements of his design style. No documentation has been found to confirm that. The house was designated "Oakhurst" by the Ellis's. Others who built homes in that area of River Bluff Road were David C. Cook III at 32, Dr. Lloyd Blackman at 33 and named "Oakknoll," Adolph Bernstein at 38, Jerome Roth at 45 (the former park), and Earl Seagren at 56. These homes likely were built on the choicest lots in HOMWD and brought a certain cache to that section of the street. Home In The Woods is a pleasant surprise as one approaches from the northern reaches of River Bluff Road--a dip in the roadway and a curve to the west leads one along the bluff above the river and past the homes aforementioned. A feature of HOMWD not seen in other residential areas is a streetlamp posted at determined distances within its borders. A lamp sits atop a slender concrete pole; the lamps are no longer functional and were a later addition to HOMWD. One can sense and visually determine that this is someplace different. ↙

On the south end of River Bluff Road, closer to Slade Avenue, home building did not occur until the early 1950's, when post-war building increased. The 1950's Ranch house style was popular and these were built at 17, 16, 9, 8, 4, and 3 between 1952 and 1961. Lot 39 adjoined lots 28 and 29 to the west up to the railroad right of way and was owned by someone else. Lot 39 was one of the lots designated for flats, apartments, or commercial use in the original building restrictions. No flats, apartments, or commercial pursuits were built in HOMWD.

In 1930, An inventory of the estate of Irving Western included an undivided half-interest in numerous unsold lots in HOMWD. His heir, wife Beulah, gave up her interest in the property to Ellis and Weed and by 1932, Weed was the sole owner of lot 9--along Brook Street, near Cooper Avenue. The Great Depression was climbing to its zenith and Weed mortgaged the property. In 1937, as the Depression began lifting, Weed sold lot 9 to August Hameister. Newspapers for 1937 again listed construction reviews in increasing number, offering reassurance to a shell-shocked nation that things were getting better. The Elgin city Directory for 1937-38 has no listing for 937 Brook Street. It first appears in the 1939 edition with August H. Hameister as the owner.

August H. Hameister was a production manager at the D.C. Cook Publishing Company, retiring in 1946. He and his wife Hannah, children Carolyn, Glenn, and Richard then moved to 64 Lovell Street. Hameister remained in the publishing business, working at Hall Printing Company.

Hameister kept the house only nine years, selling it to Marshall Silbert in 1946. Silbert operated his own business related to items made at the Watch Factory. Silbert kept the house until 1964. There followed five more owners until bought by the present owner in 1998.

The house was featured on the 2008 Historic Elgin House Tour.

## Architectural

Colonial Revival, Prairie, Craftsman, and Tudor were but a few styles of the Eclectic Movement in architectural design. They differed from Victorian era styles with a return to simplicity and greater adherence to classical designs of European origin. WW 1 marked a turning point for the movement when construction technology made it possible to apply masonry veneer to wood framing, making classical styles more affordable and thus, more common.

Colonial Revival style houses feature a centered front entry with detail, paired or multiple windows symmetrically placed in facades, and brick as the most common wall cladding. The style most closely compares to the English influence on houses constructed in the early years of America's settlement; e.g., Adam and Georgian style houses of the 1700s.

Improved printing methods helped popularize the style through the publishing of photos along with text in books and periodicals. Houses built between 1915 and 1935 reflect the use of photos that made examples of the style available; they more readily mimic early Colonial houses with their side gabled roofs and simplicity of detail. Salient features of Colonial Revival houses is the focus on the front entry, balanced use of windows with numerous panes, and a centered door.

937 Brook Street is listed in *The Northeast Neighborhood: A Summary and Inventory* as contributing to the historical and architectural significance of the area. The section of HOMWD along Brook Street from Slade Avenue to Cooper Avenue contains a number of Colonial Revival homes.

937 is side gabled, clad in brick, and is two storied with a later addition, similarly clad in masonry though not the dark brick, on its south facade. The west or front facade has a centered front entry door that opens onto a concrete stoop. There is no roof over the entry and the decoration surrounding the door is flat: a triangular pediment, pilasters on either side of the door, and a half-circle window over the door.

Windows throughout the house are multi-paned over a single pane. In the front facade, there are five windows in the upper story over four windows and the front door in the lower story. A quarter-circle window is used on either side of the exterior of the chimney on the south facade.

The addition, appearing to have been put on in the '50s, has the same side gabled roof, windows, and eave lines as the main body of the original house, complementing it nicely. The chimney has light color stone used as decoration as well as the quarter-round windows. Another chimney rises out of the addition.

A one story section projects out from the rear of the house and has a flat roof.

*mmh/jul08*



JENNIFER FRITZ-WILLIAMS:

*and 937  
BROOK*

THE HOMEOWNERS OF 409 DOUGLAS AND 940 DOUGLAS HAVE THEIR HOMES ON THE GPA HOUSE TOUR IN SEPTEMBER. THEY WISH TO HAVE THEIR HOUSE PLAQUE IN HAND AND PUT ON THE HOUSE BY THEN. PLEASE HELP EXPEDITE THE APPLICATION AND THE PAINTING OF THE PLAQUES IN AUGUST. THANK YOU.

~~COPY: ERIC PEPA~~  
~~BILL BRISKA~~

MARY HILL

*put*







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~~WARRANTY DEED JOINT TENANCY~~

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in hand paid, CONVEY and WARRANT to August H. Hameister and Hannah C. Hameister, his wife,

of the City of Elgin, County of Kane, xaxx State of Illinois,  
not in Tenancy in common but in JOINT TENANCY,  
xxxxxx, the following described real estate, to-wit

Lot Nine (c) in Home-in-the-Woods Addition to Elgin, Kane County, Illinois.

situated in the City of Elgin, County of Kane,  
in the State of Illinois hereby releasing and waiving all rights under and by virtue of the Homestead exemption Laws of the State of Illinois.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above granted premises unto the said parties of the second part forever, not in tenancy in common, but in joint tenancy.

This conveyance is made and accepted subject to all general taxes levied and assessed in the year 1937, which the grantees assume and agree to pay; also subject to the building restrictions as set forth in plat entitled: "Home-in-the-Woods, Elgin, Illinois", as recorded in the Recorder's Office of Kane County, Illinois, and said restrictions shall be binding upon the grantees, herein, their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns.

Dated this 26th:

day of                      October,

A. D. 19 37.

(SEAL)

Daniel M. Weed

(SEAL)

Revenue \$3.00

(SEAL)

Mamie Weed

(SEAL)

(SEAL)

(SEAL)

(SEAL)

(SEAL)

STATE OF Illinois )  
COUNTY OF Kane ) ss.

I, G. Earl Heindel and residing in \_\_\_\_\_

A Notary Public, in and for said County, in the State aforesaid, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, That  
Daniel M. Weed and Mamie Weed, his wife, who are

(G. Earl Heindel )  
(Notary Public )  
(Kane County, Ill. )

personally known to me to be the same person <sup>8</sup> whose name <sup>8</sup> are

subscribed to the foregoing

instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that **they**

signed, sealed