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Dear Plaque Applicant:

The Elgin City Council and the Elgin Heritage Commission welcome your interest in our plaquing program for historic structures. Please keep in mind these structures can be residential or commercial and do not have to be in the Elgin Historic District. The enclosed materials are intended to assist you in dating your building and applying for a plaque.

Enclosed are the following materials:

1), a two-page application;

2) the criteria used to determine if a building qualifies;

an outline of the plaquing process;

4) a guide to researching and dating a building.

If you are reluctant to begin research because you are not sure a building will qualify for a plaque or if you have difficulty finding required information, please contact the Preservation Specialist in the Department of Code Administration at 931-5943 to discuss your concerns.

A \$15.00 application fee, payable to the City of Elgin, should be submitted with your application. You will be informed by mail if your building has qualified and this letter will confirm the wording on the plaque. The information will be given to our sign painter and the plaque will be forwarded to you when completed. If the structure has not qualified, your application fee will be refunded.

We appreciate your interest In the Elgin Building Plaque Program and wish you the best of luck in your research.

Sincerely,

THE ELGIN HERITAGE COMMISSION

OVERT

ELGIN BUILDING PLAQUE PROGRAM APPLICATION

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ORIGINAL OWNERArthur Levine	
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION 1946	
ARCHITECT (if known)	
BUILDER (if known) Levine and Lamp	
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.	ie
exhibits G and H	
BUILDING ALTERATIONS	
Describe any alterations that have been made to the exterior of the building. If the dates of them are known, include them.	
second story added post 1946 construction	
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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 other use of the material.	- s¹
The plaque, when awarded, will remain the property of the City of Elgin and so not in any way be altered. It will be the city's responsibility to replace to plaque when the situation warrants it.	hall he
In addition to agreeing to the above stipulations, the undersigned attests the infermation provided in this application is, to the best of his/her know-ledge, accurate.	at
Signature J. 18-54 Date 7-18-54	_
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Elgin's far north end developed out of farm lands owned by Seymour, Boag, McBride, Tefft, Lovell, etc. The area became filled in with houses at a more leisurely pace than the areas immediately surrounding the original plat of the town. Richard Botsford, a well known Elgin attorney, in partnership with William Grote and David Sherwood bought a piece of property platted, annexed to the city, and named "R.N. Botsford's Addition to Elgin in 1891. It was bounded on the north and south by Congdon and Cooper Aves. and on the east by the Dundee Rd. (Ave.). The west boundary was Grote and Church's 2nd Addition-part of Cedar Ave.

To the south was GrandView Addition, lending an English translation to the name of a street within the area-Bellevue Ave. Perhaps the person who so named the addition and the street was awed by seeing the exoanse of land leading down a slope to the eastern edge of the Fox River!

Lot5, block 5 of Botsford's Addition laid vacant for over 55 years. The estate of William Grote, in 1921, included this lot and in January 19,46 the lot was acquired by Arthur Levine, a prolific builder in Elgin, A certificate of occupancy and compliance issued in May of 1946, indicates a house at 1038 Bellevue. An inspection report from November 1946 for electrical work further supports a house there at the time. The 1945 city directory indicates all of the addresses on Bellevue except for 1038! Why did that lot stay empty for so long? February 1947 brings an owner to the house in William Archer, who promptly sold it to Karl Sommermeyer in June 1947.

Mr. Sommermeyer was a patent attorney for McGraw Electric, makers of the famous Toastmaster toaster. By 1962, Sommermeyer was gone from the home and it then came under the ownership of Mrs. Beth Ferguson, a physical education teacher at Elgin High School.



1038 Bellevue Ave.

The house is side gabled and clad in brick. It is two stories with the second story added later. There is a small gabled dormer in the second level roof positioned over the "Chicago Window" in the first floor facade to provide balance to the overall look of the house. The front entrance is highlighted by a front gabled roof line over the door and a small window next to it. There is a fireplace chimney on the south end of the house. The simplicity of the house and its similarity to others of the post-World War 2 era suggests a working man's house, made available to people of modest means and with materials which became more more plentiful following the end of the war. Being a brick house with a prominent chimneyed fireplace, it implies more status than a wood clad, frame structure.

Overall, the house suggests the Modern, Minimal Traditional style.



TRUSTEE'S DEED

THIS INDENTURE, Made this 18th day of January A. D. 1946, between THE PIRST MATIONAL BANK OF ELGIN, of Elgin, Illinois, a national banking association with trust powers, organized under the laws of the United States of America, the Trustse named pursuant to the provisions of a deed in trust duly delivered to said association and recorded in the Recorder's Office of Kane County, Illinois, in Book 1047 Page 575 Document No. 408,682 in pursuance of a certain Trust Agreement dated June 12th 1933, kness as Trust No. 230, party of the first part, and ARTHUR R. LEVINE,

of the City of Elgin in the County of Kane and State of Illinois, party of the second part,

WITNESSETH, That the party of the first part in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars and other good and sufficient considerations in hand paid does hereby grant, sell, convey and quit-claim unto the party of the second part

the following described real estate situate in the City of Elein County of Kane and State of Illinois, to wit:

Lot Five (5) in Block Five (V) in R. N. BOTSFORD'S ADDITION TO ELGIN, in the City of Elgin, Kane County, Illinois, as per plat thereof of record in the Recorder's Office of Kane County, Illinois;

together with the tenements and appurtenunces thereunto belonging.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same unto said party of the second part forever.

This deed is executed pursuant to and in the exercise of the power and authority granted to and vested in said trustee by the terms of said deed in trust delivered to said trustee in pursuance of the Trust Agreement aforesaid mentioned.

This deed is subject to any and all encumbrances of record, if any, at the date of the delivery hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Said party of the first part has caused its corporate seal to be hereto affixed, and has caused its name to be signed to these presents by its Vice President and attested by its _____ Cashier the day and year first above written.

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THE FIRST MATIONAL BANK OF ELITH, Trustee/as aforesaid

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STATE OF ILLIIOIS

I, Carlton C Work a Motary Publician and for said County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that A. J. Wilkening, Vice President, and Martin Seybold, Cashier of The First Mational Bank of Elgin, a mational bank—ing association, personally known to me to be the same persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument as such Vice President and as such — Cashier, respectively, appeared before my this day in person and acknowledged that they signed and delivered the said instrument as their own free and voluntary act, and as the free and voluntary act of said association, for the uses and purposes therein set forth; and the said — Cashier did also them and there acknowledge that he, as questedian of the corporate seal of said association to said instrument as his own free and voluntary act, and as the free and voluntary act of said association, for the uses and purposes therein sat forth.

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WARRANTY DEED - JOINT TENANCY BUIL 1357 PAGE 124
THE GRANTORS, WALLACE F. ARCHER and MARIAN C. ARCHER, each for himself and herself and each as the spouse of the other and as joint tenants,
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of the City of Elgin County of Kane State of - Illinois
for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars and other valuable consideration in hand paid Convey and Warrant to -KARL H. SOMMERMEYER and ELVERA G. SOMMERMEYER, husband and wife,
of the City of Elgin County of Kane State of Illinois -
not in Tenancy in Common but in JOINT TENANCY, the following described Real Estate, to-wit:
Lot 5 in Block 5 of R. N. Botsford's Addition to Elgin,
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hereby expressly declaring that the estate conveyed shall pass, not in tenancy in common, but in joint tenancy, and hereby
releasing and waiving all rights under and by virtue of the Homestead Exemption Laws of the State of Illinois.
This conveyance is subject to general taxes subsequent to those for the
year 1945.
Dated this 23rd day of June A. D. 19.47.
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State of Illinois, } I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in, and for said County and State aforesaid, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that Kane County } ss.
WALLACE F. ARCHER and MARIAN C. ARCHER, each for himself and herself and each as the spouse of the other and as joint tenants, personally known to me to be the same persons.
whose nameS./ subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and secknowledged that — they— signed seeded and delivered said instrument as — their —

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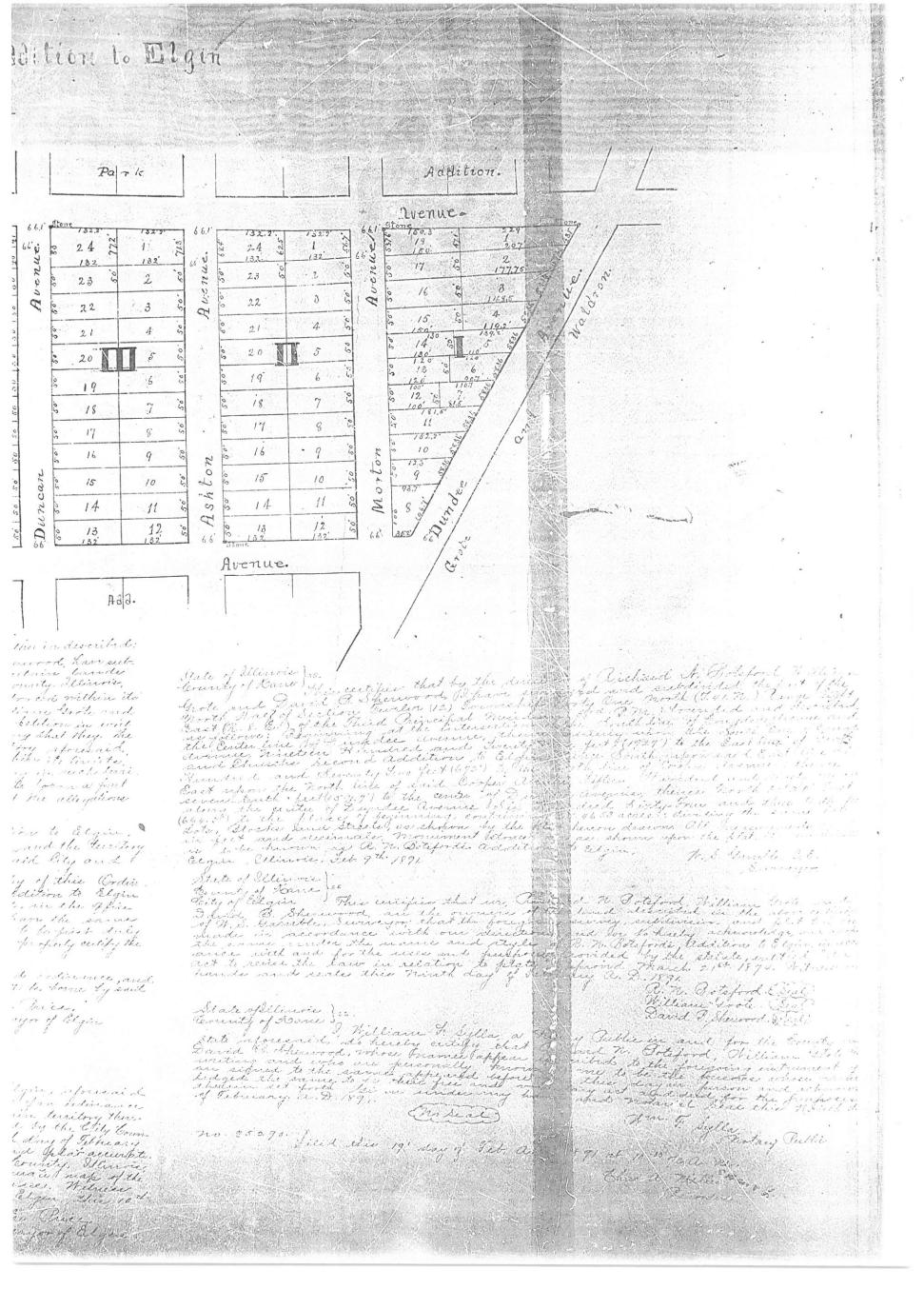
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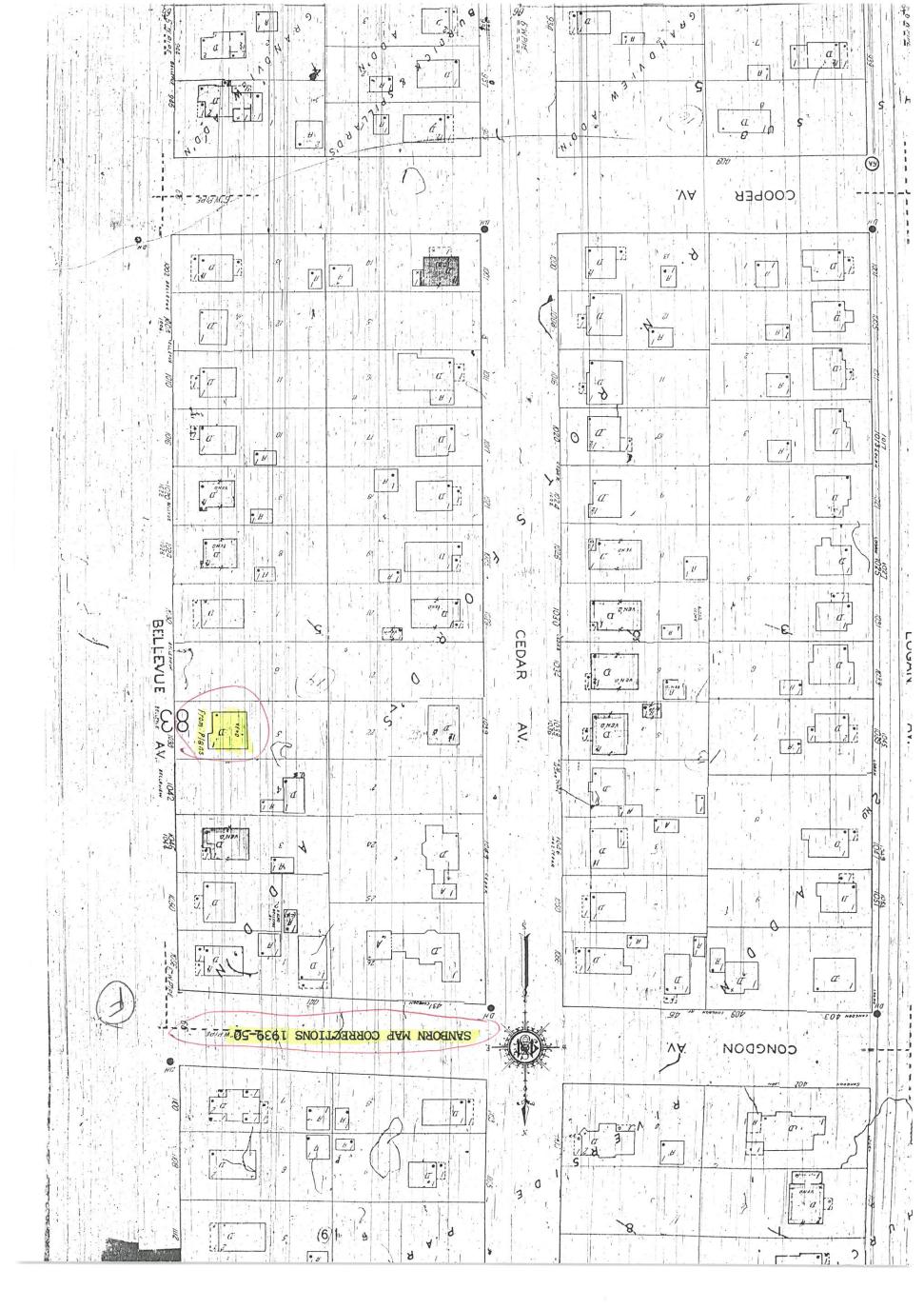
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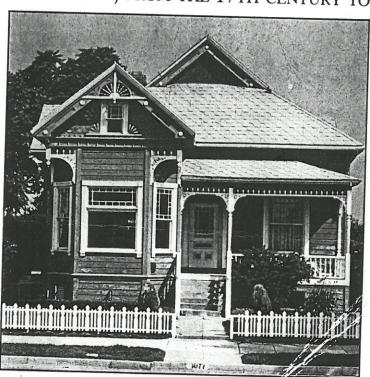
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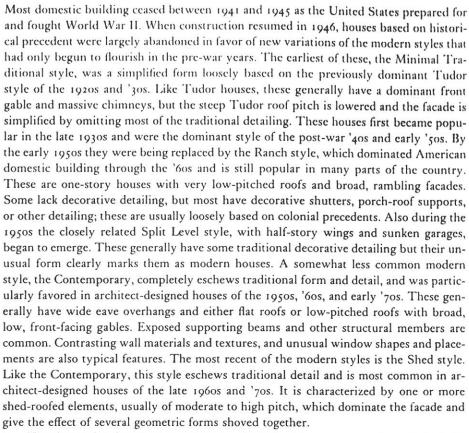
The guide that enables you to identify, and place in their historic and architectural contexts, the houses you see in your neighborhood or in your travels across America—houses built for American families (rich, poor, and in-between), in city and countryside, from the 17th century to the present



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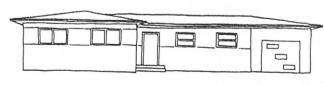
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The five styles described above are by far the most common modern styles built since 1940. Many additional modern designs have, however, appeared through this period. Some have been dominated by regional design considerations or legacies, while others have been inspired by energy-conservation considerations or by new and experimental advances in building technology.



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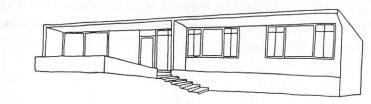


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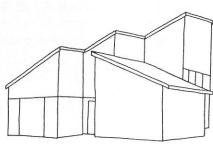
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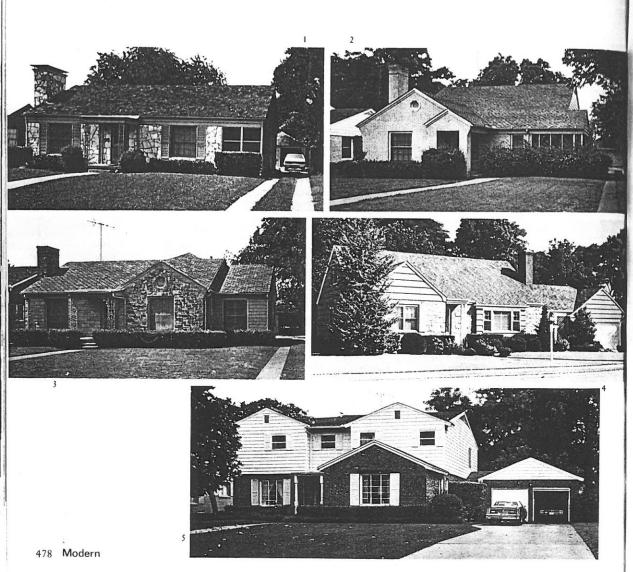
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MINIMAL TRADITIONAL (ca. 1945-50)

With the economic Depression of the 1940s came this compromise style which reflects the form of traditional Eclectic houses, but lacks their decorative detailing. Roof pitches are low or intermediate, rather than steep as in the preceding Tudor style. Eaves and rake are close, rather than overhanging as in the succeeding Ranch style. Usually, but not always, there is a large chimney and at least one front-facing gable, both echoing Tudor features. In fact, many examples suggest Tudor cottages with the roof line lowered and detailing removed. These houses were built in great numbers in the years immediately preceding and following World War II; they commonly dominate the large tract-housing developments of the period. As the photographs show, they were built of wood, brick, stone, or a mixture of these wall-cladding materials. Although most were relatively small one-story houses, occasional two-story examples are also seen. More commonly, two-story houses of the period have extra detailing and represent late examples of one of the traditional Eclectic styles, usually Colonial Revival or Monterey.



RANCII (ca. 1915-

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The style is loose American southwest and Prairie moderni

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