

Building Plaque Application

Name _____

Building Address _____

Building Name _____

Original Owner WILLIAM HART

Date of Construction 1886

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 

Date 7-29-08

Signed Mary Hill

Date July 15, 2008

Historical/Architectural

In the 1840s, John Lovell bought a 160 acre piece of land north of the growing town of Elgin. The land was north of North Division Street, now called Jefferson Avenue, east of the Fox River, and reached north to the river. As one drives north, a subtle jog in N. Grove takes place at Jefferson. Lovell platted the land as Lovell's Addition shortly after his purchase and in 1870, part of the Addition was re-platted as "Lovell's Subdivision of that part of Lovell's Addition lying south of Lincoln Avenue."

Lovell's Sub was a wide band of property comprised of unsold lots south of Lovell Street from the river almost to Dundee Avenue. Lots south of Lincoln to south of Lovell were included with Lovell Street its east/west thoroughfare; a short piece of Lovell between the rail road track and the river was vacated in 1924. Lots were sold in Lovell's Sub and along Douglas Avenue; the wealth and prosperity of businessmen, bankers, and other professionals was seen in their homes.

In 1883, William Hart bought lot 15 in Block 7 of Lovell's Sub and in September 1886, bought a piece of lot 14 immediately adjacent, and lot 6, which became part of Brook Street. The *Elgin Daily Courier*, December 24, 1886 carried a review of construction in the city that year, included was "William Hart's new home on Douglas Avenue is another of the model residences of Elgin. It is a frame building and cost \$3,400." No mention is made of the architect nor of the builder. The Assessor's Book (tax assessments) for 1886 lists lot 15 in Lovell's Sub, belonging to William Hart and designated "new house." Elgin city directories prior to 1887 list Hart elsewhere in the city; however, the 1887-88 edition lists him "res 364 Douglas Ave." The 1889-90 edition is corrected to 394, then the 1894-95 edition lists him at 638 Douglas Avenue. The Sanborn Map for 1897 describes the house as "veneered" (brick) rather than frame. Today, the remainder of lot 14 is occupied by a bungalow facing Brook Street.

William Hart operated a successful drug store on E. Chicago Street. Hart entered the drug store business with L. M. Kelley in 1874 which expanded over time into stores in other towns.

Hart eventually went into business by himself and when he became ill, he was joined by his son. The *Elgin Daily Courier*, February 14, 1925, states "Mr. Hart's name was recognized as a synonym for reliability and honest dealing." Hart died on Valentine's Day--February 14, 1925 from complications of diabetes.

In July 1889, William Hart bought a piece of block 5, lot 2 in Lovell's Addition, along Douglas Avenue between Lincoln Avenue and Lovell Street. The land began south of the northwest corner of the block, ran east, then north, and then back to Douglas Avenue--today's 733. The *Elgin Daily Courier*, December 19, 1891 carried a review of construction in that year; listed under Gilbert Turnbull's buildings he constructed that year was "William Hart, Douglas, \$2500." No reference is made to the architect.

City directories list Mrs. Margaret McCredie living at 733 Douglas Avenue, starting in 1894. Mrs. McCredie was a widow and former resident of Elgin, who had returned to live here. She died in 1908. The house was next occupied by William Badger until 1918, when Hart warranted 733 Douglas Avenue to his daughter Louise, a newlywed, for \$1--perhaps as a wedding gift. Louise Hart was married to John R. DeLancey, a partner in D&W Ice Cream. Louise and her husband John did not stay long at 733; Louise moved to her mother's home, taking care of her until her passing in 1921. It is said in Mrs. Hart's obituary that Louise closed her house for a

while to care for her mother. 733 was sold soon after.

William Hart died in 1925. Louise Hart DeLancey inherited 638 Douglas Avenue from her father's estate (she received nothing else from the estate; her brothers received cash; one brother received the assets of the drugstore); she and John lived there until 1964, ending 78 years of ownership by the Hart family.

There followed six more owners, including the present owners.

Architectural

The Queen Anne style is part of the Victorian era, most popular in the last three decades of the reign of Queen Victoria. It was made common by English architects, headed by Richard N. Shaw. Precedents for the QA style had almost nothing to do with Queen Anne nor the architecture popular during her reign--1702-1714. Influence for the style came from the preceding Elizabethan and Jacobean eras: half-timbered and based on Medieval design.

First American use of the QA style is thought to have been in 1874, where it was given the American embellishment of "gingerbread" or spindlework we know today as Queen Anne. By the 1880's, the style appeared in pattern books and the country's first architecture magazine. The building of the cross country railroad in the U.S. helped popularize the style. By the 1890s, the busy and fluffy spindlework gave way to simpler, less frenetic lines and "free classic" QAs became more popular as the century closed and the 20th century began. By 1910, the QA style was replaced by Classical Revival design.

Elements of the style are a steeply pitched roof with numerous lines; a dominant front facing gable, patterned shingles, bay windows, and other items to avoid a smooth-walled look; asymmetrical facades and a porch, often a wrap around type.

638 Douglas Avenue is in the Queen Anne style with Italianate features: it is a large, two story house with a prominent front facing gable and a jerkinhead (flattened peak) cross gable behind. The roof pitch is slightly steep. The main body of the house is brick while the upper story is clad in varied shingle--often seen in houses built at the end of the Italianate era (despite the building report stating it is a frame house). The south facade has a two storied bay window with its own roof. Brackets are beneath the roof; below them are tall windows with decorative blocks underneath, another Italianate feature.

Windows are symmetrically placed in the front facade: three in the upper story and two in the lower story along with the front entry door. Windows have concrete sills and no surrounds; some are 1 over 1 paned; others multiple upper panes, still others have a Craftsman look. Craftsman style windows seen in the back porch suggest it was enclosed in the 19teens. The 1897 Sanborn Map indicates a front stoop, a small porch in the southeast corner of the south facade, and a back porch; the 1913 Sanborn indicates a porch covering the front and south facades. Today, the front stoop is open and the south half of the porch now an enclosed room.

The house is distinguished by its front entry that is recessed slightly into the facade, has a 5 windowed transom over a door flanked by sidelights. The entire entry area is flanked by flat columns and a flat cornice, indicative of the Renaissance influence on the Italianate style.

Italian Renaissance style houses were more formal and were built as town houses in cities, distinguished by their elegant entryways. " In purest form...Renaissance Revival houses are

austere square or rectangular boxes with little decorative detailing save for formal window crowns...and restrained cornice moldings. More commonly, one or more characteristics of the Renaissance town house were mixed with the general Italianate vernacular." (*A Field Guide To American Houses*, Virginia and Lee McAlester, 1989, p.214.)

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November 6, 2008

Jim Berry and Debbie Dietze
638 Douglas Avenue
Elgin IL, 60120

RE: Plaque Award for 638 Douglas Avenue

Dear Mr. Berry and Ms. Dietze,

I am happy to inform you that the Elgin Heritage Commission has awarded a building plaque for the structure located at the above address.

The inscription on your plaque will read:

**1886
W. Hart**

The Commission is also planning on hosting a special ceremony in December, when the plaque and a certificate will be presented to you. The certificate will indicate the name as it appears on the application form as follows:

Jim Berry and Debbie Dietze

If you wish the name(s) to appear in a way other than the above, please inform me as soon as possible.

The plaque will be retained by our office until the presentation ceremony. However, if you wish to obtain the plaque before then, please inform me and I will make arrangements to provide it to you. A copy of this letter will be forwarded to our sign painter who will contact me when it is completed.

We appreciate the interest you have shown in this program and congratulate you on this award. The information that you put together will serve as valuable historic documentation on the property. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (847) 931-6004.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Fritz-Williams
Historic Preservation Specialist

City of Elgin
ILLINOIS URBAN ARCHITECTURAL
AND HISTORICAL SURVEY



ADDRESS: 638 Douglas Ave.
 NAME:
 Common: Richard McAdoo, Owner
 Historical: William Hart House
 PHOTO:
 Roll No.: 17 Frame Nos.: 8, 9 & 10
 SLIDE: Roll No.: I Frame No.: 5

CONDITION: Excellent: _____
 Good: X
 Deteriorated: _____

DESCRIPTION:
 Shape/plan, no. stories, material, style,
 roof shape, etc.:

Irregular shaped, 2 story brick and frame, Queen Anne style house with an asphalt shingled, cross gable roof, with clipped ends. Asymmetrical, 3 ranked facade on the front wing has 9/9 windows and a door with divided glass transom and side lights. Has a flat roofed porch built into the front "L" and a 2 story bay window on the south side. There is also a 2 story sun room/sleeping porch with a shed roof in the rear "L" on the south.

QUEEN ANNE w/ COLONIAL REVIVAL; ITALIANATE DETAILING

Subsidiary Building(s):

A frame, hip roofed 2 car garage in the rear. (Contributing)

Major Physical Changes From Original Construction

Based on the windows on the sides and rear of the house, which are 1/1, it appears that the front of the house may have been remodeled, with 9/9 windows being installed. It is also possible that a front porch may have been removed.

HISTORY:

Construction Date: c. 1890 *1891* Architect/Builder: Unknown TURNBULL, GILBERT M.

Associated Events/People/Dates:

This house was built for \$3,400 for William Hart, a wholesale and retail druggist. In 1874, he became a junior partner in the store of Kelley & Hart, and later owned his own store, Hart's Drug Store. He was born in New York in 1849 and moved to Elgin in 1869.

Other residents have included: 1940 - John R. DeLancey, president, Cities Ice Cream Co.

1894-95 - HART, WILLIAM, DRUGGIST 154 Chicago

NATIONAL REGISTER EVALUATION

Contributing X Non-contributing _____ Secondary structure - NR rating C
SIGNIFICANT

Sources/Comments:

House appears on the 1897 Sanborn Map.
 Information on William Hart is based on research done in Kane County histories by Brigid Trimble. *1911 ANNUAL REVIEW OF LOCAL CONSTRUCTION*

SURVEYOR: Charles Kirchner DATE: June - July 1995

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- Harper Sadie, Miss, wks watch fety, boards 157 Prairie.
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Harrington Anthony L., wks watch fety, res 37 St Charles.
Harrington Mary, Miss, wks watch fety, boards 108 Raymond.
Harris Bertha, Miss, res 78 Hickory al.
Harris Emma, Miss, wks watch fety, boards Natl hse.
Harris Linda C., Miss, teacher, boards 236 Chicago.
Harris M. L., wid Truman, res 236 Chicago
HARRIS O. M., prop Nolting House, Grove ave, se cor DuPage.
Harris Sandy, painter, res 78 Hickory al.
Harris Sherley, bkpr Elgin Saddlery & Harness Co, boards Central Hotel.
HART WILLIAM, drugs, paints, oils, glass, wallpaper, window shades, etc, 30 Chicago, res 58 Division.
Hartall Fred, wks watch fety, boards Natl hse.
Hartford Charles, asst porter Western House, boards same.
Hartwell D. R., wks watch fety, res 154 Douglas ave.
Hartwell George, condensing fety, res 266 Grove ave.
Harvey Cecel C., Miss, librarian Elgin Public Library, boards 15 N Chapel.
Harvey George P., real estate and insurance agt, 10 Borden blk, res 15 N Chapel.
Harvey James M., night tel opr C. M. & St P. Ry, boards 205 Grove ave.
Harvie George, bkpr Elgin Milling Co, res 157 Prairie.
Harwood R. E., wks watch fety, boards Natl hse.
HASEMAN FRED, dealer in millinery, hair goods, fancy goods, pianos, organs, etc, 22 Grove ave, res same.
Haseman Henry, carp, res 36 S State.
Hasenfritz Frank, wks watch fety, boards 142 Sherman ave.
Hassan Arminda, wid George, res 114 Dexter ave.
Hatch M. P., attorney and real estate agt, 10 Borden blk, res 154 Chicago.
Hathaway Hannas, depot agt C. M. & St P. Ry, res 68 Mountain.
Haubold Charles, lab, rooms Elgin Butter Co's factory.
Hault Christ., wks watch fety, res 102 Oak.
Hauren Michael, wks shoe fety, rooms 462 Prospect.
HAUSBURG CHARLES, prop Central Hotel, 68 Chicago, res same.
Hausburg Emma, Miss, boards Central Hotel.
Hausburg Jennie, Miss, boards Central Hotel.
Hauter John, wks watch fety, boards 205, Grove ave.
Haven Mattie, Miss, wks watch fety, boards 218 Grove ave.
Havenhill Nora, Miss, wks watch fety, boards Natl hse.
HAWKINS A. C., asst cash First National Bank, also notary public, res 233 Chicago.
Hawkins Charles, lab, res 60 Willow.
Hawkins Emma, wid Henry, res 207 Prairie.
Hawkins George, wks watch fety, res 450 Douglas ave.
Hawkins Lydia, Miss, wks watch fety, boards 207 Prairie.

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The New Elgin City Directory. 123

1887-88

- Harlon, Daniel, carp, res 155 Fulton.
- Harlpin, Katie, Miss, wks watch fcty, bds 10 Fulton.
- Harlpin, Maggie, Miss, wks watch fcty, bds 10 Fulton.
- Harlpin, Thos., lab, res 10 Fulton.
- Harper, Harry, clk, bds 22 Michigan.
- Harper, Jno., wks watch fcty, res 22 Michigan.
- Harper, L. G., wks watch fcty, res 24 Pearl.
- Harratt, Edw., carp, res 199 N. College.
- Harrington, A. L., wks watch fcty, bds National house.
- Harrington, F. P., wks watch fcty, bds 9 Raymond.
- Harrington, Mary, wks watch fcty, bds 9 Raymond.
- Harrington, Mary, Mrs., wid, bds 9 Raymond.
- Harris, Jas., res 71 Lake.
- Harris, S., printer, res 78 Hickory.
- HARRIS, O. M.**, propr Hotel Harris, Geneva, Ill.
- Harris, Wiley, wks J. Ryan, bds Chicago.
- Harrison, C., wks watch fcty, bds National house.
- Hart, F. C., wks watch fcty.
- HART, WM.**, druggist, 30 Chicago, res 364 Douglas ave.
- Hartwell, D. B., carp, res 154 Douglas ave.
- Hartwell, Geo., wks cond fcty, res 230 Ann.
- Hartzell, Sue, Miss, wks watch fcty, bds 173 Grove.
- HARVEY, CECIL C., MISS**, librarian Elgin public library, bds 132 Kimball.
- Harvey, Geo. P., insurance agt, 10 Borden blk, res 132 Kimball.
- Harvey, M. C., Miss, bds 132 Kimball.
- Harvey, Mattie, Miss, wks watch fcty, bds National house.
- Harvey, Wm., carp, bds Kimball house.
- HASEMAN, FRED**, pianos, organs, millinery, hair goods, etc., 40 Grove ave, res 128 Ann.
- Haseman, Henry, bridge carp, res 36 State.
- Haseman, Jennie, Miss, bds 128 Ann.
- Hasenfratz, Frank, wks watch fcty, bds 71 National.

J. M. Russell, Carpenter, 21 Spring street. Jobbing promptly done.

EDWARD J. WEEKS & CO., Agents for STORY & CLARK'S ORGANS, 67 Chicago St.

H. J. SEYMOUR, CONTRACTOR AND BUILDER
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Harper John, wks w fac, r 22 Michigan.
 Harper Lawrence G, wks w fac, r 424 Pearl.
 Harper Sadie Miss, wks w fac, rms 148 Villa.
 Harrington A L, supt water, gas and steam w fac, bds National.
 Harrington Mary Mrs, r 9 Raymond.
 Harrington Mary J Miss, wks w fac r 9 Raymond.
 Harris Adeline, wid Sandy (col) laundress, r 78 Hickory ave.
 Harris Emma Miss, wks w fac, bds 192 Villa.
 Harris Sarah Miss, dressmaker, bds 49 Park Row.
 Harris Wm, (col) lab, r 95 Fremont.
 Harris Wylie (col) blacksmith, bds 94 Hickory ave.
 Harrison Chas, wks w fac, r 11 Jackson.
 Hart Anna, wid Chester, wks w fac, r 19 Geneva.
 Hart S H, r 32 Grove ave.
Corrected **HART WM**, drugs, paints, window glass and wall paper, 30
 Chicago, r 394 Douglas.
 Hartford Chas, jailor, 80 Bridge, r 407 McClure ave.
 Harting P F, wks w fac, rms 2 n Centre.
 Hartman John M, city express. 7 River, r 104 Dexter ave.
 Hartwell Geo, wks cond fac, r 78 Ann.
 Hartwell D R, foreman w fac, r 154 Douglas ave.
 Harvey C C Miss, librarian Elgin Public Library, bds 132 Kimball.
 Harvey Edgar, tinner, bds Kimball house.
 Harvey Edward, tinner, bds Kimball house.
 Harvey George P, insurance and real estate, rm 9 Borden's Block,
 r 132 Kimball.
 Harvey Illione Miss, cashier, Bosworth's, bds 132 Kimball.
 Harvey Mary E Miss, bds 132 Kimball.
 Harwood Chas F, carpenter, r 386 Raymond.
 Harwood Rol, wks w fac, r 267 Billings.
 Hartzel Sue Miss, wks w fac, bds 205 Grove ave.
 Haseman Fred, pianos, organs, millinery and hair goods, 40 Grove
 ave, r 128 Ann.
 Haseman John H, bridge carpenter, r 36 s State.
 Haseman Jennie M Miss, millinery, bds 128 Ann.
 Hasman Wm, expressman, r nr 244 Wabash.
 Hasenfratz Frank, wks w fac, bds 69 National.

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Hassan Arminda, wid Geo
 Hassan Minnie Miss, wks
 Hathaway Annas, agt C M
 Hathaway Herbert A, wks
 Hathaway Willis, Hamphir
 Haubletien Minnie Miss, c
 Hauer John, seoemaker, r
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 21 Grove ave, r 137 C
 Hausburg Ida Miss, millin
 Haut Fred, lab, r 29 Dur
 Haven Frank G, r 74 DuP
 Haven Mattie Miss, wks w
 Havens Maggie wid Geo,
 Havercraft John, wks w fa
 Hawker Minnie Miss, wks
 Hawkins Andrew C, asst c
 Hawkins Emma, wid Hen
 Hawkins Geo W, wks w fa
 Hawkins Harriet Miss, wk
 Hawkins Minnie Miss, bd
 Hawkins Joseph, wks w fa
 Hawkinson Betsy Miss, de
 Hawley A, wks Woodruffs
 Hawley Sarah L Miss, wk:
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 hardware and dairy s
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HAWTHORN RICH
 Douglas ave.
 Haxton John H. boiler m:
 Hay Frederick J, clk Cent
 Hayes Addie E Miss, wks
 Haynes A S, commercial t
 Hayes Elizabeth, wid Cha
 Hayes Frank D, barber sh
 Hayes Geo, milkman, r 21

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HAROLD, see also HEROLD
Harold Walter, emp E B co, bds 265 Franklin
Harper James, emp H McBride, h 216 Highland ave
Harper John G, emp w f, h 226 Michigan
Harper Lawrence G, emp w f, h 564 Division
Harpermann August, pedlar, h rear S Liberty near Dwight
HARRINGTON, see also HERRINGTON
Harrington Alfred J, emp w f, bds National house
Harrington W H (The DeLaval Separator Co) h 96 S Crystal
ave

Harris Adeline Miss, bds 418 Hickory pl
Harris Bertha Mrs, h 434 Hickory pl
Harris Cornelius Miss, bds 418 Hickory pl
Harris Lizzie Miss, emp E S F, bds 404 N Liberty
Harris Walter, bds 418 Hickory pl
Harris William J, watchman Swan's, h 445 Fremont
Harris Wily, blacksmith, h 244 Railway ave
Harrison August, bds 356 Brook
Harrison Charles, emp w f, h 265 Grove ave
Harrison Lawrence, h 356 Brook
Harrison William, emp gas co, h 112 Seneca
Hart Edward W, bds 638 Douglas ave
Hart Peter, driver Herman Arndt, bds 113 Seneca

**HART WILLIAM, tel 11, druggist 154 Chicago, h 638
Douglas ave**

Hartall Frederick H, emp w f, h 352 Griswold
Hartford Mary Mrs, laundress, h 35 Leonard
Hartings P F, attendant I N II I
Hartley Richard, emp C E Hunter, rms 24 Chicago
Hartman Henry, pop factory 226 N Gifford, h do
Hartman John, expressman (No 56) h 112 S Union
Hartmann Lenora Mrs, bds 638 Prospect bld
Hartsell Lillie Mrs, school teacher, bds 356 Prospect bld
Hartwell D R, h 252 Douglas ave
Hartwell George, emp I C co, bds 357 Center
Hartwell Ida Miss, bds 252 Douglas ave

ELGIN DAILY COURIER

& HEMMENS.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1886.

EDITION DOLLARS.

busy than the one now ending, as far as residence building is concerned. Scores of persons have their plans drawn and some excavating has been done. In the business portion the stores abutting on Riverside avenue will be extended back, double their present length, thus practically adding six stores.

At the hospital an appropriation of a quarter of a million dollars is expected for building.

The changes to be immediately begun in Borden block will cost several thousand dollars. A fourth office floor will be built in the mansard, from the Masonic hall, and an elevator will replace the front stairway.

W. J. Gilbert will at once begin the remodeling of his recently purchased business property opposite the post-office. In the spring L. M. Kelley contemplates erecting a brick block between this and the DuBois property, so, aside from residences, the new year will start well for a building.

In compiling the following report of the growth of our city for the year 1886, we are indebted for valuable assistance, to the following named architects, builders and contractors, who have helped in Elgin's material progress and growth: Messrs. C. L. Stiles, Smith Hoag, W. E. Elliott; Joseph Pavey, J. M. Russell, T. F. Mackay, A. Magnus, Joseph Stryker, Harry Ford, Baseman Bros., M. Bullard, John L. Kee, J. F. Kirkpatrick, James Smith, H. Blackwood, William Lamming, George Wilcox, R. Crocker, Potter and Jackson, J. Sederstrom, H. Jensen, J. B. Covey & Sons, Turnbull Bros., Marckhoff Bros., John Fluck, G. W. Snow, James Smith, P. Whipple, Fred Struckman, John Houck, W. Knott, A. Buck, Seiger & Brammer, M. Claren and C. Elmore.

Of course the re-erection of DuBois block has been the most extensive building operation of the year. The business block and opera house will cost about \$40,000 besides the furnishing and decorating. The above representation of the block shows that, when it is completed, it will be a very handsome structure and a credit to Architect Stiles and Messrs. Pavey and Magnus. The front is of red pressed brick with Corbendale brown stone and terra cotta trimmings. The octagonal bay of galvanized iron is the chief ornamentation of itself.

The building is being finished in hard woods and the wide entrance to the opera house tiled with English tile. The lower stores will be occupied, two of them by G. M. Peck and the third by Louis Kreeger. The second and third stories are divided into offices, to which a stairway leads from the main entrance. The buildings will be heated by steam and lighted by electricity probably from an individual plant.

The new opera house is immediately back of the stores, with a fine wide entrance leading directly to it without

stores, the upper floor being devoted to offices. It is built of pressed brick and is very pretty in appearance. It was built by Andrew Magnus and Joseph Pavey, at a cost of \$12,000.

During the year of 1886, considerable money has been expended on the school property of Elgin, and, as stated, two of the finest school buildings in the west have been erected. The site for the Prospect street school was bought for \$2,750. Grading and improving the lots cost \$680. The concrete walks required the outlay of \$376.62. The school building was erected by T. F. Mackay and Andrew Magnus, costing \$11,675, and the outbuildings \$1,117.25 additional, and \$1,067.83 was expended in preparing for steam heating. For furnishing the building \$1,000 was appropriated, making a total of \$18,666.70.

The Mill street school, which is similar to the Prospect street building in appearance, was erected by the Marckhoff and Turnbull Bros. The grounds were purchased for \$2,500; grading the lots, \$704.18; concrete walks, \$479.81; cost of erecting school building, \$10,566.39; outbuildings, \$1,117.25; preparing for steam heating, \$1,067.83; furnishing, \$1,000, the total being \$17,435.46. Both were from plans by Stiles.

At the Kimball street school \$1,550 was paid for additional grounds; for grading \$190, and for additional buildings, \$1,117.25.

At the Locust street school, grading and fencing cost \$631.81, while \$1,117.25 was expended on buildings and \$257.38 on concrete walks.

At the Bent street school, \$138.88 was the amount paid for grading and concrete sidewalks.

On Oak street, in the southwestern part of the city, a school site has been purchased for \$900.

On general repairs on other school buildings, \$2,091.62 has been paid: a total of \$44,000 for schools.

At the watch factory an enamel house has been erected at a cost of about \$5,000, an ice house costing about \$500, a front entrance, probably \$800, sidewalks and copings, perhaps \$1,000, and some minor improvements. At the National house the putting in of an hydraulic elevator and changes made necessary cost \$1,800.

At the publishing house a new water wheel, house and other "fixings," costing \$2,000 have been put in. A smoke-stack represents \$500 more and the new house and plant for the Merchants' electric light entailed an outlay of \$2,500.

The Chicago & Northwestern railway company has built, on Douglas avenue, a very neat and attractive depot, to replace the one destroyed by fire in August. The building is of red pressed brick, with foundation of undressed gray stone, the main building being two stories in height, the upper floor to be used for offices. A baggage room at the south is built in the same style. These buildings and other minor matters will cost the company about

Judge Ranstead has now one of the finest homes in Elgin.

The finest new house which the year has produced is that of Alfred B. Church, on Division street, at the corner of College. It is an elegant structure of pressed brick and brown stone, and built in the latest and most approved style of architecture. It is heated throughout with steam, and fitted with all modern improvements. The building presents a very fine appearance, and the interior finish is a marvel of beauty and elegance. The cost of the building is \$12,000, and Andrew Magnus the erector thereof. The house will cost half as much more to complete.

Another one of Elgin's model homes is the residence of V. S. Lovell on Liberty street. The building is frame, of very novel design, and elegantly finished. It was erected by Henry Jensen and cost about \$5,000.

E. L. Gilbert, South Gifford street, two-story frame house, very pretty in appearance, costing probably \$2,700.

Mrs. Townsend's house on Villa street is among the best of the residence building erected during the year. It is two stories, built of brick, finished in the best possible style with all modern improvements, costing \$4,500. Jensen and Hanck did the work.

Louis Gerlach has built on Milwaukee street a store building at a cost of \$4,000.

The Western Edison Electric Light company now have in the course of erection a building in the rear of Towner's block, for engine rooms which will cost \$2,000.

The Bosworth block, the upper part of which was destroyed by fire in the early summer, was rebuilt from plans by Hoag. The building is now much handsomer in appearance than formerly, and is also better arranged. About \$5,000 was spent in its reconstruction.

Alderman A. E. Price is building a fine residence on Chicago street which, when completed, will cost in the neighborhood of \$4,000. It is a frame building, and the design is very attractive. John F. Kirkpatrick is the builder.

The new Congregational church built on Prospect street is a great addition to that portion of the city. It is a frame building and very neat and tasty in appearance, costing about \$2,500.

The addition to, and improvements upon, the Bent street chapel, will cost about \$1,500.

William Hart's new home on Douglas avenue is another of the model residences of Elgin. It is a frame building and cost \$3,400.

Henry Mack's very pretty and attractive residence on Douglas avenue was built by Seiger & Brammer, and cost \$3,500.

George Stringer, just west of the city, has built a very nice residence at a cost of \$2,500, and a barn for \$1,300. Fred Struckman was the builder.

Ernest Egger, Hinsdell street, two-story frame dwelling, \$2,000.

Thomas Tefft, southwest of the city a \$600 barn.

Arthur Rein, Center street, repairs on house, \$500.

August Nolting, Ettner avenue, improvements on residence property, \$300. Elgin Gas company, building on west side, \$200.

William Sutton, Prospect street, two-story frame dwelling, \$1,800.

E. Foss, Douglas avenue, two-story frame house, \$1,600.

John Beth, Grote & Church's addition, a frame cottage, \$1,000.

R. Pethybridge, Spring street, improvements on residence, \$250.

Mrs. D. W. Hewitt, Fulton street, repairs on residence, \$250.

George Daum, Cherry street, improvements on residence, \$200.

J. W. Mallett, Prospect street, improvements on house, \$300.

Volstorff Bros., River street, additions to, and improvements on store building, \$1,200.

Henry Washer, Geister's additions, \$250.

Henry Geister, North State street, frame cottage, \$1,000.

G. Stimpson, Porter street, improvements on house, \$200.

A Hammer, two-story frame house near shoe factory, \$31,500.

Dr. Jaeger, corner Brook and Chestnut streets, remodeling house, \$600.

B. Gulick, Brook street, two-story frame house, \$1,500.

A. Walker, Walker place, two-story frame house, \$1,200.

Will Wilson, west of city, two-story frame dwelling, \$1,900.

Henry Rush, Brook and Plum streets, frame cottage, \$1,400.

Mrs. M. Youngs, South street, two-story frame dwelling, \$1,200.

Deloss Palmer, Slade avenue, two-story frame dwelling, \$1,500.

I. C. Towner, River street, additions to business block, \$900.

P. S. Sullivan, Ann street and Douglas avenue, improvements on residence, \$400.

John Newman, improvements on buildings, \$200.

Elgin Driving Park association, improvements on buildings, \$300.

J. Wall, Moseley street, frame dwelling, \$1,000.

A. Rundquist, Chicago street, frame dwelling, \$2,200.

T. F. Swan, improvements on residence, Raymond street, \$300.

William Lamming, Franklin street, cottage, \$1,000.

William Brei, Dundee street, cottage, \$1,500.

John Koch, Orchard street, cottage, \$500.

B. Hagelow, River street, remodeling store building, \$250.

E. Hill, Chicago street, barn, \$350.

Alfred Rundquist, Chicago street, two-story frame house, \$2,000.

Mr. Cree, Porter street, two-story frame dwelling, \$1,800.

In the northeastern part of the city, a two-story frame house, costing about \$1,800.

E. C. Kincaid, in the eastern suburbs, has erected a fine brick house at a cost of \$3,500.

George Shellenberger, Ettner avenue, frame cottage, \$1,000.

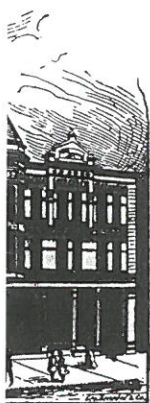
Fred Strubing, Lovell street, frame cottage, \$800.

Frank Mead, East View, two-story frame dwelling, about \$2,200.

Wallace Knott, Dundee street, two-story frame house, \$1,000.

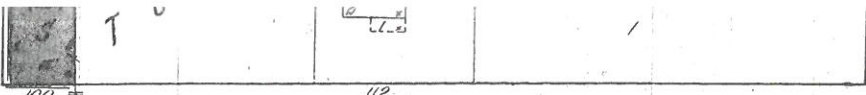
Walter Owen, Grote & Church addition, frame building, \$300.

John Benson, Summit street



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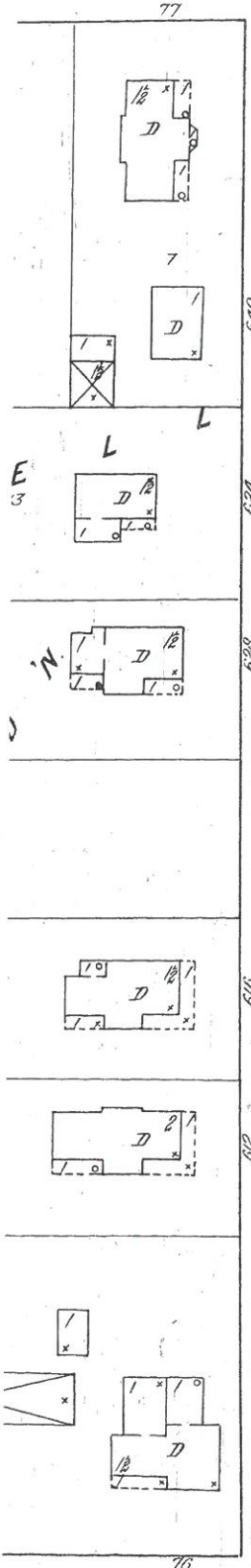


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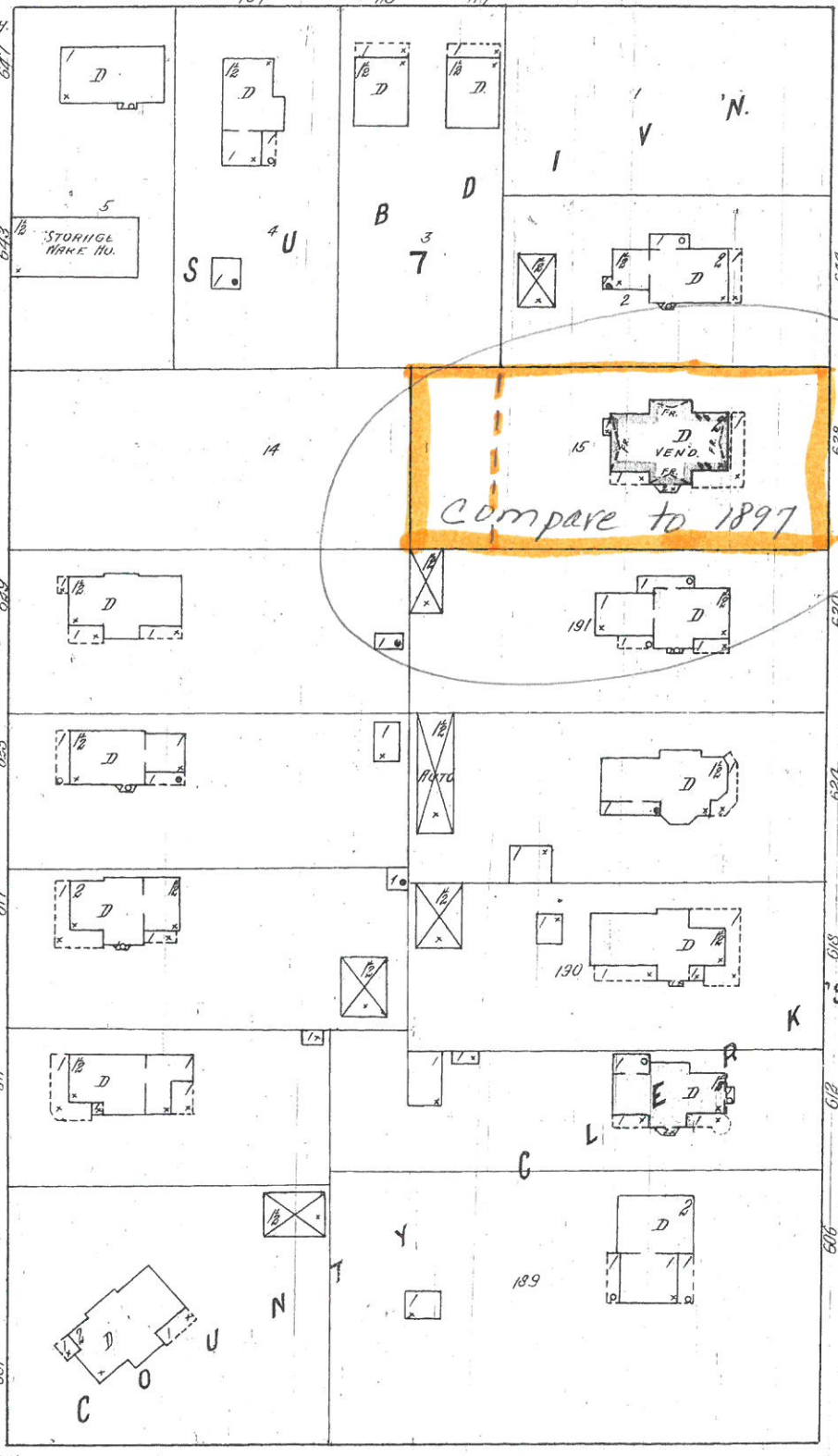
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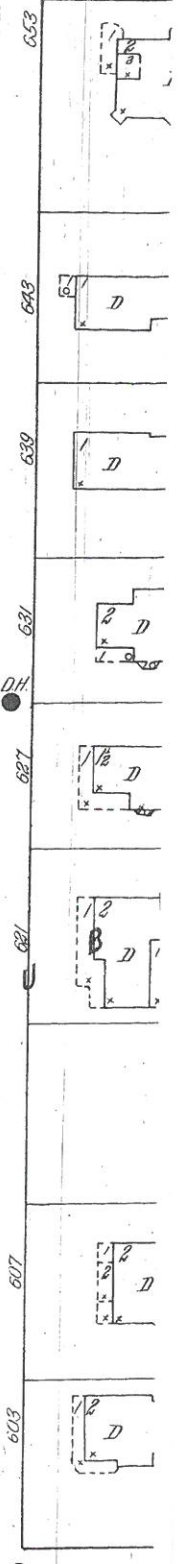


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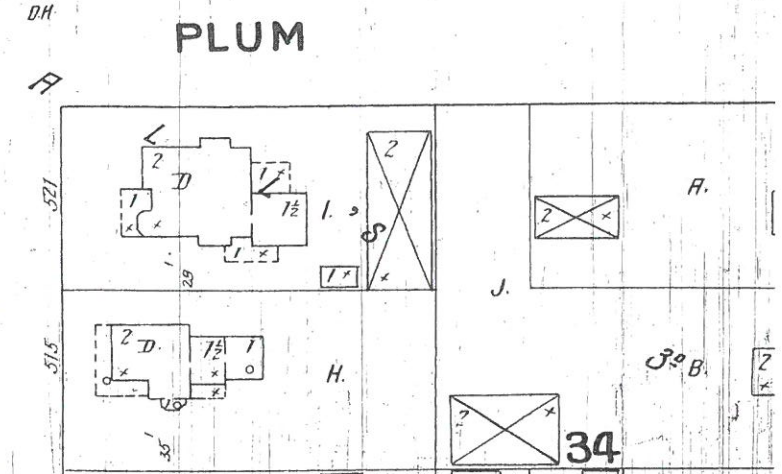
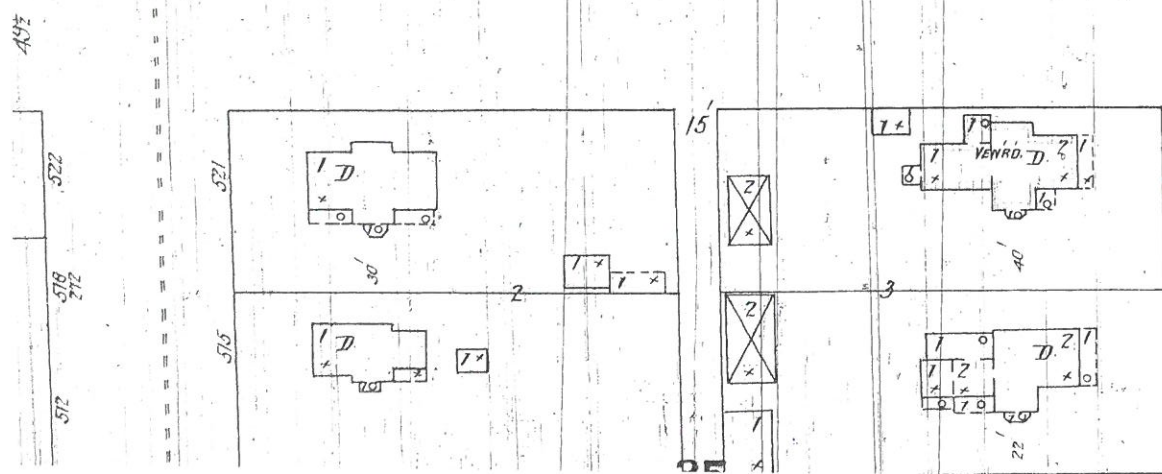
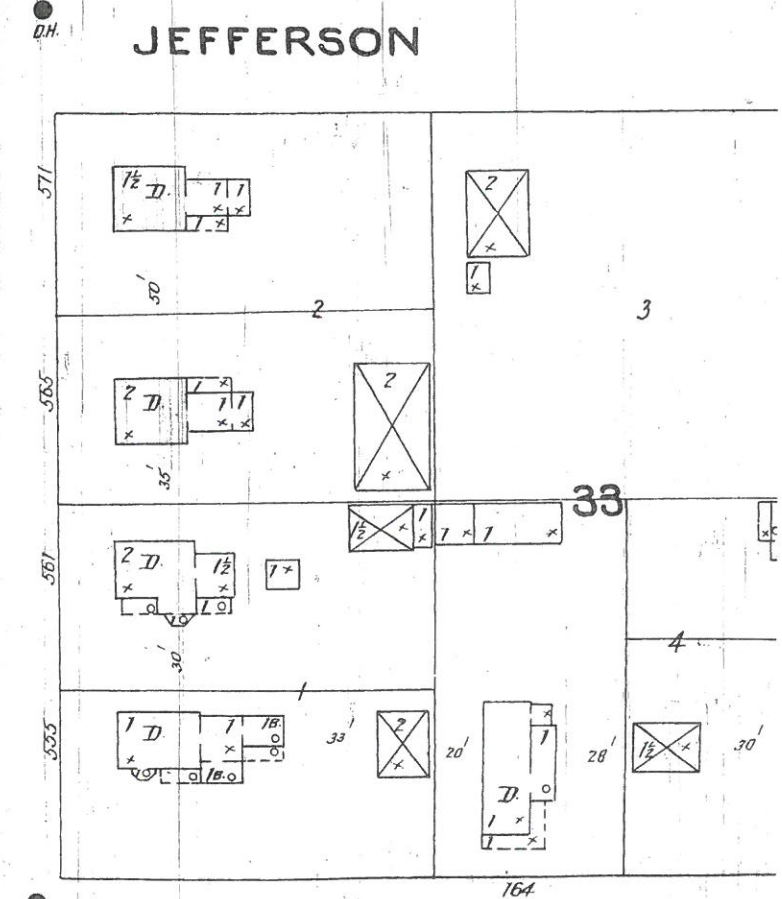
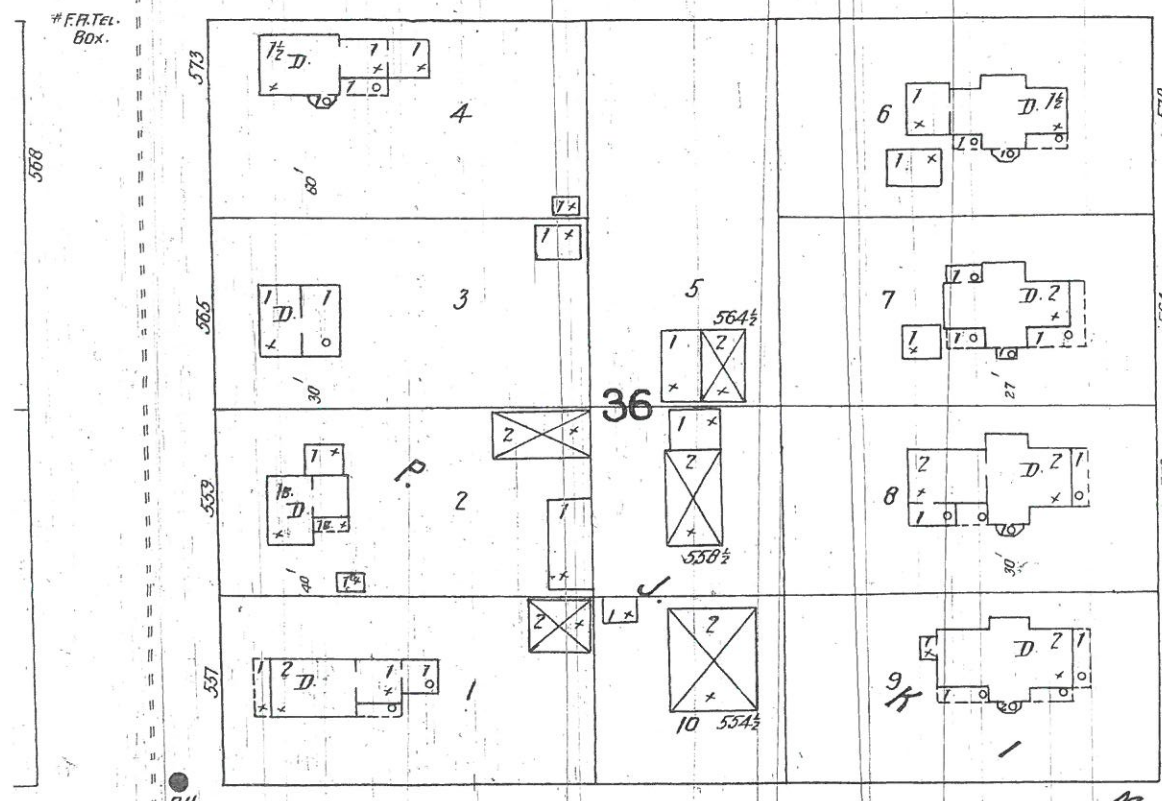
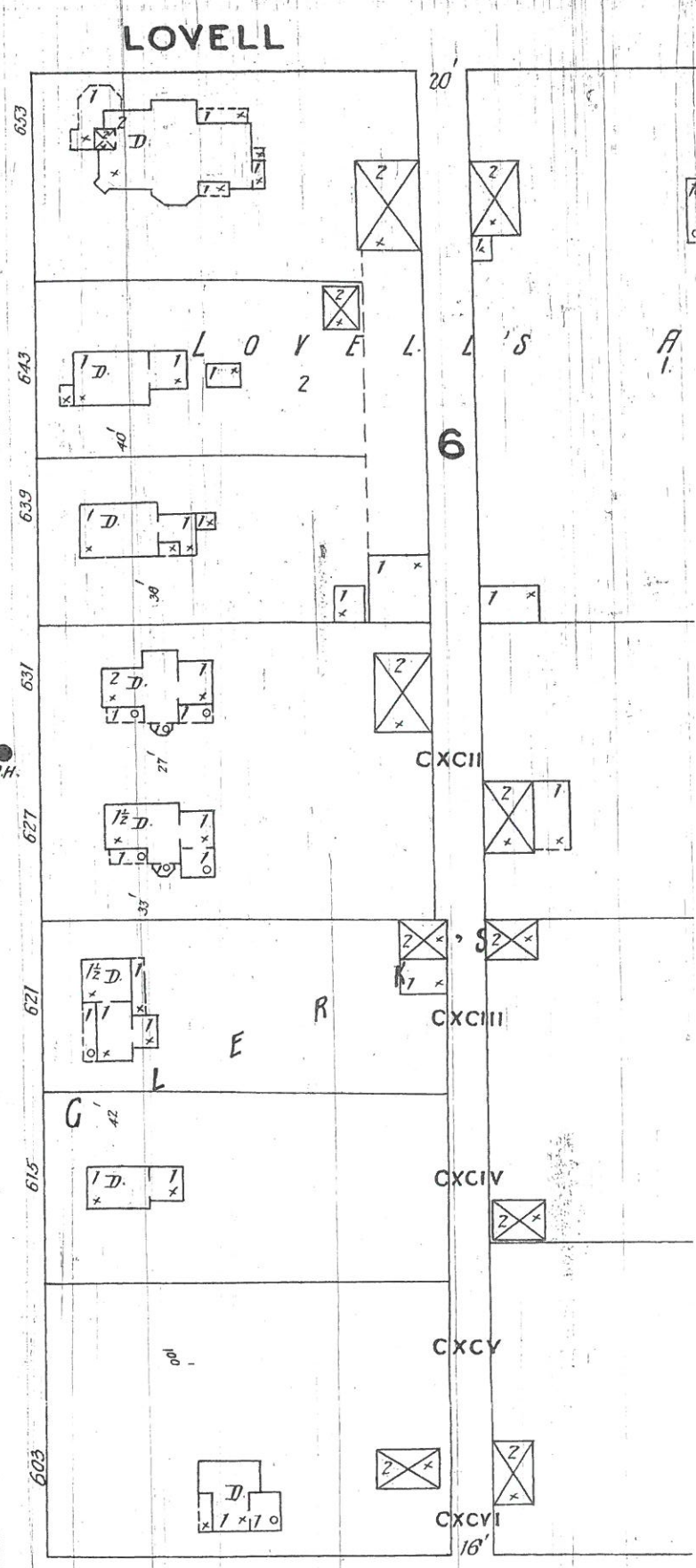
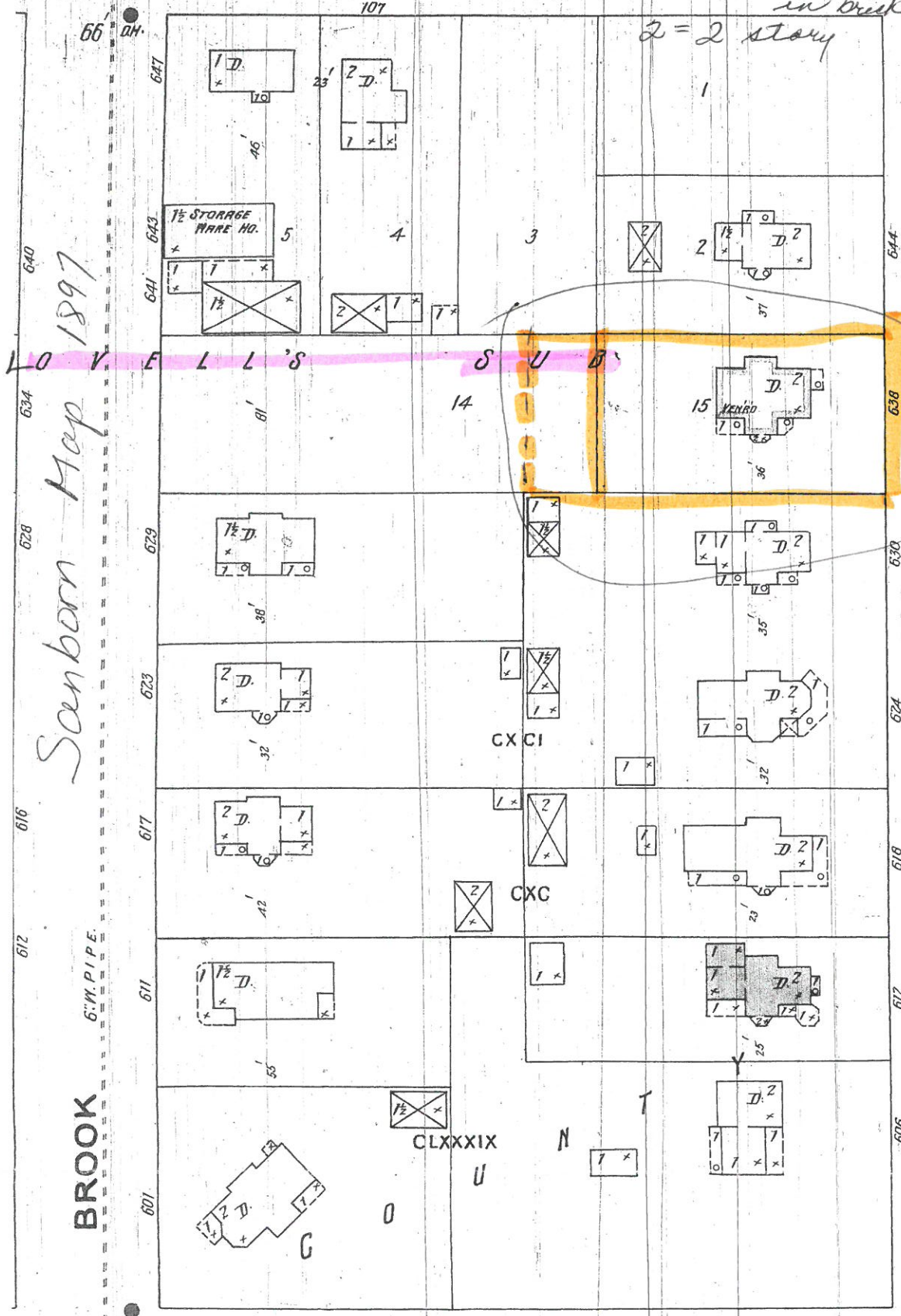


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Sanborn Map 1897

D = dwelling
VENRD = veneered in brick
2 = 2 story



This Indenture Witnesseth, That the Grantor, Hucy B. Howell (a widow)

of the City of Elgin in the County of Koau and State of Illinois
for and in consideration of the sum of Six Hundred (600) DOLLARS,
in hand paid, CONVEYS and WARRANTS to William Kant

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

Part of lot number fourteen (14) in Block number seven (VII) of Howell's
subdivision of that part of Howell's addition to Elgin lying south of his own
corner, bounded as follows to-wit: Beginning at the North west corner of
said lot fourteen (14), thence East along the North line thereof one (1) chain
and ninety two and one half (92 1/2) links to the South East corner of lot
four (4) in Block seven (VII) of Howell's subdivision aforesaid, thence South
parallel to the East line of said lot fourteen (14) one (1) chain and nine (9)
links to the South line thereof, thence west along said line one (1) chain and
one and one half (1 1/2) links to the South west corner of said lot fourteen (14)
and thence North along the West line thereof One (1) chain and nine (9)
links to the North west corner of said lot fourteen (14) and to place of beginning.

Also, all that part of lot six (6) in Block seven (VII) of Howell's subdivision aforesaid
which lies East of the East line of Brook street extended North through
said lot, and South of the North line of lot fourteen (14) aforesaid extended
West to said Brook street.

one part of lot 4

situated in the _____ County of Koau 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 Twenty fourth day of September A. D., 1886.
Hucy B. Howell



STATE OF ILLINOIS,

County of Koau I, Wincent B. Howell a Notary Public

In and for said County, in the State aforesaid, do HEREBY CERTIFY, That Hucy B. Howell (a widow) who is

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 her free and voluntary act, for the uses and
purposes therein set forth, including the release and waiver of the right of Homestead.

Given under my hand and Official Notary Seal, this twenty fifth day of September A. D., 18 86

Notarial Seal

Wincent B. Howell
Notary Public

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This Indenture Witnesseth, That the Grantor, Honey B. Howell (a widow)
 of the City of Elgin in the County of Kane and State of Illinois
 for and in consideration of the sum of Three Hundred (\$300.00) DOLLARS,
 in hand paid, CONVEY and WARRANTS to William Hart

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

Part of lot Number 14 in Block number seven (VII) of Howell's sub-division of that part of Howell's addition to Elgin lying south of Henshon Avenue, bounded and described as follows to-wit: Beginning at the North East corner of said lot fourteen (14) said point of beginning being also the North West corner of lot fifteen (15) in Howell's subdivision aforesaid, and running thence west along the North line of said lot fourteen (14) ninety six (96) feet, thence South parallel to the East line of said lot fourteen (14) ninety six (96) feet and nine (9) inches to the South line thereof, and thence East along said South line ninety six (96) feet to the South West corner of said lot fifteen (15) and thence North along the East line of said lot fourteen (14) to the Northeast corner thereof and place of beginning.

Another part of lot 4

situated 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.

Dated this Twenty fourth day of September A. D., 1886.

Honey B. Howell

STATE OF ILLINOIS,

County of Kane

I, Alvin A. Howell, a Notary Public

in and for said County, in the State aforesaid, do HEREBY CERTIFY, that Honey B. Howell (a widow) above

Notarial Seal

personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this _____ day of _____ 1886, and acknowledged that she signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as her free and voluntary act, for the purposes therein set forth, including the release and waiver of the right of Homestead.

Given under my hand and Official Seal, this Twenty fifth day of September A. D., 1886.

Alvin A. Howell
Notary Public

1898⁹¹

This Indenture, Made this Eighteenth day of June in the year of our Lord One
Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty three BETWEEN George A. Barker and Mrs. H.
Barker his wife
of the City of Olyria in the County of Hoane and State of Illinois
party of the first part, and William Hart
of the City of Olyria in the County of Hoane and
State of Illinois party of the second part.

WITNESSETH, that the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Eight Hundred
(800.00) 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, has granted, bargained, sold, remised, released, conveyed, aliened and confirmed, and by these presents do
grant, bargain, sell, remise, release, convey, alien and confirm, unto the said party of the second part, and to his heirs and
assigns FOREVER, all the following described lot, piece or parcel of land, situated in the County of Kane and State of Illinois,
and known and described as follows to wit:

Lot Fifteen (15) in Block Seven (7) of Lovell's Subdivisions of that part
of Lovell's Addition to Olyria, lying South of Lincoln Avenue according
to the Plat of same on record in the Recorder's Office of Hoane Co. Ill.

lot 15

TOGETHER WITH ALL AND SINGULAR the hereditaments and appurtenances therunto belonging or in anywise appertaining,
and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof; and all the estate, right, title, interest,
claim, or demand whatsoever, of the said party of the first part, either in law or equity, of, in and to the above bargained premises,
with the hereditaments and appurtenances: TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said premises above bargained and described, with the
appurtenances, unto the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns, FOREVER.
And the said George A. Barker of the
party of the first part, for himself, his heirs, executors, and administrators, does covenant, grant, bargain and
agree, to and with the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns, that at the time of the enrolling and delivery of
these presents, he is well seized of the premises above conveyed, as of a good, sure, perfect, absolute and indefeasible
estate of inheritance in law, in fee simple, and has good right, full power and lawful authority to grant, bargain, sell and convey
the same in manner and form aforesaid, and that the same are free and clear from all former and other grants, bargains, sales, liens,
taxes, assessments and encumbrances, of what kind or nature soever: and the above bargained premises, in the quiet and peaceable
possession of the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns, against all and every other person or persons lawfully
claiming or to claim the whole or any part thereof, the said party of the first part shall and will WARRANT AND FOREVER DEFEND.

And the said party of the first part hereby expressly waives...

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State of Illinois, }
COUNTY OF Moane } SS.

I, A. J. Lewis a Notary Public

in and for the said County, in the State aforesaid, Do HEREBY CERTIFY, that
George A. Barker and Mrs. H. Barker his wife
who case
personally known to me to be the same persons whose names case 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.

Notarial Seal

GIVEN under my hand and Notarial seal, this Eighteenth day of June A. D. 1883

A. J. Lewis
Notary Public

No. 24723 Filed for Record this 19th day of June A. D. 1883, at 10²⁰ o'clock A. M.

W. P. Dutton
Recorder.