



## Building Plaque Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Building Address 30 N ALFRED  
Building Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(for public/commercial structures only)

Original Owner	<u>WILLIAM F. ADA WATERMAN</u>
Date of Construction	<u>1926</u>
Architect (if known)	_____
Builder (if known)	<u>WILLIAM WATERMAN</u>

Please attach the following information:

1. Statement of Value: This statement should include a narrative description of the historical and architectural value of the building.
2. Photocopies of relevant research materials including but not limited to, Sanborn Maps, City Directories and original property deeds. See page 5 of the booklet for research locations.
3. Building Alterations: List any alterations to the exterior of the building. Attach copies of all building permit applications.
4. Photographs: Include a recent photograph in which the building is clearly visible. Additional photographs depicting close-up details of decorative features are helpful.

## Stipulations

If the building is not awarded a plaque the application fee of \$50 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 with the building and should not be altered or removed from the building. It is the City's responsibility to replace the plaque if or when the situation warrants it.

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

Owner's Signature Lisa Gley Date 10-15-13

30 North Alfred Street

Plaque Application

Original Owner William and Ida Waterman

Year of Construction 1926

Builder William Waterman

Address and legal description

30 North Alfred Street

Washington Heights Addition to Elgin lot 5 block 6

06-15-426-015

Original Cost \$6500

Information included

1. Application form
2. New Picture taken 2013
3. Old Picture From Township Assessor's files circa 1965
4. Sanborn map 1913 updated to 1953 version
5. Plat map
6. City Directories 1928-29 and 1929-30
7. Township Record From Elgin Township files
8. Chain of ownership From Kane County Recorder's Office
9. Mortgage Papers From Kane County Recorder's Office
10. Obituary of original owner Elgin Courier News May 18, 1959
11. Narrative description of the home, builder and original owner.

30 North Alfred is of special importance, since it was for a time the residence of one of the pre-eminent bungalow builders in Elgin. Together with Alvin Andresen and Roy Covey, these three were probably responsible for more bungalows and other homes that were built in the 1920s. William J. Waterman built his first (recorded) bungalow in 1921 and continued even during the slow time of the depression of the 1930s.

William Waterman is listed as the "house carpenter" at the Northern Hospital for the Insane in the 1930 census, when he was 51 years old. At that time, Ida was 47 and they lived at 379 South Commonwealth Avenue in another home that William constructed with his son Wilbert. They built this house in 1930 at a cost of \$2000.

The home at 30 North Alfred Street is slightly atypical for a bungalow, but still fits this category. Rather than having a front porch, it has a stoop and it has the typical dormer endemic to the bungalow, but it is placed to the side of the house rather than in the center. It currently maintains its original windows and the older picture is quite similar to the current one. It also has the wide overhanging eaves of a bungalow and the trim is painted in an appropriate earth tone. Landscaping is quite similar to that which appears in the older picture. In that picture there are four young children, probably at least one or more of them the child or children of Henry and Eileen Walderon, the owners at the time it was photographed.

## The Craftsman Bungalow

The name "Craftsman" bungalow comes from designs presented in the popular *Craftsman* magazine published by Gustav Stickley from 1901 to 1916. The name took on its own momentum and went beyond the specifications of Stickley. It has now come to be used for houses built in this period and is now associated with classic bungalows throughout the country.

Some of the characteristics of the Craftsman Bungalow include (but are not limited to) the following:

Street-facing gables with composition or shingled roofs

Painted or stained in natural colors

Wide overhanging eaves

A sleeping porch

The front door opens directly into the living room

Wood paneling

Plastered ceilings sometimes with exposed wooden beams

Often a fireplace

Casement windows

Often an arched opening flanked with bookcases separating the living room/dining room

Bedrooms with light colored woodwork

Kitchens with built in cabinetry

(From the American Bungalow Magazine)

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