

ELGIN HISTORIC BUILDING PLAQUE PROGRAM
BUILDING PLAQUE APPLICATION FORMS
ELGIN HERITAGE COMMISSION

Building Location : Street: E. CHICAGO ST.
Number: 467

Present Owner :

Original Owner : JOHN & MARY WEBB

Building Name : HEMMENS HOUSE 813-192

Date of Construction : 1876

Builder : UNK

Architect : UNK

Architectural Style : ITALIANATE

* Please list all sources of information

Description of Present and Original (if known) Physical Appearance :
(identify information sources)

SEE ATTACHED EXERP FROM 1991 GPA
HOUSEWALK GUIDE, RESEARCHED BY
REGGIE STEPHENS

Statement of Significance :

☒ architecture, _____ commerce, _____ community planning, _____ education, _____ industry, _____ government, _____ religion, ☒ social, local, ☒ history. Please check appropriate categories and describe the importance of the building being considered for a plaque including information sources.

FINE EXAMPLE OF ITALIANATE ARCHITECTURE,
WITH EXTERIOR DETAILING (ORIGINAL) STILL INTACT.

WAS THE HOME OF WALTER AND HATTIE (PEASE)
HEMMENS, WHO DONATED FUNDS FOR HEMMENS
AUDITORIUM, AND WAS THE DAUGHTER OF WALTER
AND SARAH PEASE, PROMINENT SOCIALITES AND
ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE ELGIN NATL
WATCH COMPANY.

Other Pertinent Data :

Representation in Existing Surveys:

- ☒ National Register of Historic Places
- ☐ Illinois Register of Historic Places
- ☐ Illinois State Survey of Historic Structures
- ☐ Other Surveys or Studies (please list)

Building Condition:

- ☒ excellent
- ☐ good
- ☐ fair
- ☐ deteriorated
- ☐ unaltered
- ☐ altered

Date of Application Submission : SEPT 18, 1991

ELGIN BUILDING PLAQUE PROGRAM
APPLICATION

BUILDING'S ADDRESS 467 East. Chicago
BUILDING'S NAME _____
(for public/commerical structures)

If you are submitting an application for a building which you do **not** own, include your name, address and phone number in the space below.

PHOTOGRAPH

Include a recent photograph in which the building is clearly visible.

DOCUMENTATION

Note the sources that establish the validity of the information requested on the following page.

Attach photocopies of relevant material.

Sources should be clearly identified and the relevant parts marked.

If information is obtained from persons, attach statements signed by them as well as information that establishes them as qualified to attest to the historical and/or architectural value of the building.

- ☐ National Register of Historic Places
- ☐ Illinois Register of Historic Places
- ☐ Illinois State Survey of Historic Places
- ☒ Recorder of Deeds, Kane County
- ☐ Sanborn Maps
- ☐ Subdivision Plats
- ☐ City Directories
- ☐ Building Permits
- ☐ Newspaper Building Reports
- ☐ Elgin Today
- ☐ Elgin: An American History
- ☐ A Field Guide to American Houses

Other (please specify):

The Elgin Historic District by E.C. Aft
p.20 Attached

ORIGINAL OWNER John and Mary Webb (See below)

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION circa 1872

ARCHITECT (if known) _____

BUILDER (if known) _____

STATEMENT OF VALUE

Review the criteria the Heritage Commission considers in awarding a plaque. Then attach an explanation of the historical and/or architectural value of the building.

BUILDING ALTERATIONS

Describe any alterations that have been made to the **exterior** of the building. If the dates of them are known, include them.

The property was substantially remodelled for Walter and Hattie Hemmens in 1903.

The Hemmens (Walter and Hattie nee Pease) were the most prominent residents of this house. Attached are several articles from the Courier News relating the donation of funds for Hemmens Auditorium.

STIPULATIONS

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

This application and the materials submitted with it 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 in the submitted application. This does not in any way prohibit others' use of the material.

The plaque, when awarded, will remain the property of the City of Elgin and **shall not in any way be altered**. It will be the city's responsibility to replace the plaque when the situation warrants it.

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

Signature Mr. Reggie Stephens

Date Aug 27, 1992

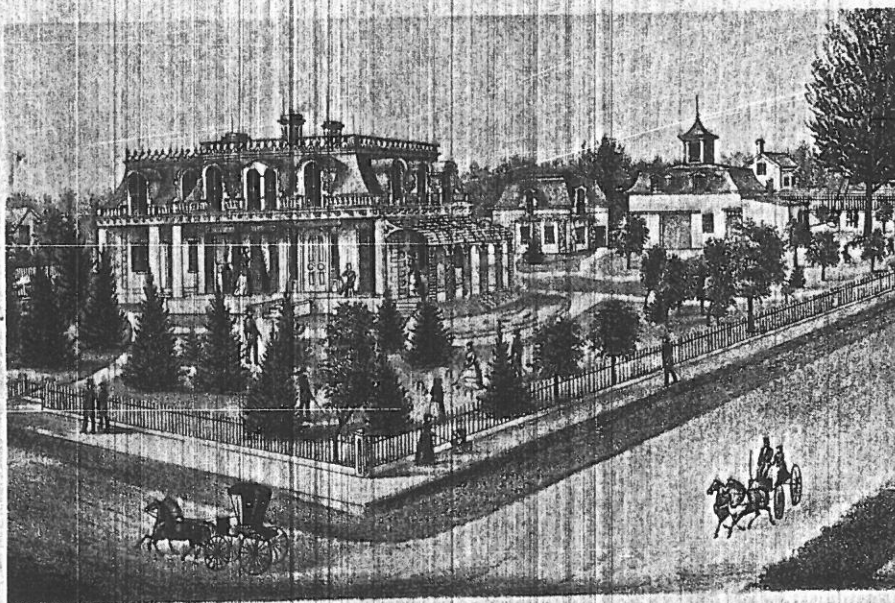
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467 East Chicago - The Walter P. Hemmens House

Here is a rich concentration of refined ornament combined with a blend of styles and motifs from sources that can only be imagined. My guess is that the dominant style is the Italianate, as characterized by the heavy segmental arch window hoods. The north bay, consisting of five round topped windows divided by cables or twisted rope colonettes and topped with paired brackets, make a more elaborate composition lending credence to the theory that this bay and similar detailing at the southeast corner of the house are later High Victorian Italianate embellishments to the original. To the west of the bay, a later addition to the dining room features a triple window with a heavy bracketed shelf beneath it. And, perhaps when the house was reported to be a brothel, a remodeling added a fireplace on the east end of the house, a new and gracious stair to the second floor, and stained glass all in the Prairie Style. Evidence of a lively dialogue between the mason building the chimney and the carpenter embellishing the sitting room windows remains. The small horizontal terracotta twisted rope molding seems to "tie" the wood cornice back together, after it has been "broken" by the chimney flue.

THE ELGIN HISTORIC DISTRICT

By E. C. Alt



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AND GIFFORD PARK ASSOCIATION

452 and 456 East Chicago

Elaborate sawn wood brackets, such as those supporting the entrance overhead at No. 452, and intricate scrollwork, like that in the gable angle on No. 456, were produced ready-made by factories. Locally this gingerbread was turned out by Emanuel Rinehimer, his son Charles, and his son-in-law, James R. Broyles.

1872 per TAX ASSESSOR'S OFFICE
~~1870~~ 467 East Chicago

Erected in the seventies, this home was remodeled in 1903 for Mr. and Mrs. Walter P. Hemmens, who lived here until 1912. Mrs. Hemmens, the former Hattie Pease, was the heiress of a local distiller who helped establish the First National Bank. She bequeathed the funds used for the construction of the Hemmens Auditorium in the Civic Center. Note the spiral decoration between the bay windows; it also appears on the home at No. 477 in the next block.

TURN RIGHT AT SOUTH CHANNING

15-17 South Channing

John C. Henderson was the first local manufacturer of hollow concrete blocks, advertised as cheaper than brick and more durable than wood siding. They were a popular building material for homes in Elgin after the turn of the century. Hammond Torpedo sand from pits in the southwest corner of Hanover Township, when combined with portland



15-17 South Channing under construction

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Obituary

JESSE L. WILLARD

(Elgin)
Jesse L. Willard, 70, of 304 N. Commonwealth Ave., died Sunday morning in Sherman hospital after a lingering illness.

Since moving to Elgin 12 years ago, he was employed in the maintenance department at Elgin High school and more recently at the Sherwin building. Formerly he farmed near Barrington and in the Grayslake area.

Mr. Willard was born in Lee county near Dixon, Nov. 20, 1886. He was a member of Highland Avenue Church of the Brethren.

Surviving are the widow, the former Winnie Sandmire; three daughters, Miss Laura Willard, Elgin, Miss Grace Willard, Moline, and Mrs. Louis (Martha) James, Neshkoro, Wis.; six sons, Glen and Glen, Dixon, John, North Hollywood, Calif., and Frank, Chester and Leslie, all of Barrington; 13 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; three brothers, Guy, George and Roy, all of Dixon, and five sisters, Mrs. Charles (Ethel) Mensch and Mrs. Jesse (Zoe) Eads, both of Dixon, Mrs. Nellie Fruin and Mrs. Stanley (Ruth) Raven, both of Santa Monica, Calif., and Mrs. Walter (Agnes) Russell, Keokuk, Ia.

He was preceded in death by a son, Vernon, in 1934 and two brothers.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 1 p. m. at the Highland Avenue Church of the Brethren with the Rev. Glen W. McFadden, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Avon cemetery, Grayslake. Friends may call at the Stout funeral home until Wednesday noon, and at the church until the time of service.

MISS CORINNE R. HIGGINS

(Elgin)
Miss Corinne R. Higgins, 357 Hamilton Ave., died Saturday night after a lingering illness. She was born in Elgin March 11, 1926, the daughter of Raymond and Loretta White Higgins, and had been a life-long resident of this city. The only immediate survivor besides the parents is one brother, Raymond D. Higgins of Elgin.

Funeral services will be held at 9 a. m. Tuesday in the O'Connor funeral home, and at 9:30 in St. Mary's church.

Burial will be in Mt. Hope cemetery.

The rosary will be recited at 7:30 tonight in the funeral home, where friends may call.

SUSAN HILL

(Elgin)
Funeral arrangements for Susan Hill, 2, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford L. Hill of South Elgin, who was killed Saturday night in an automobile collision east of Elgin, are being made at the O'Connor funeral home by N. A. Gustafson. In addition to her parents, Susan is survived by a sister, Debbie, 4.

MRS. BERTHA LEITNER GLIDDON

(Hampshire)
Mrs. Bertha Leitner Gliddon, 75, died Saturday night in the Lydia Rest home at Hampshire. She was born Dec. 1, 1881, on the Leitner farm north of Hamp-

Hattie Hemmens Dies In Chicago

Mrs. Hattie P. Hemmens, widow of Walter P. Hemmens and member of a pioneer Elgin family, died early today in her apartment at the Edgewater Beach hotel in Chicago where she had made her home for several years. She was 83 years old, having been born in Elgin April 30, 1873.

Mrs. Hemmens was a daughter of Walter L. and Sarah (Fowler) Pease, who came to Elgin in the 1850s and for more than a generation were identified with the city's business and social life. Mr. Pease was a member of the private banking firm of Lawrence, Pease & Town which, in the 'Sixties, became the First National Bank. Mr. Pease was also one of the founders of the Elgin National Watch Co. and gave a substantial portion of the watch factory building site to the infant industry to induce it to locate in this community.

Traveled Widely

Mrs. Hemmens and her late husband, whose death occurred Oct. 30, 1941, were widely traveled having visited and written about out-of-the-way places in the far corners of the earth. Elgin newspaper readers of a past generation still recall Mr. Hemmens' "Dear Dick" travel letters addressed to the late Richard Lowrie, editor of the Elgin Daily News, and later reprinted in book form.

Word of Mrs. Hemmens' death following several months of declining health was received by A. J. Wilkening of the First National bank and he went to Chicago to assist with the funeral arrangements.

No Immediate Survivors

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Hemmens was preceded in death by a sister, Sarah Pease Innes, and a brother, Charles F. Pease. There are no immediate survivors.

Friends may call after noon on Tuesday at the Wait-Ross-Alanson funeral chapel.

HARRY C. HANSON

(Geneva)
Funeral services for Harry C. Hanson, 68, of 1109 W. State St., Geneva, will be held at 2 p. m. Tuesday in the chapel of 201 James St., Geneva.

Mr. Hanson, who died Friday in Geneva Community hospital, was an attorney, banker and civic leader, and was president of the State Bank of Geneva. He had been mayor, city attorney, a federal bankruptcy referee and president of the school board.

He held the rank of army lieutenant in World War I.

Survivors include his widow, Julia; two daughters, Mrs. Barbara O'Connell and Mrs. Marjorie Nelson; and three grandchildren. A sister, Mrs. Minnie Johnson, also survives.

MRS. EMILIE ZENZ

(Rural Woodstock)
Mrs. Emilie Zenz, 75, of rural Woodstock died yesterday in Memorial hospital for McHenry county in Woodstock. She was born Sept. 11, 1881. Her husband, George, preceded her in death.



Courier-News Photo

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS of priesthood was celebrated Sunday by the Rev. Fr. Philip L. Kennedy, pastor of St. Laurence church, who is shown here with His Excellency, the Most Rev. Thomas Doras Lane (left), bishop of Rockford. The bishop honored the jubilarian by presiding at mass offered by Father Kennedy.

DR. MARY MARTIN MARKS

(Billings, Mont.)
Dr. Mary Martin Marks died Sunday in St. Vincent's hospital following a long illness. She was the wife of Dr. Frederic S. Marks, who is the son of Mrs. Charles F. Marks, 1020 Bellevue Ave., Elgin. Besides the widow, she is survived by three children, John, Mary Ellen and Frances, all at home.

During World War II Dr. Marks was on the staff of St. Luke's hospital, Chicago, visited frequently in Elgin and has many friends here. She was a graduate of Northwestern Medical school with the class of 1940.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at Billings.

Card of Thanks

The family of the late Ethel M. Wicks wish in this way to thank the Reverend Forrest Johnson for his kind and comforting words; relatives, neighbors and friends for the beautiful floral offerings and kind expressions of sympathy extended them during their recent bereavement; also, those who so kindly donated the use of their cars.

In Memoriam

Card of Thanks

The family of the late Charles W. Goodyear wish to thank relatives, neighbors and friends for beautiful floral offerings and kind expressions of sympathy; also Reverend Carleton C. Rogers for his comforting words in our recent bereavement.

Card of Thanks

The husband and relatives of the late Lila E. Harding sincerely thank the friends and neighbors who assisted during the illness and bereavement; the Reverends L. J. Jefferson and Dyer; those loaning cars and for other forms of condolences.

Sherman Harding, husband, and relatives.

Hospital Rezoning Hearing April 17

A public hearing on an application by Sherman hospital to rezone property at 945 Center St. from A residential to P for motor vehicle parking will be conducted April 17 by the Elgin zoning board of appeals in room 5 of city hall.

The proposed parking lot is part of the hospital's expansion program. The hearing is set for

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Marcus, his brother an attorney, and law Martin J. R. under federal indictment misapplication and making false records. They were face trial Sept. 2.

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The indictment Marcus brothers alleged unlawful money from real

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Marcus was the Chevrolet, Rado auto drove off.

Police Are Called

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MOLINE YOUTH

ORION, Ill. —(Ferry, 16, of M killed Saturday which injured through U. S. route 15 Henry county.

Going Place

Have a good time and before you call the Elgin Daily and have a Vacation

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THIS DEED, Made this 10th day of October 1919 In the year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy four
BETWEEN John Webb and Mary Ann Webb his wife of the City of San Jose County of Santa Clara and State of California party,

Jennie J. Deloud-near of the City of Chicago County of Kane and State of Illinois of the first part, and
of the second part,

WITNESSETH, That the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Five Thousand Dollars Dollars, in hand paid by the said party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have GRANTED, BARGAINED AND SOLD, and by these presents do GRANT, BARGAIN AND SELL, unto the said party of the second part, her heirs and assigns, all the following described lot, piece, or parcel of Land, situated in the City of Chicago in the County of Kane and State of Illinois, to-wit:

Lot Number One (1) of Block Number One (1) of John Webb's Subdivision of Lots Nos. 1 and 2 in Joe. J. Gifford's Addition and of Out Lots D and VII in the City of Chicago as laid out and recorded in the Recorder's Office of said Kane County. Said lot being more particularly described as beginning at the intersection of the South line of Chicago Street with the West line of Warwick Street in said City of Chicago and running thence South along the West line of Warwick Street 150 1/2 feet thence West at right angles with West line of Warwick Street 80 feet thence North parallel with West line of Warwick Street 150 1/2 feet to the South line of Chicago Street and thence Easterly along South line of Chicago Street 80 1/2 feet to the place of beginning

TOGETHER with all and singular the hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging, or in anywise appertaining, and the reversion and reversion's remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof, and all the estate, right, title, interest, claim and 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, her heirs and assigns FOREVER.

And the said John Webb and Mary Ann Webb his wife party of the first part, hereby expressly waive, release, and relinquish unto the said party of the second part, her heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, all right, title, claim, interest and benefit whatever, in and to the above described premises, and each and every part thereof, which is given by or results from all laws of this State pertaining to the exemption of homesteads

And this said John Webb one of the party of the first part, for himself and his heirs, executors and administrators, do covenants, grant, bargain and agree, to and with the said party of the second part, her heirs and assigns, that at the time of the sealing 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, and in fee simple, and has a 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 incumbrances, 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, her heirs and assigns, against all and every 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.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, The said party of the first part hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Witness, Sealed and Delivered in Presence of
John Webb
Mary Ann Webb

J. J. Derchheimer Secretary, Clerk
In and for the said County, in the and to-wit: do hereby certify that John Webb and Mary Ann Webb his wife were and are

personally known to me as the same persons whose names are subscribed to this instrument, appeared before me 3 day or more, and acknowledged that they signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument in writing as John Webb and Mary Ann Webb and the said Mary Ann Webb with of the said John Webb

and the contents and meaning of the said instrument to writing being read to her and explained to her and she also by her party fully informed of her rights under the Homestead Laws of this State, acknowledged that she had freely and voluntarily executed the same, and relinquished her share in the lands and improvements therein mentioned, and also all her rights and advantages under and by virtue of all laws of this State relating to the Homestead of Homesteads, without the compulsion of her said husband, and that she does not wish to retract the same.

GIVEN under my hand and official seal this 10th day of October 1919 at San Jose day of San Jose
J. J. Derchheimer
Law Clerk of Santa Clara County
L. P. Dierker

This Indenture Witnesseth, That the Grantor is,

Walter P. Hemmens and Hattie Pease Hemmens, his wife,

of the City of Elgin In the County of Kane and State of Illinois
for and in consideration of the sum of Six Thousand - DOLLARS,
in hand paid, CONVEY and WARRANT to

C. F. O'Hara

of the City of Elgin County of Kane and State of Illinois
the following described Real Estate, to-wit:

Lot One (1) (except the South 50 feet thereof) in Block One (1) of John Webb's Subdivision of
Lots 5-6-7 and 8 in Jas. T. Gifford's Addition to Elgin, and of Out Lots III and VII in the City
of Elgin, Kane County, Ills., as per plat thereof on record in the Recorder's Office of
Kane County.

situated in the City of Elgin in the 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~~ the State of Illinois

Witness our hands and seals

~~on this~~ 11th day of July A. D. 19 12

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the Presence of

Walter P. Hemmens

Hattie Pease Hemmens

STATE OF ILLINOIS } ss.
County of Kane.

George W. Glos
Notary Public
Elgin, Kane County, Ill.

I, George W. Glos, a Notary Public

In and for said County, in the State aforesaid, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, That Walter P. Hemmens and
Hattie Pease Hemmens, his wife, who are,

personally known to me to be the same person whose name is are 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 notarial Seal, this 11th day of July A. D. 19 12

George W. Glos
Notary Public

Attest:

Frank B. George,

July

A. D. 1912, at Elgin, Ill.
Frank B. George, Recorder.

BY

No 353

THE INSTRUMENT WITNESSETH, THAT THE GRANTOR, *Walter P. Hemmens and Hattie P. Hemmens his wife*

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of the City of Elgin in the County of Kane and State of Illinois
for and in consideration of the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00) DOLLARS;
in hand paid, CONVEY and WARRANT to

Minnie Blunder

of the City of Elgin County of Kane and State of Illinois
the following described Real Estate, to-wit:

situate in City of Elgin in the County of Kane and State of Illinois, to-wit:
The South fifty (50) feet of Lot one (1) in Block one (1) of John Webb Subdivision of
Lots 5, 6, 7, and 8 in James T. Safford's Addition to Elgin and of Out Lots III
and VII in the City of Elgin, Kane Co. Illinois.

located in the _____ County of _____ in the State of Illinois, hereby releasing and waiving all rights
under and by virtue of the Homestead Exemption Laws of this State.

Subject to taxes for the year 1903.

Dated this 16th day of May A. D. 1903

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the Presence of

Walter P. Hemmens

Hattie P. Hemmens



STATE OF ILLINOIS

I, R. W. Jorgensen Notary Public, in and for said County, in the State aforesaid,
DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that

Walter P. Hemmens and Hattie P. Hemmens his wife

personally known to me to be the same persons whose names are 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 Notary Seal, this 16th day of May A. D. 1903

R. W. Jorgensen

Notary Public

A. D. 1903, at 10:40 o'clock A. M.

Frank C. George

RECORDER, 16th

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This Indenture Witnesseth, That the Grantors, Jennie D. Blaudeman and William H. Blaudeman her husband

of the City of Chicago in the County of Cook and State of Illinois
for and in consideration of the sum of Five thousand five hundred DOLLARS,
in hand paid, CONVEY and WARRANT to

Elizabeth B. Blanks

of the City of Chicago County of Cook and State of Illinois
the following described Real Estate, to-wit:

Book number one of Block numbers one of
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situated in the City of Chicago in the County of Cook in the State of Illinois, hereby releasing and
waiving all rights under and by virtue of the Homestead Exemption Laws of this State.

Dated this 29th day of April A. D., 1891

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in Presence of

Jennie D. Blaudeman (SEAL)
W. H. Blaudeman (SEAL)
(SEAL)
(SEAL)

STATE OF ILLINOIS,
Cook County

I. W. B. Sherwood, a Notary Public

in and for said County, in the State aforesaid, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that

Jennie D. Blaudeman and William H. Blaudeman
who are each

Notarial Seal

personally known to me to be the same persons whose names are 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 Notarial Seal, this 29th day of April A. D., 1891

I. W. B. Sherwood
Notary Public

Filed for Record this 30th day of April A. D., 1891, at Chicago, Ill.
John A. Sullivan RECORDER

This Indenture Witnesseth, That the Grantor Elizabeth S. Clark

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of the County of Cook and State of Illinois
for and in consideration of the sum of Fifty Dollars
in hand paid, CONVEY and WARRANT to

of the County of DeKalb and State of Illinois
the following described Real Estate, to-wit:

One and one-half Acres of land, situate in Block One, of the City of Chicago, Illinois, being Lots Six, Seven and Eight of Block One, of the City of Chicago, Illinois, and of other Lots, and the South half of Chicago Street, bounded as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the South line of Chicago Street and the West line of 1st North Street, in the City of Chicago, thence South along the West line of Chicago Street 150 feet to South line of said lot, thence West on the South line at right angle with Chicago Street 157 feet to the West line of Chicago Street, thence North along the South line of Chicago Street 150 feet to the place of beginning.
This land is made subject to all special assessments and the taxes of the year 1893, which are to be paid by said
Elizabeth S. Clark.

situated in the County of DeKalb in the State of Illinois, hereby releasing and waiving all rights under and by virtue of the Homestead Exemption Laws of this State.

Dated this ninth day of March A. D. 1893.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in Presence of

Elizabeth S. Clark
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STATE OF ILLINOIS,
DeKalb County, ss.

I, C. R. Hopson a Notary Public

in and for said County, in the State aforesaid, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that

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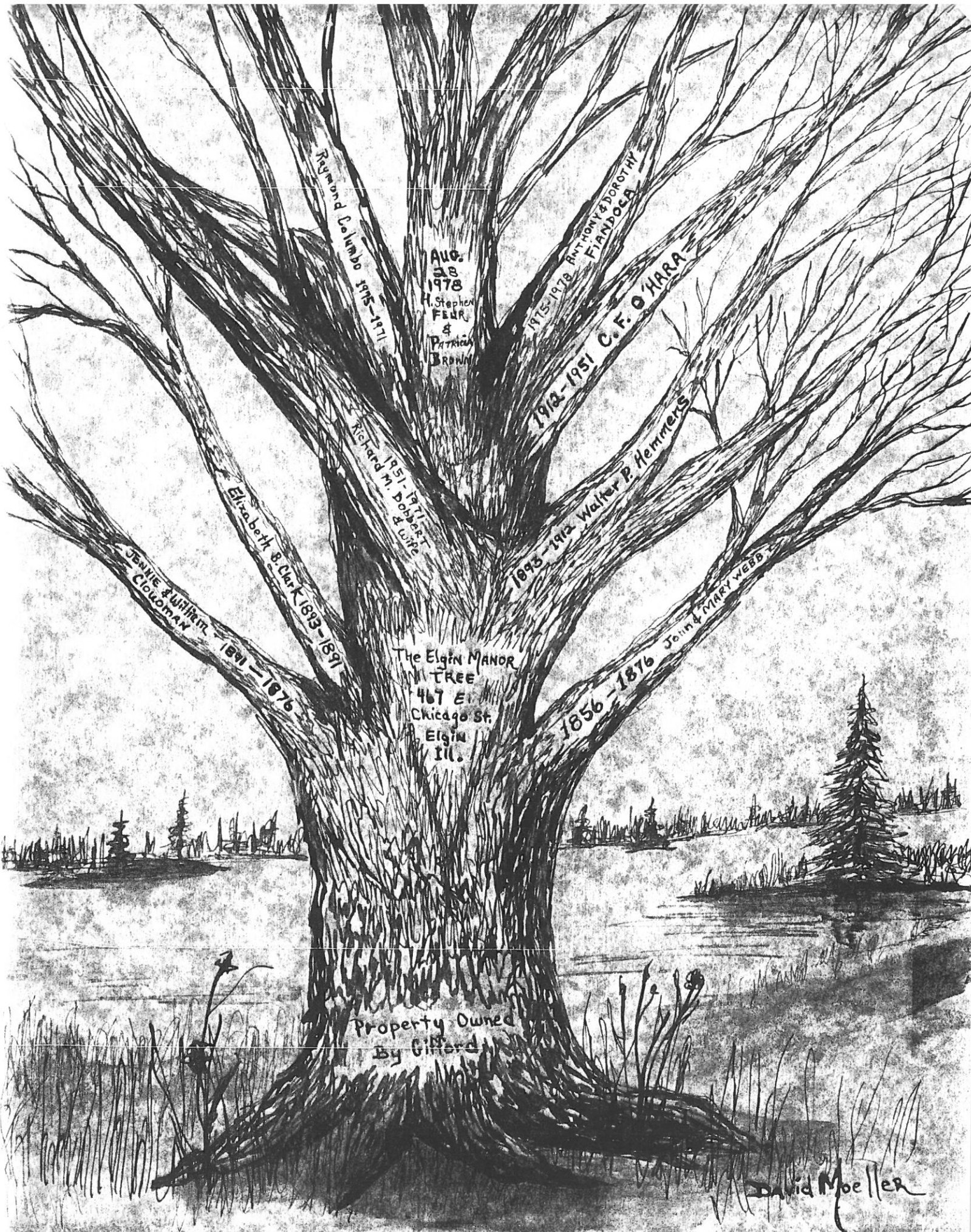
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Given under my hand and Notarial seal, this ninth day of March A. D. 1893.

C. R. Hopson
Notary Public

No. 2497 Filed for Record this 20 day of May A. D. 1893, at Chicago Ill.

Jo. Ingles RECORDER



Raymond Colombo 1915-1971

Anthony & Dorothy Fianozza 1915-1978

1912-1951 C.F. O'HARA

1893-1942 Walter P. Hemmers

1856-1876 John & Mary Webb

Elizabeth & Clark 1893-1897

Jennie & William Clouman 1841-1876

Richard M. Dobbert & wife 1951-1971

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H. Stephen FEAR
&
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The Elgin Manor
A TREE
467 E.
Chicago St.
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Property Owned
By Gifford

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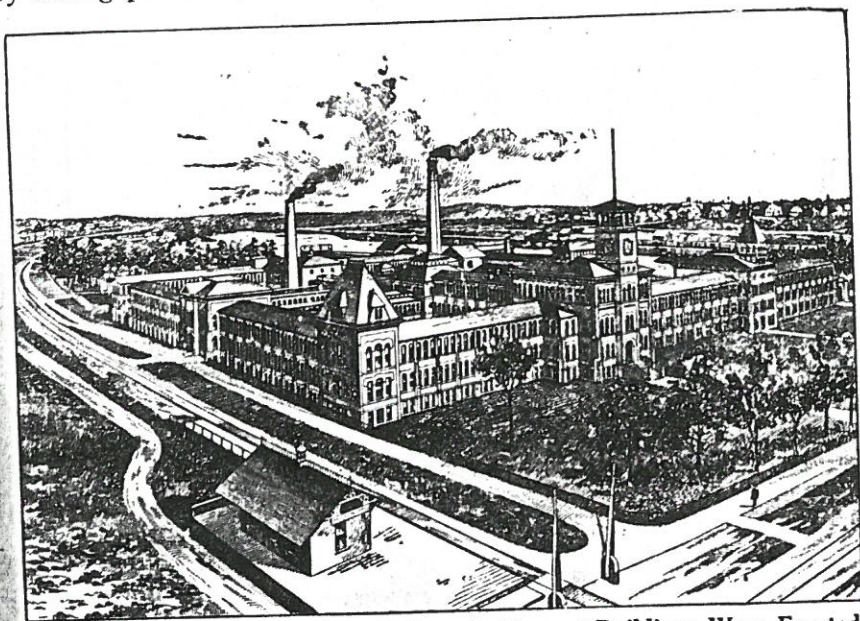
organized with a capital stock of \$500,000 and a board of directors elected, of which B. F. Lawrence, of Elgin, was a member.

The first watch ever made in Elgin was of the English pattern (18 size), full plate, key wind, with quick train and straight line escapement, and so designed that the hands were set at the back. The watch is still carefully preserved among the valued relics of the company.

The company celebrated the New Year of 1866 by taking possession of the new

charge of the jewelers room. Eben Hancock was secured to take charge of the balance department. The flat steel department was supervised by William M. Goodridge; James Fairchild the gilding department; D. G. Currier the finishing, and J. F. Gilson the adjusting room.

The pioneer watch put on the market was christened the B. W. Raymond and was an extra-jeweled, 15 movement, and was delivered to the dealers April 1, 1867. Then came the H. Z. Culver in July of that year, and before the close of the



The Watch Factory Buildings Before the Present Buildings Were Erected

building and commenced in earnest the manufacture of watches. The employees worked under many difficulties at first, being without much-needed machinery, but the watches were of good quality and kept exact time, which was encouraging. It was found necessary to add several departments at once and accordingly John Webb was engaged to have supervision of the dial department, which was situated south of the main building, where a small structure had been erected. Charles H. Bagley was hired to take

year the Taylor, Wheeler, Laffin, and Ryerson, all slow movements, were produced and ready for the market. Soon after several other grades were made, consisting of the Fargo, Farwell, Ferry, and Ogden, all named in honor of the leading men of the company at that time.

The Raymond and Culver movements were of the straight line escapement and quick train pattern. The others mentioned were of the slow train model with right angle escapements.

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Dream of Elgin Civic Center b

As other towns and cities in northern Illinois grew and prospered in the decade of the 1950s, Elgin remained stagnant. From the years 1950 to 1960, the population increased only 500. Businesses left town. The downtown district deteriorated. Then there was a dream. A dream of an expansive civic center

in the downtown area.

Community buildings, a new city hall, a library.

Something that would be both attractive and practical.

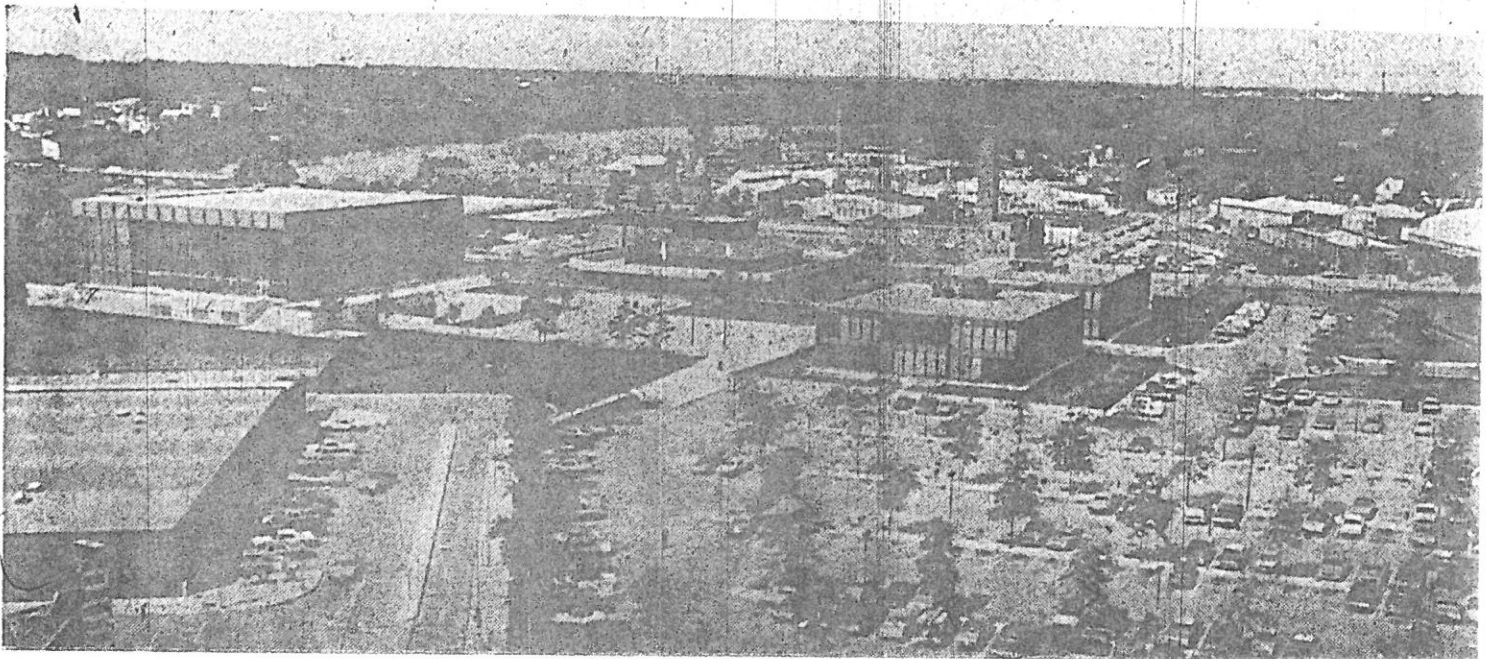
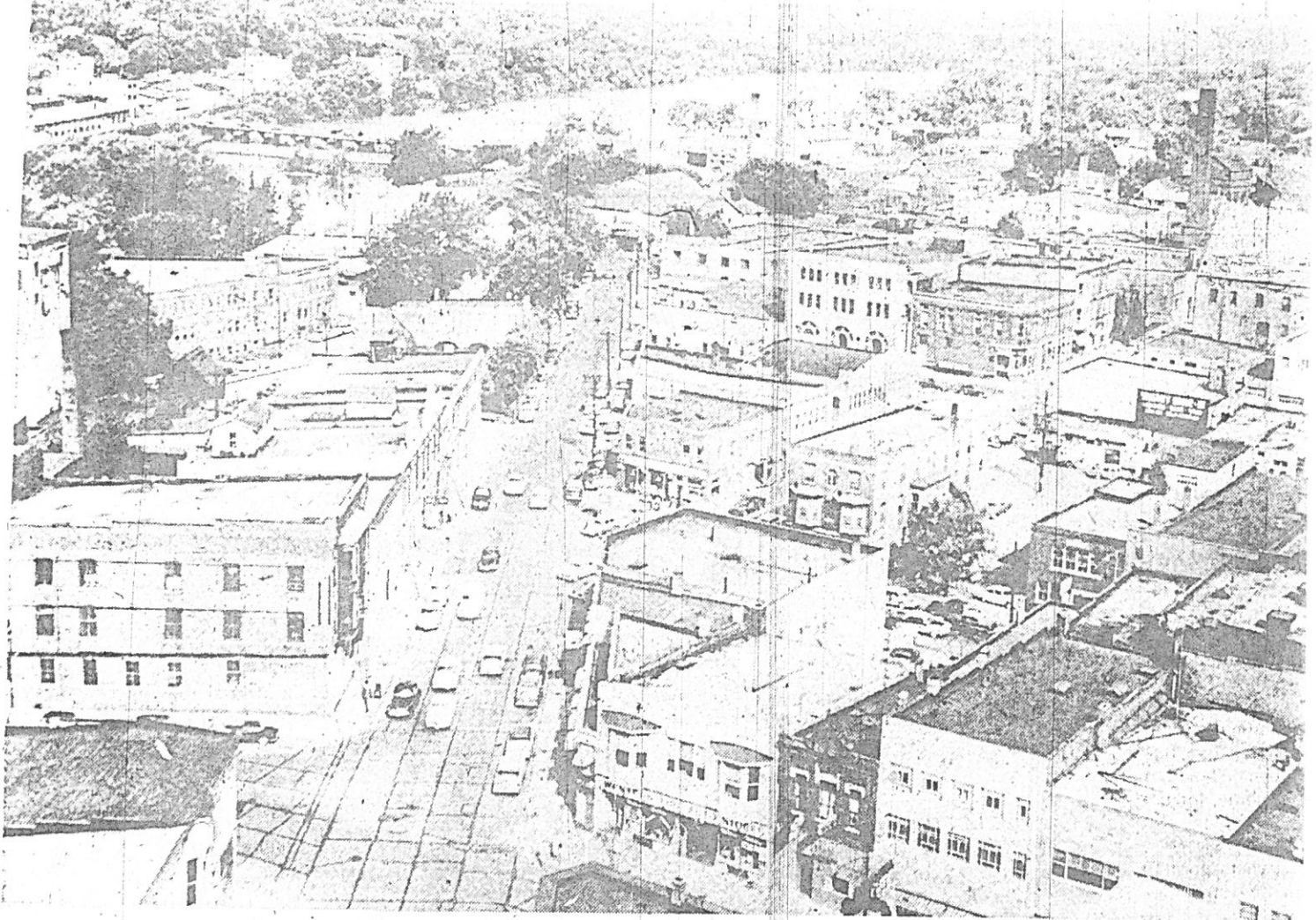
Something that would create a sense of community pride.

Something that would rejuvenate the downtown area and lure businesses and people to Elgin.

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Mrs. Hemmens died in 1957.

In her will, Mrs. Hemmens left



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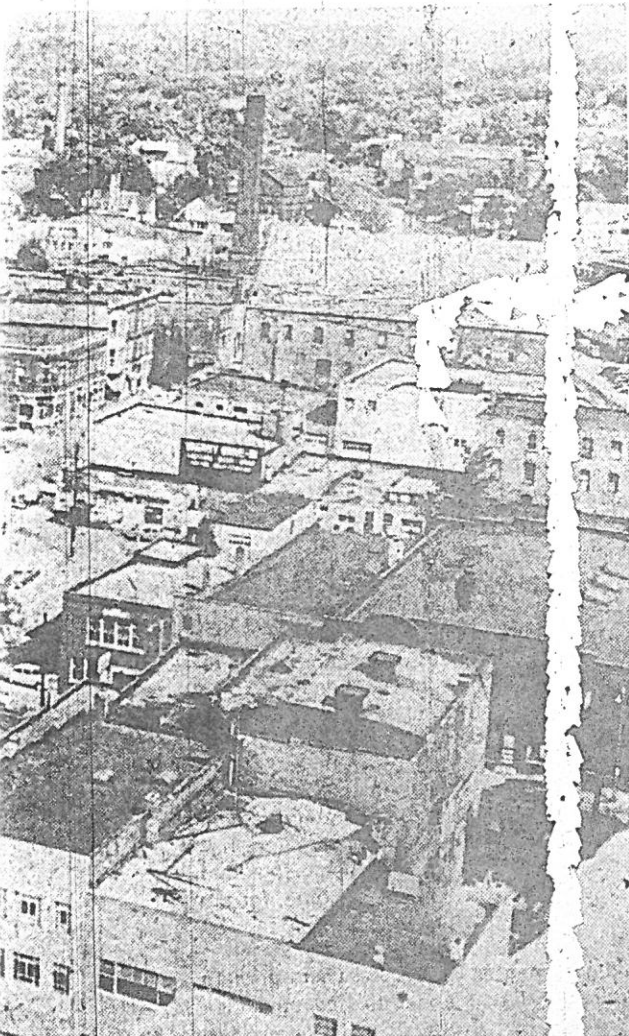
resident
of M. H. Hemmens speaks of the city in
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and "Because of what you have
done, it's because he's become part of what
world." (UPI Photo)
The U.S. Embassy in Elgin was
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enter becomes reality

It began inauspiciously, with the fall of the late Fattie P. Hemmens, the daughter of Walter L. Freese, a wealthy man who made his money through a local distillery and who later became president of the First National Bank.

Mrs. Hemmens died in 1957.

In her will, Mrs. Hemmens left more than \$1.25 million for the



purpose of building a community center. Together with the federally sponsored urban renewal program, the dream of a civic center became a distinct possibility.

But there was still the necessity for a referendum. City officials needed the support of the community.

It was necessary to tear down 50 buildings on the proposed civic center site. At least 76 businesses had to either relocate or cease operation.

The city needed \$2.5 million for the construction of the proposed new city hall. Another \$2.9 million would be needed in the form of a federal urban renewal grant.

Plans to locate first a post office and later its new Second District appellate court building on the site were announced.

The dream came closer to reality when a referendum was held in 1960.

Editorials endorsing the proposition, "Elgin needs a civic center, and we encourage you to reach for an opportunity that offers growth," reported the Courier-News.

"... it is a much needed step toward rejuvenation of its central area, provided through the Hemmens community building a facility the city very much needs; and replace a city hall that is now on the state fire marshal's list. The center will be both an area of beauty and utility, providing Elgin with both modern facilities to serve its citizens and an image of growth and vigor."

"... it will bring additional people into Elgin; provide additional parking; encourage movement in adjacent areas; stabilize real estate values throughout the city; provide hundreds of jobs during the construction period; attract national attention to the city; and help in the fight against continued spread of higher taxes to residential properties."

"... we spend now to gain a needed rebirth and needed facilities for the city, or we will spend later anyhow — and gain nothing."

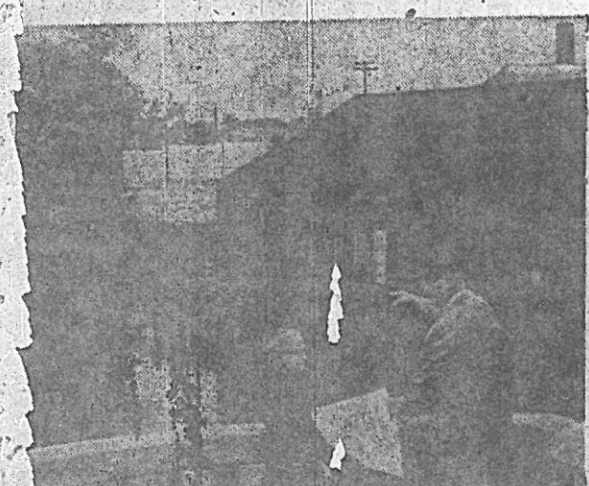
The referendum passed. The vote was 5,996 yes and 3,668 no. The project was started. By 1970 it was completed.

Today there is a modern city hall. There is the Hemmens community building and auditorium. There is the Gail Borden Library, approved in yet another referendum.

There is the Appellate Court Building. There is a post office. It is all there, today.

And there is a beginning of delivery on the promise, Elgin's downtown has been in a process of change and modernization since its completion.

This year saw the beginning of the mall program and organization of the Downtowners, two efforts that will mean a drastically revised central business district before the end of this decade.



Refineries In Havana

WASHINGTON (AP)—Alexander Rorke told an anti-Communist meeting today he was aboard a plane that dropped "five defensive bombs" on refineries in Havana Thursday night.

Rorke, listed on the program as a television reporter-photographer, did not explain what he meant by "defensive bombs" but presumably it was a play on words on the contentions by the Russians that they have only defensive weapons in Cuba.

"The bombs went off, but the tanks didn't blow," he said. He added "we made two passes—they can't deny it."

Rorke spoke to a meeting billed as an anti-Communist liaison seminar.

Later, Rorke told a reporter he was from New York City and had been a reporter for the National Broadcasting Company in Cuba and was imprisoned there when Fidel Castro came to power. He said also it was his boat, Violynn III, which was taken by the British.

Rorke introduced a man to the assembly as Laureano Batista, and said, "He won't say he did it, and I won't say he did it." This was in reference to any role in Thursday night's operation.

Rorke said that "as to where we (the plane) left from," he could say that "it was a small land mass off the Eurasian continent."

Angry GOP Readies Vote To Fire IPAC Chairman

SPRINGFIELD (UPI)—A millionaire industrialist and the Illinois Democratic regime were embattled today on the issues of racism, birth control and how much money should go for public welfare.

Angry Republicans planned to ask for reconsideration of the confirmation of the industrialist, Arnold H. Maremont, Chicago, as chairman of the Illinois Public Aid Commission when the Senate reconvenes Tuesday.

Only Wednesday, Maremont, a Democratic appointee and leader

of a controversial plan for state-paid birth control for welfare recipients, received confirmation from the GOP Senate.

But in a Chicago news conference Thursday, Maremont accused unnamed Republican senators of "anti-Negro bias."

He said a deficiency appropriation for relief checks for the month of May was being delayed "by a group of willful men in the Republican Senate who are holding up checks for needy persons week after week."

"These men are venting their

spleen on Aid to Dependent Children recipients in an effort to get even with those Negroes who voted for Chicago Mayor Richard J. Daley in the last election," Maremont said.

The irate Republican lawmakers marched on Democratic Gov. Otto Kerner's office to protest. They rose on the Senate floor to denounce the auto parts manufacturer as "an unmitigated liar" and a "do-gooder . . . (with) his head in the clouds."

"The Senate should take action to make him a full-time businessman," said Sen. John A. Graham. "We'll fire Maremont on Tuesday, if the governor doesn't do it before then," said another senator.

The governor made it known he would take no action.

Even as the battle raged, Maremont's commission stopped writing checks. A spokesman said the commission ran out of money after writing checks for recipients who get their payments during the first three days of each month.

"We'll fall a day behind now for every day the legislature fails to appropriate money," the spokesman said.

The general assembly came no closer to reaching agreement on the appropriation. Republicans insisted on putting limits on individual payments and the Democrats refused to go along. Both sides said agreement was impossible before next week.

Maremont Outlines Views on Public Aid

BELLEVILLE, Ill. (UPI)—The myth that public aid is a Negro problem has caused the Negro child the most suffering, Arnold H. Maremont said Thursday night.

Maremont, chairman of the Illinois Public Aid Commission, spoke at a meeting of the County Welfare Services Committees.

Public services which are "tangible"—police and fire protection, education—do not cause controversy because "the taxpayer or his dear ones will be the direct beneficiaries," Maremont said.

"But . . . public aid is a bargain to almost no one" because

taxpayers rarely have direct relationship with relief recipients, he said.

More taxes may be needed to meet the \$700 million request for funds for the department's requirements in the 1963-65 biennium. Taxpayers see only the sum, he said, and do not realize "it's a white problem that has been forced upon the Negro who has become the blunted object."

Maremont said non-whites make up only 20.8 per cent of recipients of old age assistance, 27.3 per cent in blind assistance, and about 50 per cent in disability assistance. "Does this sound like a Negro problem?" he asked.

Weekend Dampers

Partly cloudy tonight. Low in upper 40s. Saturday considerable cloudiness and mild, showers likely by evening. High in 60s. South to southeast winds 5-10 mph tonight and 10-18 mph Saturday. Sunday showers, mild.

Temperatures the past 24 hours at the Elgin Daily Courier-News U.S. weather station.

Thursday			
1 p.m.	50	7 p.m.	50
2 p.m.	50	8 p.m.	46
3 p.m.	50	9 p.m.	46
4 p.m.	52	10 p.m.	44
5 p.m.	53	11 p.m.	42
6 p.m.	51	midnight	41
Today			
1 a.m.	41	7 a.m.	44
2 a.m.	39	8 a.m.	50
3 a.m.	38	9 a.m.	55
4 a.m.	38	10 a.m.	60
5 a.m.	38	11 a.m.	67
6 a.m.	39	noon	68

Temperature range 24 hours ending noon April 26, 1962: 87-51.

City; Bank to Sign

Hemmens Agreement Set

A resolution was passed by the City Council Thursday authorizing city officials to execute an agreement with the First National Bank of Elgin concerning erection and maintenance of the Hattie P. Hemmens Community Building in the Civic Center project.

Terms of the agreement, with the bank acting as trustee under the late Mrs. Hemmens' will, are that the city will provide a site of approximately 85,000 square feet for construction of the building, and the bank will retain architects and contractor and pay the cost of construction.

After completion the bank will transfer the building to the city to be maintained and operated as

a municipal building in accordance with terms of the Hemmens will.

The bank will put excess funds, if any, in a separate endowment trust fund to be dedicated to maintenance of the community building.

The agreement, when signed by both parties, will set up a special Community Building and Auditorium Fund with all income from the endowment and all revenues charged for use of the facilities in the building to be deposited in the fund.

The city also will provide off-street parking for approximately 500 to 700 cars within the general area of the structure in conjunction with over all planning of the Civic Center.

The trustees under the agreement will make all final decisions as to functions, purposes and uses for the multiple use building during design and construction, but these uses must be recognized municipal uses in regards to reasonable maintenance.

The bank agrees to work with the city through the city manager and department heads at various stages of planning and construction.

A report on progress of the over all Civic Center project was submitted by Harold E. Corr, director of the Urban Renewal Department.

He reported the second land

acquisition appraisal of the area is proceeding on schedule with field work about 35 per cent completed.

The first appraisal of irremovable objects is nearly 75 per cent complete, Corr reported.

Part I application — Loan and Grant, is still under study by the Housing and Home Finance Agency's Chicago office; Corr estimates Part I will be approved around June 1.

An inquiry was received last week, Corr said, from officials of Champaign asking about Elgin's Civic Center project.

Letters and visits by interested officials from various other cities have been reported by Corr in the past.

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Hattie's Haven of Bliss

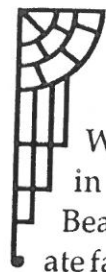
This is the original property of John and Mary Webb. John Webb, an immigrant from England, was the supervisor of the Dial Department at the Elgin Watch Factory. He platted the lots for Rugby and Warwick and gave the streets names reminiscent of England. And he chose this corner of Warwick and Chicago Street to build his home. In 1876, he sold the house to Jennie and William Clouoman, who in turn sold it in 1891 to Elizabeth B. Clark. She lived there just two years before selling it to Walter and Hattie Hemmens, the most famous of all the past dwellers on this property.

Hattie Pease Hemmens was born in Elgin in 1873. Her parents, Walter and Sarah Pease, were

well-identified with the city's prominent businesses and socialites. Mr. Pease was a member of the private banking firm of Lawrence, Pease & Town, which in the 1860s became the First National Bank. Mr. Pease was also one of the founders of the Elgin National Watch Company and gave a substantial portion of the watch factory building site to the infant industry to induce it to locate in this community.

Daughter Hattie married Walter Hemmens and spent her married life traveling to faraway places. In order to tell about their travels, Walter wrote a travel column for the Elgin newspaper called "Dear Dick", referring to the late Richard Lowrie, editor of the Elgin Daily News. His





letters were later reprinted in book form.

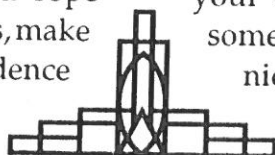
Walter and Hattie had no children. Walter died in 1941, and when Hattie died in 1957, she was living in the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago, and had no immediate family. A Mr. A. J. Wilkening from the First National Bank heard of her death and went to Chicago to take care of the arrangements.

She left behind a will, stating that the city would provide (with her estate of more than \$1.25 million) a site of approximately 85,000 square feet to be the Hattie P. Hemmens Community Building in the Civic Center Project. It was to have off-street parking for approximately 500-700 cars, and it was to be used as a community facility and an auditorium. It was built in the 1970s as part of what was to be the rejuvenation of downtown Elgin. It still remains, and is the home of the Elgin Symphony Orchestra, Elgin Expo, and many other community events.

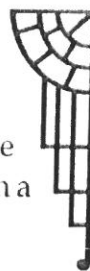
Had the Gifford Park Association been around at that time, they might have stepped in and said, "Don't tear down all the beautiful old buildings -- renovate them!" And they might have suggested building the Hemmens Auditorium in an architectural style that would compliment a turn-of-the-century city like Elgin.

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Inside, you will see magic that has been worked by the present owners as they bring the grandeur back into the house. The large spacious livingroom with its vast bay window view of the street has the open airy feeling of Prairie Style, and is decorated in a more appropriate Victorian or Italianate motif. The dining room is magnificent, with its array of patterned wallpaper and marble fireplace.

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467 EAST CHICAGO



Hattie's Haven of Bliss

This is the original property of John and Mary Webb. John Webb, an immigrant from England, was the supervisor of the Dial Department at the Elgin Watch Factory. He platted the lots for Rugby and Warwick and gave the streets names reminiscent of England. And he chose this corner of Warwick and Chicago Street to build his home. In 1876, he sold the house to Jennie and William Clouoman, who in turn sold it in 1891 to Elizabeth B. Clark. She lived there just two years before selling it to Walter and Hattie Hemmens, the most famous of all the past dwellers on this property.

Hattie Pease Hemmens was born in Elgin in 1873. Her parents, Walter and Sarah Pease, were

well-identified with the city's prominent businesses and socialites. Mr. Pease was a member of the private banking firm of Lawrence, Pease & Town, which in the 1860s became the First National Bank. Mr. Pease was also one of the founders of the Elgin National Watch Company and gave a substantial portion of the watch factory building site to the infant industry to induce it to locate in this community.

Daughter Hattie married Walter Hemmens and spent her married life traveling to faraway places. In order to tell about their travels, Walter wrote a travel column for the Elgin newspaper called "Dear Dick", referring to the late Richard Lowrie, editor of the Elgin Daily News. His

letters were later reprinted in book form.



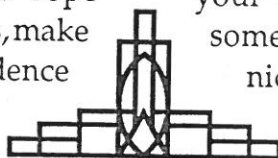
Walter and Hattie had no children. Walter died in 1941, and when Hattie died in 1957, she was living in the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago, and had no immediate family. A Mr. A. J. Wilkening from the First National Bank heard of her death and went to Chicago to take care of the arrangements.

She left behind a will, stating that the city would provide (with her estate of more than \$1.25 million) a site of approximately 85,000 square feet to be the Hattie P. Hemmens Community Building in the Civic Center Project. It was to have off-street parking for approximately 500-700 cars, and it was to be used as a community facility and an auditorium. It was built in the 1970s as part of what was to be the rejuvenation of downtown Elgin. It still remains, and is the home of the Elgin Symphony Orchestra, Elgin Expo, and many other community events.

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10th Annual

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HISTORIC
ELGIN
HOUSE TOUR

Sunday, September 8
9:30 to 6:00



*"When we build, let us think that we build forever. Let it not be for present
delight nor for our use alone. Let it be such work as our descendants will
look upon with praise and thanksgiving in their hearts."*

John Ruskin
c. 1890

BUILDING PLAQUE PROGRAM
PLAQUE CRITERIA RANKING WORK SHEET

Address of Building Under Consideration SAME

Average Scores

I Architectural Value	<u>18.83</u>
II Maintenance of Building	<u>17</u>
III Historical Value	<u>19.17</u>
IV Age of Building	<u>18</u>

Average Total Score 73

*Note: To qualify for a plaque a building must receive at least 50 or more points for a total average score.

Voting Record

CIRCA 1872
J. WEBB

Members

Criteria

	I	II	III	IV
1. John Roberson, Chairman	<u>18</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>17</u>	<u> </u>
2. Barbara Evans	<u>20</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>20</u>	<u> </u>
3. Rebecca Minetti	<u>19</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>20</u>	<u> </u>
4. Lynda Bloom-DeGroot	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
5. William Ristow	<u>19</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u> </u>
6. Pat Quillman	<u>20</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>20</u>	<u> </u>
7. Judy Lugar	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
8. Steve Grosland	<u>17</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>19</u>	<u> </u>
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TOTAL SCORES	<u>113</u>	<u>102</u>	<u>115</u>	<u>18</u>

Note: Voting can only take place if 5 or more members of the Elgin Heritage Commission are present. The high and low scores in each category will be dropped prior to determining the average scores by category and total average score.

Points - Age of Building - 1992

Points - Because of their uniqueness,

- 20 - Any structure built between 1835 and 1865 will be awarded the maximum number of points (20).

<u>Points</u>	<u>Age of Building</u>	<u>Year of Construction</u>
19 *	120.6 years old.....	1871 or earlier
18 **	114.3 years old.....	1878 " "
17	108 " ".....	1884 " "
16	102 " ".....	1890 " "
15	95 " ".....	1897 " "
14	89 " ".....	1903 " "
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10	64 " ".....	1928 " "
9	57 " ".....	1935 " "
8	51 " ".....	1941 " "
7	45 " ".....	1947 " "
6	38 " ".....	1954 " "
5	32 " ".....	1960 " "
4	25 " ".....	1967 " "
3	19 " ".....	1973 " "
2	13 " ".....	1979 " "
1	6 " ".....	1986 " "
0	5 years or less.....	1987 or later

* calculated as follows: (current year - 1865) x 19/20

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