

# Building Plaque Application

Name Joseph T. Joe Becerra

Building Address 471 Division St.

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

Current Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Street SAME

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

If applicant's name is different from above:

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

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

Original Owner Simon Kiltz

Date of Construction 1905

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 Joseph T. Becerra

Date 12/30/96

Signed Mary M. Hill

Date 12/30/96

## Historical and Architectural

Abel Walker, a carpenter and sextant at the Channing St. cemetery, bought a piece of property north of the cemetery. It was bounded on the north and south by Chicago St. and Division St. and on the west by Channing St. The east boundary stopped at John Webb's property, before it reached Hill Ave. The area was named Walker's Addition and was intersected within by Mary Place and Walker Place, named after Abel's daughter. Houses lined the perimeter of the addition with no houses on Mary Place and none on Division St. from Walker Place to Hill Ave. In 1890, Mary Walker Mayo and Simon Kiltz made an agreement that Kiltz would buy lot 1 in block 4 of the addition for \$900. Abel Walker died in 1901 and immediately after, lots were sold off in the addition. The first houses appeared in 1903 and Simon Kiltz made good on his agreement to buy lot 1 in that same year. Mr. Kiltz was a builder and contractor and in 1905, built a house on lot 1 at 471 Division St. ( see construction review, city directories, deed).

Simon Kiltz lived at 471 Division St. for just a short time because by 1907, Reverend Joseph Ladd was listed at the address. He was an editor for D.C. Cook Publishing Co. One story goes that weddings were performed in the vestibule of the house. In August 1909, an unrecorded deed was made by Kiltz warranting a part of lot 1 to Carl Bloemke for \$3000; this part became known as 53 Walker Place. In April 1912, Kiltz recorded a legal document warranting the piece to Bloemke. In October 1913, Simon Kiltz, now of Los Angeles sold 471 Division St. to Frank McEwan and in June 1916, McEwan sold to William Switzer. Reverend Ladd continued to live in the house until about 1920, when Switzer moved in. By 1940, Switzer was retired from the watch factory and in May 1947, sold the house to Clarence Tucker, an employee of the St. Charles Manufacturing Co. In March 1951, the house was again in possession of a watch factory employee, Robert Gray, sr. 33 years later, Robert Gray, jr. acquired the house and in 1992, 471 Division St. was sold to its present owner.

Architectural— *see next page*

### Architectural

The house is a collection of rectangles set atop each other and clad in stucco with shingled siding in the roof peaks. It is at once cross gabled and side gabled and in the back, has a gambrel roof line. There are bay windows on the front and side as well as a squared bay on the side. There are small dormers in the second story roof, square porch supports, and a peaked roof over the front steps. A leaded glass window in the west side bay suggests Prairie style; other elements suggest Colonial Revival; the collection of elements suggests an eclectic style from the early years of this century, *probably more Prairie.*

The house is listed as "contributing" in the National Register application for the Elgin Historic District.

Alteration- a deck was added

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Division St Continued

- 514 William Ansel
- 520 Miss Bridget Brahan  
Porter ave crosses
- 552 Mrs Anna Schumacher
- 558 Melvin C Joslyn
- 564 L G Harper

South Side

- 101 Fred Wagner
- 103-105 Washington House Stables
- 110 D H Haeger est
- 113-117 Elgin Steam Laundry
- 121 Improved Method Laundry  
Douglas ave crosses
- 155 William Outhouse
- 159 Charles W Gates
- 165 Mrs Maria Periolat
- 169-173 Ackemann Bros
- 173 David Goldforb  
Gail Eorden Public Library
- N Spring crosses
- Post Office
- First M E Church
- Center crosses
- 255 H W Hartzell
- 259 Mrs Rebecca McBride
- 261 Carl Luebking
- 263 Frank C Hyatt
- 269 Joseph York
- 271 John T Carbaugh
- 273 Frank A Schaller
- 277 William H Brydges  
N Geneva intersects
- Seventh Day Adventist Church
- 313 Mrs Martha Garner
- 321 John Newman  
N Chapel intersects
- 355 George B March
- 369 William McClure
- 373 Mrs Rhoda Adams
- 373 Bernard Lynn
- 379 Ed Martin
- 383 Mrs Luella Conyne
- 383 Hugh Short
- 385 John Knowles
- 389 Thomas O'Flaherty

N Gifford crosses

- 403 Rev James Chalmers, D D
- 409 L E DePew
- 411 Mrs Mattie Kingsley
- 415 Fred W Hopper
- 421 Israel Brenner
- 429 Carl Lay
- 433 Charles H Wayne
- 439 W B Long
- 445 J H Alliger

N Channing crosses

- 457 A M West
- 461 George W Gough
- 465 Willis C Fuller
- 467 Aaron Ashbrook  
Walker pl intersects
- Vacant lots to Porter ave
- 573 William H Doe

DOUGLAS AVE

From Fountain square n to Cooper  
ave. 2 e of the river

East Side

- 7 Charles E Spillard
- 9 Joseph Pardi
- 13 Thomas Murray
- 15 Louis Blum
- 17 R Mendelson
- 19 Fehrman Bros
- 21 Boettcher & Fricke
- 23 William Witte  
Milwaukee crosses
- 51 H Hubner Son
- 53 Welch & Kennedy
- 55 Chicago Clothing Store
- 57 Kanner & Zovisiak
- 59 Andrew Kienlen
- 61 Fred Traub  
Division crosses
- C & N W crosses
- 107 W M Blair
- 109 Erwin Brand
- 109-111 Velsch Bros
- 117 C R Bennett

S) emp A E & 58  
 a) blacksmith 60 Villa  
 er & tank co, h  
 sman tower &  
 emp w f, h 675  
 f, h 675 Well-  
 w f, rms 322  
 carpenter, h  
 orman E A &  
 Kee, also Mc-  
 S T co, bds  
 w f, rms 276  
 B) asst mgr  
 213 N College  
 w f, h 52 S  
 emp I W C  
 janitor Mc-  
 y  
 Moseley  
 also Kelly  
 illard, h 202  
 ulton  
 o, h 202 Ful-  
 borg & Col-

Kienlen Albert (Anna) emp Reason & Zengerle, h 833 Bellevue ave  
 Kienlen Aloysius T, emp Reason & Zengerle, h 356 Brook  
 Kienien Andrew, cigars and confectionery 59 Douglas ave, rms 356 Brook  
 Kienlen Christ (Mary) emp w f, h 354 Silver  
 Kienzle G H (Kate) emp Rinehmer, h 687 Oakland ave  
 Kiersted Jane A Mrs, h 233 Villa  
 Kilbourne Elva C Miss, emp w f, h 681 Forest ave  
 Kilbourne John (Cora) emp I W C co, h 809 Logan ave  
 Kilbourne L B, mgr Ill creamery co, resides Chicago  
 Kilbourne Mary Miss, emp w f, h 681 Forest ave  
 Kilbourne Myron E (Harriet) h 681 Forest ave  
 Kilfoyle Harry, emp w f, bds National house  
 Killeen Dorothy G Miss, emp w f, h 469 Locust  
**KILLIP FRED L**  
 (Helena V) prop Riverside restaurant 1 Chicago, C tel 1072, h 274 Cherry, C tel 2982  
**KILLIP JOHN J**  
 (Mary) (Elgin Auto Co) also prop O K restaurant, rms 64 S Crystal ave  
**KILLIP OSCAR J**  
 (Bertha) (Elgin Auto Co) h 853 S Liberty  
 Kiltz Arthur W (Gertrude) motorman E A & S T co, h 339 Vandalia  
 Kiltz Edwin U (Etta) carpenter, h 445 Ann  
 Kiltz Myrtle M, bds National house  
 Kiltz Simon G (Nellie F) contractor and bullder, h 471 Division  
 Kimball Charles, rms Elgin hotel

Kimball Charles A (Frances) h 853 Cedar ave  
 Kimball-Dieterich Hardware Co, Royal W Kimball, pres; Fred W Dieterich, sec and treas, hardware 15 River  
 Kimball Gertrude Miss, h 454 N Spring  
 Kimball Ida F Miss, emp Cook pub co, h 853 Cedar ave  
**KIMBALL J M**  
 (Monte J and William D Kimball) furniture, carpets and linoleums 14 Grove ave, C tel 2644  
 Kimball James W (Angeline P) optician 229 National, h 603 Raymond  
 Kimball Juliet H Miss, emp w f, h 603 Raymond  
 Kimball Lora W Miss, teacher McKinley school, h 859 N Spring  
 Kimball Marion C Miss, bkpr I W C co, h 601 River  
**KIMBALL MONTE J**  
 (Irene) (J M Kimball) h 573 Prospect, C tel 6893  
 Kimball Royal W (Grace) (Kimball-Dieterich Co) h 859 N Spring  
 Kimball Ruth (wid James M) h 454 N Spring  
 Kimball Samuel J (Bertha) mail carrier rural route 1, h 528 Walnut ave  
**KIMBALL W W CO,**  
 F C Wekerlin mgr, pianos and organs 8 Chicago, C tel 3412, I S tel 600  
 Kimball Walter H, h 601 River  
 Kimball Walter H jr (Bertha) traveler Fairbanks, Morse & co, h 601 River  
**KIMBALL WILLIAM D**  
 (Clara S) (J M Kimball) h 555 N Spring, C tel 6985  
 Kind Anna Miss, emp Kind baking co, h 414 McBride  
 Kind Gottlieb (Julia) h 414 McBride  
 Kind Gust, emp Kind baking co, h 414 McBride

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Construction  
Review

Up to today Building Inspector  
Went had issued 185 permits for new  
buildings, alterations and the like.

#### Residences.

F. A. Munshaw, double house, Dun-  
dec avenue, \$3,800.  
John Treiby, Moseley street, \$3,100.  
Joseph Amick, Commonwealth ave-  
nue, \$6,000.  
Pearl A. Lumley, Channing, \$2,400.  
H. Harrie, East View, \$2,600.  
H. J. Whitaker, S. Liberty, \$1,600.  
Miss Linda Jenne, Gifford street,  
\$6,000.  
James Lawrence, Algona avenue,  
\$2,300.  
A. D. Beljean, Raymond street, \$2,  
400.  
G. F. Schmidt, Dwight street, \$3,900.  
A. Carlson (brick), Rycerson  
\$2,500.  
A. R. Smith, Barrett street, \$2,600.  
Alfred M. Russell, Wing street, \$2,  
500.  
C. Redeker, Jay street, \$1,600.  
C. Fedou (cement), Hardins-  
street, \$1,800.  
O. A. Hinsdell, Dupage (2), \$2,500.  
J. A. Kenyon, Commonwealth ave-  
nue, \$2,100.  
Fred Nish, ———, \$2,400.  
F. Kramer, Jefferson avenue, \$1,  
000.  
Mrs. Margaret Perkins, Augusta  
avenue, \$1,600.  
E. H. Kampmeyer, St. Charles  
street, \$3,800.  
J. A. Kenyon, Hamilton avenue, \$2,  
500.  
John Rebhorn, Lovell street (tile)  
\$2,800.  
L. W. Bishop, Liberty street, \$3,200.  
E. E. Barclay, Sherman avenue, \$1,  
400.  
Mrs. Louisa Mixer, Billings street  
\$2,100.  
L. G. Schmidt, Grace street, \$3,000.  
Kittie Hall, Gifford street, \$3,200.  
W. J. Burdick, Mary place, \$2,500.  
Charles F. Jackson, Hill, \$2,200.  
C. G. Heine, Crystal street, \$3,000.  
Anna M. Whitlock, Henry street,  
\$2,500.  
Fred L. Ackemann, Bellevue av-  
enue, \$1,900.  
A. Corbey, Villa street, \$3,800.  
Carl O. Carlson, Arlington, \$3,200.  
Smith and Wilkening, \$2,500.  
Emil Fehrman, Spring street, \$2,  
800.  
F. R. Pixley, Augusta avenue, \$2,  
600.  
W. C. Marvyn, Billings street, \$2,  
000.

A. Morrow, Perry street, \$2,100.  
Emil Folbey, Cedar street, \$2,100.  
Wm. Jewett, Billings street, \$2,400.  
Mrs. Ferdinand Mueller, St. Charles  
street, \$3,700.  
S. G. Kiltz, Division street, \$2,500.  
C. W. Glover, Rugby place, \$7,200.  
W. F. Ackemann, North Liberty  
street, \$2,200.  
C. G. Shoemaker, Spring street, \$3,  
700.  
J. Jehle, Dundee avenue, \$3,200.  
R. C. Schlager, Hamilton avenue,  
\$2,200.  
Chris Galltenboth, Jewett street,  
\$2,000.  
J. L. Huff, St. Charles street, \$2,600.  
D. C. Hunter, DuPage street,  
(brick), \$5,000.  
Albert Engdahl, Center street, \$2,  
700.  
A. J. Dohle (cement), Spring street,  
\$2,800.  
Harry Daveler Sherman avenue,  
\$4,000.  
C. W. Karsten, Hamilton avenue,  
\$2,800.  
Fritz Blank, Graco street, \$2,800.  
Myra Fleming, Walnut avenue, \$3,  
200.  
W. W. Bartlett, Harvey street, \$2,  
100.  
S. A. Schmidt, North Liberty, \$2,  
100.  
J. H. Baker, Barrett street, \$2,500.  
John W. Kindt, Raymond street,  
\$3,500.  
Wm. Trentled, Enterprise street,  
\$1,100.  
F. W. Mead, East View, \$2,000.  
F. W. Joslyn, N. Liberty street,  
\$5,500.

#### Alterations and Repairs.

L. N. Seaman, Douglas avenue, \$1,  
600.  
C. Fred Volstorff, Franklin street,  
\$1,800.  
Mrs. Julia Allen, Moseley street,  
\$400.  
M. Bozarchinski, Hill avenue, \$1,  
100.  
M. Hauslein, Seneca street, \$1,100.  
John Shales, McClure avenue, \$600.  
A. Tyler, Highland avenue, \$200.  
W. D. Ackemann, Porter street, \$1,  
000.  
Mary M. Donahue, Porter street,  
\$500.  
Cora M. Tidmarsh, Ann street, \$800.  
Thomas Plyer, Grace street, \$300.  
John Gubbins, Park street, \$750.  
Adam Gloden, Grace street, \$900.  
Thomas Kunow, Raymond, \$800.

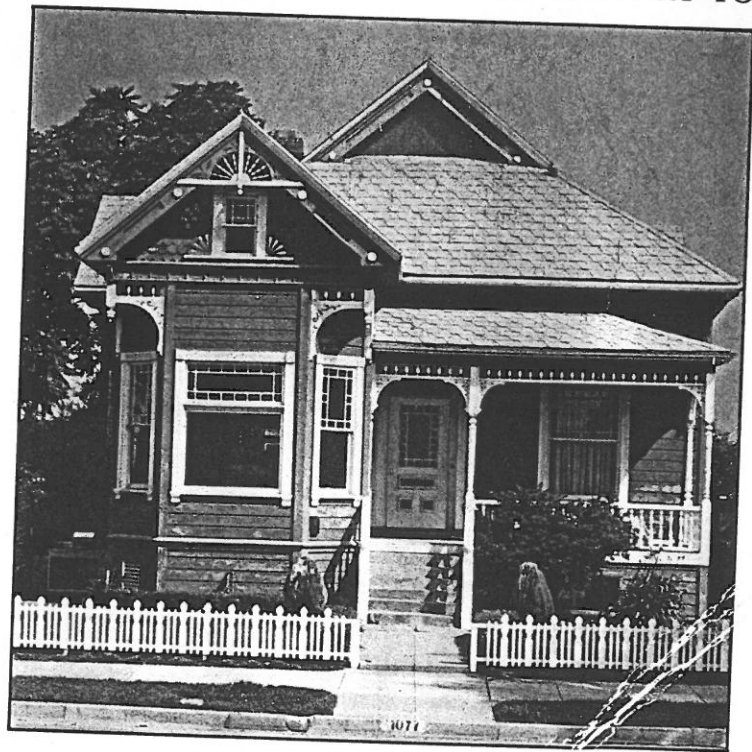
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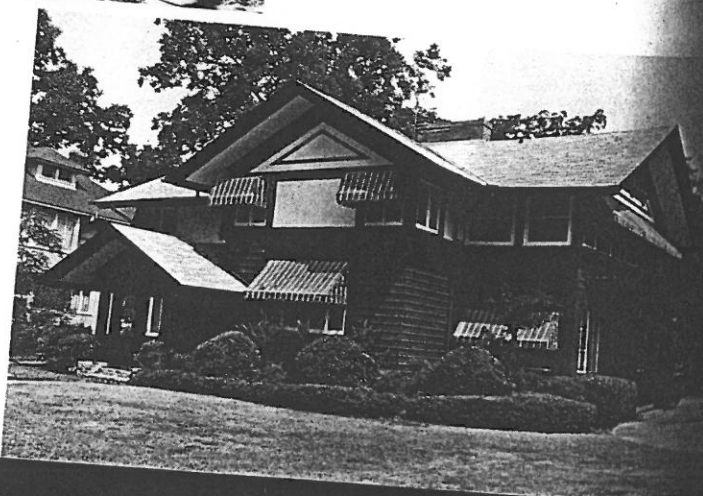
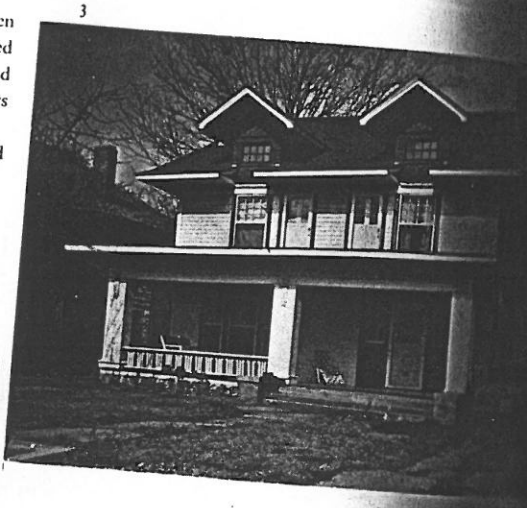
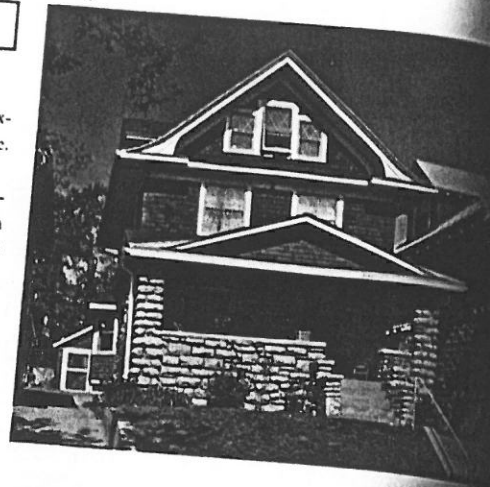


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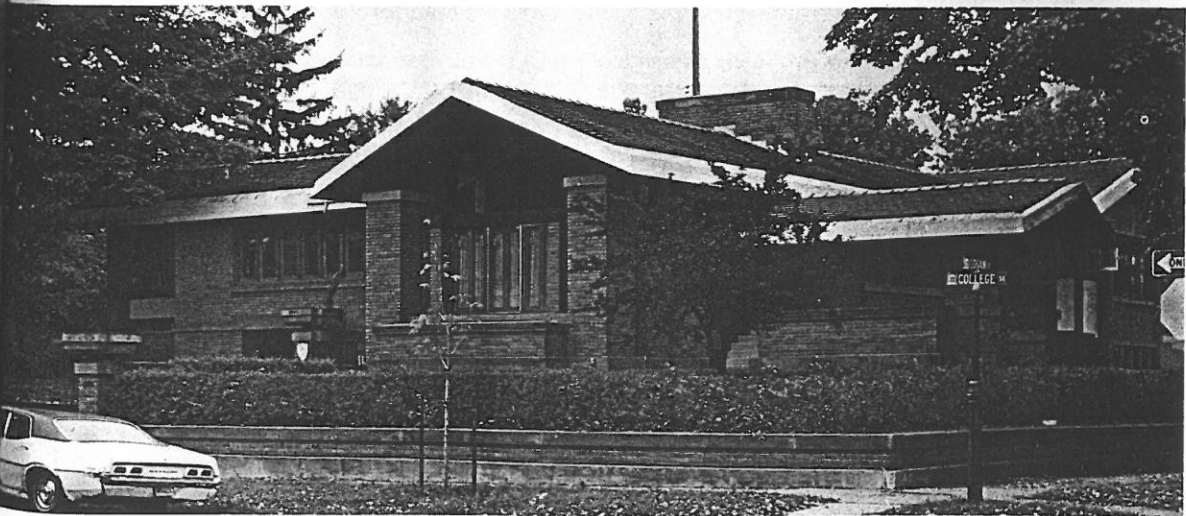
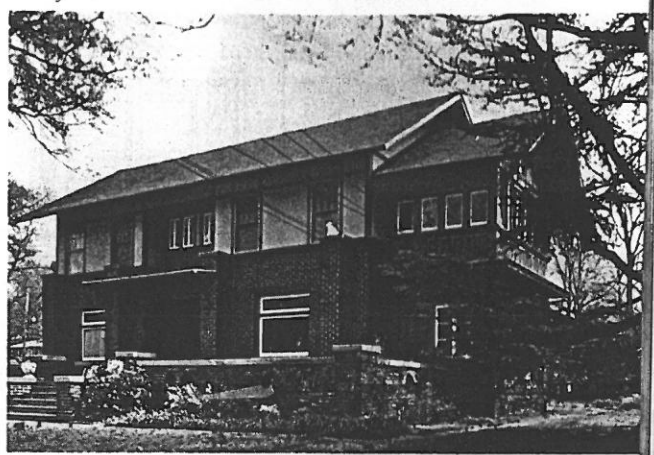
*Eclectic Houses; Prairie*

**GABLED ROOF**

1. Kansas City, Missouri; ca. 1910. Figures 1 and 2 are front-gabled examples. This one has a stone lower story, with wooden shingles above. Narrow lot size dictates few extensions.
2. Dallas, Texas; ca. 1920. Jeremiah House. This late example is dominated by a wide front gable, although there is a hipped roof unit hidden behind. The wide lot allows for a one-story porte cochere and porch wings not present in Figure 1.
3. Dallas, Texas; 1918. Peck House. This side-gabled example has a band of Sullivanesque trim below the porch eave.
4. Kansas City, Missouri; ca. 1910.
5. Montgomery, Alabama; ca. 1910. Note the four heavy piers ending two-thirds the way up the walls.
6. Oak Park, Illinois; 1912. Eastabrook House; Tallmadge and Watson, architects. Figures 6, 7, and 8 are cross-gabled examples; this is the simplest. Note the double-gabled roof on the left wing.
7. Pine Bluff, Arkansas; 1903. Macmillan House; Hugh Mackie Gorden Garden, architect. This photo shows clearly the open eave with enclosed rafters that is typical of this subtype (particularly those examples designed by architects). This contrasts with the open eave having exposed rafters that is found in contemporaneous Craftsman houses.
8. Grand Rapids, Michigan; 1910. Amberg House; Marion Mahony and Frank Lloyd Wright, architects.







THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH, THAT THE GRANTOR, - Mary C. Mayo <sup>his husband</sup> and Oscar Mayo

of the City of Denver in the County of Arapahoe and State of Colorado  
for and in consideration of the sum of (18900.00) Nine Hundred DOLLARS,  
in hand paid, CONVEY and WARRANT to

Simon Kilty

of the City of Elgin County of Kane and State of Illinois  
the following described Real Estate, to-wit:  
Lot one (1) Block four (4) Walker's Addition to Elgin, Kane County, Illinois.

Deed

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 this State.

The party of the 2nd part is to pay the taxes for the year 1902 and the assessments when they become due for paving Chicago Street, Elgin Illinois.

Dated this 16th day of May A. D. 1902

~~Signed Sealed & Delivered in the Presence of~~

Mary C. Mayo  
Oscar Mayo  
SEAL  
SEAL  
SEAL  
SEAL

STATE OF ILLINOIS,  
County of Kane

Lyman S. Knight  
Notary Public  
Kane County, Ill.

I, Thos. J. Rushton, Notary Public, Kane County, Ill. in and for said County, in the State aforesaid,  
DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that Mary C. Mayo

personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person, and acknowledged that she signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as 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 16th day of May A. D. 1902  
I, Lyman S. Knight a Notary Public in and for the said County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Mary C. Mayo and Oscar Mayo personally known to me to be the same persons whose name 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 free and voluntary act,  
for the uses and purposes therein set forth, including the release and waiver of the right of homestead.