

ELGIN HISTORIC BUILDING PLAQUE PROGRAM  
BUILDING PLAQUE APPLICATION FORMS  
ELGIN HERITAGE COMMISSION

Building Location : Street: Center Street  
Number: 1010

Present Owner :  
Street: 1010 center St.  
City: Elgin  
State: IL. Zip Code: 60120  
742-9065

Original Owner : William C. Wendler

Building Name : none

Date of Construction : 1884

Builder : William C. Wendler & Fred Wendler

Architect : William C. Wendler & Fred Wendler

Architectural Style : Homestead (Tri-babled Ell)



Description of Present and Original (if known) Physical Appearance :  
(identify information sources)

Present & original - wood frame structure,  
wood siding  
2 story building

Original information supplied by Mrs. Vida Vitale, 93 year old daughter of  
Wm. C. Wendler.

Statement of Significance :

☒ <sup>①</sup> architecture, ☐ commerce, ☒ <sup>②</sup> community planning, ☐ education, ☐ industry, ☐ government, ☐ religion, ☐ social, ☒ <sup>③</sup> local, ☒ <sup>④</sup> history. Please check appropriate categories and describe the importance of the building being considered for a plaque including information sources.

This house, built in 1884, is a Homestead House<sup>①</sup>, a simple "city farmhouse" with few ornamental details, but the stars above some of the windows to give the house some uniqueness. There are many such houses in Elgin, significant of the type of common people who lived and worked in Elgin at the time.

The house sits on what is known as Block 3, Lot 15 of Slade's Addition to Elgin, which was subdivided in 1881. Quite far from downtown in those days, but significant of the beginning of a growth trend for Elgin.<sup>②④</sup>

This house was the first under construction in the neighborhood.<sup>③</sup> Not until some years later did others start to build. (Probably because of the construction of Sherman Hospital) And has remained unchanged (save for the den which was added in 1937) for the past 103 years.

The man who built the house came to Elgin as a young man and was employed by the City Water Dept. all his life.<sup>③</sup> His wife worked at the Watch Co. and later at David C. Cook. They raised 8 children, one whom lived in the house until 1974, and

Other Pertinent Data :

Representation in Existing Surveys:

☐ National Register of Historic Places  
☐ Illinois Register of Historic Places  
☐ Illinois State Survey of Historic Structures  
☐ Other Surveys or Studies (please list)

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Building Condition:

☒ excellent  
☐ good  
☐ fair  
☐ deteriorated  
☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

→ back den added in the late 30's, otherwise, unchanged.

Application Submitted By :

Name: Anne Elizabeth Faulkner

Address: 1010 Center St.

City: Elgin

State: Ill.

Date of Application Submission :

2 July 1987

BUILDING PLAQUE PROGRAM  
PLAQUE CRITERIA RANKING WORK SHEET

Applicant Name: E. J. WISNER

Address: 1010 CENTER ST.

Telephone Number: 742 - 9065

Address of Building Under Consideration: 1010 CENTER ST.

Average Scores

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|-------------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Architectural Significance | _____     |
| 2. Maintenance of Building    | _____     |
| 3. Conservation of Details    | _____     |
| 4. Historical Significance    | _____     |
| 5. Age of Building            | <u>12</u> |

William C. Wendler  
1884

Average Total Score \_\_\_\_\_ \*

\*Note: To qualify for a plaque a building must receive at least 65 points for a total average score.

Voting Record

| <u>Members</u>                | <u>Criteria</u> |           |           |           |          |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
|                               | <u>1</u>        | <u>2</u>  | <u>3</u>  | <u>4</u>  | <u>5</u> |
| 1. Heather Hunt               | <u>14</u>       | <u>16</u> | <u>15</u> | <u>13</u> | _____    |
| <del>2. Karen Schoek</del>    | _____           | _____     | _____     | _____     | _____    |
| 3. Arthur Allan               | <u>13</u>       | <u>15</u> | <u>15</u> | <u>13</u> | _____    |
| 4. Patricia Miller            | <u>13</u>       | <u>15</u> | <u>14</u> | <u>12</u> | _____    |
| <del>5. Paul Patterson</del>  | _____           | _____     | _____     | _____     | _____    |
| 6. Viola Swanson              | <u>13</u>       | <u>15</u> | <u>15</u> | <u>15</u> | _____    |
| <del>7. Jerry Turnquist</del> | _____           | _____     | _____     | _____     | _____    |
| 8. Mark Herzog                | <u>14</u>       | <u>14</u> | <u>14</u> | <u>12</u> | _____    |
| 9. Charles Hanlon             | <u>13</u>       | <u>14</u> | <u>16</u> | <u>13</u> | _____    |
| TOTAL SCORES                  | <u>133</u>      | _____     | _____     | _____     | _____    |

Note: Voting can only take place if 5 or more members of the Elgin Heritage Commission are present. The high and low scores in each category will be dropped prior to determining the average scores by category and total average score.



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| ADDRESS       | 1010 Center        |
| BUILDING DATE | 1884               |
| BUILDING NAME | William C. Wendler |
| OWNER         | E.J. Wisner        |