

ELGIN BUILDING PLAQUE PROGRAM
APPLICATION

BUILDING'S ADDRESS 714 Douglas Ave, Elgin, IL
BUILDING'S NAME _____
(for public/commerical structures)

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

PHOTOGRAPH

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

DOCUMENTATION

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

Attach photocopies of relevant material.

Sources should be clearly identified and the relevant parts marked.

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

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

Other (please specify): Have the property abstract listing all owners up to the 1940's.

Dan Miller has a picture of the house dating in the 1920's. Other than the porch railings in front and back the house remains unchanged on the outside.

ORIGINAL OWNER Dwight A. Chamberlain
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION Between April + August 1904
ARCHITECT (if known) unknown
BUILDER (if known) unknown

STATEMENT OF VALUE

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

See paper for house including bibliography.

BUILDING ALTERATIONS

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

The handrails on the front porch were removed after 1980's. On the back of house a porch off the kitchen had been improperly enclosed. We added french style sliding doors and continued cedar siding to maintain the flow. Plan to add a new porch to that addition to step out of kitchen to side of yard (1996). No other alterations appear to have been done based on picture from 1920's. We had replaced handrails on front porch prior to seeing the picture.

STIPULATIONS

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

This application and the materials submitted with it shall be retained by the City of Elgin as a part of the permanent record of the building.

The Elgin Heritage Commission has the authority to edit and publish the information in the submitted application. This does not in any way prohibit others' use of the material.

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

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

Signature *Caroline Blarasin*

Date 6-25-95

Date _____

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made. On April 25, 1904, a search of title was made to show release of any mortgages, liens or unpaid taxes. Julia S. Taylor, widow, sold to Dwight A. Chamberlain for \$1,250.00, the land by which D.A. Chamberlain, an Insurance Agent for the prestigious Rockford Insurance Co., commissioned the building of 714 Douglas on lot 3. Built in 1904, which I determined by it's first appearance in the 1905 Elgin City Directory(5), listing owner Dwight A. Chamberlain, and also a listing in the Elgin Daily Courier on December 10, 1904, as a house erected during that year for Chamberlain. At a cost of \$4,000.00, 714 matched the cost of the Bosworth home on the neighboring plat #4 Towners subdivision as the most expensive home structures built that year.(6) For the years prior to living at 714, Chamberlain resided just across the street at 711 Douglas Avenue in what is said to be the oldest house on the block.(7) Indication that between April 1882 and August 1882, a structure was built on Plat #3 (probably farm dwelling) due to a note in the Abstract of Title stating that "land and premises" were sold for \$3,000 when only in April of the same year the "land" was sold for \$1,000.00. It appears that the structure may have been removed about 1898 when the cost of the land dropped to \$1,500.00 or the drop in value could have been due to the depression era.(8)

My investigation into Dwight Chamberlain revealed that he may have been married twice, first to CoFa L. Orth whom he had two children

with, then to Alice. His son was a lieutenant in the services and he also had a daughter named Mary. His wife's name does not appear on the purchase of the property but does appear in the directory in 1911, and Alice is as noted in the abstract for the sale of the property. (9) Later in 1915, the Chamberlains' took out a loan against their home for \$3,500.00. Shortly after that they sold 714 Douglas for \$6,500.00 on February 21, 1916, paying off the \$3,500.00 loan. I can only assume that the money was used to commission the purchase of a new more lavish home. Mr. Chamberlain was said to be a noted businessman in the community, highly respected and of considerable means. (10)

The home was sold to the family of Daniel R. Branen who died shortly afterward leaving the home to his wife and children. On November 1, 1928, Edward E. Ekvall purchased the home for \$7,250.00 living there with his wife for 11 years. Ekvall then sold 714 to Dr. Nathan Perry Collins and his wife, Florence on September 18, 1939, for an undisclosed amount. (11) The house was owned by the Collins family for 44 years until in 1983, a family purchased the home in hopes of "fixing it up". The Supergans purchased the house for \$88,000.00 after the death of Dr. Collins. I, being the 6th owner of the home, inherited the mistakes of the Supergans and all of the modifications made by the previous home owners. (And a Boiler with need of repair...)

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In doing my research to determine what the architectural style of the house might be, I found some variation in what each noted authority felt constituted a specific style. My house, like many Queen Anne's, is a collage of various architectural styles with definite influence from the shingle style.(12) Seven Fourteen displays an unconventional design which uses an english gambrel style(13) roof outline on the front of the house although the actual lines of the house do not follow suit. The underside of the english gambrel has groups of reeding or rollmolding in groups of three. They appear to offer no structural support but plenty of design. Like many Queen Anne's, the use of different building materials is quite evident; 3" clapboard on the bottom of the house, square shingles on the top half, and on the porch vertical tongue-and-groove paneling. The house boasts multiple roof lines and an excellent array of window styles inclusive of bay areas.

Most windows in the house are double hung. The windows facing front on the second floor are 12 quarrel with the front attic window displaying a creative use of division. The satchels create a diamond shaped quarrel in the middle, which is connected by satchels on each point, creating 4 more quarrels to the edge of the window pane. This window is accompanied by a Queen Anne-esque design that creates a wonderful shelf on the bottom edge of the window: A great place for a flower basket with cascading colors. Of the remaining attic windows, the other three are the French lattice single-hung style.

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Along with the rectangular double hung windows, the house also has 4 which are topped with an arch all of varying sizes. The house currently has 37 windows total, including 5 in the basement, four in the attic and showing off four stained glass windows along with two leaded glass windows. Each stained glass window is a unique piece of artwork yet there are central themes and parallels which bring the windows together as a family. Two of the windows have 3 green bows which are part of a connecting ribbon. The window, which is located in our bedroom, has the design of a large open wreath with garland attaching the three bows. The other window in the dining room, is similar to the one upstairs however instead of a wreath it has a fleur-de-lis design in the middle. Of the two stained glass windows remaining, they are both situated along the front staircase. The smaller of the two has a solid wreath with beautiful shades of purple and red. The other window is about 8 feet tall with a rounded top and has a torch and flame design. I believe these symbols signify peace, harmony, warmth, light and integrity. ^{good} ^{insight} The use of color, texture and jeweled glass would be hard to duplicate at a cost of under \$5,000 per window today. I have become so accustom to the windows that I forget how lucky I am to have such beauty in my own house.

Consequently, one of the windows in the upstairs bedroom was covered by a bookshelf. This window was of an interesting rectangular shape and offered sunlight into the room from different directions.

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Although the book shelve^f was well constructed and fits into the room naturally (it took me almost a year to notice it was originally a window) I prefer the light of the window myself. (Possible future project)

Two windows in the basement currently are blocked of light by the existing porches suggesting that the porches have been altered over the years. Most likely the limestone foundation around the base of the front porch was added and the wood support structure removed which used to allow light to filter in. The front porch used to be screened in, the screens being removed some time during the 1980's. By screening in the porch, the original spindles were removed and destroyed. My guess is that the porch was enclosed during the period that Dr. Collins occupied the home, possibly for the comfort of his patients in waiting. More recently the back porch and cold storage area was boarded up by the Supergans to expand the kitchen area to allow room for a full size refrigerator. This porch was dismantled. The railing, door and window were removed, leaving no trace of the original design or spindle work. What an eyesore it was. I decided to leave the porch as part of the interior of the home and immediately after purchasing the house, started a project to properly enclose the porch so that it aligned with the rest of the exterior of the house.

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Over the porch sits a double peaked roofing layout where the square shingles are able to form a fan design. The front porch roof is supported by four thick shingled pillars, taken straight out of a text for a shingle style home. On the north side of the home a unique piece of design (artwork) accents the arched elongated stained glass window. The design looks as if it could be a scale or maybe something which drives away evil spirits. I search^d to find out what this type of artwork may be called but have not come across a name for it yet. At this time I can not tell if it was added later or was part of the original construction.

The Chamberlain home has quite an abundance of detail on the exterior however is quite absent of detail in the interior. The wood trim, open staircase and flooring are simple in taste compared to other homes I have visited that were built during the 20 year period. The interior has a definite Germanic masculine feel to it as if it were designed without a women's touch. The kitchen is quite small even for a servants use and the all oak wood work lacks any intricate detailing. The home has a strong solid feel to it with the large 5 panel doors, including a set of pocket (sliding) doors between the dining room and the living area. Oak is used throughout the house; the floors, the built-in dressers in the closets, all the wood trimming and the built-in pantry/storage closets. Even the fire place is just plain brick. I have been passed on the information that Dr. Collins removed dividing walls between the front and back

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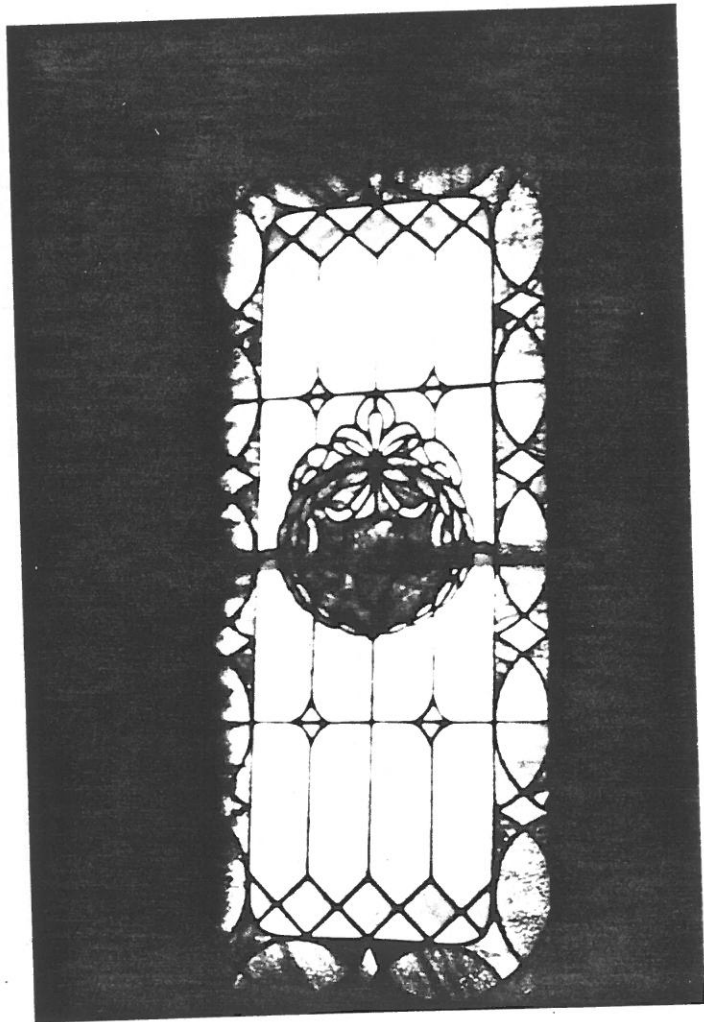
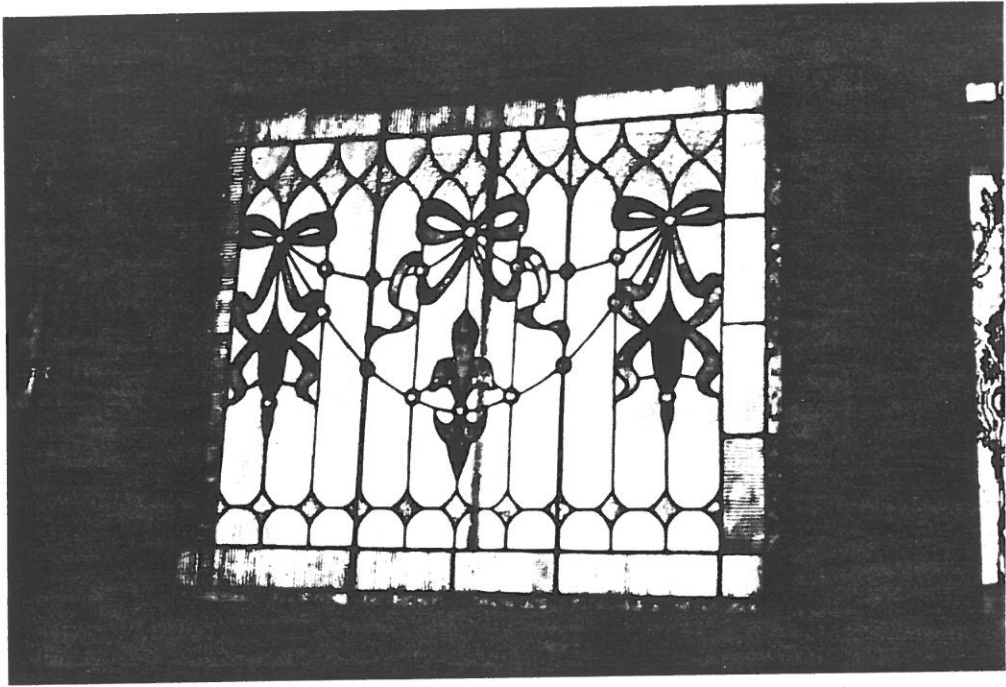
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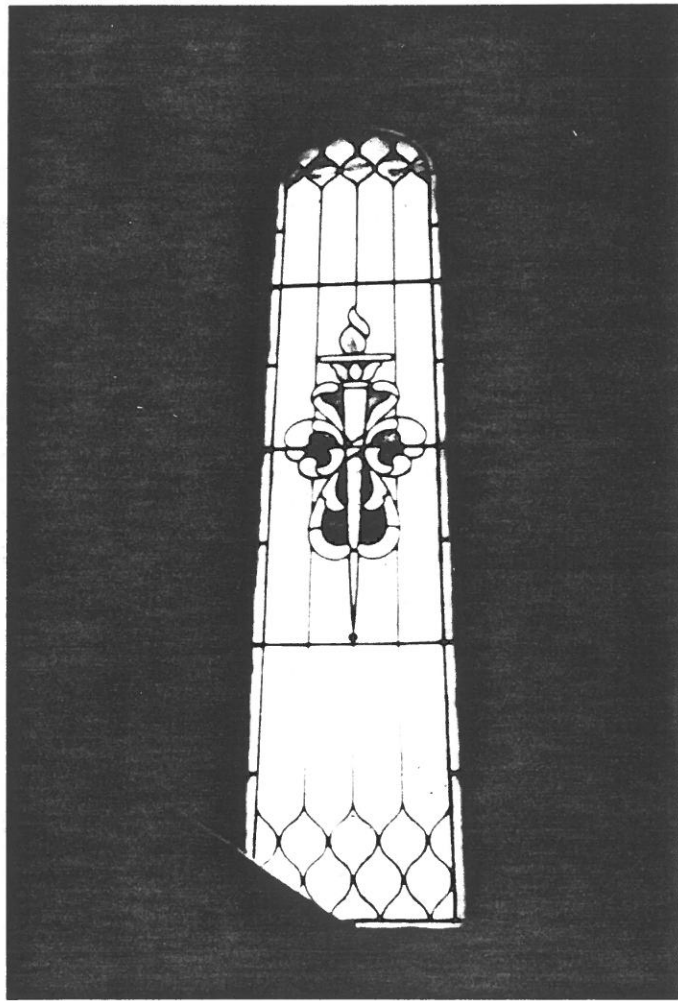
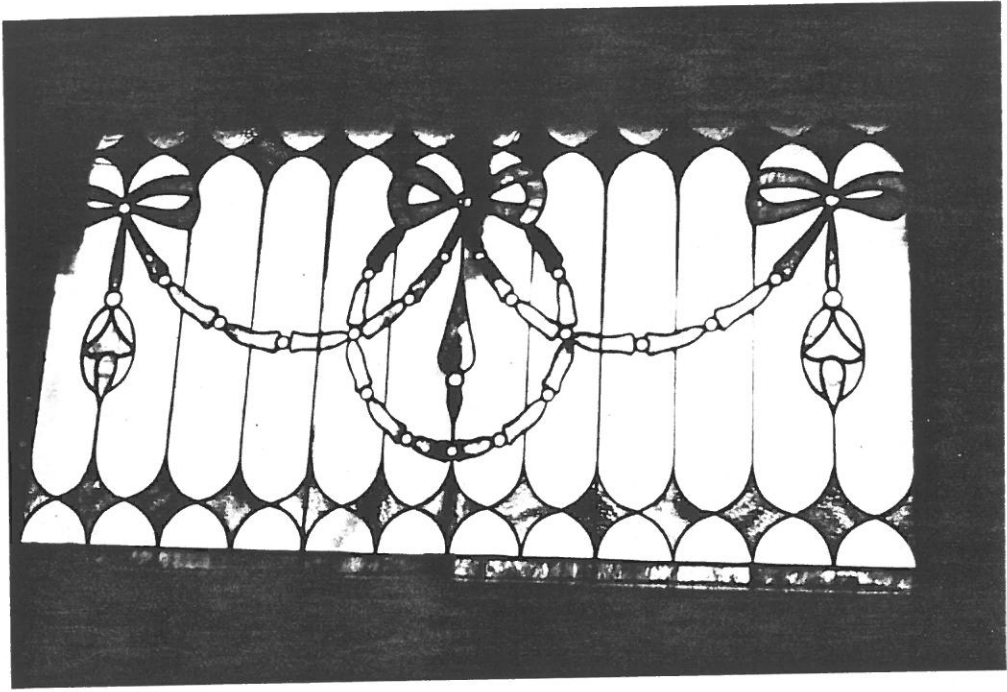
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Dec. 10, 1904
 Elgin Daily Courier

Schmidt Brothers have been erecting a big butter tub factory in the south part of the city near the old brick yard site, fifteen thousand dollars having been expended there this year.

While all the contracts let on the new east wing of the high school have not been signed, it is safe to say that when they are, perhaps some time before the first of the year, the expenditure of \$45,000 will have been arranged for.

The foundation of the Y. W. C. A. building on Chicago street is well under way.

Elgin is justly proud of its hospitals - Sherman and St. Joseph's. A detailed description of the latter appeared recently in the Courier. The new addition to Sherman hospital increases the capacity of the hospital to fifty-five beds. There are three operating rooms in the building and two elevators. Presided over by an efficient corps of nurses and managed by the Elgin Woman's club, past successes of the institution are bound to be repeated.

The past year has been a great one in the way of public improvements inaugurated by the Hubbard administration, as the figures show:

The following houses were erected during the year:

- Paul Boltern, Sherman avenue, \$2,500.
- F. H. Bosworth, Douglas avenue, \$4,000.
- A. T. Zilzatt, Bellevue avenue, \$2,800.
- J. G. Shaw, brick house, Mill street, \$1,300.
- E. Schillenberger, Barrett street, \$2,300.
- Mary G. Kellogg, St. Charles street, \$2,500.
- Charles Blakesley, Grove avenue, \$2,500.
- A. T. Zilzatt, Bellevue avenue, \$2,700.
- A. T. Zilzatt, Bellevue avenue, \$2,800.
- Dr. Rea, Geneva street, \$4,500.
- J. A. Kenyon, Jackson street, \$2,500.
- Chris Schmidt, Standish street, \$2,250.

- \$1,200.
- Fred Wahl, Orchard street, \$2,100.
- Oscar Fabrique, cement finish house, Park street, \$5,000.
- Henry Ackemann, N. Center street, \$1,700.
- Miss M. Smith, Perry street, \$1,800.
- Frank Burton, South street, \$2,100.
- Jane O'Connell, Center street, \$2,100.
- Edward Fuller, Hastings street, \$1,600.
- D. A. Chamberlin, Douglas avenue, \$4,000.**
- Alois Pregler, store, —
- Dennis Conroy, Lavoie avenue, \$800.
- H. G. Weatherill, brick house, Gifford street, \$3,200.
- W. M. Krueger, Douglas avenue, \$3,100.
- Paul Bartron, Sherman avenue, \$2,500.
- Herman Becker, Locust street, \$1,700.
- Frank Groener, Brook street, \$1,000.
- J. A. Kenyon, Monroe street, \$2,500.
- Wm. Groman, Logan avenue, \$900.
- Emil Schlicht, \$1,900.
- Frank Gnekow, Gertrude street, \$1,800.
- S. W. Parks, S. Channing, \$2,300.
- G. E. Linkfield, Mill street, \$1,000.
- G. F. Gorrecht, Marguerite place, \$2,300.
- D. P. Harlow, alteration, N. College street, \$1,100.
- A. B. Todd, Spring street, \$2,800.
- Bean & Hriburt, Blue City (barn), \$2,700.
- C. J. Hillman, corner Prospect street, \$2,600.
- Richard Lowrie, Logan avenue, \$2,000.
- J. E. Gabke, Washington street, \$2,200.
- G. F. Davis, St. John street, \$1,600.
- O. F. July, brick, Vinton street, \$2,400.
- Delos Moulton, Prospect street, \$2,000.
- I. H. Warren, Orchard street, \$1,450.
- Mrs. Mary Burton, South street, \$2,000.
- J. A. Kenyon, Hamilton street, \$2,500.
- J. A. Kenyon, Vincennes avenue, \$3,500.

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his duties in a faithful manner. On the organization of the Second National Bank, he acquired some stock and for a number of years served as director. In the forty-four years of his residence in Aurora, he has done his part towards its growth and development.

DWIGHT A. CHAMBERLIN, supervisor and a prominent business man of Elgin, is the well-known district agent of the Rockford Insurance Company, with office in the Elgin National Bank building, Elgin, Illinois. He is a native of the Prairie state, born in Rockford, June 2, 1849, and is a son of Alfred A. and Nancy E. (Munger) Chamberlin, the former a native of Vermont, and the latter of Massachusetts. In their family were four children: Marian C., widow of John Loop, of Santa Monica, California; Emma, wife of George M. Welles, of Elgin; Thyrsa T., wife of George W. Bridgman, of Bridgman, Michigan; and Dwight A., our subject.

Alfred A. Chamberlin, the father, was a pioneer of northern Illinois, locating at Aurora when the settlers' cabins were few and far between. At that time the great Prairie state gave but little promise of the bright future that was before it. Chicago was then but a small village, and the most enthusiastic of its citizens little dreamed of what it was destined to be. The county of Kane existed but in name, its many thousands of acres of fertile land unturned by the plow. For some years after his removal to Illinois, he engaged in the foundry business in Rockford, with moderate success. From Aurora he removed to Oregon, Ogle county, Illinois, and later to Rockford. In 1859 he moved to Cherry Valley,

Illinois, and there engaged in the milling business until his retirement to private life. In 1894 he came with his wife to Elgin and lived with his children, dying at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Welles, June 3, 1897, at the age of ninety years. His wife preceded him but five days, dying May 29, 1897, at the age of eighty-eight years. For a period of sixty-three years they traveled life's journey together, happy in each other's love. One could not live without the other, and so the angel of death tarried but a few days after taking the one before he called for the other. Religiously she was a Baptist, and, while he never united with any religious body, he attended services with her. In his life he endeavored to faithfully carry out the golden rule.

The paternal grandfather of our subject, William Chamberlin, was a native of Vermont and there died. In his family were six or seven children who grew to maturity. The maternal grandfather, Lyman Munger, was a native of Massachusetts, where he died at an advanced age.

Dwight A. Chamberlin, our subject, was about ten years of age when his parents removed to Cherry Valley, and his education begun in the public schools of Rockford, was afterward completed in the same place. In 1871 he commenced the insurance business in his home village, and for some years traveled in the interest of the Rockford Insurance Company. His success as a solicitor soon gave him standing with his company and his patronage rapidly grew so that he became well known in many localities, and many held their insurance until his arrival that it might be given him. In 1885 he removed to Elgin, opened an office and has here since continued to reside. Having visited this place while on the road, he had

when he was eighty-six years old. Well known throughout Kane and De Kalb counties, he was a man universally respected, and enjoyed the reputation of being an honest man.

Phillip Ramer, our subject, was reared on the farm, and received his education in the old log school house in De Kalb county, Illinois. While his school life was limited and the education received therein not of the best, he has yet become a well informed man, gaining knowledge by reading and observation. He has always followed the vocation of a farmer, having a taste for it, and having no desire to change.

The war for the union being in progress, Mr. Ramer enlisted November 9, 1861, as a member of Company G, Fifty-eighth Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry, at Aurora, and with his regiment went to the front. He participated in the battles of Fort Donelson and Shiloh, and after the latter engagement was taken sick and for three months was in the hospital. He was then discharged from the service and returned home. After spending some time in regaining his health, he again engaged in farm work. In consequence of ill health, caused by disease contracted while in the army, he now draws a pension from the general government.

After his return from the front, Mr. Ramer located in De Kalb county, where he remained until 1866, when he purchased eighty acres of land in Virgil township, near Maple Park, and at once began its improvement, and has there remained until the present time. He also owns three hundred and twenty acres in Ottawa county, Kansas.

On the 1st of January, 1866, Mr. Ramer was united in marriage with Miss Olivia

Watson, of Kaneville, Illinois, but a native of New Jersey. By this union were six children, two of whom are deceased. The living are Alvin, Harley, Charlie and Lloyd. Those deceased were Fielding A. and Gertrude. Fraternally Mr. Ramer is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and religiously he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics he is a Republican and a firm believer in the principles of the party. As a citizen he is enterprising, and as a farmer his ability is recognized by all. Socially he is greatly esteemed.

NATHAN PERRY COLLINS, M. D., was for years one of the best known physicians in Kane county. He was the grandson of Solomon Collins, and the son of Dr. Nathan Collins, probably a native of New Hampshire, who came to Kane county in November, 1835, locating at Clintonville, now South Elgin. In company with Dr. Joseph Tefft and P. C. Gilbert, he drove through by wagon from Madison county, New York, the two Doctors bringing with them their families, but sending their furniture and household goods by lake. They did not find them in Chicago until June, 1836, although they made frequent trips of inquiry. On their arrival they left their families at "Yankee settlement," on the Des Plaines river, in Cook county, and on horseback rode over the prairies searching a place of settlement. They visited settlements at Aurora, Blackberry, Geneva, and that of Ira Minard, where the insane asylum now stands. Descending the river a few miles to the present site of South Elgin, Dr. Collins took up a claim on the west side, and Dr. Tefft on the east side of the

river. The next spring, however, Dr. Collins removed to St. Charles, and the first brick building erected in that place was for his use as an office. It was erected in 1837, and is still standing, but now used as a stable. The Doctor died in 1841, a few months prior to the birth of our subject. He was one of the most prominent of the early settlers, very influential, and of a genial disposition.

Dr. Nathan Collins married Miss Fannie Gilbert, whose birth occurred in De Ruyter, New York. She was a member of one of the three families so intimately connected in the early settlement of Kane county—the Teffts, the Gilberts and the Collinses. Of their family of five children, four reached years of maturity, as follows: Adeline, who married Thomas Orcutt; Marian, who married Adolphus Brown, and Nathan Perry. Dr. Nathan Collins was a cousin of Commodore Perry, from whom our subject received his middle name.

Nathan Perry Collins was born in St. Charles, Illinois, July 9, 1841. After the death of his father, his mother resided for a time at Elgin, at Clintonville and St. Charles, where our subject attended school, as well as at Aurora. The mother died when he was about twelve years old, and he then lived in the family of P. C. Gilbert, a relative for whom he worked for his board. He early evinced the desire to make the medical profession his life work, and to that end read medicine with Dr. Whitford, in Elgin, some two or three years, after which he began practice in a small town in Illinois. Later he took a course in the Cincinnati Eclectic Medical College, from which he was graduated February 11, 1868. He then began practice in Earlville, Illinois,

and in a short time secured a patronage that kept him so constantly employed that his health broke down. For rest and recreation he took a trip to Minnesota, and there met the woman who was later to become his wife.

Dr. Collins was married near Lyle, Mower county, Minnesota, May 1, 1870, to Miss Mary A. Whitford, a native of Erie county, Pennsylvania. Her father, Asahel Whitford, was born in Otsego county, New York, and was by occupation a farmer. From Otsego county he moved to Erie county, Pennsylvania, and later returned to New York, locating in Madison county, where he married Eliza Mitchell, born in De Ruyter, Madison county, and a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Mosher) Mitchell, both of whom were natives of New York. Joseph Mitchell followed the occupation of a farmer during his entire life. When a boy he lived on Nantucket Island, and many were the stories told around the fireside of his early life among the fisher folks and seafaring men. His father was a native of the Isle of Wight. After the death of Joseph Mitchell, his widow made her home with Mrs. Collins, passing to her rest November 30, 1866. She was the mother of five children, Mrs. Collins being the only survivor. Religiously she was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. In the spring of 1866 Asahel Whitford, who was the son of Ezekiel and Aurilla (Ruggles) Whitford, removed from Madison county and settled near Lyle, Mower county, Minnesota, where he lived until a short time before his death, when, believing a change of climate would be beneficial, he came to South Elgin, and made his home with our subject until his death, May 9, 1887, at the age of sixty-nine years.

- Nathan Collins
1841 - Dr. Nathan
1869 - Children
1900 - Dr. Nathan
Perry
William
Perry

see
1873

Returning to Earlville, our subject resumed practice, but again broke down, when he closed his office and left with his wife for Minnesota. Joining a surveying corps, he remained with the party during the summer and fall, but spent the winter with his wife at the home of her parents. In the spring following he came to Clintonville, now South Elgin, and built a house on part of his father's old claim, with the intention of locating here but temporarily. His practice grew so rapidly that he decided to remain and so rebuilt the house, which is now the home of the family. It is a large, commodious dwelling on Main street.

To Dr. Collins and wife three children were born. Fannie died in infancy. Cornelia W. married Rev. Thomas Ream, the present pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at Barrington, Illinois, and they have two children, Dorothy H. and Mary A. William P. is a student in a Chicago medical college, but makes his home with his mother. During his vacations he finds employment in the Malleable Iron Works in St. Charles. In politics he is a Republican.

Dr. Collins was a martyr to his profession. His practice was very large in the country, and calls came to him day and night. On the 22nd of December, 1895, he had a hard drive all day, during which time he was suffering great pain in his heart, but made no complaint at home, not even mentioning it. That night, however, the pain grew so severe a physician had to be called. He grew rapidly worse and expired during the early hours of the morning of December 24. Dr. Collins was a man of decisive character—facts were quickly considered and decision quickly rendered. He was unerring in his judgment of cases coming under his care; kind, but firm in his direc-

tions and management of a case. He was a man whose place in the community can scarcely be filled. While not a church member, he was a religious man. In politics he was a Republican, but his professional duties kept him from accepting an official position but that of school director, which was forced upon him for many years. Fraternally, he was a member of the old Clintonville lodge, A. F. & A. M., which was afterwards merged into one of the Elgin lodges. He was also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, of South Elgin, for which he was medical examiner.

DJ. HOGAN, member of the Democratic state central committee, now residing in the beautiful city of Geneva, is a native of the Prairie state, born in Chicago, December 7, 1856. He is a son of John Hogan and wife, both of whom were natives of Ireland, but who emigrated to this country at an early date, locating in Chicago about 1837, where he successfully engaged in mercantile pursuits until the great fire in October, 1871. His death occurred in that city in 1873, while his wife survived him some ten years, dying in 1883. They were the parents of two sons, our subject and his brother, Dr. Hogan, who for seven years was engaged in the practice of his profession in Paris, France. He is now deceased. Both parents were earnest and devout members of the Roman Catholic church and died in that faith.

Our subject grew to manhood in his native city, and after receiving his education in the primary and parochial schools, entered the University of Notre Dame, near South Bend, Indiana, from which institution he graduated. Later he entered the Union

PARTIAL COPY
OF ABSTRACT
TITLE.

We have examined our Index to the Records of Kane Co. Ills, subsequent to July 12, 1867 and find no conveyance of the premises described in the Caption of this Abstract by any parties named herein as Grantors or Grantees shown thereby to have been recorded in the Recorder's Office of Kane Co. Ills. except as herein shown.

No judgments appearing thereby to have been rendered in the Circuit or County Courts of Kane Co. Ills. neither any Mechanics Liens against any parties named herein that we deem a lien on said land neither any judgments rendered in the Elgin City Court subsequent to July 1, 1897 nor prior to Apr. 15, 1904.

No Tax Sales of the same as had standing of Record not marked paid, canceled or redeemed.

This Abstract contains ^{thirteen} (13) sheets No. of Transactions ^{Three} (3)
Geneva, Kane Co. Ills.
April 25, 1904. at 8⁷/₁₆ P.M.

We do hereby certify that the foregoing abstract of title to the premises described in the caption thereof, made by Kane County Title & Trust Co. and dated April 25, 1904, consisting of 13 pages has been reviewed and rechecked; that the same shows all matters affecting or relating to the title to said premises which are of record or are on file in said county for the period of time covered by said abstract.
Dated at Geneva, Illinois, this 14th day of Sept, 1904.

KANE COUNTY TITLE COMPANY - By

A. R. Jones, Treasurer
Kane County Title & Trust Co.

Henry McLaughlin
MANAGER

Lucy S. Lovell, widow, of Los Angeles, California,
Eugene A. Chamberlain,
Document 69091

Warranty Deed dated May 5, 1904 and recorded May 27, 1904 in Book 333, page 631.

Consideration \$1250.00.
Conveys and warrants Lot 3 of Towner's

EXAMINATION OF TITLE to Lots 7 and 8 in Block VIII of Lovell's Addition to Elgin, excepting and reserving Lot 3 (except the Northerly 1 1/2 feet of the Westerly 26 feet thereof) in Towner's Subdivision of Lots 7 and 8 of Block VIII of Lovell's Addition to Elgin, in the City of Elgin, Kane County, Illinois.
Acknowledged May 4, 1904 before G. E. Gilhousen, Notary Public, Los Angeles County, California, whose commission expires May 28, 1907.
Last examination made by Kane County Title and Trust Company, April 25, 1904.

Affidavit
1. by
William F. Sylla.
Document 104409.

Recorded August 26, 1909 in Book 501, page 343.
Affiant deposes (inter alia) that he is now and for more than thirty years last past has been continuously

the City Clerk of the City of Elgin, Kane County, Illinois, and ex-officio custodian of the maps and Plats evidencing the various Additions and Subdivisions made by sundry proprietors of lands to said City from time to time since its organization.

That in his said capacity as City Clerk, as aforesaid, he is ex-officio keeper of the records of deaths and vital statistics affecting said City.

That he was well acquainted with Lucy S. Lovell, who was the widow of Vincent S. Lovell, who died in said City on September 8, 1853 and that she never remarried, but continued to be and remained the widow

of said Vincent S. Lovell, up to the time of her own death which occurred in said City of Elgin, on or about June 15, 1894.

Subscribed and Sworn to August 20, 1908 before James J. Kirby, Notary Public, Kane County, Illinois.

Julia S. Taylor, widow, of Los Angeles, California, to Dwight A. Chamberlin. Document 69091. Warranty Deed dated May 5, 1904 and recorded May 17, 1904 in Book 433, page 621. Consideration \$1250.00. Conveys and Warrants Lot 3 of Towner's

Subdivision of Lots 7 and 8 in Block VIII of Lovell's Addition to Elgin, excepting and reserving therefrom the North 1 1/2 feet of the West 26 feet of said lot, in the City of Elgin, in Kane County, Illinois.

Homestead Rights Waived.

Acknowledged May 9, 1904 before G. E. Gilhousen, Notary Public, Los Angeles County, California, whose commission expires May 22, 1907.

since April 17, 1904 and prior to April 18, 1913.

Note: We make no examination for proceedings in the City Court of the City of Aurora.

We tax sales or forfeitures of said premises appearing on record as had since April 24, 1904, not marked canceled, redeemed or paid and no special assessments thereon confirmed at any time, which now stand confirmed and in force and unpaid of record.

Geneva, Illinois, April Sixteenth (16th), 1913.

Kane County Abstract Company,

By

Note: We make no examination for proceedings in the City Court of the City of Aurora.

We have examined our indexes to and the records of conveyances, judgments, court proceedings, tax sales and confirmed special assessments in Kane County, Illinois, and find:

No conveyances of the premises described in the caption hereto executed by any of the parties named herein as grantor or grantee, shown thereby to have been recorded in the Recorder's Office of said County since April 24, 1904, except as noted on the two preceding sheets.

No judgments rendered in the Circuit or County Courts of said County, and no transcripts of judgments filed in said Circuit Court against Julia S. Taylor since April 24, 1904 and prior to May 18, 1904, and none against Dwight A. Chamberlin at any time, which we consider liens on said premises.

No judgments rendered in the City Court of the City of Elgin, Kane County, Illinois, against Julia S. Taylor since April 17, 1904 and prior to May 18, 1904, and none against Dwight A. Chamberlin prior to April 16, 1913, which we consider liens on said premises.

No proceedings had in the Circuit, County or Probate Courts of said County, affecting the title to the premises described in the caption hereto since April 24, 1904, and none in said City Court of Elgin since April 17, 1904 and prior to April 16, 1913.

Note: We make no examination for proceedings in the City Court of the City of Aurora.

No tax sales or forfeitures of said premises appearing on record as had since April 24, 1904, not marked canceled, redeemed or paid, and no special assessments thereon confirmed at any time, which now stand confirmed and in force and unpaid of record.

Geneva, Illinois, April Sixteenth (16th), 1913.

Kane County Abstract Company,

By *Lynn C. Danforth*
Secretary

1717.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of February, 1920, at Elgin, Kane County, Illinois.

In the matter of the estate of Daniel F. Branen deceased,) Examination of Title
Daniel F. Branen, deceased,) October 28, 1920. Petitioner
to)

That Daniel F. Branen died at Virgil, Kane County, Illinois on or about October 8, 1920, in Towner's Subdivision of Lots 7 and 8 of Block VIII of Lovell's Addition to Elgin, in the City of Elgin, Kane County, Illinois. Last examination made by Kane County Title and Trust Company, February 23, 1916.

1. Petitioner being a brother of said deceased,)
William Branen, Daniel Branen,)
and Elizabeth Hines, of the Township of)
of Virgil, Kane County, Illinois.)
Dec. 153114. Administration granted)
Revenue \$8.50. 26, 1920, and his bond)
and his bond with sureties in the sum of)
and reserving therefrom the North 1 1/2 feet of the West 26 feet of said)
Lot, situated in the city of Elgin, in Kane County, Illinois.)
hereby assume and agree to pay as part of the consideration herein)
mentioned an incumbrance now standing against said premises amounting)
to \$3500.00 together with the interest thereon at 6% per annum from and)
after the date of the delivery of this Deed, and)
Possession to be given to grantees April 15, 1916, the grantor to)
have the use and occupancy of the said premises without the payment)
of rent therefor from and after this date to the said April 15, 1916,)
as part of the consideration herein mentioned.) Kane County, Illinois, and

Consideration \$6500.00.

Convey and Warrant the following described real estate, to wit: Lot 3 of Towner's Subdivision

of Lots 7 and 8 in Block 8 of Lovell's Addition to Elgin, Ill.

and his bond with sureties in the sum of Kane County, Illinois, excepting and reserving therefrom the North 1 1/2 feet of the West 26 feet of said

Lot, situated in the city of Elgin, in Kane County, Illinois. Grantees hereby assume and agree to pay as part of the consideration herein

mentioned an incumbrance now standing against said premises amounting to \$3500.00 together with the interest thereon at 6% per annum from and

after the date of the delivery of this Deed, and William J. Branen Possession to be given to grantees April 15, 1916, the grantor to

have the use and occupancy of the said premises without the payment of rent therefor from and after this date to the said April 15, 1916,

as part of the consideration herein mentioned. Kane County, Illinois, and

Vera H. Ekvall, his
wife.
Document 315899.

common but in joint
tenancy Lot 3 (except
the Northerly 1 1/2
feet of the Westerly

26 feet thereof) in Towner's Subdivision of Lots 7 and 8 in
Block 8 of Lovell's Addition to Elgin, in the City of Elgin,
Kane County, Illinois, as per plat thereof on record in the
Recorder's Office in Kane County.

Subject to the general taxes for the year 1926.

Homestead rights waived.

Acknowledged April 22, 1926 by William J. Ebanen, bachelor
and Elizabeth L. Hines, widow, before Elmer C. Tobin, Notary
Public, Kane County, Illinois.

Edward E. Ekvall and
Vera H. Ekvall, both
individually and as
husband and wife each
to the other of Elgin,
Kane County, Illinois,
3. to
Elgin Loan and Homestead
Association.
Document 315811.

Mortgage dated November
1, 1928 and recorded
November 22, 1928 in
Book 877, Page 437.
To secure their note
bearing even date
herewith for \$7250.00
payable to said
Association, 8 years
after date, together
with interest at 6

per cent per annum, payable monthly; also to secure the monthly
installments on the shares of stock of said Association this
day transferred by said Edward E. Ekvall to said Association
as collateral security according to the tenor and effect of
said note.

~~Mortgage~~ and warrant Lot 3 (except the Northerly 1 1/2 feet of
the Westerly 26 feet thereof) in Towner's Subdivision of
Lots 7 and 8 of Block 8 of Lovell's Addition to Elgin, in the

Florence B. Collins, husband
and wife of same place.
Document 442233.
Revenue \$7.50.

valuable considerations.
Convey and warrant to
second parties not in
tenancy in common
but in joint tenancy

Lot 3 (except the Northerly $1\frac{1}{2}$ feet of the Westerly 26 feet
thereof) in I. C. Towner's Subdivision of Lots 7 and 8, Block
VIII of Lovell's Addition to Elgin, in the City of Elgin, Kane
County, Illinois.

Subject to the lien of taxes for the year 1939.

Homestead rights waived.

Acknowledged September 18, 1939 before Earl H. Gromer, Notary
Public, Kane County, Illinois.

Nathan Perry Collins and
Florence B. Collins,
individually and as
husband and wife
2. to
C. D. Oberwortmann.
(R. C. Kewley, first,
Recorder of Deeds of
Kane County, Illinois,
second successor in trust).
Document 442234.

Trust Deed dated
September 18, 1939 and
recorded September 18,
1939 in Book 1102, Page
167.

To secure their note
bearing even date here-
with for \$4000.00 payable
to the order of them-
selves (and by them
endorsed and delivered)

5 years after date

thereof with interest at 4 per cent per annum, payable semi-
annually at the office of the Union National Bank of Elgin,
Illinois, or such other place as the legal holder hereof may
from time to time in writing appoint.

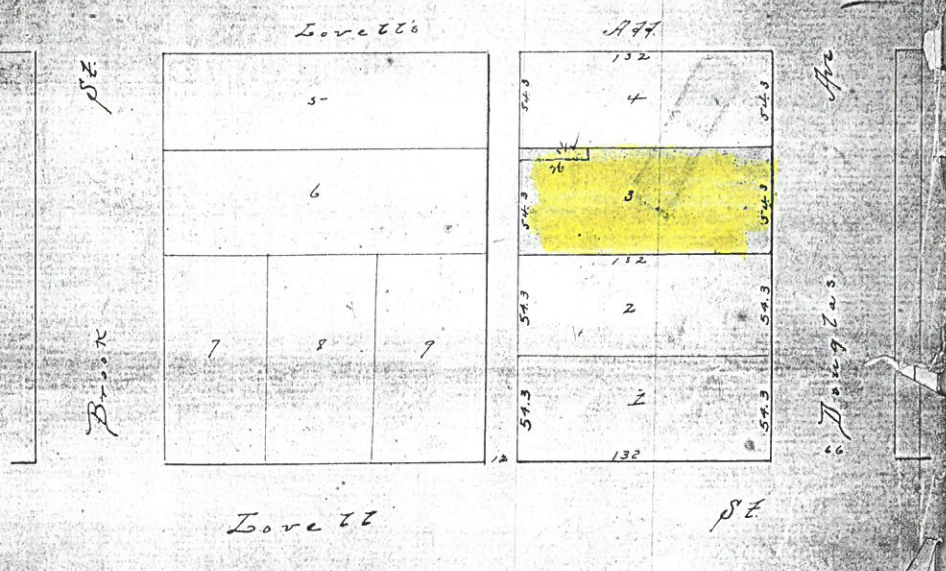
The makers reserve the privilege to pay the principal of this
note or any part thereof on any interest paying date by giving
60 days prior written notice.

Plat No 58184

Abstract of Title
To

Lot 3 of J. C. Towner's Subdivision of Lots 7 and 8 in Block VIII of Lovell's Addition to Elgin, Kane County, Illinois.

Assuming title good in Lewis S. Lovell July 12, 1869 by direction



The foregoing taken from the plat of "Towner's Subdivision of Lots 7 and 8 of Block VIII of Lovell's Addition to Elgin" as recorded August 10, 1882 in Book 6 of Plats, Page 77.

Kane County Title Company