

Building Plaque Application

Name _____

Building Address 946 BELLEVUE AVE

Building Name _____

(for public/commercial structures)

Current Owner Barbara and James McClung

If applicant's name is different from above:

Name _____ Daytime Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Original Owner Louis Schroeder

Date of Construction 1891

Architect (if known) _____

Builder (if known) Seiger and Brammer

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 Mrs Barbara McClung James McClung

Date 2/22/00

Signed Mary M. Hill

Date January 23, 2000

Historical/Architectural

In 1890, Grote, Waldron, and Church bought a piece of property from Margaret Boag for purposes of extending Cooper Ave. to the Dundee Rd. (Ave.). This small parcel was added to property already owned by the three men, which became "Grand View Addition to Elgin in 1891. It is bounded by Lincoln and Cooper Aves. on the south and north; Grote and Church's Subdivision on the west along Logan Ave., and Dundee Ave. on the east. Property in this general area was under development during the late 1880's/early 1890's in anticipation of employees from the nearby Ludlow Shoe Factory wanting to buy houses. In May 1890, Grote, Church, and Waldron sold lot 1, block 4 of their Grandview Addition to Louis Schroeder for \$400. A year later, a trust deed (loan) was made by Schroeder for \$2100.

The plat of Grand View Addition indicates no structure on lot 1, block 4 of the addition. It also indicates no legal voters residing within the addition, which in 1890, was outside of the Elgin city limits.

A building permit was issued in 1891 to "Louis Schroder, Cooper" for a brick house at a cost of \$2100. Cooper Ave. was driven from its beginning at Brook St.

to Dundee Ave. There is no house in the 1890's style made of brick on either side of the street. Schroeder's property was on the corner of Cooper and Bellevue Aves. ; there is no record of Schroeder owning property on Cooper Ave. There is no listing for any one named "Schroder" in the directories. It is most likely that the permit was intended for the house on the corner, facing Bellevue.

The Elgin City directory from 1889-90 lists Schroeder on (S.) Grove Ave. and the directory for 1892 at 570 Bellevue. When the city realigned street addresses in 1894, 570 became 946 Bellevue Ave.

Louis Schroeder was born in Elgin and worked in his father's harness shop, eventually owning it. He was a member of the Elgin Fire Department, stationed for many years at firehouse #3 on Dundee Ave. In the 1880's, his brother Theodore was the city fire marshal. His sister married into the Volstorff family and lived next door (on lot 4). Inventory of Mr. Schroeder's estate in 1937 contained lots 1 (946 Bellevue) and lot 4 , directly south-his sister's house; likewise, Caroline Volstorff's estate in 1940 contained lots 1 and 4. In July 1940, Cordelia Volstorff Gromer took legal steps to separate lots 1 and 4. Schroeder's heirs quit claimed their interest in 946 Bellevue in 1941. Following a few legal proceedings, 946 Bellevue was sold to Roswell Coburn in 1944. 4 years later, he acquired the north 6 feet of lot 4. 5 owners later, the house was sold to its current owners in 1993.

ARCHITECTURAL

Close evaluation of the house shows a full 2 story structure with a front facing gable and is side-gabled. The Cooper Ave. side of the house has what appears to be an enclosed side porch. Italianate features are flattened arch windows, tall narrow windows in a squared bay, double front door, and made of yellow brick. Non-Italianate features are a steeply pitched roof on the front gabled section, decorative detail at the second floor roof line, front, and side-gabled sections. The front porch is of stone and is open. 3 additions appear to have been made. The entire house is unique; there is no other like it in the entire northeast part of Elgin. Historic Resources in the Northeast Neighborhood; a summary and inventory describes the house as a Gabled Ell. Gabled Ell houses were usually plain and lacking ornamentation. Mr. Schroeder added much ornamentation to such a plain house, like a painter adding color to a blank canvas.

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1889-90
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Schroeder Louis, captain Hose Co No 1, rms 182 Grove ave.

Schroeder Rika, domestic at 201 Villa.

SCHROEDER THEO, saddler and harnessmaker, junction of
River and Brook, r 176 Grove ave.

Schryver Eva Miss, wks w fac, bds 216 Prairie.

Schuett Bertha Mrs, wks w fac, r 159 Gertrude.

Schuhl John, lab, r 264 River.

Schuknecht Charles, butcher, r 26 s Union.

Schuknecht Fritz, lab, r 123 Orchard.

Schuknecht Joe B, wks O A Kerber, bds 124 Milwaukee.

Schuld Anna, wid John, r 313 n State.

Schuld Fred, lab, bds 313 n State.

Schuld Henry, lab, bds 313 n State.

Schuller Max, carriage painter, rms 165 Grove ave.

SCHULTS CHARLES J, dry goods, carpets and upholstery,
Fountain square and Chicago, r 216 Seneca

Schulz Miss, domestic, bds 190 Park.

Schults Mabel H, teacher Brook Street School.

Schultz Christ, lab, 267 n State.

Schultz Emma, wks Cook's Pub Co, bds 67 Mill.

Schultz Fred, lab, r 301 Jewett.

Schultz Fredrica Miss, domestic, bds 301 Jewett.

Schultz H, rms 150 Channing.

Schultz Herman, wks w fac rms 249 Villa.

Schultz John, lab, r 136 Ettner ave.

SCHULTZ JOHN O, pool hall and tobacco and cigars, 12
Milwaukee, r 67 Mill.

Schultz Recca Miss, domestic, 111 s Channing.

Schultz Ida Mrs, midwife, 153 Grove ave r same.

Schultz Wm, lab, r 375 Crystal.

Schulz Adolph, wks Cond fac, bds Lincoln ave, bet Prospect and
St John.

Schulz A F, wks Ill Cond Co, bds 461 Prospect.

Schulz Carl, book binder, 16 Prairie.

Schumacher Emma Miss, bkpr, r 414 Pearl.

Schumacher E Melinda Miss, dressmaker, bds 414 Pearl.

Schumacher Ida A Miss, bds 414 Pearl.

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Miss Maudie Wrenn, a niece of Bret Harte, is one of the young poets on the Pacific slope, who is inspiring critical judges with so little interest in her

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Schroeder Albert, student, r 176 Grove ave
Schroeder Charles, lab, h 264 River
Schroeder Ida, E W F
Schroeder Karl, r 570 Bellevue ave
Schroeder Louis, E W F and capt Hose Co No 1, h 570 Bellevue ave
Schroeder Rika, dom, 162 Douglas ave
Schroeder Theo, saddle and harnessmkr, fire marshall, cor Brook and River, h 176 Grove ave
Schroeder Theodore, clk A Hansen, h 22 Hendee
Schuephenhauer Charles, blksmith Wm Grady, r 176 N Crystal
Schuhart Henry, carp, h 124 Wing
Schuknecht Charles, butcher, h 26 S Union
Schuknecht Emma Miss, E W F, r 26 S Union
Schuknecht Fred, lab h 123 Orchard
Schuknecht Ida Miss, L S F, r 123 Orchard
Schuknecht Joseph, E C M C, r 26 S Union
Schuknecht Louise Miss, r 26 S Union
Schuld Fred, lab, h 313 N State
Schults Charles J, carpets, oil cloths, etc, 31 Chicago, h 444 Douglas ave
Schults Elsie Miss, r 444 Douglas ave
Schults John, watchman C & N W R R, h 136 Ettner ave
Schults Lizzie H Mrs, r 133 Dundee ave
Schults Mabel S Miss, tchr Prospect st school, r 444 Douglas ave
Schultz Bertha Miss, r 67 Mill
Schultz Bertha Miss, student, r 153 Gertrude
Schultz Bertha Mrs, E W F, h 159 Gertrude
Schultz Charles, E W F, r 159 Gertrude
Schultz Christ, lab, h 267 N State
Schultz Emma Miss, E W F, r 67 Mill
Schultz Emma Miss, E N W C F, r 153 Gertrude
Schultz Fred, driver Egin Lumber Co, r 301 Jewett
Schultz Fred, lab, h 298 River
Schultz Fred, clk, r 45 Brook
Schultz Fred, teaming, r Worth
Schultz Frederick W, law student and stenogr, room 10 Mar- guerite blk, r Dundee, Ill
Schultz Henry, lab, r foot Wing
Schultz Ida Miss, E N W C F, r 267 N State
Schultz John, carp, r 301 Jewett
Schultz John O, billiard hall, 12 Milwaukee, h 67 Mill
Schultz John W, lab, h 53 Upton ave

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Elgin City Directory.

1894-95

SCHIRADER LOUIS, saloon, also agt U S brewing co 19 and 21 Douglas ave, also alderman Second ward, h 275 Brook (See adv page C)

Schrader Lulu H Miss, bds 275 Brook

Schram Sidney, attendant I N H I

SCHRAMM BROS (George C and John W) fruits, confectionery and ice cream mfrs 15 Douglas ave

SCHRAMM GEORGE C (Schramm Bros) h 174 Grove ave

SCHRAMM JOHN W (Schramm Bros) also alderman Fourth ward, h 468 Laurel

Schramm Margaret A Mrs, h 174 Grove ave

Schranck Charles H, emp w f, h 425 Raymond

Schranck Chris P, emp w f, bds 147 Grove ave

Schranck Lena Miss, emp w f, bds 147 Grove ave

SCHREIDER, see also SCHADER, also SCHRADER

Schreider Charles, laborer, h 402 River

Schrein Adolph, emp National house

Schrepfer Anna Mrs, wid Jacob, h 371 Summit

Schrepfer Jacob, emp W C co, h 371 Summit

Schrepfer Rose D Miss, emp W C co, bds 371 Summit

Schriner John P, emp at Martins's, bds 521 Douglas ave

Schroeder Albert L, bds 200 Grove ave

Schroeder Carl, bds 946 Bellevue ave

Schroeder Dorothy Mrs, bds 435 Prairie

Schroeder Ida Mrs, clk Swan's, h 946 Bellevue ave

Schroeder John M, carpenter, h 489 Franklin

SCHROEDER LOUIS F, harness, collars and saddlery 24 River, h 946 Bellevue ave

SCHROEDER THEODORE, fire marshal h 200 Grove ave

SCHUA, see also SHEA

Schua Ellen Miss, bds 426 Summit

Schua Jerry, bds 426 Summit

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CAMPAIGN TOUR



e Republican presidential nominee to the west coast and back of his train, are, left to right: in and Gov. Alf M. Landon.

PERSONALS

Mrs. F. A. Gurtner, 15 Rugby, has returned from Wabash, La., where she has been the last ten weeks. Her brother-in-law, M. Van Nostrand, who has been seriously ill at Ft. Wayne, Ind., hospital, is slowly improving.

Mrs. Leslie Downen, 453 Ryerson, who entered St. Joseph's hospital a week ago Monday for treatment and surgery, still remains in hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Bochum, Orchard st., announce the birth of a son yesterday at St. Joseph's hospital.

Mrs. Ella E. Butler of St. Charles is a patient at Sherman hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. William Olson visited over the week-end in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Donald Porter at Canton, Ill.

Mrs. Cora Baldwin, who has been at Sherman hospital for treatment, has returned to her home, 808 St. Charles st.

Mrs. H. A. Brandt and daughter, Katherine, and Mrs. Brandt's sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Daggett, are visiting with Mrs. Daggett's sons in Kansas.

Mrs. Emma B. Scott of Springfield, Ill., mother of Mrs. M. E. K. 776 W. Chicago st., and a son of Mrs. Marietta Diener, 320 Chicago st., underwent an operation on her eye this morning at John's hospital.

Mrs. William Marshall and daughter, Miss Ruth Marshall, 251 College st., spent the week-end with Mrs. Marshall's son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. J. of Riverside.

Ernest Sponholtz, 220 Prairie st., underwent an emergency operation yesterday afternoon at Sherman hospital.

Doris Higgins who has been

at Sherman hospital the past four and one-half months, has returned to her home, 514 N. Spring st.

James Minnich, Eugene Culp, Dennis Garber and Donovan Senger returned yesterday to North Manchester, Ind., to resume their studies at Manchester college, following a week-end visit in their homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Reimer, 255 McClure ave., announce the birth of a daughter at Sherman hospital yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Agnes Hurlburt, 559 Mann pl., is at St. Joseph's hospital for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Miller, 235 Hamilton ave., in company with Miss Annetta Mow and Miss Alberta Yoder of the Brethren Publishing Co., drove to Waterloo, Ia., to visit friends and relatives over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wendler, 347 St. Charles st., announce the birth of a girl last night at Sherman hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Strohm, 386 E. Chicago st., and grandsons, Raymond Jr., and Donald Strohm, 1027 N. Spring st., have returned from a week-end trip to Washington, Ia., where they visited Mr. Strohm's mother, Mrs. Olivia Strohm, and other relatives.

Mrs. A. R. Carlson of Peoria, who is visiting her father, James Waters of South Elgin, is receiving treatment at Sherman hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Humbracht and daughters, Carol and Mary Lou, have moved from 344 Lavoie ave., to 345 Vincent pl.

Ona Barrier of South Elgin has entered Sherman hospital for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Arnold, 224 N. Commonwealth ave., have gone to Biglerville, Pa., to visit their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Arnold and their recently adopted son.

Robert Tyson Jr., 891 Douglas ave., underwent a tonsil operation this morning at Sherman hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rosenberger Jr., 258 Kimball st., announce the birth of a son James, this morning at Sherman hospital. Mrs. Rosenberger is the former Beulah Martin of Elgin.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Dible, rural route 3, Elgin, announce the birth of a daughter this morning at Sherman hospital.

Mrs. Allen Clark and Mrs. Blanche Flaherty of Cleveland, O., were guests of their sister-in-law, Mrs. Pearl Martin, 21 N. Porter st., over the week-end.

Mrs. Bess Baird, who has been making her home in Winterset, Ia., has returned to Elgin to reside for the present with her daughter, Mrs. Homer Dreyer, 565 Walnut ave.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Krieger, 75 Edison ave., and Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Waller of Melrose Park, enjoyed a motor trip down the Blackhawk Trail, Sunday.

TARZAN ROLE FOR GEHRIG
NEW YORK—AP—Hollywood reports of negotiations for casting baseball's celebrated "Iron Man," Lou Gehrig of the Yankees, in a "Tarzan" role were confirmed by Christy Walsh, Gehrig's business representative. "Absolutely nothing definite has been done but possibilities have been discussed and Gehrig will be glad to consider the details, if and when they develop," Walsh said.

OBITUARY

Louis F. Schroeder.

Funeral services for Louis F. Schroeder, Elgin fire department pensioner, who died yesterday at his home, 946 Bellevue ave., will be held tomorrow morning at 10:30 from the Walt-Ross-Allanson funeral church. The Rev. Alexander Milmine, pastor of the Congregational church, will officiate and burial will be in Bluff City cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral chapel.

Members of the fire department will serve as pallbearers, namely, First Deputy Fire Marshal Morris Hintz, Capt. Elmer Henryson, Frank Whalen, and Lea McQueeney, and Firemen Henry Christensen, and Daniel Wallace.

Mr. Schroeder, a lifelong resident of Elgin and a veteran of 44 years service with the fire department, was born in this city on April 24, 1861 and was in his seventy-sixth year at the time of his death. He was a son of Karl Schroeder, who came to Elgin in the late '40s and who for many years operated a harness shop in this community.

Louis F. Schroeder joined the Elgin fire department on June 2, 1882, as a call man, and on Sept. 10, 1897 was appointed a regular member of the force. He was stationed for many years as a pipeman at No. 3 (Dundee avenue near Bluff), and was retired on pension on Sept. 1, 1926.

Mr. Schroeder's brother, the late Theodore Schroeder was fire marshal in this city from 1892 to 1899. Survivors are two sisters, Mrs. Adolphine Boelhoff and Mrs. Charlotte Volstorff, both of Elgin, and several nephews and nieces. Mr. Schroeder's wife, Ida C. Schroeder, died on Feb. 14, 1935.

George W. Buckus.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 2 in the J. E. Hancock home, North Jefferson st., Harvard, for George W. Buckus, lifelong resident of Harvard, who died in Rogers Memorial hospital, Oconomowoc, Wis., on Saturday. Born in Durham township, Dec. 11, 1853, he was married to the former Jennie Collins who died 18 years ago.

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and Kimball Street
Phones: Elgin 5420 Dundee 48

An only son, Clifton, of Harvard and a sister, Mrs. Mae Loughlin of Chicago, survive. The Rev. Herbert T. Chenoweth, pastor of Methodist church, will officiate and burial will be in Oakwood cemetery. Pallbearers will be Eugene Barlow, Hugh Deneen, Dr. G. E. Royce, T. V. Houlihan, Henry Ferris and L. S. Bourn, all of Harvard.

Walter G. Brown.

Funeral services for Walter G. Brown who died Sunday will be held tomorrow afternoon at 1 from the late home, 319 W. Chicago st., and at 1:30 from the Walt-Ross-Allanson funeral church. The Rev. William Rest, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical church, will officiate and burial will be in Bluff City cemetery. Friends may call at the residence.

In Memoriam.

In memory of our dear little Lorraine, who passed away two years ago today.

Mr. and Mrs. George Rieckhoff and family.

The citrus experiment station at Riverside, Calif., contains 386 varieties of citrus fruits.

Baptist Convention
Held At Galesburg

GALESBURG, Ill.—AP—The annual meeting of the Illinois state Baptist convention opened here today with the position of the church amid chaotic world conditions as a principal discussion topic.

Twelve hundred delegates were here for the three-day meeting.

The Rev. Herbert B. Clark of North Adams, Mass., president of the Northern Baptist convention, was scheduled in an address tomorrow to present his plan for obtaining 250,000 titheers among northern Baptists.

DRAW CROWDS

NEWARK, N. J.—Over 10,000 visitors from practically every state in the union as well as travelers from Canada, Mexico, and the Hawaiian Islands have beaten a path to the door of Mrs. Koleta Walker's home here to see the valuable relics, keepsakes, and curios she has collected from all parts of the globe.

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of the City of Elgin County of Kane and State of Illinois the following described Real Estate, to-wit: situate in the City of Elgin, in the County of Kane, and State of Illinois, to-wit: Lot No. One (1) in Block No. Four (4) of Second View Addition to Elgin as per plat thereof on record in the office of the Recorder of said Kane County.

situated in the County of _____ 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

first

day of

May

A. D.

1896

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in Presence of

William Grotz (SEAL)Kate Grotz (SEAL)Alfred B. Church (SEAL)Mary E. Church (SEAL)E. Dunbar Waldron (SEAL)Louise T. Waldron (SEAL)

STATE OF ILLINOIS, ss.

Kane CountyI, C. R. Hopson a Notary Public

in and for the said County, in the State aforesaid, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that William Grotz and Kate Grotz his wife Alfred B. Church and Mary E. Church his wife, E. Dunbar Waldron and Louise T. Waldron his wife personally known to me to be the same persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument.

appeared before me this day in person, and acknowledged that they signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as their free and voluntary act, for the uses and purposes therein set forth, including the release and waiver of the right of Homestead.

GIVEN under my hand and Notarial seal, this 7th day of May A. D., 1896.

C. R. Hopson,
Notary Public.

(Notarial Seal.)