

Building Plaque Application

Name _____

Building Address _____

470 ARLINGTON AVE

If applicant's name is different from above:

Name _____

MARY HILL

Daytime Phone _____

695-9659

Address _____

489 MARY PL

City _____

ELGIN

State _____

IL

Zip _____

60120

Original Owner _____

Miss Mary Schranck and Miss Lena Schranck

Date of Construction _____

~~1902~~

1902

Architect (if known) _____

Builder (if known) _____

Check if attached:

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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.

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Building Alterations

Describe any alterations to the **exterior** of the building and include dates. Attach description to the application.

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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 _____

Robert and Margaret McBrierty

Date _____

March 24, 1999

Signed _____

Mary M. Hill

Date _____

March 5, 1999

470 Arlington Ave.

The Elgin National Watch Factory opened in 1866 on the east bank of the Fox River and to the south of the growing city of Elgin. As the factory grew to meet the demand for its product, so did the need for workers to make the product. Henry Sherman annexed his property, south of Villa St. and southeast of National St., to James T. Gifford's property--the original town of Elgin--thus expanding the city to the southeast. Sherman's property was adjacent to the watch factory and provided an area for residential development, much welcomed by the factory's workers.

In 1888, George Bowen annexed his Bowen Heights Addition" to Elgin. The property fell within the large piece acquired by Henry Sherman and was bounded on the north by Sherman Ave., the south by Bent St., the east by Liberty St., and the west by St. Charles St. One of the most charming streets in all of Elgin is within the Bowen Heights Addition--Bowen Court (Bowen Court has the feel of similar enclaves found in Los Angeles, California!). George Bowen came to Elgin following the Great Chicago Fire. He was a mayor for one year, helped set up the Elgin Board of Trade, and was president of the Elgin Electric Light Company in 1883 when electric lights debuted in Elgin.

In 1892, Charles Schranck, an employee of the watch factory, built his house at 425 Raymond St. Two single Schranck ladies--Miss Helen and Miss Mary--bought property on Arlington Ave. in 1902: lot 9, block 4 of the Amended Plat of Blocks 1 and 4 of Bowen Heights Addition. Also in 1902, a building permit was issued to Miss Mary and Miss Lena Schranck to build a house on Arlington Ave. In 1905, Chris Schranck lived at 413 Raymond St--he ran a saloon on Grove Ave. (factory workers needed rest and relaxation every so often), and Karl Schranck, a watch factory worker, also lived at 425 Raymond St. The three Schranck ladies, two of them employees of the watch factory, lived at 470 Arlington Ave. Sometime after 1902, Helen Schranck married Raymond Mead who had been in the employ of the township assessor's office until 1910. Perhaps he and Helen met while she was paying her taxes. In 1910, Mr. Mead changed jobs to the Home National Bank, one of the Home Banks and a forerunner of Home Federal. He was promoted several times and in 1929, was put in charge of the trust department of the Home Trust and Savings Bank. In June 1930, Mr. Mead was promoted to an assistant cashier of the Home Trust. In 1911, Mary Schranck deeded the house to Helen, now married to Mr. Mead. In 1939, the property was put into joint tenancy (to establish right of survivor) with it coming under sole ownership of Mrs. Mead in 1962. At the same time, Mrs. Mead and M. Jean Richmann were made joint tenants and in 1967, M. Jean Richmann as sole survivor, sold the house to its present owners.

Architectural

The house is rated locally significant in the

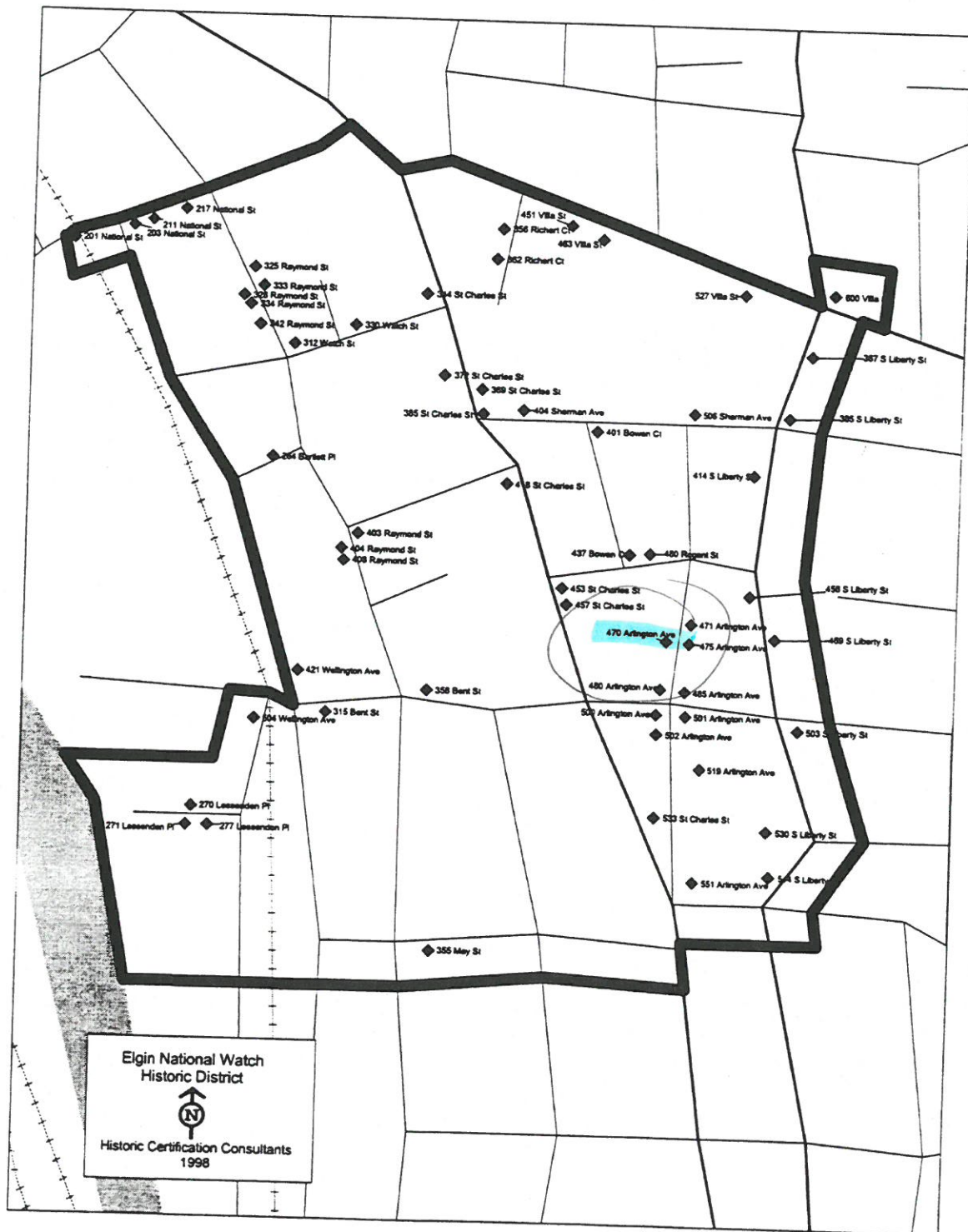
Elgin National Watch Historic District: a summary and inventory as follows:

"The front-facing gambrel-roofed Dutch Colonial Revival house at 470 Arlington Ave. was built in 1902. Besides the roof, other typical characteristics include the full-width front with wood Tuscan columns and the Palladian-type window in the second story. This house has a cross-gambrel roof plan so that the sides also feature gambrel roofs. There is an oriel window on the north side."

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LOCALLY SIGNIFICANT RATED BUILDINGS



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his husband

of the City of Elgin in the County of Kane and State of Illinois
for and in consideration of the sum of Nine Hundred DOLLARS
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Mary Schranck and Helen Schranck

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under and by virtue of the Homestead Exemption Laws of this State.

Witness the hand and seal said grantor
Signed this first day of May A. D. 1902

Signed, Sealed and Delivered In the Presence of

Julius C. Bowen
George S. Bowen



STATE OF ILLINOIS, ss I, C. R. Wapson, a notary public
Kane County
(Notarial Seal) In and for said County, in the State aforesaid, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that
Julius C. Bowen and George S. Bowen, his husband, who are

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 20th day of May A. D. 1902.

C. R. Wapson
Notary Public

No. 57280 Filed for Record this 31st day of May A. D. 1902, at 8 o'clock Am M.

Frank C. George

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ELGIN STREET DIRECTORY

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Ann St Continued

264 Arthur Newsome

270 Walter Ross

304 Vacant

305 J C Beebe

319 W H Middleton

314 George Giddings

322 Mrs Mary Rosborough

Dundee ave crosses

Vacant lots to N Gifford

440 Mrs M Freeman

448 Charles Meinzen

452 James Roche

462 Fred Dewis

466 Fred Fryer

472 John Blenck

Hill ave crosses

514 John Schmuhl

522 Henry Siems

550 Fred Lewis

556 Charles Siems

562 Fred Siems

568 Fred Zorno

574 John Deirschow

South Side

35 Herman Bernhardt

River st crosses

Vacant lots to Brook

113 Frederick W Ackley

Douglas ave crosses

163 Charles N Pratt

169 Mrs Mary Huff

171 Otto A Kerber

N Spring crosses

209 Virgil Webster

213 John Powers

Center crosses

259 James L Beardsley

265 James W Cole

269 Amos Hall

201 James M Hughes

305 A M Church

323 Sylvester Lawson

Dundee ave crosses

373 H C Brintnell

N Gifford crosses

417 John P Mann

427 Fred Schneider

435 James Murphy

437 Edward Mann

445 Carl Carlson

Hill ave crosses

Vacant lots to Porter ave

555 August Gromer

569 Augustus Huckstedt

573 Charles Scherf

577 Edward Millbrandt

ARLINGTON AVE

From Sherman ave s to St Charles 1
e St Charles

East Side

409 Mary Ross

413 W L Goodspeed

415 William Smailes

417 Erwin Byington

433 Oscar Chapman

Bent crosses

519 Mrs P VanNostrand

West side vacant lots

ASHLAND AVE

From Harding s to Hospital grounds
2 w of river

East side

433 Charles A Rickert

437 Dennis Hennessey

443 Fred B Smith

447 J Wiet Salisbury

451 Ole Myhre

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STORE AND OFFICE FIXTURES

RINEHIMER BROS. MANUFACTURING CO.
East End Kimball Street Bridge



Telephone 197

ELGIN CITY DIRECTORY

1900 315

Schranck Charles H (Eliza) emp W F, h 425 Raymond
Schranck Lena Miss, clk main office W F, h 147 Grove ave
Schranck Mary Miss, dressmaker, h 147 Grove ave
Schrein Adolph, emp National House
Schreiner George, clk Swan, rms 227 Grove ave
Schreiner John (Annie) emp E B T co, h 177 Grove ave
Schreiner John P, clk Swan, h 227 Grove ave
Schrepfer J, emp I W C co
Schrepfer Jacob, emp C F, bds 487 Park
Schrepfer Rose Miss, emp W F, bds 259 Villa
Schroeder, see also Schader, also Schrader
Schroeder Charles, h 946 Bellevue ave
Schroeder Edwin, student high school, h 200 Grove ave
Schroeder Ernest, emp E S P co, h 209 Grove ave
Schroeder Ida Miss, emp W F, bds 946 Bellevue ave
Schroeder Lottie Miss, milliner Todd, h 200 Grove ave
Schroeder Louis F (Ida) pipeman hose co no 3, h 946 Bellevue ave
Schroeder Theodore (Charlotte) harnessmaker, h 200 Grove ave
Schubert Albert (Emma) h 530 Clark
Schuett Fred, clk Ackemann, h 179 Milwaukee
Schuett Fred, emp E S P co, h 477 Harrison ave
Schuett Louis, emp E S P co, h 477 Harrison ave
Schuette Edward, bds 555 Ann
Schuhknecht Fred (Mary) farmer G P Lord, h 173 Orchard
Schuhknecht Lena Miss, h 173 Orchard
Schuhknecht William, clk Schultz, h 173 Orchard
Schuknecht Minnie, wid Charles, h 26 S Union
Schuld, see also Shold, also Shuld
Schuld Fred (Minnie) grocer 435 N State, h do
Schuld Henry (Lizzie) emp brewing co, h 710 Wilson
Schuler Mary Miss, housekeeper 12 Center
Schult Herman, emp E B T co, h 561 McClure ave
Schults, see also Schiltz, also Scholtes
SCHULTS CHARLES J (Emma) (Elgin Rug Mfg Co) h 730 Douglas ave
Schults Edna D Miss, stenographer E B co, h 730 Douglas ave
Schults Elsie I Miss, h 730 Douglas ave

of Newark, N. J.
D COMPANY
LL, AGENTS

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Miss, emp w f, h
(Mary) h 531 Ray-
Maude) emp w f,
p w f, h 363 Chl-
w f, h 363 Chica-
ce (Ida) h 357
(Edith) lab, h 274

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Agent

Fine Residences a Specialty

HENRY W. SEIGER, Contractor and Builder

396 Lovell Street, ELGIN, ILL. Chicago 'Phone 3861

ELGIN CITY DIRECTORY.

287

Schoonhoven Henry (Adaline) h 413
Douglas ave
Schoonhoven James S, h 115 Kim-
ball
Schoonhoven Mary (wid N W) h 370
N Spring
Schoonhoven Ray, student high
school, h 458 Prospect
Schoonmaker Florence Mrs, dress-
maker, h 415 Fulton
Schoonmaker Grace Miss, h 415 Ful-
ton
Schork Barbara Miss, emp w f, h 666
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Schork Ernest, student high school, h
666 Grace

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Schork Helen Miss, emp w f, h 666
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Schork Henry B, painter, h 666 Grace
Schork Henry J, mach w f, h 666
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Schork Matilda Miss, emp w f, h 666
Grace
Schowers J L, emp w f, bds National
house
Schrader, see also Schroder, also
Schader
Schrader Albert F, pressman, h 275
Brook
Schrader Charles (Sophia) section-
man, h 206 Orchard
SCHRADER LOUIS
(Louisa) alderman 2nd ward, h 275
Brook

Schrader Walter, emp Star W C co, h
206 Orchard
Schrader William, emp E S P co, h 206
Orchard
Schramm Block, 15 Douglas ave
Schramm Dee Vivian Miss, h 468
Laurel
Schramm E C, emp Range, rms 130
Grove ave
Schramm George, bartender Range,
rms 130 Grove ave
Schramm Harry, emp Leath, h 174
Grove ave
SCHRAMM JOHN W,
mgr Chicago telephone co, also al-
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tel 99
Schramm Margaret A (wid Conwin) h
174 Grove ave
Schranek Charles H (Eliza) emp w f,
h 425 Raymond
Schranek Chris P (Emma) (Schranek
& Doran) h 412 Raymond
Schranek Helen Miss, emp w f, h 470
Arlington ave
Schranek Karl H (Eliza) emp w f, h
425 Raymond
Schranek Lena Miss, emp w f, h 470
Arlington ave
Schranek Mary Miss, h 470 Arlington
ave
Schranek & Doran (Chris P Schranek
and John Doran) saloon 79 Grove
ave
Schrepfer Anna (wid Jacob) h 300
Dundee ave
Schrepfer John, emp Kelley hotel, h
300 Dundee ave
Schrien Adolph (Mary) steward Na-
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Schrien Marie Miss, student, bds Na-
tional house
Schriner Alice Miss, h 264 Gifford pl

HEAD = Elgin Marble & Granite Works

STONES

CHAS. A. SOPER, Prop.

OFFICE AND WORKS OPPOSITE BLUFF CITY CEMETERY

1905/6

and on the tracks.

Fifty thousand dollars is a conservative estimate of the amount appropriated by the city for street paving and another large item is the artesian well system which thus far has cost \$37,000. A number of large contracts like the Chicago Telephone and Federal buildings were begun last year and completed during the present year.

Record Breaking Fee.

One of the largest fees received in years by the building inspector will be that of the costly addition to the plant of the Elgin National Watch company, which will reach \$200. For a time progress on the building was delayed by the non-arrival of the structural steel, but now a large force of men is rushing the work.

With the assistance of Building Inspector Chapman the News is able to print a correct list of all the important building operations during the year.

Misses Lena and Mary Schrank, frame house, Arlington avenue, \$3,000.

Justus Petersson, alterations on house, No. 603 Highland avenue.

Henry Platt, alterations on house, No. 179 Perry street, \$800.

John Ziegler, frame house, No. 220 Mountain street, \$1500.

Joseph Rondell, house and barn, No. 413 Fulton street, \$4,000.

Ziegler Bros., alterations on store, No. 171 Chicago street.

W. J. Gilbert, brick business block, No. 23 Grove avenue, \$11,000.

C. B. Hazlehurst, frame house, No. 316 Jefferson avenue, \$5,000.

Aaron Farney, No. 301 Hill avenue, frame store building, about \$1,700.

Elgin National Watch company, No. 103 and 105 National street, brick building, \$200,000.

William Lesoreng, frame house, No. 506 Pine street, \$1,000.

D. H. Haeger estate, office and shed, River and Ann streets.

W. Hennig, frame house, No. 503 Spring street, about \$1,800.

John Leaver, frame cottage, South State and Lord streets, \$1,300.

Mrs. D. S. H. Norton, alterations, No. 333 Dundee avenue, \$600.

Elgin Butter Tub company, frame house, No. 513 Raymond street, \$1,200.

Arthur Bullock, frame house, Ball street, \$1,800.

William Glaska, frame house, No. 301 Raymond street, \$2,000.

John Cox, alterations on house, No. 301 Charles street, \$1,300.

John Cox, house and barn, Liberty street, \$2,000.

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Rev. William Huelster, frame house, Cherry and Center streets, \$2,500.

Gen. J. S. Wilcox, remodeling building, No. 110 and No. 108 Douglas avenue.

Mrs. A. Lynch, remodeling store building, No. 102 West Chicago street, \$2,500, conservative estimate.

Lightner Bros., brick addition, Spring street, \$250.

L. Wheeler, brick veneer house, No. 456 Hill avenue, \$1,600.

John Treu, frame house, No. 245 Grand avenue, \$1,200.

C. A. Wetzel, North Spring street, house and barn, \$7,000.

A. H. Nyberg, frame house, No. 491 Barrett street, \$2,500.

F. M. Connor, barn, Channing street, \$300.

Mrs. E. C. Carpenter, frame house, No. 1033 Prospect street, \$2,000.

John T. Logan, alterations on house, No. 33 North Crystal street, estimated cost \$1,300.

Aug. Scheele, two story building, Douglas avenue, \$11,000.

Mrs. Carrie Dumsor, remodeling building, No. 453 Jefferson avenue.

Eliza C. Lee, frame house, Highland avenue, \$2,500.

Mrs. Alice Brown, frame house, No. 113 Jefferson avenue, \$1,200.

Richard Julian, frame house, No. 47 Julian street, \$1,800.

W. C. Willson, frame house, Spring and Blade avenue, \$4,000.

Geo. Hinsdell, two story flat building, Tennyson court, \$2,500.

David C. Cook, four cottages, opposite publishing house, \$7,200.

O. W. Todd, frame house, Prospect and Jefferson streets, \$4,000.

Mrs. Ada Christie, frame cottage, Columbia avenue, \$1,500.

J. W. Ranstead, frame cottage, Ryerson avenue, \$1,500.

C. W. Glover, brick boiler house, No. 26-28 River street.

Andrew Metz, frame cottage, Worth avenue, \$1,200.

John L. Healy and Robert Egan, alterations, No. 16 and 18 Chicago street, \$2,000, approximately.

Y. M. C. A., alterations new gymnasium, etc.

Peter Larson, frame house, No. 323 Ilanthe street, \$1,500.

Mrs. Fred Egerbrecht, remodeling house, \$1,000.

J. H. Baker, frame house, No. 516 Barrett street, \$1,200.

Dr. G. B. Atchison, addition to house, No. 774 St. John street, \$1,000.

J. W. Ranstead, brick veneer house, No. 237 Grove avenue, \$2,500.

Clark & McKenzie, frame house, No. 52 and 54 Hill avenue, \$4,500.

John A. Balis, frame house, No. 237 Lovell street, \$1,400.

W. H. Norton, house and barn, No. 570 Highland avenue, \$4,000.

Chas. B. Roberts, frame cottage, No. 215 Hill street, \$1,200.

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DUTCH COLONIAL REVIVAL

Dutch Colonial Revival houses are a type of Colonial Revival house marked by a gambrel roof (a steeply pitched gable roof with two planes on the slope). Generally faced in shingle or wood clapboard, they are derived from early Dutch houses built in the northeastern United States in the 1600s and 1700s. These revival style Dutch Colonial houses were built over a long period, as were other Colonial Revival houses, generally from 1880 to 1955. Most of these houses have a symmetrical front facade and a classical entry portico or porch columns that are characteristic of the Colonial Revival period.



Figure 9: 470 Arlington Avenue

In the Elgin National Watch Company Neighborhood there are 11 houses that are Dutch Colonial in style, built from 1900 to 1935. They fall into two variations -- those with a front-facing gambrel which were generally built between 1895 and 1915, and those with a side-facing gambrel which became the predominant form in the 1920s and 1930s. The

following six Dutch Colonial Revival houses are ranked locally significant: 470 Arlington Avenue, 403 Raymond Street, 457 St. Charles Street, 421 Wellington Avenue, and 456 South Liberty Street, with front-facing gambrels, and 501 Arlington Avenue, with side-facing gambrel.

The front-facing gambrel-roofed Dutch Colonial Revival house at 470 Arlington Avenue was built in 1902. Besides the roof, other typical characteristics include the full-width front porch with wood Tuscan columns and the Palladian-type window in the second story. This house has a cross-gambrel roof plan so that the sides also feature gambrel roofs. There is an oriel window on the north side.

A good example of a Dutch Colonial Revival house with a side-facing gambrel roof is at 501 Arlington Avenue, built in about 1925. As is typical of this sub-type, the second floor windows are actually part of a long shed dormer within the lower portion of the gambrel roof. Another common feature is the front portico with Tuscan columns and front door surrounded by sidelights. Windows are six- or eight-over-one, wood double-hung sash with shutters on the upper floors.



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