

# Building Plaque Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Building Address 409 DOUGLAS AVENUE  
 Building Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Original Owner JOHN T. JENCKS  
 Date of Construction 1892  
 Architect (if known) WILLIAM WRIGHT ABELL  
 Builder (if known) LEON ST. PETER

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**

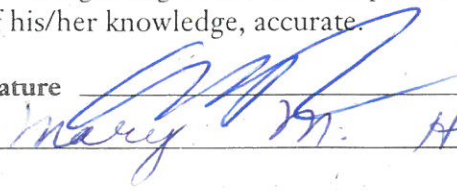
Describe any alterations to the **exterior** of the building and include dates. Attach description to the application.

**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   
 Signed Mary M. Hill

Date 7-15-08  
 Date 6 July 2008

## Historical/Architectural

Burgess Truesdell's arrival in Elgin quickly followed James Gifford's establishment of the town on the east bank of the Fox River. Settlement of the town was steady and in short order, Truesdell sold land to Phineas J. Kimball, Jr. who platted his Addition, then Second and Third Additions, adjoining Gifford's Original Plat and to the north of it. In 1853, Kimball sold land to Noble Barnum, a block bounded by Cherry, Spring, Seneca, and Mill (now Douglas Avenue) Streets. It became Block 17 when Kimball platted his Third Addition in 1854 in the area north of Kimball Street. The block was divided into two lots from north to south and pieces within each lot sold individually. Lot 1 ran along Mill Street; lot 2 ran along Spring Street.

Barnum built a house and a store; the store was on Mill and North Streets. He also owned numerous open lots in the store area. In 1856, Barnum sold a piece of Block 17 to John McLean, "beginning 4 rods north of the southwest corner of block 17, then east 159 feet to an alley, then north 4 rods, then west 159 feet to Mill Street, then south 4 rods to the place of beginning." Barnum was unable to pay taxes on his lands however, and they were seized by the county, excluding those pieces already sold to others. Edmund Gifford was granted with Power of Attorney to manage Barnum's financial affairs and a Certificate of Redemption was eventually issued to Barnum. During the county seizure of Barnum's land, Block 17 became part of the Assessor's Subdivision (normal procedure for county seized property) and the lots were assigned letters, indicated on the 1871 Assessor's Map.

Charles Fletcher had a 1/2 interest in John McLean's property and became owner of land adjoining same to the north ( that became 409 and 413 Douglas Avenue). In 1886, Fletcher's heirs sold their interest to James Lane. John T. Jencks acquired the above described piece of land while someone else acquired what became 413 Douglas from Lane.

Jencks lived in McHenry at the time of his purchase and decided to live in Elgin. His cousin Fred Jencks and brother William also lived in Elgin. Jencks was a partner in the insurance business with cousin Fred as well as owning a shoe business and drugstore business. Prior to his move to Elgin, Jencks was a conductor on the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad. His son Edwin was a civil engineer for the C&N RR. Jencks was married twice-his first wife Hattie died in 1896; he quickly remarried to Cora Hammond, the family housekeeper, in 1897 (a match made in heaven or a deal not to be missed!). Jencks moved to Chicago around 1919, dying there in 1921. He is buried at Bluff City Cemetery.

The *Elgin Daily Courier News*, December 31, 1892, published a review of construction in Elgin that year. Construction of residences was enormous in 1892 and featured the works of various architects; among them, William Wright Abell, who designed the nationally famous Teeple Barn in Elgin, a 16 sided structure which unfortunately was destroyed in a windstorm in 2007. Listed in the EDC was " W W Abell...has planned for...J T Jencks" and "Leon St. Peter built for John Jencks, Douglas Avenue, handsome residence, \$4,500."

**William Wright Abell**, civil engineer, musician, and architect, came to Elgin in 1873 as a draftsman for the Elgin National Watch Company. He was born in Massachusetts in 1853 and was associated with the engineer corps of railroads in New England and Canada and with an architectural and engineering firm in Springfield, Massachusetts. Abell stayed at the Watch Factory for 18 years before establishing his private practice as an architect.

Abell was a man blessed with the ability to translate his thoughts and feelings into tangible

substance that others could enjoy. He designed business buildings, churches, and schools as well as private residences in Elgin and in almost every state in the United States. Elgin was the greatest and most fortunate benefactor of Abell's work. Among the dazzling array of public structures done by Abell and still standing today are: the Old Peoples Home on S. State Street, the first Gail Borden Public Library on N. Spring Street, and the A.C. Muntz Storage building on Symphony Way (formerly North Street). Buildings now gone or altered: Hubbard Block, Seybold Piano Factory, George P. Lord School now St. Edward High School, and Ackemann Department Store. Numerous private residences designed by Abell grace the streets in Elgin's neighborhoods; examples are 903 and 706 Douglas Avenue.

His first Elgin design and perhaps his most stunning architectural achievement was the Teeple Barn on Randall Road. The 16 sided barn was built in 1885; it was 85 feet in diameter and 85 feet high and was the only 16 sided barn in Illinois. The interior was a breathtaking visual wonder of construction. The Teeple Barn was the only barn in the United States to be included in the millennium published book, *Saving America's Treasures*.

Not only did Abell design beautiful buildings, he also had musical talent. For twenty years, he managed the Cornet and Bluff City Bands which merged to become the Elgin National Military Band.

W. W. Abell's two children inherited their father's creative skills. Claudia Abell was an art teacher at old Elgin High School for many years. Ralph Abell became an architect, taking over W.W.'s architectural firm; he designed the Crocker Theater in downtown Elgin. Abell died at his home, 527 Laurel Street, on January 23, 1916.

The 1897 Sanborn Map indicates Jencks' house at 409 Douglas Avenue, sharing the lot with 413. Jencks also acquired 403 Douglas in 1893, selling it in 1901 to Lois Wilcox. Jencks sold 409 Douglas in 1919 to St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church Society. The house served as the parsonage for the church until 1947 when it was again sold to Fred and Amanda Thies. The house stayed in possession of the Thies family until 1996, when it was sold to the present owners.

The present owners were from Chicago and chose to live in Elgin and restore the architectural gem they had found. ABODE, a city-wide group of people who live in or just enjoy old houses and share their enjoyment with others, participated in the Great Unveiling in May 2000, helping remove the artificial siding from the house and leading to the present owners joining the organization. Taking advantage of numerous city of Elgin grant programs, including chain link fence removal, the owners have restored the house exterior and painted it in a multi-color scheme drawn from the stained glass windows. The house was featured on the Homes for the Holidays House Walk, the Historic Elgin House Walk, and received a Mayor's Award for the restoration. The interior of the house is being restored.

## Architectural

"The Spring Douglas Historic District...developed as the most prominent upper middle class area of Elgin during the city's formative and rapidly growing periods. The decade of greatest growth was the 1890s, which paralleled a general building boom taking place throughout Elgin and the Chicago area as a whole. The Spring-Douglas Historic District lies just to the east of the

Fox River, and north of the central business district...located on both sides of two north-south streets, Spring Street and Douglas Avenue, from River Bluff road to Kimball Avenue (sic) including a few additional properties on twelve intersecting streets." (*The Spring Douglas Historic District Elgin, Illinois, prepared for the City of Elgin by Historic Certification Consultants*, 2000, p.1). The district is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

409 Douglas Avenue is listed in the *Spring Douglas Historic District* as contributing to the significance of the area. The enclosed front porch hides a once elegant open, wrap around porch. The owners have decided to leave the porch closed for now. The house is included in *There Used To Be*, volume 1.

The Queen Anne style was at the peak of Victorian popularity in the last decades of the 19th century. Increasing industrialization during this time produced balloon framing, allowing the shape of houses to be made at one's desire as well as a greater variety of parts to be made. Increasing train transportation allowed building materials to be more easily available across the country.

Queen Annes are divided into two subtypes based on their shape and on decorative detail. In the shape subtype, they are noted for 1) multiple roof lines, 2) use of a front facing gable, 3) devices used on facades to avoid a plain surface, and 4) use of an asymmetrical facade. In the detail subtype, additional categories of spindlework and free classic are used. Spindlework or "gingerbread" came early in the style—a departure from the simplicity seen in architecture up to that time. Houses were adorned with abundant and exuberant detail to avoid a plain appearance. The free classic subtype became popular in the last decade of the 19th century. It signalled a departure from the grandiose and busy spindlework look and mimicked a return to simpler, more classical styles. By the early 1900's, the Queen Anne style was replaced by the Classical Revival style.

409 Douglas has a front facing gable with a cross gable behind and a hipped roof containing a dormer in its rear plane. A single story porch wraps around the front and south facades and contains a gabled roof at its entry. An old photo of the house shows the open porch, now enclosed.

The front facing gable is in the third floor facade and contains a rectangular window with vertical panes. The window is recessed into the facade with the wall rounding into the facade. A semi-circular, shingled section is in the roof peak. The wall flares out where it joins the second floor and there are shingles in numerous shapes used as cladding. The side gables on the north and south facades each have the same flare and shingles, and a rectangular window of four-paned squares. The small gable in the porch repeats the flare and shingles as does the rear facing dormer.

The house is distinguished by a squared tower on its southwest corner. The tower has a steeply pitched, four sided roof, starting at the porch roof and rising beyond the third floor where it is capped by a distinctive ornament, described by the homeowner as "Mickey Mouse ears—" perhaps a mark of the builder or architect or a fancy of the original owner. There is the richest concentration of detail here in the tower: shingles are in numerous shapes, the third floor section flares out from the facade over a double horizontal band. Rectangular windows with vertical panes, a band of round decoration above them and another horizontal band above that with diamond-shaped decoration complete the eye catching effect of avoiding a plain wall surface.

The remainder of the house contains symmetrically placed windows with simple surrounds and

are in singles or doubles. The north facade of the gabled section contains a square and a rectangular window, each of a single pane surrounded by small, square panes in varying colors. The surrounds of both windows have a flat hood above. Both windows are likely located at stair landings.

Vertical and horizontal banding is used to outline the house. The varied color scheme is vibrant and "punches up" the architectural detail--making an excellent example of how color can be used to highlight detail.

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## THE SPURLING



J. C. DANIELS' RESIDENCE.

The finest residence building in Elgin is the handsome mansion erected on South State street by J. C. Daniels. It is large and of most artistic design. The foundation, with chimneys and the pillars of the porches are built of rough, irregular shaped stone, giving a decidedly pleasing appearance to the entire structure. The upper stories are of stained shingles. The interior finish is elegant, oak, birch and pine being used in the various apartments. It is heated with steam and provided with both gas and electric light. A barn is built in the same style and is finished in Georgia pine. The buildings complete cost \$14,000. F. R. Schock of Chicago was the architect.

## G. B. RICHARDSON'S RESIDENCE

George B. Richardson, superintendent of the Cox publishing house, has built one of the handsomest and most picturesque of Elgin's many beautiful homes. It is located at the corner of Liberty and Chicago streets. It is surrounded by a wall of rough, irregular stone, while the same material adds much to the appearance of the residence. The mason work was done by John Fluck, the carpenter work by T. F. Mackey, the plumbing by A. N. Glass, the painting by J. F. McGarry & Co, while the heating apparatus was supplied by Menard Bros. The total complete cost \$6,500.

## Other Builders

The Universalist church, a model and attractive building, was erected by John Fluck and Harry F. Smith, cost \$20,000. The main entrance is 60 by 70 feet.

Mrs. M. L. Dickinson's block of flats on Chicago street, three stories high, is an important addition and cost \$8,000.

Dr. S. N. Brown is building on Walnut and Ryerson avenues a block of three stories and flats, to cost \$6,000. John Peterson will build the same. They are rented already.

Mrs. E. Lord, double brick flat, Fulton street, \$1,500.

The Seymon block on Daniels avenue and the Water store on Spring street are under additions to

style, fire proof, and one of the handsomest buildings in the city. The cost will be \$30,000, estimated. Charles Mack's block of eight flats on Raymond street will be styled "The Normandy." It will be pressed brick with rock work facings. The fronts to be semi-octagon and semi-circular, alternating with octagon corner towers. It will be of Norman architecture and will cost \$12,000. W. L. Black will build a splendid residence opposite the Hintz place to cost \$10,000.

## TURNBULL & POSTLE

The city hall and Sherman hospital described elsewhere are among the finest of the buildings designed by the firm. They have drawn plans for buildings already erected, aggregating \$242,350, and all of which are mentioned elsewhere. Among the prettiest residences designed by them we mention a few. Those of F. Bolman, George Lee, George Beldre, George Smith, F. E. Allen, Charles Busche, C. Plateau, C. E. Fowler, G. B. Richardson, M. J. Adams, E. E. Day, G. M. Ludlow, E. Ziegler, C. W. Cornell, M. McNeerney, J. Meahan, Dean Yungling, A. Hathaway, C. Foley, Kincaid & Peachbridge flats, Daniels & Harger, stores, S. N. Brown, stores and flats, Volstoff Bros' store, A. K. Townsend, store and flats. The D. C. Cook factory building and many others. Beside they have had a large business outside of Elgin.

## W. W. ABELL

W. W. Abell's three-story building and which will be the best in the city when completed, is "The Spurling," mentioned elsewhere. The Carter & Crossette factory, the German M. E. church and the Presbyterian church are among the buildings designed by him. He has planned a handsome residence for L. A. Baker, to be built on Highland avenue, and others for D. T. Sharples, M. M. Brown, A. C. Spurling, J. T. Jencks, E. M. Ricker, W. P. Hemmens, F. B. Cornell, R. W. Joslyn, C. W. Britton, the gate lodge at Bluff City cemetery and many others; His architectural work in the city alone represents an expenditure of \$196,000, while outside of the city he has planned buildings amounting to \$214,950.

## FOR NEXT SEASON

Among the buildings for which Mr. Abell has prepared plans and which are to be erected early in the season are the following residences: I. C. Townner, Douglas, \$4,500; A. L. Mann, \$3,000; F. C. Fegou, \$1,200; R. B. Mauls, \$2,800; D. E. Wood, improvements, \$1,800; G. N. Stacy, flats, \$3,000; A. H. Lowrie, improvements, \$900; C. H. R. Duff, \$6,000; George E. Bowman, \$3,000; V. Christiansen, \$900; W. E. Clark, improvements, \$1,500; A. W. Hitchens, \$1,050 and others.



G. B. Richardson's Residence.

Seiger, Lovell, \$2,800; Joseph Burrow, Dundee, \$1,000. Miscellaneous, \$5,500.

S. Sprucker has built a residence for W. Christie, Chicago street, \$1,500, and has done miscellaneous work amounting to \$1,500.

Daniel Bowe has built for Mr. Raymond, Orange street, \$2,500. G. F. Irwin, South, addition, \$400.

W. Robinson built for Geo. M. Ludlow, residence, Bellevue, \$3,500, barn \$900. E. D. Ludlow, Cedar, \$3,500.

Leon St. Peter built for John Jencks, Douglas avenue, handsome residence, \$4,500, and one for Fred Wahl, Chicago, \$2,000. Second Baptist church improvements, \$300.

Charles Gerz built the Volstoff store building, brick, N. State, \$3,000. Wm. Wald, Oakwood Park, brick, \$2,000. Mrs. Risher, Park street, \$2,200. A. H. Wolter, Spruce, brick store, \$2,500. W. A. Merritt, Walnut, brick, \$900, another east of Perry \$900. F. Preston, Division, brick barn, \$600. Miscellaneous work, including cellars, \$5,000.

F. Lamesall has done but little contracting this year. He remodeled a house for John Papp, Moseley, \$700, and did other work amounting to \$1,500.

Jacob Lind has done considerable work. The prices given here are for mason work only. In many cases, only cellar work. Mrs. Rickman, Winzler addition, \$350. Paul Kemler, Grove, \$2,300. M. Eberline, Grove, \$300. Mrs. Parkhurst, Adams, \$250. A. Remer, Raymond, \$270. M. Calone, Riverside, \$250. New ulti house for the water works department and remodeling old one, mason work, \$2,500. A. Benoit, Dwight, \$300. E. Bryant, Adams, \$230. J. Greenway, St. Charles, \$375. S. H. Killey, Orange, \$175. Ar. DeKemer, Monroe, \$385. Mrs. Crow, Division, \$250. O. Hanson, North, \$225. G. M. Peck, Grove, part of store foundation, \$675. Miscellaneous, \$1,000.

Miller, Mead & Hill have built for W. Miller, Jewett, \$500. Wm. Grote, St. Charles, \$1,400. Miss Seaman, St. Charles, \$1,500. W. DeKemer, Condon, two cottages, \$2,200. R. Sherman, Vandalla, \$999. F. Raymond, Western, \$1,400. Miscellaneous, \$100.

T. F. Mackey did the carpenter work on G. B. Richardson's handsome residence on Chicago street, costing \$6,500. Built houses for Geo. Daniels, Daniels ave, \$1,100, \$1,050, \$1,525, \$1,050. John Alben Lovell, \$1,450. E. D. Waldron, Gifford, improvements, \$900. Miss Heine, Liberty, remodeling, \$1,500. Daniels & Har-

Wing, \$1,000. Mr. Belyea, Fremont, \$5 0

P. A. Garten built for C. Branford Center, \$2,500. N. G. Hendrickson, Chapel, remodeling, \$500. Charles Wilder DuPage, remodeling, \$1,000. W. R. Fuller, St. Charles, house and barn, \$3,500. Miscellaneous, \$500.

Geo. Young built for M. Eberlein, Grace \$1,200. For himself, on Raymond two houses, \$2,500. Geo. Parkhurst Adams \$1,200. E. Bryant Adams, \$1-200. E. W. Kelley, Orange, \$1,000. E. M. DeKemer, Washington Heights two houses, \$2,600. Mrs. Garner, Walker, \$1,700. E. H. Ricker, May, \$3,500. S. Smith, Laurel, barn, \$250. A. Benoit, Dwight, \$1,500. A. Renfert, Raymond, \$1,700.

Hayward Bros. have built a neat residence on Brook street for M. Roefer, costing \$2,200. Robert Curry, Riverside Park, \$1,500. S. Soper, Ball street, \$1,200. G. T. Veazie, Aldine, \$1,500. Mrs. M. Smith, Highland avenue, improvements, \$270. S. S. Dolph, Highland, improvements, \$1,600. A. N. Soper & Co., marble shop, \$500. F. L. McClure, Highland avenue, barn, \$1,000. P. L. McInire, Linden Lodge, street car waiting room, \$150, a d barn on McClure avenue, \$150. Fred Taylor, McClure avenue, \$1,200.

John Seaver has built for himself on Kate street, residence and barn, \$1,500. F. G. Borge, French, dwelling, \$1,000. Miscellaneous, \$1,000.

Monroe Silver has built for Tim Silver, on Ryerson avenue, a dwelling, costing \$1,400, and remodeled another at a cost of \$100. Miscellaneous, \$1,000.

Trayton Martin erected for Rev. E. C. Stover on Bent street, a pretty residence and barn, costing about \$2,000. J. Redeker, Columbia, \$1,400. J. Naudel, Raymond, addition, \$300. National Gun club, shooting lodge, \$500. Addition to Emmanuel church, \$200. Miscellaneous, \$800. Mr. Martin also planned three other residences erected by other contractors.

Struckman & Heine built for Paul Kemler on Grove avenue, a handsome double brick flat, costing \$6,500. For Mrs. Dickinson, Bluff City boulevard, two dwellings, \$3,000. McClure & Struckman, S. Ann street, barn, \$500. P. Rhines, just east of the city, barn, \$2,500.

Patsche & Milbrandt have done considerable building during the season. They built for C. H. Patsche, on Shade avenue, dwelling, \$1,900. John Koch, Orchard street, addition, \$250. Chris Krantz, Western avenue, \$1,000. Fred Berndt, Hawking, \$1,050. M. Boltz, Franklin, \$1,800. Wm. Wahl, Linden, brick residence, \$1,800. Wilmitt & Co. Hill, \$1,450. Frank Grams, McClure, \$1,500. Homer Bunker, Monroe, \$1,500. Stubaer & Son, Milwaukee, addition to store, \$2,000. Fred Miller, Commonwealth, \$1,600. Charles Busche, Park, brick building, \$6,000.

William L. Wood has built for C. Frieze, Cooper avenue, \$800. A. Campton, Cooper, dwelling and addition, \$1,700. Mrs. Church, Franklin, \$500.

M. Bullard has erected dwellings for Mr. Sheppard, Mill street, \$1,200. Geo. Cunningham, S. State, \$2,500. James Foley, Prairie, \$3,000. Sam. Greenway, St. Charles street, \$2,000. Ole Hanson, South, \$1,500. Miscellaneous, \$2,500. B. Hagelow, South, addition, \$900.

Marchhoff Bros. have erected some of the finest business buildings in the city this season. The Columbia school, brick, cost \$22,716. The mason work alone on the Hintz building amounted to \$12,000, while the same on the Spurling block will reach \$17,000. The D. C. Cook Publishing house addition amounts, complete, to \$12,000. The mason work on C. Smith's brick building, North State, amounts to \$2,300. Henry Marchhoff, remodeling, Chicago street, \$2,600. Elgin Cereal Milling Co., Spurling, mason work, \$200. Miscellaneous, \$1,500.

Dutton & Switzer have had a busy season. They have built residences for Nelson Sheiler, Illinois street, \$1,000. E. L. Ziegler, Illinois, \$2,000. Geo. Anderson, Yarwood, \$1,000. Thomas Mann, Grace, \$1,200. Fred Kennnitz, Grace, \$1,500. T. Mann, Ann, \$2,000. Fred Bartella, Enterprise, \$1,200. Frank Palermo, N. Enterprise, \$1,200. Miscellaneous, \$1,000.

The Switzer Building  
ELGIN ILLINOIS  
TOWN AND HOUSE ARCHITECTS  
ROOM 21 Adams Express Building  
CHICAGO



R. Crocker has built for R. L. four houses on Cleveland avenue, respectively \$1,900, \$2,135, \$2,027. They have since been sold to John Baugh, Fred Shields, two, F. H. R. Moran, St. Charles, improvements, \$500. C. F. Pease, So. State, \$600 and barn \$100. General ments \$500.

H. M. Van Valkenberg, while not contract for new buildings, additions and made improvements number of Elgin homes, as C. H. Radcliff, Gifford, addition, Brown, Liberty, \$900, G. L. Congal \$200. J. S. Wilcox, Douglas, \$2,000. Dougherty, Raymond, \$100. M. Chicago, \$150. Mrs. Johnson, \$500. G. A. Goodrich, Park, \$60, linous, \$1,800.

John Rodeker, has built for H. St. Charles street a residence, \$2,500, another costing \$800 and other improvements costing \$800. Also for H. Hintz, Columbia \$1,320, and F. Harmeling, street, \$800.

M. J. Sullivan has built for Permanent Investment, on Illinois street, four houses, \$27,200, one on Liberty \$1,500. Armour avenue \$1,700. Also Moran, Perry, \$1,000. W. H. Charles, \$2,000. Miscellaneous.

C. O. Delap has built five dwellings for Mrs. Ryder, Harding Ed Higgins, Smithwick, \$1,400. Webb, two, Washington, \$1,000. A. Holden, Larkin avenue, \$1,000.

Marshall Buhl has erected in P. L. Steere, Orchard, \$1,050. Hubel, Orchard, \$1,050. Steere, two, Wabash, \$2,100 and has miscellaneous work amounting to \$100.

E. P. Ehle has built for T. H. John street, \$1,600. Mrs. R. Russ \$1,300. Miss Lutes, Grove, improvements, \$50. Miscellaneous, \$50.

R. T. Chapman has built a residence for C. E. Fowler, day street Mrs. Myhill, Shade, \$1,700. D. J. Cain, Douglas, improvements, \$2,000. D. Johnson, Ryerson, improvements, Mrs. S. Cole, Ryerson, barn, \$300. Preston, Division, barn, \$500.

J. R. Stryker has built for Bent Logan, \$1,200. Mrs. Beverly, \$1,500. A. B. Spurling, improvement, \$200. Chas. Woodruff, improvement, \$700. A. B. Church, improvement, Woman's Club, improvement, Miscellaneous, \$300.

W. H. Knott has erected store and flats for H. J. Seymour, on avenue and Seneca street, costing



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*Elgin City Directory, 1894-95*

**JENCKS F W & J T** (Fred W and John T) general insurance, real estate, house renting and loans room 2 DuBois blk, Grove ave

**JENCKS FRED W** (F W & J T Jencks) also manager DuBois opera house and prop Elgin bill posting co and notary room 2 DuBois blk, h 268 Division

~~JENCKS~~ **JOHN T** (F W & J T Jencks) h 409 Douglas ave

Jencks William H, oils and gasoline, h 326 Moseley

JENCKE, see JAHNKE, also JANCKE

Jenkins David, h 427 N DuBois

Jenkins Jennie Miss, bds 204 Railway ave

Jenkins Jennie Miss, emp at Sauer's, bds 421 Walnut ave

Jenne Charles W, life insurance, h 788 Highland ave

Jenne H A Mrs, wid Otis B, bds 768 Highland ave

Jenne Linda Miss, bds 768 Highland ave

Jennings George W, conductor E C R R co, h 952 Highland ave

Jennings Mary L Mrs, emp w f, bds 196 N DuBois ave

JENSEN, see also GANSEN, also GIENSEN, also JASSEN, also JOHNSON, also JONSON

Jensen Henry, contractor and builder 18 Warwick pl, h do

Jensen James C, carpenter, h 178 Laurel

Jensen Nelson, emp W C Co, h 402 Hendon

Jensen Peter H, foreman News-Advocate bindery, h 24 Warwick pl

Jernberg Oluf M, emp w f, h 363 Yarwood

Jevanord Ole, h 324 Griswold

Jewell Elmer, watchmaker in Chicago, h 911 Prospect bld

Jewell Henry S, h 739 Prospect bld

Jewell Ida R Miss, bds 739 Prospect bld

Jewitt S F, h 641 Oakland ave

Jillcox Julia E Mrs, wid George, bds 461 Prospect bld

Joachim Albert, plasterer, h 226 Center

Joachim Charles, capt hook and ladder co No 1, bds 218 Center

Joachim Joseph, mason, h 218 Center

Joachim Nettie Miss, emp w f, bds 218 Center

Joachim Adam, emp w f, h 676 Raymond

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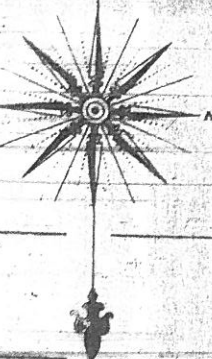
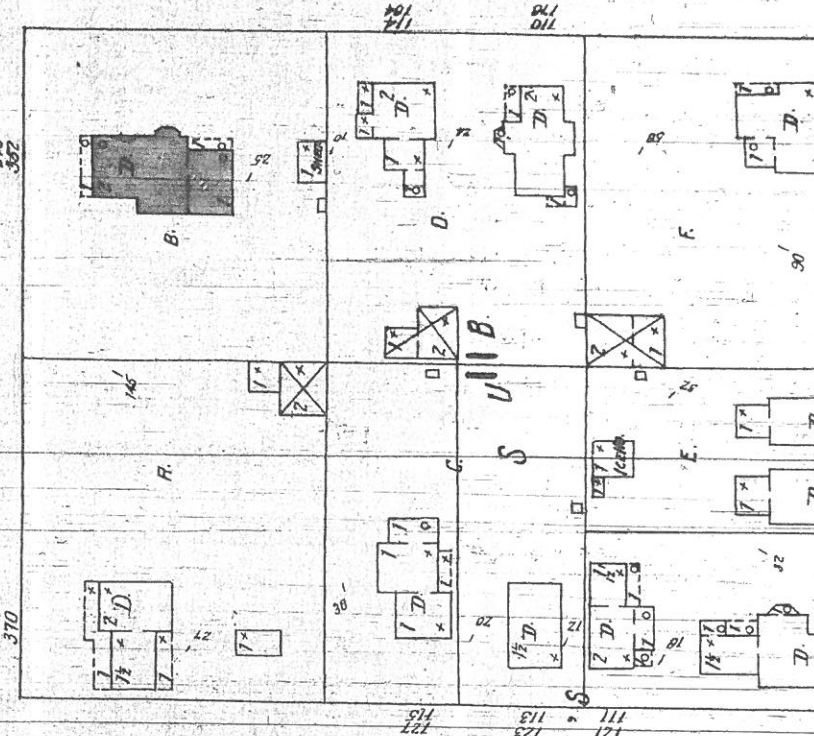
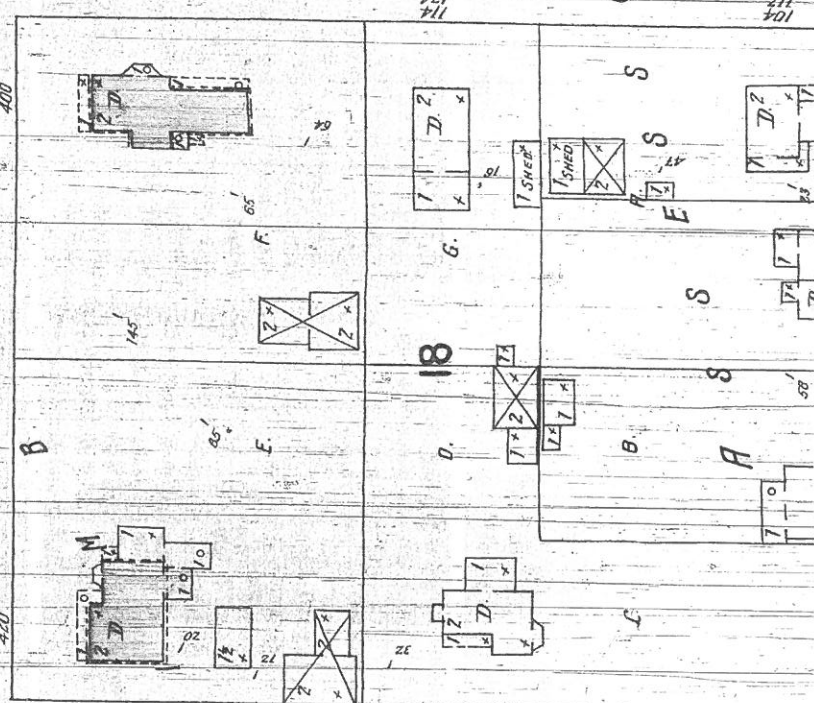
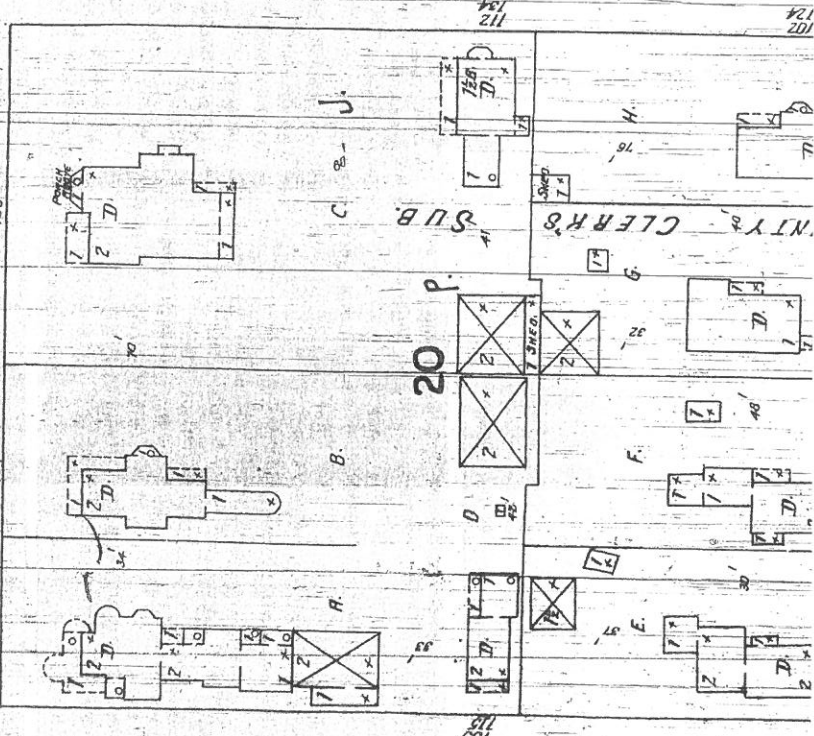
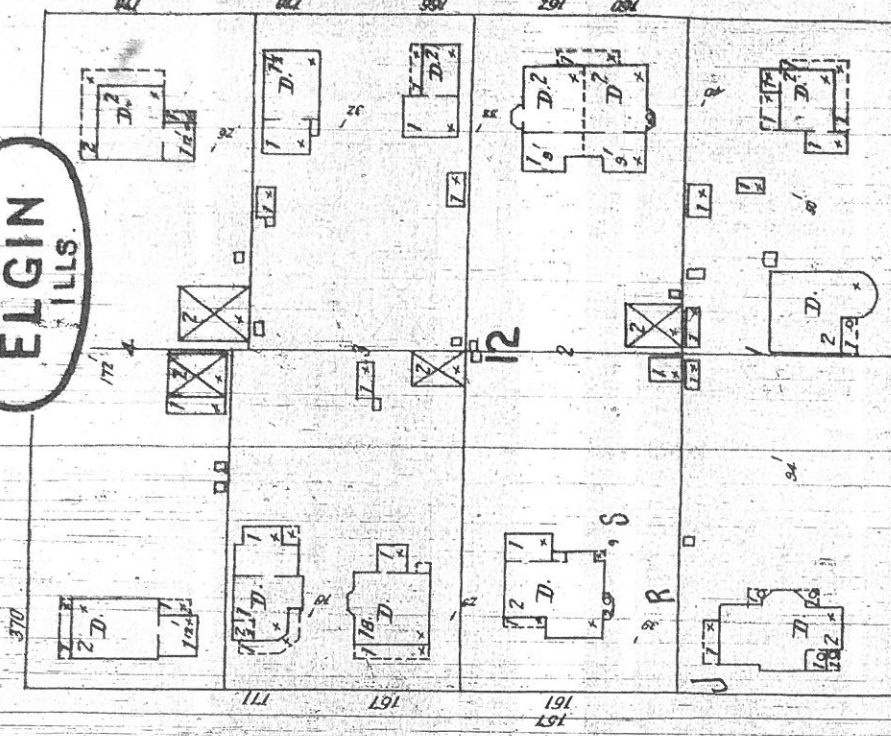
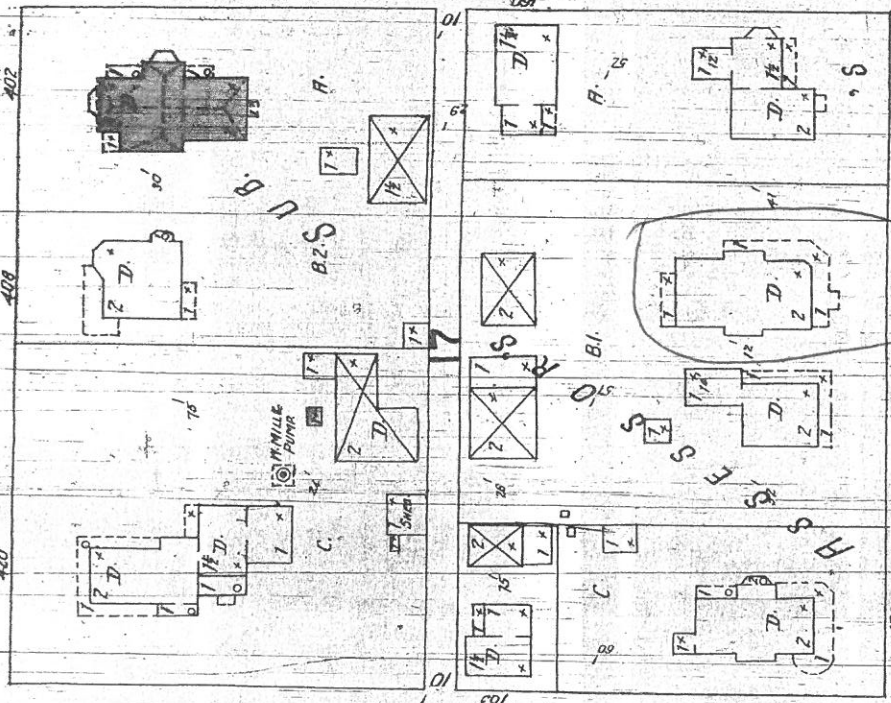
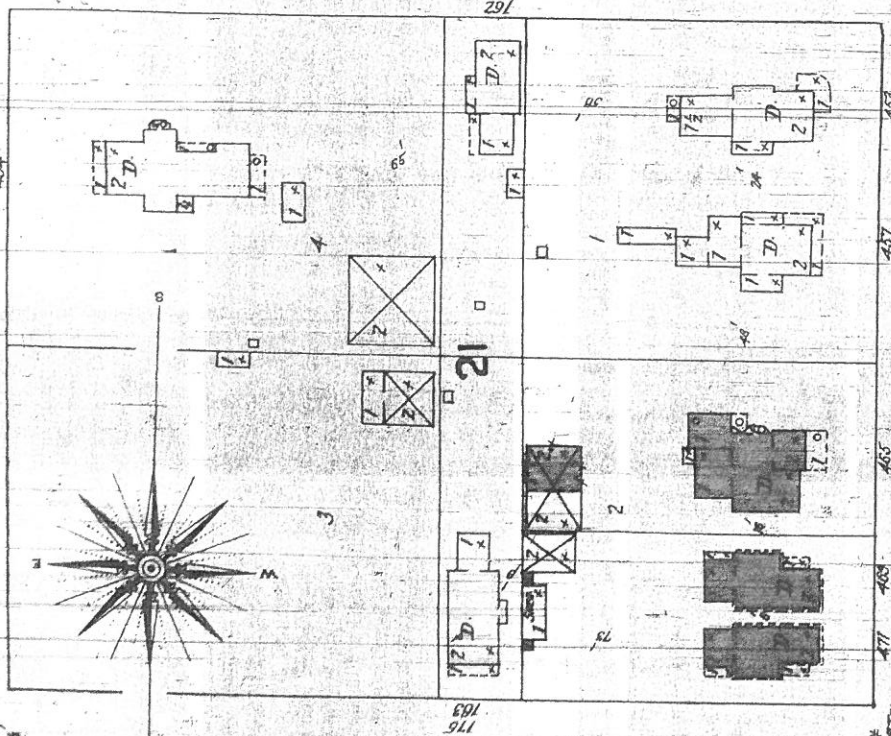
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**This Indenture**, Made this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and eighty six BETWEEN James B. Lane and Emma E. Lane his  
wife of the city of Elgin Kane County Illinois party of the first part, and  
John J. Jewell of the County of Tazewell State of Illinois party of the second part.

WITNESSETH, That the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of Eighteen hundred

Dollars in hand paid by the said party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and the said party of the second part forever released and discharged therefrom, have remised, released, sold, conveyed and quit-claimed, and by these presents do remise, release, sell, convey and quit-claim unto the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns forever, all the right, title, interest, claim and demand which the said party of the first part have in and to the following described lot, piece or parcel of land, to wit: situate in the city of Elgin in Kane County State of Illinois, to wit:

Part of Lot No. 11 in Block No. 100 (77) of 2d. Sub. Div. City of Elgin, Ill. as shown to Elgin Kane County Illinois bounded as follows: Commencing at the North of the South West corner of said Block No. 100 (77) at the East side of Adams Avenue, running thence East one hundred and fifty nine feet to an alley, thence South along said alley one hundred and fifty nine feet to the East side of Douglas Avenue, thence South along said East side of Douglas Avenue to the place of beginning.

Including in this conveyance and intended to be held as to the same, the North line of the premises hereinabove described, the other undivided one half being owned by the widow and next of kin of Charles W. Fletcher deceased. And being the premises purchased by said James B. Lane at the guardians sale of the said Charles W. Fletcher guardian of Charles W. Fletcher a minor and Emma Fletcher a widow of Charles W. Fletcher which deeds were made and delivered bearing even date herewith and of the same date as said Charles W. Fletcher deceased as per deed recorded by them bearing date June 25<sup>th</sup> 1886.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD THE SAME, together with all and singular the appurtenances and privileges thereunto belonging or in anywise thereunto appertaining, and all the estate, right, title, interest and claim whatever of the said party of the first part, either in law or equity, to the only proper use, benefit and behoof of the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns FOREVER.

And the said James B. Lane and Emma E. Lane party of the first part, hereby expressly waive, release and relinquish unto the said party of the second part, his 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 the said party of the first part, for and heirs, executors and administrators, do covenant, promise and agree, to and with the said party of the second part, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, that he hath not made, done, committed, executed, or suffered any act or acts, thing or things, whatsoever, whereby, or by means whereof, the above mentioned and described premises, or any part or parcel thereof, now are or at any time hereafter shall or may be impeached, charged or encumbered, in any way or manner whatsoever.

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

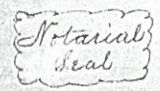
Signed, Sealed and Delivered in Presence of

James B. Lane  
Emma E. Lane

STATE OF ILLINOIS, }  
Kane County, } ss.

I, W. H. King, a Notary Public  
in and for said County, and the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that James B. Lane and Emma E. Lane his wife

personally known to me as the same persons whose names all subscribed to the foregoing instrument of writing, appeared before me this day, in person, and acknowledged that they signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument of writing as their free and voluntary act, for the uses and purposes therein set forth, including the And the said James B. Lane and Emma E. Lane wife of the said James B. Lane



having been by me examined, separate and apart, and out of the hearing of her husband, and the contents and meaning of the said instrument of writing having been by me fully made known and explained to her and she also by me being 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 dower to the lands and tenements therein mentioned, and also all her rights and advantages under and by virtue of all laws of this State relating to the exemption of homesteads, without the compulsion of her said husband and that she does not wish to retract the same.  
Notarial seal this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June A. D. 1886