



Village of Winnetka

Landmark Preservation Commission Meeting

July 17, 2023 at 7:00 PM
510 Green Bay Road

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Public Comments**
3. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Approval of June 19, 2023, Special Meeting Minutes
4. **Historical Architectural Impact Studies (HAIS)**
 - a. **Case No. 23-11-LPC - 615 Elm Street:** Review of the Historic and Architectural Impact Study (HAIS) attached to the Historically and Architecturally Significant Maximum Building Size Bonus application submitted for the single-family residence at 615 Elm Street.
5. **Other Business**
 - a. Change of Name For Landmark Preservation Commission - Discussion
 - b. Monthly Communications for Landmark Preservation Commission - Discussion
 - c. August 7, 2023, Regular Meeting - Quorum Check
6. **Adjournment**

NOTICE

Public comment is permitted on all agenda items at the meeting. If you wish to provide testimony or comments prior to the meeting, you may provide them one of two ways: (1) by sending an email to planning@winnetka.org; or by sending a letter to Community Development, Village of Winnetka, 510 Green Bay Road, Winnetka, IL 60093. All agenda materials are available at www.villageofwinnetka.org/agendacenter.

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**LANDMARK PRESERVATION COMMISSION
JUNE 19, 2023 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Members Present:

Jack Coladarci, Chairman
Chris Enck
Beth Ann Papoutsis
Joseph Stuart

Non-Voting Member Absent:

Bob Dearborn

Members Absent:

Laura Good
Paul Weaver

Village Staff:

David Schoon, Director of Community Development
Christopher Marx, Associate Planner

Call to Order & Roll Call:

Chairman Coladarci called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. Mr. Marx took roll call of the Commission Members present.

Public Comment

No public comment was made at this time. Mr. Marx confirmed no correspondence was received for items on the agenda.

Approval of Minutes:

a. Approval of the May 1, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

Chairman Coladarci asked if there were any corrections or for a motion to approve the May 1, 2023 meeting minutes. A motion to approve the May 1, 2023 meeting minutes was made by Mr. Enck and seconded by Ms. Papoutsis. A vote was taken and the motion unanimously passed, 4 to 0:

AYES: Coladarci, Enck, Papoutsis, Stuart

NAYS: None

Demolition Permit Applications:

a. Case No. 23-10-LPC - 620 Spruce Street: Review of the demolition permit application submitted for the single-family residence at 620 Spruce Street.

Mr. Marx identified the property's zoning, location and size which was built in 1925 with limited alterations. He stated the property is not on the Illinois Historic Structures Listing and the Historical Society indicated the property has architectural significance noting no public comments were received. Mr. Marx then asked if there were any questions. No questions were raised at this time.

Chairman Coladarci then asked for the applicant's presentation. Paul Konstant, Konstant Architecture, stated the applicants are moving back to Winnetka and want a home with a first floor master suite. He stated the home was viewed by other builders and described the home as being in deplorable shape. Mr. Konstant described the deficiencies in the home and the proposed new, smaller home's characteristics which would conform to requirements. He added the new home would be consistent with the neighborhood.

Chairman Coladarci asked if there were any questions. Mr. Konstant noted photos of the replacement home are available for the Commission's review. Chairman Coladarci asked if attempts were made to market the home. Mr. Konstant responded the home was listed on the MLS for six months with the applicants deciding to purchase the lot. Mr. Stuart questioned the basement's condition which Mr. Konstant described as being in bad condition. He commented the home is not worth saving. The Commission Members asked if they explored options to remodeling and saving the home. Mr. Konstant reiterated the home is in bad shape. No additional questions were raised at this time.

Chairman Coladarci called the matter in for discussion. Ms. Papoutsis agreed the home was not kept in good condition. Chairman Coladarci referred to the amount of time the property was listed and noted the property is not savable. Mr. Enck suggested an HAIS be done to document the home in connection with the home's architects. Chairman Coladarci indicated other HAIS reports may have addressed the home's architects. Mr. Enck suggested documenting the home itself in connection with the local architect should be done. Mr. Stuart informed the Commission he went in the home and described the home's original features which should be documented.

Chairman Coladarci then asked for a motion to require an HAIS be done on 620 Spruce Street. Mr. Enck moved to require an HAIS for 620 Spruce Street and read the criteria and findings into the record. Mr. Stuart seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion unanimously passed, 4 to 0:

AYES: Coladarci, Enck, Papoutsis, Stuart

NAYS: None

b. Case No. 23-13-LPC - 791 Elm Street: Review of the demolition permit application submitted for the commercial building at 791 Elm Street.

Mr. Marx identified the property's location, size and zoning classification which was constructed in 1964 with a series of renovations for its longtime use as a bank. He noted the property is not on the Illinois Historic Structures Listing and the Historical Society indicated the property has architectural and historical significance. Mr. Marx noted a demolition permit was approved for 564 Green Bay Road last year and a new four story mixed-use building would be built on that site. He stated new construction plans for the property have not been submitted and the applicant can provide additional information. Mr. Marx asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Enck asked if this request related to the 564 Green Bay Road demolition and if it would be presented to the DRB. Mr. Marx responded it is not related to 564 Green Bay Road and the application would be reviewed by the DRB. No additional questions were raised at this time.

Mr. Marx asked for the applicant's presentation. John O'Donnell, Riverside Investment and Development Company, stated they were hired by JPMorgan Chase and would provide a PowerPoint presentation outlining the project. He introduced Tyler Lamkey and Mike Spence along with Scott Hurst of Gensler and Chris McKenna of JPMorgan Chase to the Commission.

Tyler Lampkey stated the project would be presented to the Village Council tomorrow with the design process having recently started. He outlined the project's timeline for the Commission and referred to images of the proposed building and concepts.

Chris McKenna, JPMorgan Chase, stated he is representing the applicant, Riverside Investment and Development, described the history surrounding the property's consideration. He described the challenges of employees meeting in their current location with the new location being very active. Mr. McKenna stated they considered renovating the building and determined the building would not meet their needs as well as the lack of onsite parking which would be achieved with the new building. He described the location as one of the best corners in the market which they would celebrate and which would fit into while investing in the community.

Mr. Hurst stated their first impulse was to try to save the building and after lengthy analysis, they determined it would not be deemed possible with the existing building lacking sufficient space. He described how the current space could not accommodate parking needs nor is sufficient for vertical expansion, among other issues. Mr. Hurst then described the prior financial uses for the building noting there would be similarities between the existing and proposed building design. He also referred to the street rhythm which would be incorporated as the design progresses.

Mr. Hurst described the proposed retail and office space on three floors with a full parking deck below grade. He identified the proposed building height at 45 feet to the roof and 52 feet to the parapet and parking would be enlarged to accommodate 32 parking spaces and the building would include modern HVAC, energy and green

1 features. Mr. Hurst then identified the building's primary features which would serve to minimize energy
2 consumption and reduce its carbon footprint. He concluded they plan to collaborate with the Village and to honor
3 the site's history.

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5 Chairman Coladarci asked if a drive-through would be incorporated. Mr. Hurst responded there would not be a
6 drive-through and the decision whether to close the Spruce Street drive-through is undecided. Mr. Enck stated
7 with regard to sustainability and carbon footprint reduction, due to the building's size, he asked if they planned to
8 deconstruct the building. Mr. Hurst responded they are evaluating different solutions which he described for the
9 Commission. Mr. O'Donnell estimated 90% of the building's materials would be recycled as they go through the
10 demolition process.

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12 Chairman Coladarci asked if there were any other questions. No additional questions were raised at this time. He
13 then called the matter in for discussion.

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15 Chairman Coladarci asked the Commission if they felt an HAIS should be required. Ms. Papoutsis referred to the
16 Historical Society's comments relating to the building's architectural and historical significance. Chairman Coladarci
17 referred to the findings. Ms. Papoutsis suggested an HAIS be done as a result of the Historical Society's comments
18 since the building would not be demolished until next year.

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20 Chairman Coladarci asked for a motion to require an HAIS for 791 Elm Street. A motion was made by Ms. Papoutsis
21 to require an HAIS for 791 Elm Street. Mr. Enck seconded the motion. Chairman Coladarci identified the applicable
22 findings. A vote was taken and the motion unanimously passed, 4 to 0:

23 AYES: Coladarci, Enck, Papoutsis, Stuart

24 NAYS: None

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26 c. **Case No. 23-14-LPC - 1035 Sunset Road: Review of the demolition permit application submitted for the**
27 **single-family residence at 1035 Sunset Road.**

28 Mr. Marx identified the property's location, size and zoning classification which was built in 1952 and has had
29 several alterations. He noted it is not on the Illinois Historic Structures Listing and the Historical Society stated the
30 property does not have historical or architectural significance. Mr. Marx asked if there were any questions. No
31 questions were raised at this time. He noted the applicant is not present and the Commission can either consider
32 the application or continue the matter until the next meeting.

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34 Chairman Coladarci suggested the item be tabled to the end of the meeting. Mr. Schoon stated the Commission
35 needs to ask for a motion to move the item to the end of the agenda. Mr. Marx confirmed the applicant was
36 notified of the meeting.

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38 Chairman Coladarci asked for a motion to move the matter to the end of the agenda. A motion was made by Mr.
39 Enck to move the agenda item to the end of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Papoutsis. A vote was
40 taken and the motion unanimously passed, 4 to 0:

41 AYES: Coladarci, Enck, Papoutsis, Stuart

42 NAYS: None

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44 d. **Case No. 23-15-LPC - 844 Prospect Avenue: Review of the demolition permit application submitted for**
45 **the single-family residence at 844 Prospect Avenue.**

46 Mr. Marx identified the property's location, size and zoning classification which did not have a determined
47 construction date with the Historical Society indicating 1906 as an approximate construction date with the
48 property having subsequent additions. He noted the property is not on the Illinois Historic Structures Listing and
49 the Historical Society stated the property does not have architectural or historical significance. Mr. Marx noted
50 demolition and new construction permits were approved for 848 Tower Road and asked if there were any
51 questions. No questions were raised at this time.

Chairman Coladarci asked for the applicant's presentation. Ari Aisen stated he is representing the applicant, Steve Eisen of Newgard Custom Homes. He stated new plans for the lot have not been submitted yet and noted the Historical Society stated the home does not have architectural or historical significance and the application spoke for itself. Chairman Coladarci questioned the home's condition. Mr. Aisen responded he does not have that information and has not been in it. Ms. Papoutsis stated she has been in the home and described the home as being in decent shape. She stated the prior owners sold the home to the builder. Mr. Marx stated Newguard is listed on the application. Mr. Enck asked if the new home would be a spec home and if the property was listed on the MLS. Mr. Aisen responded he did not have that information. Ms. Papoutsis confirmed the home was listed on the MLS.

Chairman Coladarci asked if there were any other questions. No additional questions were raised at this time. He then called the matter in for discussion. Mr. Enck advised Mr. Aisen as to the questions being raised by the Commission and that the Commission does not have any information other than the application materials. Chairman Coladarci further explained the Commission's role to Mr. Aisen.

Mr. Marx informed the Commission he spoke with Mr. Philip of Newguard that afternoon who stated he was not able to attend due to scheduling conflicts and advised him to send a representative as opposed to delaying the application review. He stated for the Commission to make a more informed decision, he referred to materials in the application although there are no interior photos.

Chairman Coladarci asked if there were any other questions. Ms. Papoutsis asked when the demolition is scheduled. Mr. Aisen responded he did not know. Mr. Marx referred to Attachment D with July 21, 2023 as the demolition date although the demolition permit is not issued until plans are received. Ms. Handler asked if the applicant can be given the opportunity to postpone the review until the next meeting. Mr. Marx confirmed that is correct. Mr. Enck referred to the survey showing two lots and asked if it is part of a subdivision application. Mr. Marx responded that would be considered separately and the request has not been submitted to the PC for consolidation. No additional questions were raised at this time.

Chairman Coladarci then called the matter in for discussion and asked the Commission if they felt an HAIS is appropriate. Ms. Papoutsis and Mr. Enck responded no. Chairman Coladarci then asked for a motion to issue the demolition permit for 844 Prospect Avenue without delay. A motion to approve the demolition permit was made by Mr. Enck and seconded by Mr. Stuart. A vote was taken and the motion unanimously passed, 4 to 0:

AYES: Coladarci, Enck, Papoutsis, Stuart

NAYS: None

e. Case No. 23-16-LPC - 608 Willow Road: Review of the demolition permit application submitted for the single-family residence at 608 Willow Road.

Mr. Marx identified the property's location, size and zoning classification which was built in 1921 with a subsequent garage addition. He stated the property is not on the Illinois Historic Structures Listing and the Historical Society stated the property does not have architectural or historical significance. Mr. Marx noted a demolition and new construction permits were approved for 604 Willow Road and asked if there were any questions. Mr. Stuart asked if there would be congestion issues with regard to the home being built next door. Mr. Marx explained the Director would make a determination as to whether a delay would be warranted.

Chairman Coladarci asked for the applicant's presentation. Jack Kruszewski of Foxwood Development presented the request on behalf of the owners, Adam and Anna Pegram. He stated the applicants have looked at a number of homes and made an offer on the home next door. Mr. Kruszewski stated the home was listed as vacant land and they are in the process of designing a single family residence which would contain an elevator servicing a lower level for older family members. He noted the home has been vacant for several months with a tenant formerly residing in the home. Chairman Coladarci questioned the home's condition. Mr. Kruszewski responded they were not able to access the home's interior reiterating it was listed as vacant.

Chairman Coladarci asked if there were any other questions. Mr. Stuart questioned the new home's square footage. Mr. Kruszewski responded 3,500-3,600 square feet above grade with a lower level and detached garage. He referred to other homes they built in the Greeley area which he described as a Belgian manor style and would be designed by the same architect from Hinsdale. Mr. Kruszewski confirmed the new home would respect the neighborhood. No additional questions were raised at this time.

Chairman Coladarci then called the matter in for discussion and asked the Commission if they felt an HAIS would be appropriate. Ms. Papoutsis stated since the Historical Society stated the home does not have architectural or historical significance, she did not feel an HAIS is warranted.

Chairman Coladarci asked for a motion to allow the demolition to proceed without delay and read the findings into the record. A motion to approve the demolition permit without delay for 608 Willow Road was made by Ms. Papoutsis and seconded by Mr. Enck. A vote was taken and the motion unanimously passed, 4 to 0:

AYES: Coladarci, Enck, Papoutsis, Stuart

NAYS: None

c. Case No. 23-14-LPC - 1035 Sunset Road: Review of the demolition permit application submitted for the single-family residence at 1035 Sunset Road.

Mr. Marx referred to previous instances where the Commission made a decision to either delay the application until the next meeting or review it without the applicant being present. He noted the July meeting would be delayed due to the holiday and there are no demolition applications so far on the agenda. The Commission Members discussed whether the case should be reviewed without the applicant present. Mr. Marx noted an application for new construction was received by the Building Department and identified the applicant as the homeowner.

The Commission Members discussed whether they should proceed with the discussion without the applicant present. Mr. Enck stated based on the Historical Society's comments, there is no need for an HAIS. He indicated it would be helpful for the applicant to be present to answer questions. Mr. Marx noted the application was received in May 2023 which was rescheduled noting the application should be timely reviewed. He informed the Commission the applicant was advised of the meeting date and advised the Commission as to what the DRB has done under similar circumstances. Mr. Marx stated he did not receive any indication from the applicant that they would not be present.

Chairman Coladarci then stated the Commission would review the application and asked if an HAIS would be appropriate. No comments were made at this time. He then asked for a motion to allow the demolition for 1035 Sunset Road to proceed without delay and read findings into the record. A motion to approve the demolition for 1035 Sunset Road was made by Ms. Papoutsis and seconded by Mr. Enck. A vote was taken and the motion unanimously passed, 4 to 0:

AYES: Coladarci, Enck, Papoutsis, Stuart

NAYS: None

Other Business:

Chairman Coladarci questioned the status of a home on Sheridan Road where the home was demolished. Mr. Schoon advised the Commission of the property's status.

a. 1205 Sunset Road – LPC Member Tours.

Mr. Marx informed the Commission he did not have any information on the property's status. Mr. Schoon stated the Commission Members previously expressed interest in touring the home.

b. Review of 2023 Preservation Awards Nominations.

Ms. Handler noted she would not participate in the discussion. Mr. Marx identified Nan Greenough's home at 500 Maple as one application being received. He identified the other applications received as 1100 Pellum which was submitted by Ms. Handler and 656 Ardsley. Mr. Marx informed the Commission Trustee Apatoff was helpful in

1 getting applications submitted and referred to 740 Ardsley which is slated for submission and referred to the
2 deadline. Ms. Handler informed the Commission she was involved in attempts to save the home which was
3 restored. Mr. Marx referred to the timeline in terms of ordering plaques and the Village Council presentation
4 which they would like to occur before year-end. The Commission Members discussed the process in terms of
5 reviewing the applications, ordering another plaque after the original order is placed and the timeline.

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7 Chairman Coladarci asked for a motion to approve the three applications presented without closing the deadline
8 for a future submission. A motion as stated by chairman Coladarci was made by Mr. Enck and seconded by Mr.
9 Stuart. A vote was taken and the motion unanimously passed, 4 to 0:

10 AYES: Coladarci, Enck, Papoutsis, Stuart

11 NAYS: None

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13 c. July 17, 2023 Regular Meeting - Quorum Check.

14 The Commission Members discussed their availability.

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16 **Additional Public Comment:**

17 An audience member provided the Commission with information relating to 608 Willow Road in terms of the
18 home's condition and the replacement home which may fit better in the neighborhood than the existing home.

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20 **Adjournment:**

21 Chairman Coladarci asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Enck and seconded by
22 Ms. Papoutsis. A vote was taken and the motion unanimously passed, 4 to 0:

23 AYES: Coladarci, Enck, Papoutsis, Stuart

24 NAYS: None

25 The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

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27 Respectfully submitted,

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29 Antionette Johnson

30 Recording Secretary



MEMORANDUM VILLAGE OF WINNETKA

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

TO: LANDMARK PRESERVATION COMMISSION
FROM: CHRISTOPHER, MARX, AICP, ASSOCIATE PLANNER
DATE: JULY 13, 2023
SUBJECT: 615 ELM STREET - HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURALLY
SIGNIFICANT MAXIMUM BUILDING SIZE BONUS APPLICATION
(CASE NO. 23-11-LPC)

INTRODUCTION	
Meeting Date	July 17, 2023
Commission Action	Historic and architectural review to determine whether the property is historic or architecturally significant and therefore entitled to a one-time maximum building size bonus of 20%.
Property Address	615 Elm Street
Property Owner	Taylor and Jennifer Katzman (collectively, the "Applicant")
Application Submitted by	Taylor and Jennifer Katzman
Mail Notice Sent to Property Owners within 250 feet	Completed
Public Comments as of Date of Memo	As of the date of this memo, staff has not received any written comments from the public regarding this application.
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION	
Size	0.38 acres
Location	North side of Elm Street between Cedar and Walnut Streets
Improvements	Single-family home with a detached garage
Zoning	R-4 Single Family Residential
Surrounding Zoning	R-4 Single Family Residential
PROPERTY HISTORY	See Attachment A, HAIS and Attachment B, Winnetka Historical Society (WHS) Research
Constructed	Approximately 1895, according to Winnetka Historical Society Research
Additional Construction Activity	2000 – Remove and replace roofing, house and garage
Illinois Historic Structure Survey Listing	No
Winnetka Historical Society (WHS)	WHS research indicates that the property has both historical and architectural significance. See attached report from the WHS provided in Attachment B for details.
WHS Comments on Historical Architectural Impact Study (HAIS)	WHS agrees with the assessment that the house is historically and architecturally significant, and that it contributes greatly to the character of the Village Green neighborhood (see Attachment C).

MAXIMUM BUILDING SIZE BONUS	
Gross Floor Area (GFA) Bonus	1,035.24 square feet (20% of maximum permitted GFA), 620.43 square feet remaining per zoning calculations.
OTHER PERMITS OR APPROVALS	
Zoning Variation	On June 12, 2023, the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) approved variations to allow construction of an addition on the rear elevation of the existing residence that permit the addition to (i) exceed the maximum permitted GFA; (ii) provide less than the minimum required side yard setback from the west property line; and (iii) to provide an unarticulated west side building wall. The approved addition, which represents a net increase of 147.9 square feet of GFA, includes fully enclosing the existing rear porch as well as a second-floor addition on the rear elevation of the existing residence.
Building Permit	On June 28, 2023, a building permit was approved to fully enclose the rear porch and renovate portions of the interior of the existing residence.

HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE FOR MAXIMUM BUILDING SIZE BONUS

The Landmark Preservation Commission (LPC) may consider the granting of a bonus for maximum building size with the establishment of historical or architectural significance of the principal structure, based on evidence and findings from the HAIS submitted by the Applicant.

COMMISSION REVIEW

In making its determination regarding the historical and architectural significance of the subject property, the Landmark Preservation Commission shall consider the following:

- a. the Historic and Architectural Impact Study prepared pursuant to the foregoing Section 15.52.050;
- b. the preliminary property history study prepared pursuant to Section 15.52.040;
- c. comments of the Winnetka Historical Society on the application and study; and
- d. any other information, comment or evidence received by the Commission at the meeting.

Prior to making a determination, the Commission must first determine if it finds the Historical Architectural Impact Study (HAIS) complete. If the LPC determines that the HAIS filed by the Applicant is incomplete or otherwise insufficient to enable the LPC to make a determination of historical or architectural significance, the LPC may direct the Applicant to complete, amend or supplement the report and may continue the consideration at another meeting pending the Applicant's filing of a complete application.

If the Commission does find the HAIS complete, a Commission member may make one of the following two motions (a) Granting of Historic or Architectural Significance for purposes of a maximum building size bonus of 20 percent or (b) the Building and/or Property Lacks Sufficient Historic or Architectural Significance:

Historic or Architectural Significance

If the Commission does find the HAIS complete, the Commission must consider the historic or architectural significance from the following standards:

- a. the structure exhibits a high quality of architectural design without regard to the time built or historic associations;
- b. the structure exhibits a high quality of architectural design that is not the result of a change or a series of changes in the original structure;
- c. the structure exemplifies an architectural style, construction technique or building type once common in the Village;
- d. the structure exhibits an unusual, distinctive or eccentric design or construction technique that contributes to the architectural interest of its environs as an accent or counterpart; or
- e. ~~that the property has been designated a landmark pursuant to Chapter 15.64 of the Village Municipal Code, has been included in the most recent Illinois Historic Structures Survey conducted under the auspices of the Illinois Department of Conservation, or has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places or the Illinois Register of Historic Places.~~ **(Subject Property is not a local landmark, on the National Register, or listed on the State survey)**

The Commission finds the structure to have historic or architectural significance, with the Critical Exterior Historical or Architectural Features that warrant preservation possibly being, but not limited to, the following:

- 1. Hipped roof with cross gables;
- 2. Prominent full-width second story flared front gable with shingle detailing;
- 3. One-story wrap around front porch;
- 4. Simple front entry and free classic columns that support the porch, rather than spindle work detailing, which characterize early asymmetrical Colonial Revival houses;
- 5. _____
- 6. _____

[Commission members may identify more features if necessary]

Based upon these findings, the property is granted a one-time maximum building size bonus of 20%. Any future alterations to the structure will be subject to review by the Director for the determination of their effect on the identified Critical Exterior Historical or Architectural Features.

Building and/or Property Lacks Sufficient Historic or Architectural Significance

The Commission finds that the Historical Architectural Impact Study (HAIS) submitted by the Applicant is complete and that the property does not have historic or architectural significance due to the findings that:

- a. the structure **does not** exhibit a high quality of architectural design without regard to the time built or historic associations;
- b. the structure **does not** exhibit a high quality of architectural design that is not the result of a change or a series of changes in the original structure;

- c. the structure **does not** exemplify an architectural style, construction technique or building type once common in the Village;
- d. the structure **does not** exhibit an unusual, distinctive or eccentric design or construction technique that contributes to the architectural interest of its environs as an accent or counterpart; or
- e. that the property **has not been** designated a landmark pursuant to Chapter 15.64 of the Village Municipal Code, **has not been** included in the most recent Illinois Historic Structures Survey conducted under the auspices of the Illinois Department of Conservation, or **has not been** listed on the National Register of Historic Places or the Illinois Register of Historic Places.

Based upon these findings, the Commission finds that the property does not qualify for a maximum building size bonus.

The owner may appeal the decision to the Village Council with a detailed request in writing to the Director within seven days after the determination by the Commission.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment A: HAIS prepared by Benjamin Historic Certifications, LLC
- Attachment B: Historical Society Research
- Attachment C: Historical Society HAIS Comments
- Attachment D: Application Materials

ATTACHMENT A

HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPACT STUDY (HAIS)

615 ELM STREET, WINNETKA



Susan Benjamin and Jeanne Sylvester
Benjamin Historic Certifications, LLC
711 Marion Avenue
Highland Park, IL 60035
Submitted to the Village of Winnetka on June 23, 2023



Historical and Architectural Impact Study (HAIS)Village of Winnetka: 615 Elm Street

Susan Benjamin and Jeanne Sylvester of Benjamin Historic Certifications have prepared this Historic and Architectural Impact Study (HAIS) for 615 Elm Street in Winnetka, Illinois. Our qualifications are as follows:

Susan Benjamin is an architectural historian with 30+ years of experience, writing well over 175 local and National Register nominations and preparing more than 200 property tax freeze and federal income tax credit applications. Her B.A. is in Art History from Brown University, and her M.A. is from the University of Minnesota. Susan served as the first chairman of the Highland Park Historic Preservation Commission. Susan frequently consults on Historic Preservation projects, lectures and has written several articles and books on Chicago architecture. She and architect Stuart Cohen are the authors of *Great Houses of Chicago: 1871–1921* (2008) and *North Shore Chicago: Houses of the Lakefront Suburbs: 1890–1940* (2004), published by Acanthus Press, New York, and she most recently co-authored another book, entitled *Modern in the Middle: Chicago Houses 1929–1975* (2020) published by Monacelli Press. Susan is a resident of Highland Park.

Jeanne Sylvester joined Benjamin Historic Certifications after receiving her M.S. in Historic Preservation from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. She has completed several architectural surveys, numerous Historic and Architectural Impact Studies, Historic Resource Evaluations, and Illinois Historic Property Tax Freeze applications, as well as researched and drafted National Register of Historic Places nominations. Jeanne earned a B.A. in history from Northwestern University and a J.D. from DePaul University College of Law. She is the author of “The ‘Beaux-Arts Boys of Chicago: An Architectural Genealogy, 1890–1930” published by the journal *Classicist*. Jeanne is chairperson of the Historic Preservation and Architectural Commissions for the Village of Long Grove, where she resides.

615 Elm Street

Constructed ca. 1890

Original architect unknown, possibly designed by Frank A. Windes

No original construction permit was found in the Village of Winnetka permit file for this property. A permit application dated May 20, 1920 requested permission to alter a frame residence and build a frame garage.

Property Index Number:

05 – 21- 106 – 006

Ownership History of the Land Parcel

The legal description for the property at 615 Elm Street identifies the land parcel as:

That part of the West ½ of Block 16 in Village of Winnetka in the Northwest Fractional Quarter of Section 21, Township 42 North, Range 13, East of the Third Principal Meridian bounded and described as follows: Commencing on the north line of Elm Street 87 feet east of the east line of Cedar Street thence east 100 feet; thence north to north line of the south ½ of that part of said block 16 measured between the south line of Spruce Street and the north line of Elm Street thence west along said line 100 feet thence south to the place of beginning in Cook County, Illinois.

Commonly known as 615 Elm Street, Winnetka, Illinois.

The house at 615 Elm Street is not scheduled for demolition; the house is being evaluated for its historical and architectural contribution to the neighborhood.

Ownership of the property

Subdivision of the property and ownership was researched at the Cook County Recorder's Office. Ownership of the land was subdivided multiple times. The property at 615 Elm Street is part of the original Winnetka Subdivision, an ante-fire subdivision of the Village. The first mention of a change in ownership of the west ½ of Block 16 is a Trustee's Deed to Hy. H. Gage in 1876, followed by a Warranty Deed from Riley M. Graves to Wm. H. Stickney in 1878. In 1878, William H. Stickney and wife gave a Quitclaim deed to Ruth M. Graves. The following year, Ruth M. Graves and her husband gave a warranty deed to Leila W. Graves in 1879. In 1881 Leila Graves Dale and her husband gave a mortgage to Wm. P. Kimball for the East 100 feet of the South 100 feet of the West ½ of the block. John T. Dale and his wife Leila gave Art W. Schaffer an "agt" in 1882 and again in 1883, and Schaffer gave Leila G. Dale a mortgage in 1884. In 1887 Art W. Schaffer and wife gave Paul A.C. Hanke a warranty deed in 1887. Paul Hanke gave Paul Gerding, et. al., a warranty deed in 1889, who gave an agreement to Anna R. Weeks in 1892, who owned it until 1908 when she gave Elizabeth Aldrich a warranty deed, whereupon one month later Elizabeth Aldrich gave Anna Weeks a warranty deed to the property. In 1913 Anna Weeks gave Zel

F. Windes a warranty deed to the property. Five years later Zel Windes gave Sallie C. Windes, his mother, a warranty deed in 1918, and two years later, on March 18, 1920, Sallie C. Windes and husband gave Mary L. Cobb a warranty deed to the property. Mary L. Cobb and her husband John C. Cobb, Jr. then passed it down to their daughter Margaret and son-in-law Russell Gessel, who owned it until 1963 when the property was transferred to Robert Hood, who owned it until 1978. Hood gave a warranty deed to Otto H. Maurer and his wife who owned it until the property until they gave a warranty deed to Cole C. Pinnow in 2013. In 2022 the property was transferred to BGRS Relocations, Inc.

Without extensive further research, which may or may not turn up additional information, it is very difficult to determine when the house was built and who were the original owners.

Riley M. Graves, Ruth M. Graves, Leila Graves Dale, John F. Dale

Riley M. Graves was born in 1821 in New York. He was married to Ruth who was born in Connecticut in 1827. Riley Graves was the original owner and operator of one of the earliest business establishments in Winnetka located on the northwest corner of Elm and Green Bay Roads. Graves opened a general store in 1855, one year after the arrival of the railroad in Winnetka. Graves sold a variety of goods, including groceries, hardware, drugs and animal feed. The Graves's daughter Leila married John F. Dale, an attorney.

Robert S. Moth purchased the store from Riley Graves and later Moth's son-in-law Max Meyer purchased it from his father-in-law, and transformed the store into a bank called the Bank of M.K. Meyer, the first bank in Winnetka.¹

Arthur W. Schaffer

In 1882 Arthur Schaffer was listed in the Chicago City Directory as a "trav. Agt." He lived in a house at 1553 Dunning in Chicago. In 1885, Schaffer was listed as working as "Co. Trav." at 209 S. Water Street in Chicago and living at a house in Winnetka.² Schaffer was also mentioned in *The Inter Ocean* newspaper in 1887, when the paper reported that a Mr. Gustave Lander of Chicago visited him in Winnetka.³ Nothing is known about Gustave Lander.

Charles L. and Anna Ruth Weeks

The 1900 United States Federal Census lists Charles and Anna Weeks as owning the property, and living there with their step-daughter, Elizabeth W. Aldrich, an actress. The 1902 Winnetka directory shows Charles Weeks living on Elm. Charles Weeks was born in Ohio in April of 1844 and Anna was born in Indiana in September of 1850. Charles's father was born in New York and his mother was born in

¹ "M.K. Meyer General Store: One of Winnetka's Earliest Businesses," Winnetka Historical Society, 2022.

² *The Lakeside Annual Directory of the City of Chicago* (Chicago: The Chicago Directory Company, 1885): 1211.

³ "Winnetka," *The Inter Ocean*, July 3, 1887, 14. These sources, along with the Recorder's Office information, places Schaffer at the property at about the right time for the age of the house. While it is not clear who the original owner of the house was, Schaffer is a possibility, as he bought the property and took out a mortgage not long after. The house could date from this time period.

Pennsylvania; Anna's parents were both born in Ohio. They couple married in 1880. Charles L. Weeks was one of Winnetka's earliest school board members.⁴

Anna R. Weeks was active in progressive movements. She was involved with the Women's League and she was a member of the committee that presented the Mayor of Chicago with a request that one or more women be appointed to the City Board of Education in 1889.⁵ She was also a suffragette and in 1894 she wrote a letter to the *Chicago Sunday Tribune* that discussed the effects of women being allowed to vote in the recent school elections.⁶ Weeks was also either a vegetarian or open to vegetarianism, addressing the Chicago Vegetarian Society on "How to Set a Table Without Meat."⁷ In 1910, Anna Weeks and Elizabeth Aldrich were renting on Broadway in New York and Anna was listed as a widow.⁸ Anna died 1929 and was remembered as a "pioneer in the feminist movement."⁹

The Winnetka Historical Society found that Uri B. Grannis, Henry L. Grannis and Jane Grannis Hollis were living at the property between 1904 and 1912, based upon a 1904 directory and a *Chicago Tribune* article. There was no Grannis identified on the title found at the Cook County Recorder's Office. It is possible that the Grannis family rented the property while Anna Weeks owned it but lived in New York with Elizabeth Aldrich.

Zel F. Windes

Zel Windes was the son of Judge Thomas Windes and Sallie C. Windes, and the brother of Winnetka architect and engineer Frank A. Windes. Zel was born in Tennessee in 1871 and was an attorney. He married Alice B. Calrow in 1894 and they had four children: sons Argyle and Bruce, and daughters Cheryl and Alice.¹⁰ Zel Windes was also a real estate developer; he and his father opened a company a real estate business in the 1890s.¹¹ The 1910 United States Federal Census shows Zel Windes practicing in a law office.

John Candler Cobb, Jr. and Mary Louise King Cobb

In 1921 John C. Cobb, Jr. and his wife Mary bought the house at 615 Elm Street and a year later they had "completely renovated" it.¹² An application for a building permit at the Winnetka Historical Society shows that Mary L. Cobb applied for a permit to alter a 2 or 3-story (illegible) and basement frame residence and build a frame garage. The builder and mason were identified as Wills Bros. Construction Company.

⁴ Steve Adams, "Winnetka: What's in a Name?" *Gazette*, Winnetka Historical Society, Fall/Winter, 2006.

⁵ "Complaining Against Mr. Yerkes," *Chicago Tribune*, June 9, 1889, 14.

⁶ Anna R. Weeks, "After the Election," *Chicago Sunday Tribune*, November 11, 1894, 33.

⁷ "Vegetarian Society Mets [sic.]," *The Inter Ocean*, January 8, 1908, 2.

⁸ 1910 United States Federal Census for Anna R. Weeks.

⁹ "Feminist Pioneer Dead," *The Cincinnati Enquirer*, March 21, 1929, 8.

¹⁰ 1910 United States Federal Census for Zel F. Windes.

¹¹ Cindy Fuller, "510 Ash Street: Victorian Gothic on the Move," *Gazette*, Winnetka Historical Society (Summer, 1995, updated, 2022).

¹² "Realty Active in Winnetka's Old East Side," *Chicago Tribune*, October 8, 1922, 35.

In the 1925 and 1926 Winnetka Directories John C. Cobb is listed as renting the property at 615 Elm. John Candler Cobb, Jr. was born on December 18, 1880 in Boston, Massachusetts and died in 1948. He was the cousin of architect Henry Ives Cobb (John Candler Cobb, Sr. was H. I. Cobb's brother).¹³ John C. Cobb Jr. was a member of the Class of 1902 of Harvard University. He was the secretary of the Commercial Envelope Company at 508 S. Dearborn in Chicago, and enjoyed fishing, both bait-casting and fly-rod.¹⁴

John C. Cobb, Jr. worked in advertising in Chicago for thirty years. In 1918 he worked as an advertising salesman for Standard Farm Papers, Inc.. and later in life as a tool maker.¹⁵ In Winnetka, he served as chairman of the Village Improvement association during the Skokie Lagoon project and the board of governors of the lodge in Walton Woods. He was one of the original members of the North Shore Chess Club.¹⁶ In 1949 a memorial to John Cobb was established in the Winnetka Library by the Winnetka Izaak Walton League as contributions to the library's books on hunting, fishing and conservations. Cobb was a member of the League for member years and guided high school students in conservation matters.¹⁷

Mary Louise King Cobb

Mary Louise Cobb was born ca. 1884 from a distinguished family. She was the daughter of Allen Hazen King and Ella Wilson King. Ella Wilson King was the daughter of the pioneer Chicago packer, W. James Wilson. Ella died in the house in 1933.¹⁸ Ella's sister, Margaret Victoria Wilson, was a celebrated Chicago hostess in the 1880s and 1890s, and funeral services were held at 615 Elm Street in 1930.¹⁹ In 1920, under John's and Mary Cobb's ownership, the house at 615 Elm Street was remodeled, enlarging the one-story porch on the rear and adding a second story above it, building a garage to the rear of the property, and likely adding Colonial Revival details. The interior alterations could have included painting what was most likely varnished woodwork, adding corner cabinets in the dining room, and converting a front and rear parlor into the living room. The couple had two children, Kenneth W. Cobb and Margaret V. Gessel. After John C. Cobb Jr. died in 1948 Mary continued to live at the house at 615 Elm with her daughter Margaret and son-in-law Russell Gessel, and their children. Mary died in 1977.²⁰

¹³ 1870 United States Federal Census for Henry I. Cobb.

¹⁴ "John Candler Cobb, Jr.," Harvard University, *Records of the Class, Class of 1902*, printed in 1941.

¹⁵ "John Candler Cobb" [obit.], *Chicago Tribune*, January 3, 1948, 21.

¹⁶ "John Candler Cobb" [obit.], *Winnetka Talk*, January 8, 1948.

¹⁷ "Izaak Walton League Gives Conservation Books as Memorial," *Chicago Tribune*, February 20, 1949,

73.

¹⁸ "Funeral Today for Widow of Allen H. King," *Chicago Tribune*, September 8, 1933, 18

¹⁹ "Rites Today for Social Leaders of Early Days," *Chicago Tribune*, January 9, 1930, 30.

²⁰ "Cobb" [obit.], *Chicago Tribune*, December 20, 1977, 37. During this time period through 1958 the garage was rented to tenants. "Bulletins," *Chicago Tribune*, April 29, 1948, 1; Notes, Susan Benjamin Survey, 1989.

Russell Gessel and Margaret Victoria Cobb Gessel

Russell Gessel graduated from Northwestern University.²¹ He was the merchandise manager for a wholesale house.²² Margaret Cobb married Russell on Thanksgiving Day in 1935; following the wedding the couple lived with the bride's parents, John and Mary Cobb at 615 Elm Street. Margaret was a student at the school of speech and music at Northwestern University.²³ The couple had four children. In 1947, Margaret was a volunteer for the Winnetka Community Nursery; she was registration chairman and one of the original board that planned the Winnetka Community Daycare nursery.²⁴ Margaret also served as chairman of the annual Winnetka children's fair, proceeds of which went to maintenance of the nursery located at the Winnetka Community House.²⁵

Margaret Gessel also studied at the Art Institute of Chicago and was a successful artist, creating oil paintings, lithographs, woodblock prints, drawings, watercolors, collages and wood sculpture.²⁶ In 1958, 615 Elm Street was the site of an open house that exhibited paintings, sculpture, drawings and prints by various artists.²⁷ The following year the house was the site of another exhibition of sculpture of paintings, drawings and prints.²⁸ In 1963 Gessel exhibited her drawings in Countryside Gallery in Arlington Heights along with other notable artists including Richard Hunt.²⁹ Her work was shown in museums throughout the country including the Art Institute of Chicago, and was recognized by the North Shore Art League.³⁰ The Gessels lived at the house until 1963 when they sold it to Walter L. Glaws.

Walter L. Glaws

It is not clear if Walter Glaws was an owner of the property; it is likely he merely assisted with the transfer. Glaws was listed on the Recorder's Office Ownership Tract Book as owner of the property on May 3, 1963 and sold it to Robert B. Hood on September 12, 1963.

Robert B. Hood and Norma Jean Gilchrist Hood

Robert Bateman Hood was born on January 14, 1929, the son of Thurlo B. Hood. He lived at 481 Provident Avenue in Winnetka. He graduated from New Trier High School in 1946 and joined the University of Illinois the following year. He married Norma Jean Gilchrist in 1950. They lived in Glencoe

²¹ "To Be Married," *Chicago Tribune*, March 31, 1935, 88.

²² "The Sun Salutes Mrs. Russell Gessel," *The Chicago Sun*, August 25, 1947, 8.

²³ "To Be Married."

²⁴ There is a note on the 1989 survey form which states: "In 1944, after debate, was used as a nursery school 'til the end of the war." Documents in the Village Permit file indicate that the Village Council held a public meeting on March 2, 1944 to consider the application for an occupancy permit to conduct a nursery school at the Cob residence. The matter was taken under advisement. Later, the Village Council was notified that arrangements were made to hold the nursery school at the Parish House of Christ Church on Maple Street and the petition was withdrawn." "Council Holds Public Hearing on Proposed Nursery School," (Winnetka) *Talk*, March 10, 1944, 615 Elm Street Permit File, Village of Winnetka.

²⁵ "The Sun Salutes Mrs. Russell Gessel."

²⁶ "Gallery's March Show Presents Sculptures," *The Daily Herald*, February 28, 1963, 56.

²⁷ "Sunday," *Chicago Daily News* December 1, 1958.

²⁸ "Suburban," *Chicago Daily News*, October 19, 1959, 17.

²⁹ "Gallery's March Show Presents Sculptures," *The Daily Herald*, February 28, 1963, 56.

³⁰ "Sisterhood Plans Fall Art Exhibit at South Shore," *The Daily Calumet*, August 30, 1966, 6.

after their wedding and purchased the house on Elm Street in 1963. Their daughter Julie Lynn married Colin Eugene Lysons in 1973 and their wedding ceremony and reception were held at the home at 615 Elm Street in Winnetka on September 8, 1973.³¹ Robert Hood sold the property to O.H. Maurer and wife in 1978.

Otto H. Maurer and Marie DuFour Maurer

Otto Maurer was born on February 16, 1942 in New York city. He received an undergraduate degree and a doctorate of law degree from Fordham University. During the Vietnam War Maurer was a Captain in the Justice Advocate General Corps stationed at 5th Army Headquarters at Fort Sheridan. He married Marie DuFour in 1968 and they settled in the Chicago area. Maurer worked as a partner at Hewitt Associates as a consultant in Executive Compensation and Salary Administration for over thirty years. He passed away in 2021.³²

Marie DuFour Maurer was born in Washington D.C. She graduated from Georgetown Preparatory School and Marymount College. She was active in the community at Greeley School, the League of Women Voters, the New Trier Fine Arts Association, the New Trier Swim Club, the Lake Forest Swim Club and Illinois Swimming. Marie played bridge competitively and achieved the rank of Ruby Life Master from the American Contract Bridge League. Marie and her husband Otto amassed a collection of detective mysteries of over 9,000 volumes that is now part of the Special Collections section of the Walsh Library at Fordham University. The couple supported Jesuit education at Fordham University and Loyola Academy, and raised three children together. Marie died in 2022.³³ In 2013 the property was sold to Cole C. Pinnow.

Narrative Description of the Property, Including Alterations

The only permit application for alteration of the property is the permit application in the collection of the Winnetka Historical Society. A copy of this building permit application is attached to this report in Section 7 of the Appendix.

Date of Application	Owner	Action	Architect/Builder
May 20, 1920	Mary L. Cobb	Alter frame residence and build frame garage	Wills Bros. Constr. Co.

Physical Description

Exterior

The simplified Queen Anne house at 615 Elm Street is located on the west side of its wide lot, facing south. A concrete driveway runs along the west side of the house leading to the detached 2-story garage.

³¹ “Hood-Lysons,” *Arizona Daily Sun* (Flagstaff, Arizona), September 22, 1973, 1.

³² “Otto H. Maurer” [obit.], *Chicago Tribune*, March 14, 2021.

³³ Ibid., “Marie Dolly Maurer”[obit.], *Chicago Tribune*, January 9, 2022.

The overall shape of the building is rectangular. The building stands 3 stories and the steeply pitched asphalt shingled roof is cross gabled. A flared, shingled gable faces south; its shingles wrap around the east and west sides of the window frames. The building is clad in narrow, painted yellow clapboards. There is a large red brick chimney on the west side. A one-story open porch, supported by painted yellow Tuscan columns, four across the south façade, two on the east façade, has a blue painted wood floor and yellow painted wood ceiling. The porch wraps around the first floor of the house from the south façade to the east façade. A wood balustrade with a rounded handrail and square balusters, square newel posts with orb-shaped newel post caps enclose the porch and surround the staircases on the south and east facades. Under the porch there is a blue painted rectangular grid-like porch skirt.

On the front (south) façade, there are three 9/9 double hung windows on the porch on the first floor and two 9/9 double hungs on the second floor; in addition, there are four leaded, divided casement windows at the east end of the second floor. Three double hung windows are inset in the gable over the second floor. A narrow lancet window is located just beneath the peak of the gable.

There is a projecting bay on the second floor of the west façade and two dormers on the roof, both with two double-hung windows. The dormer on the south has a hipped roof and the dormer on the north has a shed roof. Windows on the south dormer are larger than the windows on the north dormer.

The rear (north) has a one-story projecting porch that is open on the west, with a set of stairs that leads north to the paved courtyard between the house and garage. There are two set of stairs. The second leads east to the yard. The porch on the first floor has windows on the east side and is open on the west. The roof of the open porch is supported by a square column. Both sets of stairs are painted and do not match the stairs on the front porch; the stairs that are painted blue, located on the west have a flat hand rail and turned balusters; the painted yellow stairs on the east have a flat handrail, square balusters, newel post and newel cap. A historic wood paneled door with glazing on top with a non-historic storm door leads to the laundry room. There is a rectangular window with diamond lites on the north wall that looks into the laundry room. The open section of the porch has a double hung window, a beadboard ceiling and a ceiling light. The enclosed porch on the east has five 12/12 double hung windows and a door that leads to the stairs. A door with a non-historic storm door to the north of the porch leads to the basement. The second story of the rear façade has a glassed-in porch at the east end and two double-hung windows at the west. There are two double-hung windows in the gable topped by a narrow lancet window in the peak of the gable.

The east façade has an open porch that wraps around the corner on the south, the enclosed porch on the north, and 9/1 double hung windows on the first floor that open into the living room. On the second floor, there are five leaded casement windows on the south over the open porch, double hung windows, and leaded casement windows on the north. There are pairs of double-hung windows on all three floors under a gable roof. Non-historic windows open into the basement in the brick foundation.

A detached garage is at the northwest side of the property. The walls are painted yellow stucco. There are two garage doors that face south. At the east end of the first floor there is a wood paneled door with glazing on top and a non-historic storm door. A pediment tops this entrance. The building has an asphalt shingle gable roof with a projecting cornice in the middle over three double hung windows that have teal blue shutters. The shutters are non-historic — the shutter on the east is smaller than the others. There are two non-historic paneled doors and double hung windows on the east wall of the garage.

Interior

The front door leads to a foyer with historic quarter sawn oak floors, painted white walls, painted white doors, and painted white window and door framing, baseboard and crown molding. There is a 9/9 double hung window on the south wall and a rectangular window with diamond leaded lites on the west wall. A historic staircase with a fluted newel post and foliate rounded newel cap leads west to a landing with a large, divided window on the west wall. The staircase then turns east and leads to the second floor. The risers, treads and balustrade are varnished and there is a carpet runner. The stair wall is paneled and painted white. The front door is varnished with paneling. There is a white painted paneled door to the north of the stairs with historic escutcheon plates and doorknobs. Two painted, paneled, pocket doors lead to a study with quarter sawn oak floors and painted walls. Identical pocket doors on the north wall of the study lead to the living room.

The living room is very long, suggesting that it was originally divided into two parlors, as was typically found in a Queen Anne house from this period. There are four 9/1 double hung windows on the east wall over two radiators with wood covers. Baseboard, window trim and crown molding are painted white. Floors are quarter sawn oak. A fireplace on the north wall has a painted wood mantel, glazed brown tile surround, and a glazed blue, brown and cream tile hearth. There is non-historic trim on the walls flanking the fireplace.

A wide opening in the west wall of the living room with two painted, paneled pocket doors and a framed opening in the north wall of the vestibule both lead to the dining room. The room is situated between the vestibule on the south and the kitchen on the north. The rooms lead into one another; there is no hall. The floor of the dining room is quarter sawn oak. There are two painted white corner cabinets on the northeast and southeast corners of the room that frame the opening that leads to the living room. On the west wall, the dining room has three double hung ornamental leaded windows and there is a fireplace on the southwest wall. The fireplace has an elaborate painted mantel with classical detailing and a glazed, green tile hearth. Baseboard molding, window trim and crown molding are painted white.

The dining room has two non-historic louvered doors on the north wall that lead to the service area of the house. A powder room, butler's pantry, kitchen and laundry room are all non-historic. There is non-historic tile on the floor, painted door and window door trim, a historic painted, paneled door leading to the basement, and non-historic kitchen cabinets. A service staircase leads to the second floor. A historic door leads from the laundry room to the exterior. An enclosed porch has stucco walls and ceiling, a brick

chimney, and 12/12 double hung windows on the north and east walls. A door leads to the exterior. The room has a non-historic tile floor.

The second floor hall has white painted historic paneled doors, some with glass transoms, non-historic wall trim, a quarter sawn oak floor with a carpet runner, and a historic paneled door with glazing on top that leads to a second floor porch on the north. Bedrooms have quarter sawn oak floors. Bathrooms have been updated. A staircase leads to the third floor. The hall floor is carpeted, walls are painted and there are historic painted doors and door framing. Walls on the interiors of the rooms on this floor are plastered and floors are varnished, likely oak.

Style of Architecture

The style of 615 Elm Street is Queen Anne. It is a style that developed as a reaction to the earlier more formal Greek Revival style and an alternative to the Colonial Revival style that contains Greek and Roman stylistic elements. The term Queen Anne is actually a misnomer since it has no relationship to buildings constructed during the reign of Queen Anne (1702 – 1714) or the formal Renaissance architecture that was popular when she ruled. No better word describes the style than eclectic. It borrows a variety of elements from the rural, medieval buildings of the preceding Elizabethan and Jacobean eras. It also borrows from Romanesque Revival architecture. This can be seen in the newel post pattern of the house at 615 Elm Street.

Buildings designed in the Queen Anne style are characterized by a picturesque outline, a multitude of geometric shapes and a great variety of color and surface treatment. The Queen Anne is asymmetrical with its entrance set off to one side behind a broad sweeping porch. Hip, gable and conical roofs, balconies towers, balustrades and pinnacles add architectural richness to these stately grand houses. From roofs of varying heights project tall, brick chimneys and dormers of different sizes and shapes. Windows tend to be large and double-hung, some curved and some set into projecting bays. Small oval windows, lancet windows, Palladian windows and dormers are used as accents. The surface treatment of the Queen Anne house is as rich and varied as its shape and may combine clapboards and shingles. The combination of stone, brick, clapboard and shingles, accented with leaded windows, provided endless possibilities.

Architect-designed Queen Anne houses were favored by leading citizens in villages and residential neighborhoods of cities and may be found on prominent corners in many American towns. Winnetka has a handful of handsome examples of these. Smaller, simpler versions with less detailing but incorporating multiple gables, porches and bays are more prevalent than larger high style Queen Annes like 615 Elm Street. Their designs were frequently taken from pattern books. The simplified, less ornamented type is sometimes called Princess Anne.³⁴

The shingled gable on the third story south façade, and particularly those curving shingles that are stretched smooth in rounded contours at the windows are decorative elements of buildings that were

³⁴ Susan Benjamin, Architectural Historian and Editor, *Winnetka Architecture: Where Past is Present, A Guide to Timeless Styles* (Winnetka: Winnetka Historical Museum, 1988): 14.

termed the “Shingle Style” by Vincent Scully in the 1950s. However, the Shingle Style was a resort or seaside style adaptation of Queen Anne architecture — essentially a Queen Anne style building wrapped entirely with shingles.

Elements of the house at 615 Elm Street that are consistent with the Queen Anne style include the hipped roof with cross gables, prominent full-width second story flared front gable with shingle detailing and rear gable with brackets, one-story wrap around front porch, simple front entry, and free classic columns that support the porch, rather than spindlework detailing, which characterize early asymmetrical Colonial Revival houses.

Architect of 615 Elm Street

A handwritten note on the back of a photograph of the building states that the house was “Built in 1890s another of Frank A. Windes early jobs. His residence on Elm Street just east of Cedar - (Robert Hood the owner in 1975).” There is a stamp on the same side of the photograph that reads Mrs. T. Mandeville Woolson, 527 Winnetka Avenue, Winnetka, Illinois, 60093.” We have been unable to substantiate through any other source that Frank A. Windes designed this building.

Frank Windes was a prominent engineer and a registered architect. His firm Windes & Marsh, civil engineers and surveyors, served as engineers for both Winnetka (1898-1930) and Kenilworth. The firm, was located at 598 Birch St in Winnetka, a building he designed.³⁵

Windes was born in 1872 in Jasper, Tennessee, but his family moved to Chicago when he was three years old and Winnetka when he was seven years old. He began his career with a Chicago engineering firm, Cole, Alvord & Shields, who were the engineers for the World’s Columbian Exposition in 1893. In 1900, he began his own engineering firm that became Windes & Marsh in 1909. Windes was active in Winnetka and is well known for his 1906 plans for grade separation, with bridges over the Chicago & North Western Railway tracks. Eliminating the dangerous crossings at grade, the separation was completed in 1943. His program for the conversion of the Skokie marshes into a park area was carried out by the Civil Conservation Corps. In addition to his professional accomplishments, Windes served as Winnetka Village Assessor in 1895-96, member of the Winnetka Board of Education from 1899-1907 and Winnetka Village Marshall in 1946 and 1947. Frank Windes was also a founding member and the longtime custodian of the Winnetka Historical Society’s collection, which was stored in his basement and later in the fireproof vaults at Windes’ engineering office until another home was found. Upon his death in 1953, the Winnetka Village Council passed a resolution praising him for his “foresightedness and valuable contributions made in the formulation of village plans,” his “service” and his “character.”

Windes graduated from the Chicago Manual Training School in 1888.³⁶ He then graduated from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1893. When Illinois became the first state in the country to pass a law requiring that architects be registered, Frank

³⁵ Emery Stanford Hall, Ed., *Handbook for Architects and Builders*, Illinois Society of Architects, 1923.

³⁶ “The Manual Training School,” *Chicago Tribune*, June 21, 1888, 5; *The Inter Ocean*, June 21, 1888, 10.

Windes was the only registered architect living in Winnetka.³⁷ He was listed in the 1923 *Handbook for Architects and Builders* published by the Illinois Society of Architects. The first known house that Windes designed was his father's house, Circuit Court Judge Thomas G. Windes, 530 Cherry Street (1891 – 92).³⁸ Other buildings he designed include his own home at 873 Spruce Street (1895, demolished) and the Voltz Store in Winnetka (1899, demolished), as well as the James Anderson, Jr. House in Lake Forest (1899).³⁹

Frank Windes's brother, Zel F. Windes, was an attorney and a real estate developer. Zel Windes and his father, Circuit Court Judge Thomas Windes operated a real estate business in the 1890s.⁴⁰ Frank Windes was married to Mabel Reagan Windes (1872 – 1959), who was a teacher at the Columbia School in Hubbard Woods, a charter member of the Winnetka Historical Society, and a life member of the Winnetka Women's Club.

Landmark Status of the Property

The building is not a local landmark in Winnetka; it was rated as contributing to a historic landmark district by Susan Benjamin in her 1989 Survey of Winnetka.

Evaluation of Historic Significance

615 Elm Street is located within the original 1862 plat of Winnetka and is one of the most historic areas of the Village. Some of the Village's oldest homes are located in this area, east of the Chicago and North Western Railroad tracks. Houses were built during the 1870s, 1880s and 1890s, then in the 1920s, as blocks were subdivided. The Village Green, bounded by Elm, Cedar, Oak and Maple streets, donated by Sarah and Charles Peck, early Winnetka settlers and often called the "founders of Winnetka," anchors the area. The oldest home on the Village Green is 655 Elm, parts of which were built before 1865.⁴¹ Most homes in this area are placed on relatively spacious lots — largely rectangular, but many irregular. There are sidewalks, gracious tree-lined parkways and side driveways with detached garages, many of them previously coach houses, in the rear.

Seven houses were surveyed for this report on the north and south sides of Elm Street between Cedar and Walnut streets: 549 Cedar Street, 615 Elm Street (the subject of this report), 603 Elm Street and 595 Elm Street; and 529 Cedar, 594 Elm Street and 608 Elm Street. Of these seven, five were included in the Illinois Historic Structures Survey (IHSS), a selective architectural and historical inventory conducted from 1971 – 75 of 50,000 buildings in Illinois by the Illinois Historic Preservation Office for historic and architectural significance, including 594 Elm Street (the Samuel Shackford house, 1872, L.G. Lyeman,

³⁷ Illinois Licensed Architects: List Presenting Corrected Addresses of Illinois Licensed Architects Now in Good Standing," *The Construction News*, May 8, 1899, 622.

³⁸ Caroline Thomas Harnsberger, *Winnetka: The Biography of a Village* (Evanston: The Schori Press, 1977): 117, confirmed by Winnetka Historical Society House file for 530 Cherry Street.

³⁹ *American Contractor*, November 4, 1899, 23.

⁴⁰ Cindy Fuller, "510 Ash Street: Victorian Gothic on the Move," *Gazette*, Winnetka Historical Society (Summer, 1995, updated, 2022).

⁴¹ Nan Greenough, "Village Green is Winnetka's Spiritual Center," Winnetka Historical Society, Summer 2004. Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke at the Village Green on July 25, 1965.

Winnetka's first local landmark), 603 Elm Street (the Joseph Sherlock house, ca. 1871, demolished, ca. 2007), 615 Elm Street, 529 Cedar Street, and 595 Elm Street (1922, Reed & Skinner). Several of these were also included in a survey of Winnetka by Susan Benjamin in 1989, including 615 Elm with the notation as "contributing building in historic district." Many people who built homes in the area around the Village Green were early settlers in Winnetka; still more were noteworthy individuals who contributed to the history of the Village. 615 Elm is among the most historically interesting and architecturally noteworthy buildings in this neighborhood. The synthesis of Queen Anne and Colonial architecture make this house special.

The house at 615 Elm Street, likely among the oldest in the block between Cedar and Walnut streets and around the Village Green, contributes to the history of the Village of Winnetka. The individual owners of the home at 615 Elm Street played a noteworthy role in the early development of the Village. Anna Weeks stands out as an early champion of women's rights and progressive issues.

Evaluation of Architectural Significance

The house is a fine example of a simplified form of the Queen Anne style of architecture that was popular from the late 1880s well into the 1890s with elements, on the interior, of Colonial Revival design. It is representative of the early houses that were built in the most historic area of the Village. The interior design features that were added in the 1920s contribute to the character of the house, representing the popularity of Colonial architecture after the end of World War I, when there was a surge of patriotism.

Evaluation of Neighborhood Significance

This house contributes to the character of Elm Street and the historic Village Green neighborhood. There is a consistency of scale and design quality whether the houses were built in the late 1800s or the 20th Century. There is also a compatibility of styles at the same time that there is variety. Nothing is jarring. There are uniform setbacks with homes nestled into spacious lots, creating a park-like setting even on the streets not adjacent to the Village Green. All the houses contribute to the feeling of a very pleasant historic neighborhood.

Summary Opinion

Preserving 615 Elm and assembling information on its historic and architectural significance in the form of an HAIS allows for the areas of the house that perhaps are not functional in terms of 20th century livability to be updated. The zoning bonus available for houses that prove to be historical or architecturally significant allows for their long term viability.

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Attachment B. Select Photographs of 615 Elm Street

Exterior:



South (front) facade



North (rear) facade



East facade



Garage

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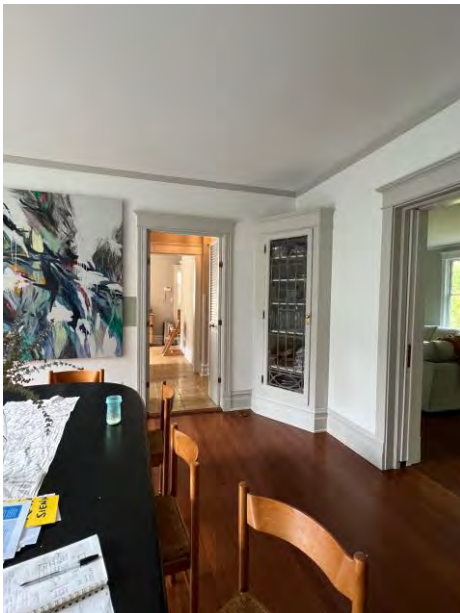
Interior:



Foyer



Dining Room, looking west



Dining Room, looking northeast



Dining Room fireplace



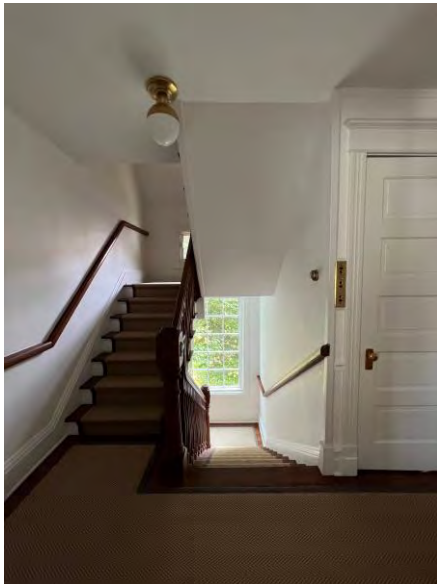
Living Room, looking east



Living Room fireplace, looking north



Second floor hall, looking north



Second floor hall and stairs looking west



Second floor hall looking west

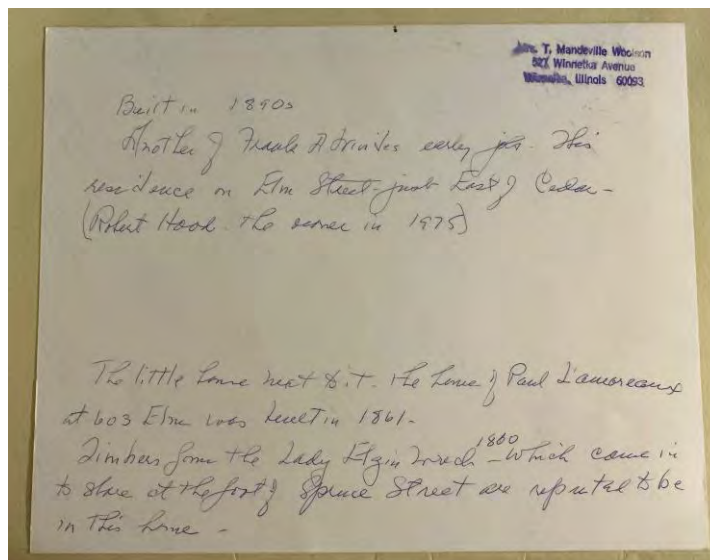


Stairs to 3rd floor



3rd floor hall looking north

Attachment C: Historic Photographs of 615 Elm Street



Undated, Winnetka Historical Society archives

Attachment D: Table of Information for Residences in the Surrounding Neighborhood

ADDRESS	DATE	ARCHITECT/BUILDER	STYLE	ORIG. OWNER
549 Cedar Street	1922	P.E. O'Connor/ R.L. Gonsalveo	Colonial Revival	P.E. O'Connor
615 Elm Street	ca. 1890	Unknown; possibly Frank A. Windes	Queen Anne	unknown
603 Elm Street	Original: 1871 <i>demolished</i> Current: 2007	unknown	Current: New Traditional Shingle	Original: Joseph and Martha Sherlock House
595 Elm Street	1922	Reed & Skinner/ Anderson & Nelson	Colonial Revival	Ingo Esch
529 Cedar Street	Prior to 1931 (ca. 1910)	unknown	Tudor Revival	unknown
608 Elm Street	ca. 1895	unknown	Colonial Revival	unknown
594 Elm Street	1872	L.G. Lyeman	Gothic Revival	Samuel Shackford

Attachment E: Photographs of Residences in the Surrounding Neighborhood

North side of Elm Street between Cedar and Walnut streets



549 Cedar Street



615 Elm Street



603 Elm Street



595 Elm Street

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South side of Elm Street between Cedar and Walnut streets



529 Cedar Street



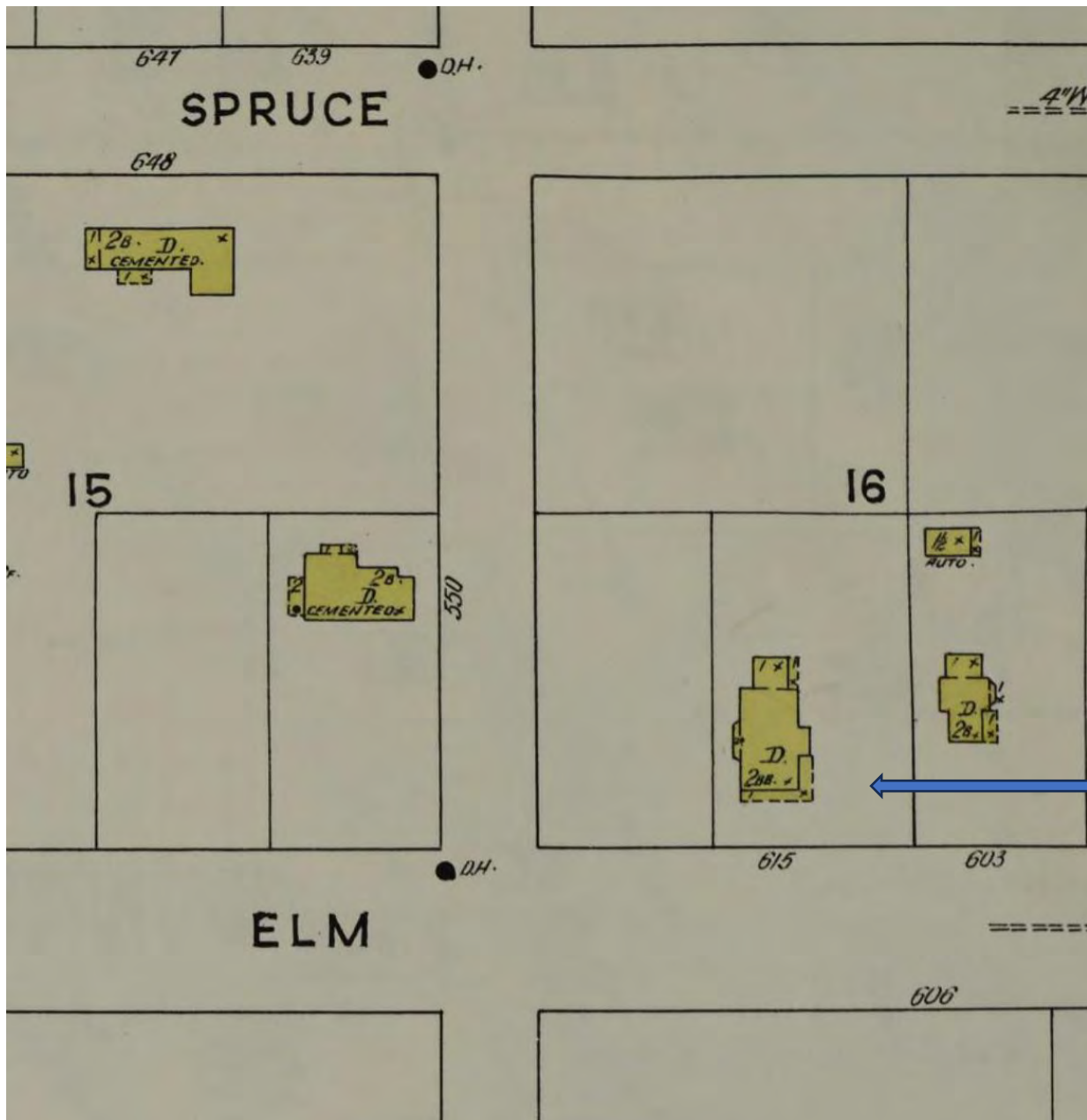
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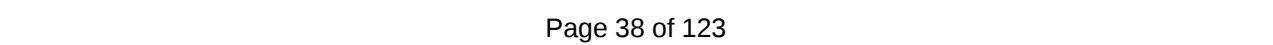
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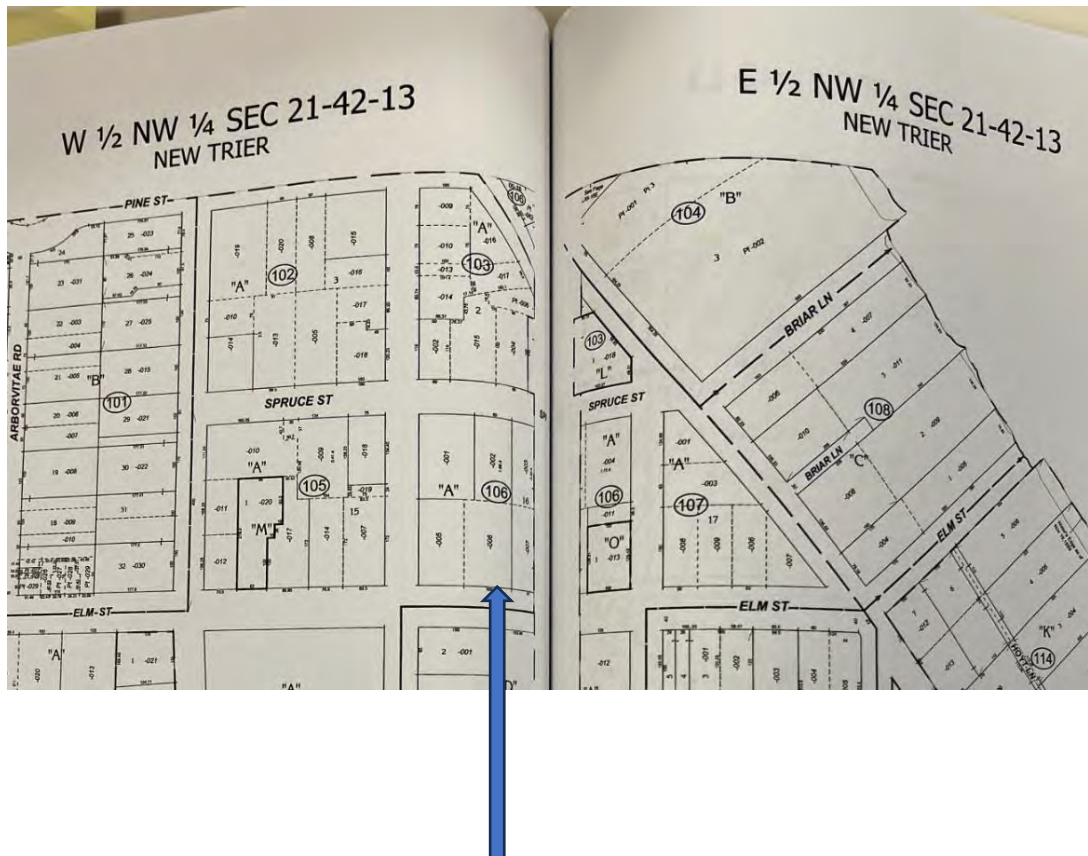
1. Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps



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2. Sidwell Map



615 Elm Street

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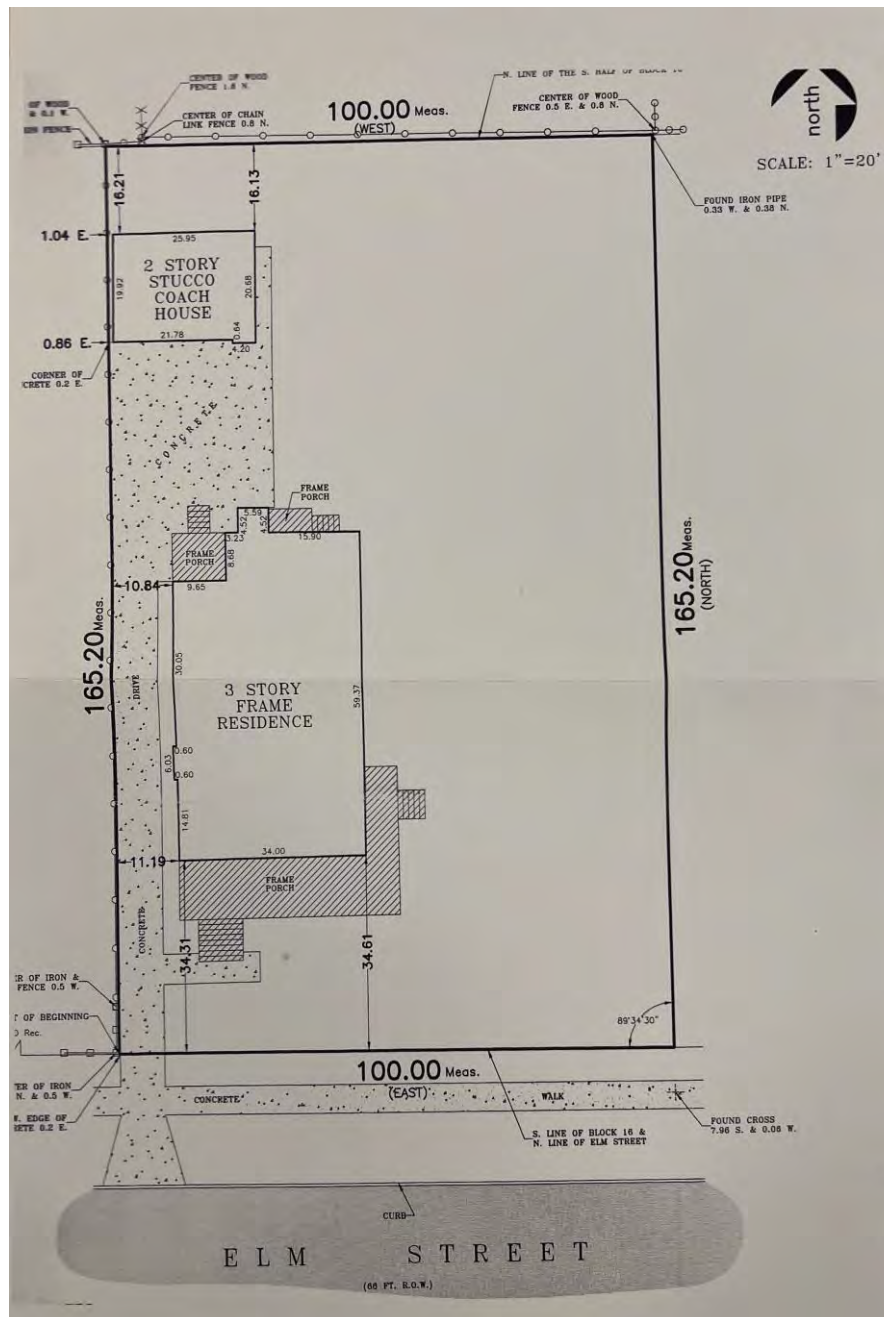
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4. Plat of Survey



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5. Real Estate Listings

Directions: East of downtown Winnetka

Address: 615 Elm Street
City: Winnetka, Illinois 1261

Constr: Frame
Style: Modified Victorian
Roof: Asphalt Faces: 5
Built: Approx. 100 years

Unincorporated Area: No

Lot Size: 100 x 165
Rms. 13
Bed. 8
Baths 5+
Heat Gas Hw
Cost see P. 2
Garage 2 car
Det. w/ apt. #
Frt. Scnd
Rear Deck
Elec: 220V-110V

\$ 295,000

Basmt: Full; compartmented; outside entrance; toilet.
1st: Large foyer w/ guest closet; den; Living Rm w/ fpl; Dining Rm w/ fpl; Kit w/ D&D & eating area; TV Rm or Breakft Rm; Bath; Laundry/Mud Room.
2nd: Master Bedrm w/ CT bath & dressing rm; 4 family bedrms; 2 baths.
3rd: Pool room; playroom; storage room; bedroom & bath. (Hatch to attic).

School: Grade: Greeley
Transp: RR, C&N - 3 1/2 blks. Bus: Nortran
Mortgage: Existing
Special Assessments: None known
City water, Sanitary Sewer, Storm Sewer.
Remarks and any special conditions: Completely updated historical home with views of the Village Green.
* Garage has 3 room apartment above with separate heat & electric service. Permit issued by Village of Winnetka.*

Titleholder: Robert B. Hood and
Phone: h/w/ Norma
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REALTOR* Office: Quinlan & Tyson, Inc. Winn. Phone: 446-4500
Sales Person: Shirley W. Sittig Home Phone: 835-3242

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Of Interest

- * 5 sets of Victorian pocket doors - ALL in working order.
- * Large irregular redwood deck with built-in seating in rear.
- * First floor Laundry in mudroom off kitchen.
- * Heat cost January 1977 to January 1978:
House: \$1389.80
Garage Apartment: \$371.60 (separate furnace)
- * Shower stall bases replaced.
- * Three fireplaces (extra flue in TV room for Franklin Stove or fireplace).
- * First floor carpeting less than 1 year old.
- * Driveway is concrete.

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Room Sizes

Approximate

First

Large irregular foyer
Living Room 32'10 x 16
Dining Room 15'6 x 15'7
Den 18'5 x 14'4
Kitchen 12'10 x 11'6
TV Room 14'6 x 8

Third

Playroom 13 x 10
Poolroom 18 x 16'4
Bedroom 14'2 x 11'8

Second

MBR 10 x 8'6
14'6 x 13'6
13'10 x 7'7
Bedroom: 12'4 x 11'6
Bedroom: 16 x 12'9
Bedroom: 16'3 x 12 + tandem 12 x 8'6 (fireplace)
Bedroom: 12'2 x 9'8

Fourth

Floored attic by means of hatch.

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7/63 Sold by 124W

Directions:		Address: 615 ELM STREET		City: WINNETKA		Lot Size: 100 x 165		Rms. 13		Bed. 8		Baths 5		Heat OIL HW		Cost		\$ 54,500-52,500	
Constr: FRAME		Style: VICTORIAN		Roof: ASPHALT SHINGLE		Built: OLDER		Year - Taxes \$915.80		Porches YES		Garage 2+ APT.		Att. Det.		Elect 220V 440V		Contract:	
Basmt: FULL DIVIDED; OUTSIDE ENTRANCE																			
1st ENTRANCE HALL, FRONT PARLOR, LIVING RM W/VICT. FPL., DINING RM W/FPL.																			
NEW CABINET KITCHEN W/D&D, REAR STAIRS, NEW BATH, BKfst. RM., LAUNDRY																			
2nd MASTER SUITE W/BATH, HID. PCH., 2 BEDRMS W/BATH, 2 OTHER BEDRMS AND HALL BATH.																			
3rd OPEN STAIRWAY, 3 BEDRMS AND BATH. COMPLETELY PLASTERED.																			
Check: 8/63		School: Grade: GREELEY				JHS: SKOKIE				HS: NEW TRIER									
		Transp: RR/CNW-3 BLKS.				Bus: GREEN BAY ROAD-3				Other: FEW-28000-5/yr. 25-17% DC									
		Mortgage: Existing FEW: \$32,500, 22 yrs, 5 3/4% BLK Available:																	
City water, SEWER Sanitary Sewer, Storm Sewer, SEWER (Cross out that not applying)																			
Remarks and any special conditions: WONDERFUL LARGE FAMILY HOME IN TOP EAST LOCATION, NEAR VILLAGE GREEN. HOUSE BUILT "LIKE THE ROCK". KITCHEN AND FIRST FLOOR BATH COMPLETED 3 WEEKS AGO. ALL GUTTERS NEW 1961. HOUSE PAINTED 1962.																			
GARAGE APT.: LIVING RM., BEDROOM, KITCHEN AND BATH, SEPARATE METERS AND HEATING PLANT. OWNER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO APPROVE BUYER. CARPET IN PARLOR NOT INCLUDED.																			
Owner: WALTER GLAWS		Bus. Phone:				Res. Phone:													
This information is considered accurate but we accept no liability for errors. The listing may be changed without notice.																			
Open House		Realtor Office: McGuire & Orr - J. Townsend				Phone: HI. 6-5010, HI. 6-7397													
		Sales Person: Porter & Weinrich, Peg Gaskill				Home Phone: HI. 6-2600, Un. 4-4966													



6. Articles

Charles and Anna Weeks

7-2224.
TWELFTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES. B

State Illinois County Cook SCHEDULE No. 1.—POPULATION. Supervisor's District No. 1 Sheet No. 13

Township or other division of county Winnetka Township Name of Institution None

Name of incorporated city, town, or village, within the above-named division, Winnetka Ward of city, 1

Enumerated by me on the 12 day of June, 1900, James B. Brown Enumerator. 6253

LINE	NAME	RELATION	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION		NATIVITY			CITIZENSHIP	OCCUPATION, TRADE, OR PROFESSION	EDUCATION	SWEET OF INC.
			SEX	DATE OF BIRTH	Place of birth of this person.	Place of birth of father.	Place of birth of mother.				
1	Charles Weeks	Head	M	1870	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	1900	Teacher	High School	
2	Anna Weeks	Wife	F	1870	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	1900	Teacher	High School	
3	John Weeks	Son	M	1895	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	1900	Student	High School	
4	Mary Weeks	Daughter	F	1898	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	1900	Student	High School	
5	William Weeks	Son	M	1900	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	1900	Student	High School	
6	Elizabeth Weeks	Daughter	F	1902	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	1900	Student	High School	
7	James Weeks	Son	M	1905	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	1900	Student	High School	
8	Anna Weeks	Daughter	F	1908	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	1900	Student	High School	
9	John Weeks	Son	M	1910	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	1900	Student	High School	
10	Mary Weeks	Daughter	F	1912	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	1900	Student	High School	
11	William Weeks	Son	M	1915	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	1900	Student	High School	
12	Elizabeth Weeks	Daughter	F	1918	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	1900	Student	High School	
13	James Weeks	Son	M	1920	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	1900	Student	High School	
14	Anna Weeks	Daughter	F	1922	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	1900	Student	High School	
15	John Weeks	Son	M	1925	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	1900	Student	High School	
16	Mary Weeks	Daughter	F	1928	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	1900	Student	High School	
17	William Weeks	Son	M	1930	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	1900	Student	High School	
18	Elizabeth Weeks	Daughter	F	1932	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	1900	Student	High School	
19	James Weeks	Son	M	1935	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	1900	Student	High School	
20	Anna Weeks	Daughter	F	1938	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	1900	Student	High School	
21	John Weeks	Son	M	1940	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	1900	Student	High School	
22	Mary Weeks	Daughter	F	1942	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	1900	Student	High School	
23	William Weeks	Son	M	1945	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	1900	Student	High School	
24	Elizabeth Weeks	Daughter	F	1948	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	1900	Student	High School	
25	James Weeks	Son	M	1950	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	1900	Student	High School	
26	Anna Weeks	Daughter	F	1952	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	1900	Student	High School	
27	John Weeks	Son	M	1955	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	1900	Student	High School	
28	Mary Weeks	Daughter	F	1958	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	1900	Student	High School	
29	William Weeks	Son	M	1960	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	1900	Student	High School	
30	Elizabeth Weeks	Daughter	F	1962	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	1900	Student	High School	
31	James Weeks	Son	M	1965	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	1900	Student	High School	
32	Anna Weeks	Daughter	F	1968	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	1900	Student	High School	
33	John Weeks	Son	M	1970	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	1900	Student	High School	
34	Mary Weeks	Daughter	F	1972	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	1900	Student	High School	
35	William Weeks	Son	M	1975	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	1900	Student	High School	
36	Elizabeth Weeks	Daughter	F	1978	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	1900	Student	High School	
37	James Weeks	Son	M	1980	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	1900	Student	High School	
38	Anna Weeks	Daughter	F	1982	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	1900	Student	High School	
39	John Weeks	Son	M	1985	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	1900	Student	High School	
40	Mary Weeks	Daughter	F	1988	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	1900	Student	High School	
41	William Weeks	Son	M	1990	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	1900	Student	High School	
42	Elizabeth Weeks	Daughter	F	1992	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	1900	Student	High School	
43	James Weeks	Son	M	1995	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	1900	Student	High School	
44	Anna Weeks	Daughter	F	1998	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	1900	Student	High School	
45	John Weeks	Son	M	2000	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	1900	Student	High School	

1900 United States Federal Census for Charles and Anna R. Weeks



Anna R. Weeks, "After the Election,"
Chicago Sunday Tribune, November 11, 1894, 33.

VEGETARIAN SOCIETY METS.

Address by Mrs. Anna Weeks on Setting a Table Without Meat.

Mrs. Anna Weeks of Winnetka, Ill., addressed the Chicago Vegetarian Society last night at the Great Northern on "How to Set a Table Without Meat." Dr. Alice B. Stockman spoke of "Meat Substitutes."

Communications expressing regret at not being present at the annual banquet of the society and sympathy with the principles of vegetarianism were read from Dr. J. H. Kellogg of the Battle Creek (Mich.) Sanitarium and president of the National Vegetarian Society; Mary Ward Allen, editor of "Mother's Friend," official organ of the purity department of the National W. C. T. U., and others.

Dr. J. D. Craig will deliver an address at the next meeting of the society on "Food and Its Influence on Disease Germs."

The Inter Ocean, January 8, 1908, 2

Feminist Pioneer Dead.

New York, March 20—(AP)—Mrs. Anna Ruth Weeks, a pioneer in the feminist movement, died at St. Luke's Hospital today after an illness of two years. She was 79 years old. Mrs. Weeks was born in Indianapolis.

The Cincinnati Enquirer, March 21, 1929, 8

Winnetka, e 100 ft s 150 ft, w 1/4, b 16; June 11—Miss Elizabeth Aldrich to Anna R. Weeks

The Inter Ocean, July 3, 1908, 10

John C. Cobb Jr. and Mary L. Cobb

1900 United States Federal Census for John C. Cobb, Jr. and Mary L. Cobb

N^o 1009 *\$12,000⁰⁰*

APPLICATION FOR BUILDING PERMIT

Winnetka, Ill., *5/20/20*

To the Superintendent of Public Works:

I hereby apply for a permit to *alter* a *3* story and basement *frame residence* *built frame garage*

feet Front, feet Deep, feet from ground to peak, and agree to faithfully comply with the rules and regulations established, or that may hereafter be established, concerning the construction, heating, lighting, ventilation, drainage and water service of buildings.

The same to be located and built in strict accordance with description and plans, herewith submitted for your approval, on Lot No. *E 100 of 16187 of 20150 - Winnetka* Block No. *16*

Known as No. *615 Elm St*

Owner *Mary L Cobb*

Architect _____

Mason *Mills Bros Const Co*

Builder _____

Permit granted *5/20/20*

Amount, \$ *13⁰⁰*

W. C. Eubank
Superintendent of Public Works.

Winnetka Historical Society

**REALTY ACTIVE
IN WINNETKA'S
OLD EAST SIDE**

McGuire & Orr report that activity in Winnetka has broken out in a new place, or rather, in an old place over again, the "old central east side" and the auto gateway to the town. According to Mr. Bell, manager of their local office, this section will shortly take on an entirely new appearance, due to the number of new and remodeled homes.

"The beginning was a year ago, when J. C. Cobb bought 615 Elm street, which he has since completely renovated," said Mr. Bell. "Then Eugene Krebs bought 603 Elm street, which he'll rebuild soon. But the real activity has been within the last few weeks. For instance, Joseph E. Otis Jr. bought 608 Elm and has begun improvement. Ingo Esch of Bard, Esch & Co. will erect a handsome residence at Elm and Walnut on a 100x187 lot he bought from James Sherlock.

"Albert Smith, consulting engineer of Chicago, and recently of Purdue university, is now remodeling the former Dick home on the northeast corner of Walnut and Oak.

"E. T. Rutherford, now at the Plaisance hotel, has bought 165x170 at the southeast corner of Elm and Walnut from Harry Totten and will wreck the old residence and build a new home next spring.

"The latest sale is the northeast corner of Elm and Cedar, 87x150, on which P. E. Conner will build."

Chicago Tribune, October 8, 1922, 35.

Mrs. Allen Hazen King has issued invitations for the marriage of her daughter, Miss Mary Louise King, to John Candler Cobb Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Cobb of Milton, Mass., which is to take place at 3:30 o'clock at Epiphany church, Ashland boulevard and Adams street. A reception will follow immediately after the ceremony at the residence of the bride's uncle, William J. Wilson, 211 Ashland boulevard.

Mr. and Mrs. William Rodiger and Walter Gregory Rodiger have issued invitations for a dance, at 9 o'clock in Lincoln hall, 1764 Dearborn avenue.

Mrs. Walter C. Larned, 154 East Superior street, will give a debutante dinner in honor of the two debutantes, Miss Isabelle McGennis and Miss Julia Thompson.

Miss Julia Manierre, 1507 Dearborn avenue, will give a young people's luncheon.

Chicago Tribune, December 12, 1909

**IZAACK WALTON LEAGUE
GIVES CONSERVATION
BOOKS AS MEMORIAL**

A memorial to the late John C. Cobb, who was a Chicago advertising man 30 years, has been established in Winnetka library by the Winnetka Izaak Walton league as contributions to the library's books on hunting, fishing, and conservation.

Cobb resided for many years at 615 Elm st., Winnetka, and long was a member of the league. Every year members of the Winnetka chapter receive inquiries from high school students for guidance in preparing themes on conservation.

Further plans to present new books on conservation will be discussed by the chapter Tuesday in Winnetka Community house. Walther Buchen, Chicago advertising executive, will present his motion pictures.

Chicago Tribune, February 20, 1949, 73.

COBB

Mary Louise Cobb of Rockville, Md., formerly of Winnetka and Chicago, Ill., Dec. 18, wife of the late John C. Cobb Jr.; mother of Kenneth W. Cobb and Margaret V. Gessel; survived also by six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Private services at Graceland Cemetery, Chicago, Ill., on Tuesday, Dec. 20, 735-4242.

Chicago Tribune, December 20, 1977, 37

JOHN CANDLER COBB

Services for John Candler Cobb, 67, who retired in 1940 after operating his own trade paper advertising agency in Chicago 30 years, and then worked from 1941 to 1945 as a tool maker, will be held at 1:30 p.m. today in his home at 615 Elm st., Winnetka. Mr. Cobb died Thursday in St. Francis hospital, Evanston. Surviving are his widow, Mary Louise; a son, Kenneth; a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Gessel; two brothers, and four sisters.

Chicago Tribune, January 3, 1948, 21

JOHN CANDLER COBB

Services were held at his home at 615 Elm street, Winnetka, for John Candler Cobb, 67, who died January 1, at St. Francis hospital. Mr. Cobb retired in 1940 after operating his own trade paper advertising agency in Chicago for 30 years. From 1941 until 1945 he worked as a tool maker.

Mr. Cobb, who was born in Brookline, Mass., served as chairman of the Village Improvement association during the time it was working on the Skokie Lagoon project. He also served on the board of governors of the lodge in Walton Woods and was one of the original members of the North Shore Chess club.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Mary Louise Cobb; one son, Kenneth Cobb of Buffalo, N.Y.; one daughter, Mrs. Margaret Gessel of Winnetka; two brothers, Augustus Cobb of New York and Dr. Stanley Cobb of Boston; and four sisters, Mrs. Emma Foote of New York, Mrs. Hildegard Forbes of Milton, Mass., Mrs. Beatrice Smart of New York, and Mrs. Florence Brooks of Milton.

Winnetka Talk, January 8, 1948

Historical and Architectural Impact Study (HAIS) Village of Winnetka: 615 Elm Street

State Illinois Incorporated place Winnetka Village Census Bureau of the Census
County Cook Word of city Winnetka Black No. 175
Township or other division of county New Trier Township Unincorporated place Winnetka Institution Winnetka Enumerated by me on Apr 8, 1930, Charles J. Kelly, Enumerator 3-27

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE - BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
FIFTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1930
POPULATION SCHEDULE

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1930 U.S. Federal Census for John C. Cobb, Jr.

1940 U.S. Federal Census for John C. Cobb, Jr.

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1950 U.S. Federal Census for Mary Cobb

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Historical and Architectural Impact Study (HAIS)Village of Winnetka: 615 Elm Street

REGISTRATION CARD

SERIAL NUMBER 6582 ORDER NUMBER 4319

1. NAME (Print) John Candler Cobb Jr.

2. PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS: 211 Ashland Blvd. Chgo. Cook Ill.

3. Age in Years 38 4. Date of Birth December 18 1880

5. ☒ White 6. ☐ Negro 7. ☐ Oriental 8. ☐ Indian 9. ☐ Hawaiian

10. ☒ U. S. CITIZEN 11. ☐ ALIEN

12. ☒ Native Born 13. ☐ Naturalized 14. ☐ Citizen by Father's Naturalization Before Registrant's Majority 15. ☐ Declarant 16. ☐ Non-declarant

17. PRESENT OCCUPATION Advertising Salesman Standard Farm Paper Co. 18. EMPLOYER'S NAME W. M. Washington Chgo. Cook Ill.

19. NEAREST RELATIVE Name Mary Louise Cobb Address 211 Ashland Blvd. Chgo. Cook Ill.

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE
P. M. G. O. John Candler Cobb Jr.
Form No. 1 (Rev. 1-1918)

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

122-120 DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT

HEIGHT			BUILD			COLOR OF EYES		COLOR OF HAIR	
Tall	Medium	Short	Lean	Medium	Stout	Blue	Brown	Black	Other
☒	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐	☐	☐

29. Has person lost arm, leg, hand, eye, or is he obviously physically disqualified? (Specify.)

30. I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

John M. Wetmore
Date of Registration Sept. 12, 1918

LOCAL BOARD FOR DIVISION No. 40
CITY OF CHICAGO, STATE OF ILLINOIS
225 ABERDEEN ST., SKINNER SCH.
(STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)

(The stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the area in which the registrant has his permanent home shall be placed in this box.)

John Candler Cobb, Jr., U.S. World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1918, Ancestry.com

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1897)

SERIAL NUMBER 723 ORDER NUMBER U

1. NAME (Print) John Candler Cobb Jr.

2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) 615 Elm Street Winnetka Cook Illinois

3. MAILING ADDRESS 615 Elm Street Winnetka, Illinois

4. TELEPHONE Winn. 1180 5. AGE IN YEARS 61 6. PLACE OF BIRTH Boston, Mass.

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mrs. John Candler Cobb Jr. 615 Elm St

8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS Mr. Cobb - 508 S. Dearborn Street, Chicago, Ill

9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS 508 S. Dearborn Sts. Chicago, Ill. Cook

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE
P. M. G. O. John C. Cobb Jr.
Form No. 1 (Revised 4-1-42) (over) 10-51620-2

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT

RACE	HEIGHT (Approx.)	WEIGHT (Approx.)	COMPLEXION	
☒ White	<u>6' 5" h.w.</u>	<u>181</u>	Yellow	☒
☐ Negro	☐	☐	Light	☐
☐ Oriental	☐	☐	Dark	☐
☐ Indian	☐	☐	Dark brown	☐
☐ Filipino	☐	☐	Black	☐

Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification.

I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

none to my knowledge
P. H. Carlsberg
Date of registration April 27, 1942

LOCAL BOARD NO. 3
Cook County
510 Green Bay Rd.
Winnetka, Illinois
(STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)

(The stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the registrant shall be placed in the above space.)

John Candler Cobb, Jr., U.S. World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942, Ancestry.com

Robert B. Hood



“At Home in Glencoe” *Chicago Tribune*,
October 29, 1950, 93



“Hood-Lysons,” *Arizona Daily Sun* (Flagstaff,
Arizona), September 22, 1973, 1

Maurer, Otto H.

Otto H. Maurer of Winnetka, IL and Naples, FL was called to eternal life on March 9, 2021. Mr. Maurer was born on February 16, 1942 in New York City, the only child of Emilie and Fritz Maurer. He graduated from Archbishop Molloy HS, received his undergraduate degree from Fordham University and finished with his Doctor of Laws degree from Fordham University Law School. During the Vietnam War, he served as a Captain in the Justice Advocate General Corp. stationed at 5th Army Headquarters at Fort Sheridan. In 1968, he married his college sweetheart, Maria Theresa "Dolly" DuFour and they settled in the Chicago area. Otto became a partner at Hewitt Associates as a consultant specializing in Executive Compensation and Salary Administration for over 30 years until his retirement in 2002. An avid reader and collector of mystery novels, Otto and his wife established a detective mystery collection of more than 9,000 volumes that now resides in the Special Collection section of the Walsh Library at Fordham University. Otto and his wife supported Jesuit education throughout their lives through their donations to Fordham University as well as Loyola Academy. At Loyola, they supported the Deceased Parents Fund as well as the new Norcross Aquatic Center where two of their grandsons were lucky enough to train and compete. Otto loved sports especially his beloved White Sox - a highlight of his life was attending the 2005 World Series that brought the Championship to the South Side! Neighbors and friends would love to chat with him on his afternoon walks with his favorite German Shorthaired Pointer, Vada. He loved the breed so much that when a German Shorthair won the Westminster Dog Show for the first time he was heard to remark, "It's about time!" Otto is survived by his wife of 53 years and three children and their spouses: Erik (Lea) Maurer, Dr. Gregory Maurer and Margaret Maurer (Cole) Pinnow. Eight wonderful grandchildren, Luke Maurer, Rex Maurer, Nicholas Maurer, Elise Maurer, Clare Pinnow, Marie Pinnow, Jack Pinnow and Emma Pinnow, have brought joy to his life and with the advent of streaming he managed to share in their various activities and accomplishments. Otto's parents pre-deceased him as well as his in-laws Margaret Sheehan DuFour, Raymond A. DuFour, Margaret Sheehan MacDonald and R. Damian DuFour. Funeral and Interment private. In lieu of flowers, read a wonderful mystery and/or donate to the Illinois Shorthair Rescue, P.O. Box 341, Gurnee, IL 60031. <https://www.ilshorthair-rescue.com/donate-2/>. Info: donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990

Chicago Tribune, March 14, 2021

Maurer, Marie 'Dolly'

Marie Theresa "Dolly" Maurer nee DuFour of Winnetka, IL and Naples, FL was called to eternal life on December 28, 2021. Dolly was born on June 14, 1943 in Washington DC, the fourth child of Margaret Sheehan DuFour and Raymond A. DuFour. She graduated from Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School and received her undergraduate degree from Marymount College going on to receive a master's degree in social work. In 1968, she married her college sweetheart, Otto Maurer, and they settled in the Chicago area. She raised three children and was extremely active in the community on the PTA at Greeley School, the League of Women Voters, New Trier Fine Arts Association, New Trier Swim Club, Lake Forest Swim Club and as treasurer for Illinois Swimming. Passionate about the game of bridge, she played competitively throughout her life recently achieving the status of Ruby Life Master from the American Contract Bridge League. Philanthropically, Otto and Dolly established a detective mystery collection of more than 9,000 volumes that now resides in the Special Collection section of the Walsh Library at Fordham University. They also supported Jesuit education throughout their lives through their donations to Fordham University as well as Loyola Academy. At Loyola, they supported the Deceased Parents Fund as well as the new Norcross Aquatic Center where two of their grandsons were lucky enough to train and compete. Dolly loved celebrating family milestones and holidays at the Michigan Shores Club. She had some of the most amazing willpower and tremendous drive which were an inspiration to her family. She was a cancer survivor for 23 years. Dolly is pre-deceased by Otto and survived by her three children and their spouses: Erik Maurer (and wife Lea), Dr. Gregory Maurer and Margaret Maurer Pinnow (and husband Cole). Eight wonderful grandchildren have brought joy to her life, and she loved visiting with them recently traveling to Montreal, Champaign and Los Angeles to spend time together. If she couldn't be there in person, with the advent of streaming, she managed to share in their various activities and accomplishments which thrilled her to no end. They are Luke Maurer, Rex Maurer, Nicholas Maurer, Elise Maurer, Clare Pinnow, Marie Pinnow, Jack Pinnow and Emma Pinnow. Otto's parents, Fritz and Emily, pre-deceased her as did her mother, father and two siblings - Margaret Sheehan MacDonald and R. Damian DuFour. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, play cards with friends, donate blood or consider a donation to the American Cancer Society. Info: donnellanfuneral.com or (847)675-1990.

Chicago Tribune, January 9, 2022

7. Permits

No 1009 \$12,000⁰⁰

APPLICATION FOR BUILDING PERMIT

Winnetka, Ill., 6/20/20

To the Superintendent of Public Works:

I hereby apply for a permit to ~~build~~ ^{alter} a 3 story and basement ~~frame~~ ^{frame residence} ~~build frame garage~~

feet Front, feet Deep, feet from ground to peak, and agree to faithfully comply with the rules and regulations established, or that may hereafter be established, concerning the construction, heating, lighting, ventilation, drainage and water service of buildings.

The same to be located and built in strict accordance with description and plans, herewith submitted for your approval, on Lot No. E100 of 16187 of Block No. 16 20150 - Winnetka

Known as No. 615 Elm St

Owner Mary L. Cobb

Architect

Mason Mills Bros Const Co

Builder

Permit granted 5/20/20

Amount, \$ 13⁰⁰

Superintendent of Public Works.

8. 1989 Survey, Susan Benjamin

(Building Outline Map) 		ADDRESS <u>615 Elm</u>	HISTORIC NAME
		OTHER SURVEYS	LOCAL CRITERIA <u>4, 6</u>
Roll # <u>4</u> Photographer <u>SB</u> Frame # <u>18</u> Date <u>7/18/89</u> Building facing <u>S</u>		COREION NAME	TARGET AREA
<u>WINNETKA HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY</u> <u>GENERAL DESCRIPTION</u> 1. Classification: Building ☒ Site ☐ Structure ☐ Object ☐ Other (describe) _____ 2. Original Use: <u>RESID</u> 3. Current Use: <u>RESID</u> 4. Status: Occupied ☒ Unoccupied ☐ 5. Public or Private? <u>Priv</u> 6. Open to Public? <u>N</u> 7. Integrity: Unaltered ☐ Altered ☒ Unsure ☐ Work in Progress (describe) _____ 8. Type of Alteration: Restoration ☐ Rehabilitation ☐ Remodeling ☐ Addition ☒ Building Sided? ☐ Material _____ Building Moved (Date): _____ Orig. Location: _____ Describe Alterations, with dates: <u>ENCLOSURE 5/18/89</u>		DATE <u>7/25/89</u>	SURVEYOR <u>SB</u>
<u>ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION</u> 9. Architectural Style: <u>SIMPLIFIED Queen Anne</u> 10. Noteworthy Features: <u>Masonry subtle simple detail</u> 11. Architect: <u>WM OTIS</u> 12. Builder: _____ Source of Information: <u>SB (typ. FRANK-FACING GARAGE)</u> 13. Date of Construction: <u>1895</u> Source: <u>SB</u> 14. Comments on Significance: <u>Highly Simplified Queen Anne, typical of OTIS. CONTRIB PICTURE IN HD</u>			

PHYSICAL FEATURES

15. Overall Shape or Plan: Rect
16. Stories: 2 1/2 Approx. Dimensions(see Sanborns): _____
17. Foundation (Material and Color): _____
18. Walls (Material and Color): NARROW CLAPBOARDS PAINTED YELLOW
SHINGLES IN GABLE
19. Roof: Type GABLE-FLARED Material ASPHALT Original? N
Pitch STEEP Color BLOCK
SLATE DORMERS(?)
20. Dormers? No., Location, Material: SEVERAL - ON SIDES
21. Chimneys? No., Location, Material: 1 LARGE RED BRICK CHIMNEY
ON WEST SIDE
22. Ornamental Trim (Material and Color): SHINGLES WRAP INWARD TO INSET
TRIPLE WINDOWS IN GABLE. WOOD TRIM PAINTED
YELLOW. TEAL BLUE COURED SHUTTERS
23. Entrance(s) (Location and Description): Front door w/ double
PANELED ARCH FLANKED BY FLUTED PILASTERS ON
SIDE. BEHIND FRONT PORCH
24. Porches: SCREEN PORCH ACROSS FRONT + E SIDE OF
HOUSE. ROOF SUPPORTED BY ROUND WHITE COLUMNS
25. Window Treatment: MANLY 6/6 W/ SHUTTERS
SIDE BAYS
26. Other: _____

SITE INFORMATION

27. Landscape Description: Style
Ravine _____ Riparian _____ Other _____
Noteworthy Features: 2 STORY STUCCO GARAGE
28. Landscape Architect: _____ Source of Info.: _____
29. Secondary Structures? Type: Fence _____ Wall _____ Coach House _____
Barn _____ Detached Garage ☒ Greenhouse _____ Other _____
30. Relation to Streetscape: FACES ST

Historical and Architectural Impact Study (HAIS) Village of Winnetka: 615 Elm Street

BACKGROUND DATA

Owner: _____ Address: 615 Elm Phone: _____
Occupant: _____ 33. Original Owner: _____
34. Historical Information on Ownership: _____

35. Permit Information: Building Permit # 1009 5/20/20 to alter 1st floor
residence and build garage, O. Mary L. Cobb, build. Wells Bros. Const. Co.
cost \$12,000
Plat of Survey, 4/21/30.
36. Legal Description: _____

(Location) _____
37. P.I.N. #: _____ 38. Zoning Classification: _____
39. Listing on Existing Surveys (Give Date Listed):
National Register _____ Heritage Home _____ IHSS _____
IHLS _____ Other: NHL _____ IR _____ HABS _____ HAER _____
40. National Register Potential: Individual _____ Contrib. in District _____
Architectural Merit But Sided _____

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

41. Area of Significance: _____
42. Historic Information on Historic Events, Persons identified with Building, Importance
in Area of Significance: _____

Sources of Information: _____
43. Level of Significance: Local _____ State _____ National _____

REFERENCES

44. Information from Owners and Others: _____

45. Blueprints or Other Original Materials (Give Locations): _____

46. Bibliography: _____

48. Surveyors and Researchers:

_____	Address _____	Phone _____
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_____	Address _____	Phone _____

CONTINUATION

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In 1956, communication regarding the use of garage as apartments, for a while had 2 families living in basement rooms, which are now gone. Also, has two kitchens.

PROPERTY RESEARCH COVERSHEET



Address: 615 Elm

Construction Details:

Original construction date: c. 1895

Construction type: Frame

Style: Queen Anne Victorian

OWNERSHIP HISTORY:

OWNER NAME	DATES OCCUPIED	INFORMATION ATTACHED	SIGNIFICANCE
Uri B. Grannis, Henry L. and Jane Grannis Hollis	By 1904 – at least 1912	1904 directory, 1912 directory, <i>Chicago Tribune</i> article	Uri Grannis was an investment banker at Tilden and Grannis. Henry Hollis was a mining engineer.
John C. and Mary L. Cobb	By 1920 – at least 1961	Building permit application, 1961 directory, <i>Winnetka Talk</i> obituary	
Walter Glaws	1963	Real estate listing	
Robert and Norma Hood	1964 – 1978	Real estate listing, 1964 directory	
Marie and Otto Maurer	By 1986 – 2013	Building permit application, Cook County Recorder records	
Cole C. and Margaret E. Pinnow	2013 – 2022	Cook County Recorder records	

ARCHITECTS:

ARCHITECT NAME	DATE AND DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT	INFORMATION ATTACHED
Frank Windes (likely but not confirmed)	c. 1895 – design and build 2-story Queen Anne Victorian	Select WHS materials about Frank Windes.

RESEARCH SOURCES USED: *Winnetka Talk*, Cook County Assessor records, Cook County Recorder records, historic phone books, WHS property files, WHS digital files, Ancestry.com, *Chicago Tribune*

Findings:

Our research indicates that this house maintains historical and architectural significance as a Queen Anne Victorian design likely by local architect and civil engineer Frank Windes. Windes arguably contributed more to the structural development of Winnetka than any other single individual. As such, he has been referred to as “Mr. Winnetka.”

Windes was a longtime resident who served the Winnetka community in a number of important ways. Throughout his career, he served as Village Assessor, Village Engineer, and Village Marshall. He was a member of Winnetka’s Board of Education, was active in organizations such as the Freemasons and the Rotary Club, and taught Winnetka’s first manual training courses at Academy Hall. Windes was also a founder of the Winnetka Historical Society.

In 1900, Windes founded his own engineering firm in Winnetka. He was one of the first proponents of the track depression and Skokie Lagoons projects in Winnetka and, significantly, in 1906, produced plans for a bridge over the proposed tracks at Elm Street that were later used for the bridge that exists today.¹ His plans to turn the Skokie marsh into a series of lagoons were also instrumental in the development and implementation of that project.

As an architect, Windes is responsible for several recognizable buildings and structures. His first Winnetka design was likely his father’s house at 530 Cherry, which he designed when he was a teenager. By 1900, Windes had designed a number of houses in Winnetka, including his own at 873 Spruce. While we do not have any drawings, plans, permits, or any other official documentation indicating that Windes is the architect of 615 Elm, several materials in our collections database and house files name him as such.²

Date of Research: 5/10/2023

Submitted by:

Meagan McChesney, PhD
Curator, Winnetka Historical Society

Mary Trieschmann, MS Ed
Executive Director, Winnetka Historical Society

¹ That bridge was dedicated to Windes in 1999.

² In 1989, architectural historian Susan Benjamin conducted a survey of several historically and architecturally significant houses in Winnetka. On her report on this house (attached here), she lists the architect as “? Wm Otis,” indicating that she did not know who the architect was and that it may be William Otis, another notable local architect. While the style is typical of Otis and her guess makes sense, we have not found any links between Otis and this property. Thus, while we cannot confirm that Windes is the architect, the number of materials indicating that he designed 615 Elm lead us to conclude that he is likely the architect.



MEMORANDUM VILLAGE OF WINNETKA

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

TO: WINNETKA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
FROM: CHRISTOPHER MARX, AICP, ASSOCIATE PLANNER
DATE: FEBRUARY 9, 2023
SUBJECT: CASE NO. 23-11: 615 ELM STREET

INTRODUCTION

A preliminary property history was requested for the single-family residence and attached garage on the property at 615 Elm Street. Please return any available information regarding the architectural and historical significance of the structure to my attention as soon as reasonably possible. If you have any questions, please feel free to send an email to cmarx@winnetka.org or call me at (847) 716-3587.

PRELIMINARY PROPERTY HISTORY STUDY/VILLAGE HALL RECORDS

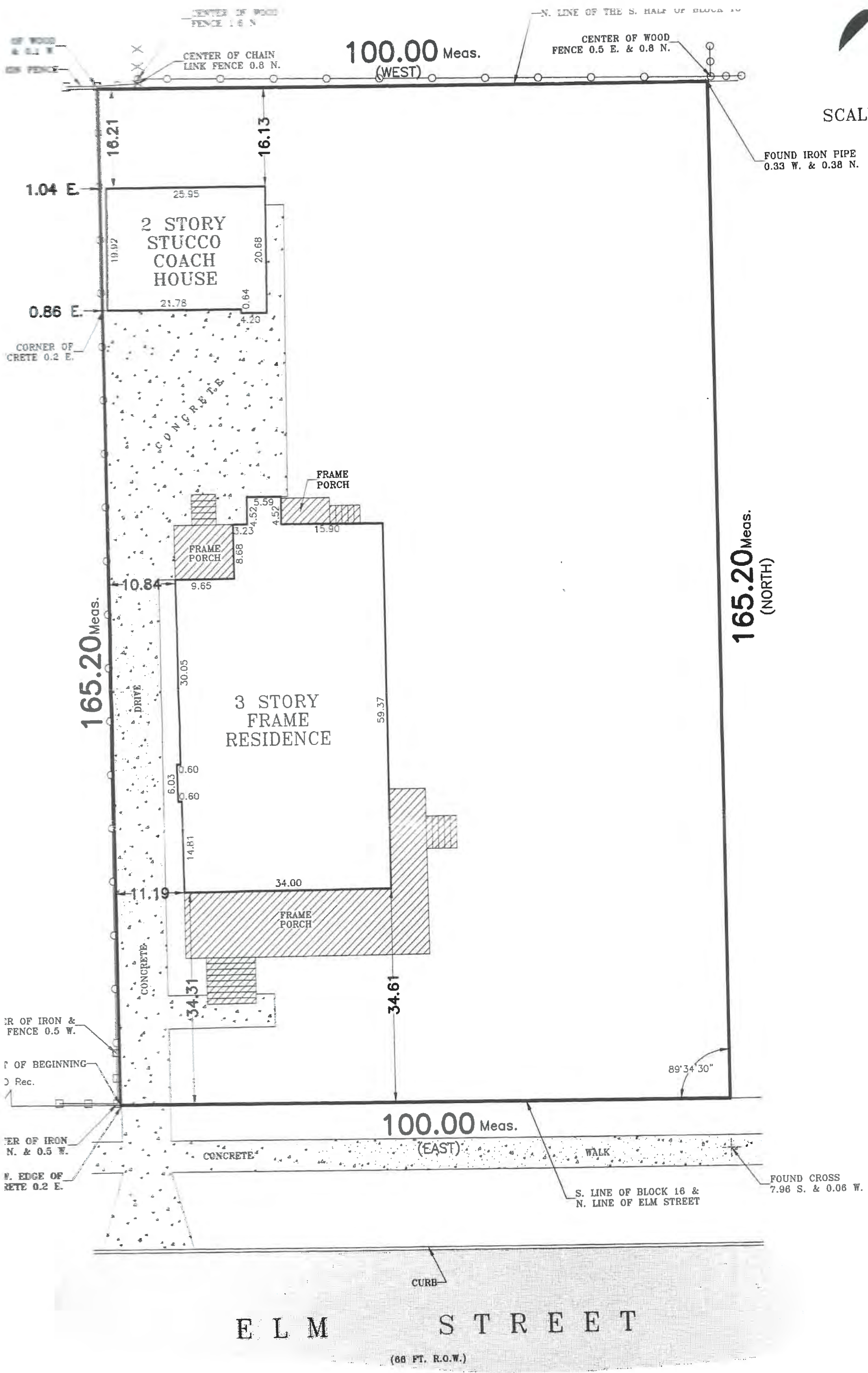
Building Permits

<u>Date</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Architect</u>
3-23-2000	Remove and replace roofing, house and garage	Mr. and Mrs. Maure	Not listed

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Plat-of-Survey
Attachment B: GIS Aerial Map
Attachment C: 1938 Sanborn Map
Attachment D: Current Photos
Attachment E: Permit Copies

WINNETKA HISTORICAL SOCIETY RESPONSE:



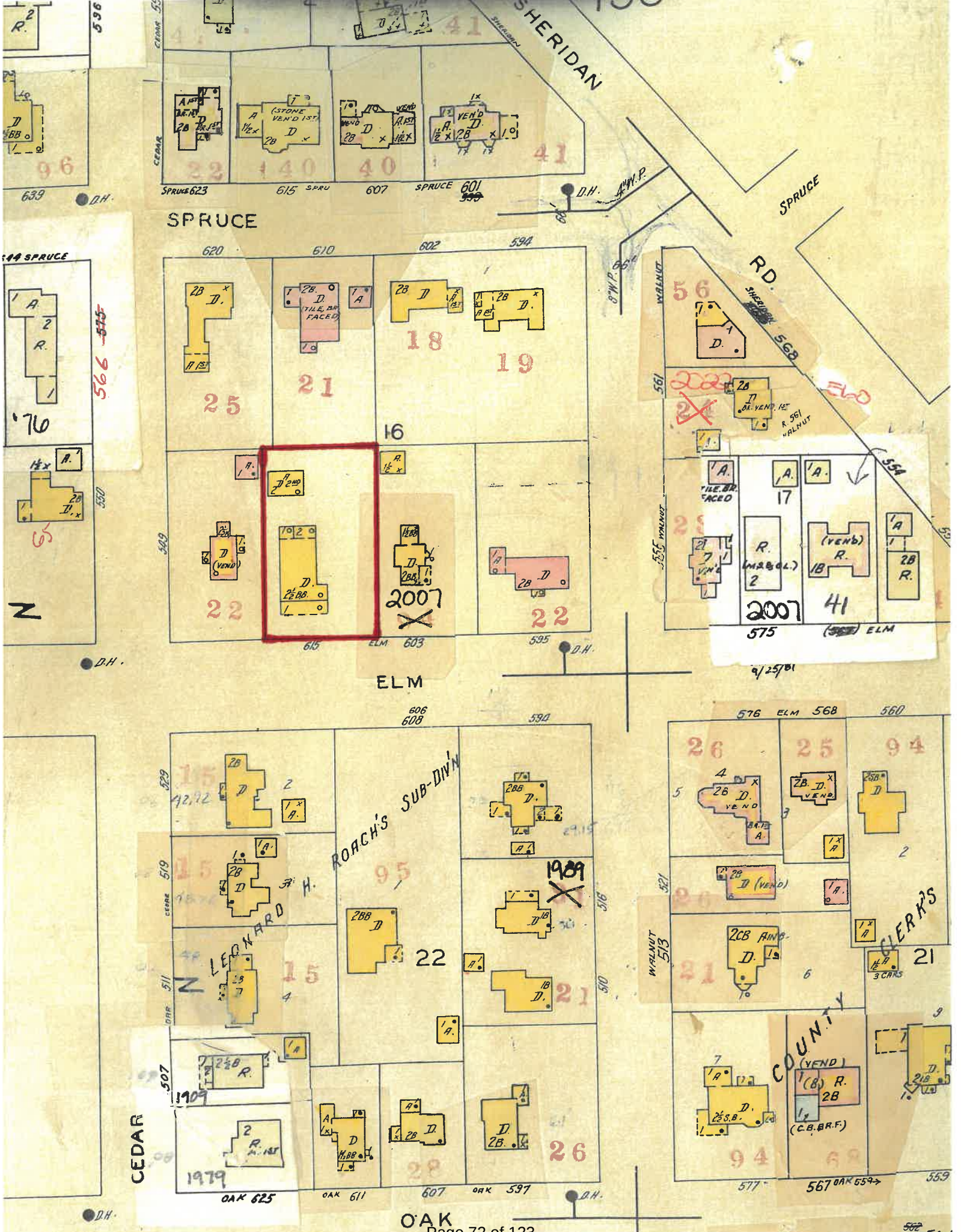


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ft

Print Date: 5/2/2023

Notes

Disclaimer: The GIS Consortium and MGP Inc. are not liable for any use, misuse, modification or disclosure of any map provided under applicable law. This map is for general information purposes only. Although the information is believed to be generally accurate, errors may exist and the user should independently confirm for accuracy. The map does not constitute a regulatory determination and is not a base for engineering design. A Registered Land Surveyor should be consulted to determine precise location boundaries on the ground.





THE VILLAGE OF WINNETKA

Department of Public Works

APPLICATION FOR BUILDING PERMIT
and for Certificate of Occupancy and Compliance

APPROVED

4-20-00
RIZ

Winnetka, Illinois, 3-23-00

THE SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS:

Application is hereby made for a permit to Remove and replace roofing

(work to be performed)

House and garage

(Type of Building Such as Residence, Garage, Etc.)

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION—

REAL ESTATE INDEX NUMBER

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STREET and NUMBER 615 Elm St.

DIMENSIONS of BUILDING—Front _____ feet. Depth _____ feet. Height _____ feet.

NUMBER of ROOMS _____

EST. CONST. COST \$23,325.00 KIND of MATERIAL 30-year 3-dimensional PHONE NO. _____

OWNER Mr. & Mrs. Maure Address 615 Elm St. 446-0787

ARCHITECT _____ Address _____

BUILDER _____ Address _____

CARPENTER _____ Address _____

MASON _____ Address _____

SEWER BUILDER _____ Address _____

PLUMBER _____ Address _____

ELECTRICIAN _____ Address _____

REMARKS Roofing contractor: C.R. Ebert, Jr., Inc. 101 M Skokie Valley Rd.

Lake Bluff IL Phone: 847-295-0399

Date Job Completed _____

Application is also made for a CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY AND COMPLIANCE to be issued after the completion of the building.

_____ hereby certify that _____ the legal owner of all the property described above, comprising
(I or We) (I am or We are)
the land proposed to be built upon as shown on the plat and building plans submitted with this application and including all open spaces required by the Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Winnetka.

_____ hereby agree to construct the above described building in accordance with the plat, building plans and specifications submitted herewith, and in strict compliance with all provisions of the Zoning Ordinance, Building Code and Health Regulations of the Village of Winnetka, and _____ hereby consent to inspection of the work during construction and upon completion of construction to establish such compliance.
(I or We) (I or We)

Permit Issued _____ by _____

SIGNED Otto Maure

Building Permit Number _____

ADDRESS 615 Elm

Occupancy Permit Number _____

Winnetka, IL 60093

C. B. No. 000-0017

PHONE NO. 446-0787

ADDRESS

615 Elm

HISTORIC NAME

TARGET AREA

II

OTHER SURVEYS

COMMON NAME

DATE

7/25/85

LOCAL CRITERIA

46

SURVEYOR

SB

(Building Outline Map)



Roll # 4 Photographer SB
 Frame # 18 Date 7/28/89
 Building facing S

WINNETKA HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

1. Classification: Building ☒ Site ☐ Structure ☐ Object ☐
 Other (describe) _____
2. Original Use: RESID 3. Current Use: RESID
4. Status: Occupied ☒ Unoccupied ☐ 5. Public or Private? Priv
6. Open to Public? N 7. Integrity: Unaltered ☐ Altered ☒ Unsure ☐
- Work in Progress (describe) _____
8. Type of Alteration: Restoration ☐ Rehabilitation ☐ Remodeling ☐
 Addition ☒ Building Sided? ☐ Material ☐
 Building Moved (Date): _____ Orig. Location: _____
 Describe Alterations, with dates: enclosed SUN PORCH ?

ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

9. Architectural Style: SIMPLIFIED Queen Anne
10. Noteworthy Features: Massing, subtle simple detail
11. Architect: ? WM OTIS 12. Builder: SB
 Source of Information: (typ. FRONT-FACING GARLE)
13. Date of Construction: 1895 Source: SB
14. Comments on Significance: Highly Simplified Queen

ANNE, TYPICAL of OTIS. CONTRIB BLDG in
HD

PHYSICAL FEATURES

15. Overall Shape or Plan: Rect
16. Stories: 2 1/2 Approx. Dimensions(see Sanborns): _____
17. Foundation (Material and Color): _____
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SIDE BAYS
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 Barn _____ Detached Garage ☒ Greenhouse _____ Other _____
30. Relation to Streetscape: FACES ST

BACKGROUND DATA

31. Current Owner: _____ Address: 615 Elm Phone: _____

32. Occupant: _____ 33. Original Owner: _____

34. Historical Information on Ownership: _____

35. Permit Information: Building Permit # 1009 5/20/20 to alter: three story residence and build garage, O: Mary L. Cobb, build: Wells Bros. Const. Co, cost \$12,600
Plat of Survey, 1/21/32

36. Legal Description: _____

_____ (Location) _____

37. P.I.N. #: _____ 38. Zoning Classification: _____

39. Listing on Existing Surveys (Give Date Listed):
National Register _____ Heritage Home _____ IHSS _____

IHLS _____ Other: NHL _____ IR _____ HABS _____ HAER _____

40. National Register Potential: Individual _____ Contrib. in District _____

Architectural Merit But Sided _____

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

41. Area of Significance: _____

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Sources of Information: _____

43. Level of Significance: Local _____ State _____ National _____

REFERENCES

Information from Owners and Others: _____

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6. Bibliography: _____

7. Surveyors and Researchers: _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Address _____

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Phone _____

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til the end of the war.

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gone. Also, has two kitchens.

HISTORIC NAME

TARGET AREA

DATE

7/28/85

1904 directory

Goulding Violet ws Lincoln 1st n Elm, domestic
Gramm Dr Carl T nw cor Cherry and Poplar tel 562,
 State, tel Central-1866
 Grannis Uri B ns Elm 2d w Walnut tel 31
 Grassel Mrs Anna (widow) es Prospect av 2d n Park
 Graves George ws Linden 2d s Willow
 president North Shore Health Resort tel Winnetka-26 Long
 Distance-8
 Hoge Geo C (Johanna wife) cor Elm and Depot tel 503, grocer
Hollis Henry (Jane wife) ns Elm 2d w Walnut tel 31, mining engi-
 neer 440 Rookery Bldg, Chicago, tel Harrison-1483
Hook Alexander (Bridget wife) ws Forest 3d w Winnetka av, lab
 Hostetter Oscar s s Ash 1st w of Birch tel 394 Cashman

1912 directory

tel 87
 Hollander Amelia Mrs r 707 Alles rd
 Hollis Henry L (Jane) mining engr r 615 Elm tel 31
 Holter Hilda Miss maid 286 Ridge av
 Holub Wm (Martha) cashr W U Tel Chgo r 939 Ash to

1961 directory

Cobb Isabelle Mrs 304 Birch Winnetka HI 6-234
 Cobb Jesse M 1000 Woodlnd Dr Glenvw----PA 4-352
 Cobb John C Mrs 615 Elm Winetka-----HI 6-118
 Cobb R L 1419 Pitner Evnstn-----DA 8-489

1964 directory

HOOD PLBG 525 E Sunnysd Av Librtyvl---EM 2-4269
 Hood Robt B 615 Elm Winetka-----446-2707
 Hood Seth M 1122 Hartrey Evnstn-----328-1090
 Hood Violet P 104 E Scranton Pl Bluf CE 4-5728

JOHN CANDLER COBB

Services were held at his home at 615 Elm street, Winnetka, for John Candler Cobb, 67, who died January 1, at St. Francis hospital. Mr. Cobb retired in 1940 after operating his own trade paper advertising agency in Chicago for 30 years. From 1941 until 1945 he worked as a tool maker.

Mr. Cobb, who was born in Brookline, Mass., served as chairman of the Village Improvement association during the time it was working on the Skokie Lagoon project. He also served on the board of governors of the lodge in Walton Woods and was one of the original members of the North Shore Chess club.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Mary Louise Cobb; one son, Kenneth Cobb of Buffalo, N.Y.; one daughter, Mrs. Margaret Gessel of Winnetka; two brothers, Augustus Cobb of New York and Dr. Stanley Cobb of Boston; and four sisters, Mrs. Emma Foote of New York, Mrs. Hildegard Forbes of Milton, Mass., Mrs. Beatrice Smart of New York, and Mrs. Florence Brooks of Milton.

WARRANTY DEED
TENANCY BY THE ENTIRETY

ST5144310

2013 49063000 1/2



Doc#: 1328918000 Fee: \$42.00
RHSP Fee: \$9.00 RPRF Fee: \$1.00
Karen A. Yarbrough
Cook County Recorder of Deeds
Date: 10/16/2013 09:02 AM Pg: 1 of 3

The Grantors, OTTO H. MAURER and MARIE THERESA D. MAURER, married to each other, of 380 Green Bay Road, Unit 3E, Winnetka, Illinois, for the consideration of Ten and 00/100 Dollars and other good and valuable consideration in hand paid, CONVEY and WARRANT to COLE C. PINNOW and MARGARET E. PINNOW, of 615 Elm Street, Winnetka, Illinois, as tenants by the entirety, the following described real estate situated in the County of Cook, State of Illinois, commonly known as 615 Elm Street, Winnetka, Illinois,

See Legal Description Attached

Subject to: Covenants, conditions and restrictions of record; public and utility easements; acts done or suffered through Buyers; and general real estate taxes not yet due and payable at the time of closing.

UNOFFICIAL COPY

WARRANTY DEED

Statutory (Illinois)
(Individual to Corporation)

Doc# 2229828144 Fee: \$98.00
Karen A. Yarbrough
Cook County Clerk
Date: 10/25/2022 03:57 PM Pg: 1 of 3

Dec ID 20221001671233
ST/CO Stamp Q-790-573-392 ST Tax \$1,750.00 CO Tax \$875.00

Above Space for Recorder's Use Only

THE GRANTOR(S) Cole C. Pinnow and Margaret E. Pinnow a married couple of the village/city of Winnetka, County of Cook, State of IL for and in consideration of Ten and no/100 (\$10.00) DOLLARS, and other good and valuable considerations in hand paid, CONVEY(S) and WARRANT(S) to

BERS Relocation Inc., a Colorado Corporation
150 Harvester Drive, Suite 201, Burr Ridge, IL 60527
(Names and Address of Grantees)

the following described Real Estate situated in the County of Cook in the state of Illinois, to wit:

* 1 PARK VIEW PLZ STE 400 OAKBROOK
LEGAL DESCRIPTION ATTACHED AND MADE A PART HEREOF

TER RACK
IL 60181-
4492

hereby releasing and waiving all rights under and by virtue of the Homestead Exemption Laws of the State of Illinois. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD said premises forever.

SUBJECT TO: General taxes for _____ and subsequent years and (SEE ATTACHED)

Permanent Real Estate Index Number(s): 05-21-106-006-0000

Address(es) of Real Estate: 615 Elm Street, Winnetka, IL 60093-2600

URI B. GRANNIS' WIFE DEAD AT 52; RITES TOMORROW

Mrs. Uri B. Grannis, former member of the Lake Forest school board and for ten years until 1932 secretary of the Visiting Nurses association of Chicago, died yesterday in Passavant hospital. She was 52 years old.

At the time of her death she was manager of the Deerpath Inn, 255 East Illinois road, Lake Forest, where she lived with her husband, Uri B., who is a member of the firm of [Copyright: Moffett.] Tilden Brothers and Grannis, Inc., 134 South La Salle street, investment counselors, and her three sons, Dustin, Uri B. Jr., and William G. The family also maintained a home at 550 Rosemary road, Lake Forest. Mrs. Grannis also is survived by a brother, William B. Given of New York, president of the American Brake Shoe and Foundry company, and two sisters.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow in the Church of the Holy Spirit in Lake Forest in which she was an active worker for many years. Burial will be in Lake Forest cemetery.



MRS. URI B.
GRANNIS.

No

1009

\$12,000.00

APPLICATION FOR BUILDING PERMIT

Winnetka, Ill.,

6/20/20

To the Superintendent of Public Works:

I hereby apply for a permit to ~~build~~ ^{alter} a ³ story and basement ^{frame residence} ~~build frame garage~~ feet Front, feet Deep, feet from ground to peak, and agree to faithfully comply with the rules and regulations established, or that may hereafter be established, concerning the construction, heating, lighting, ventilation, drainage and water service of buildings.

The same to be located and built in strict accordance with description and plans, herewith submitted for your approval, on Lot No. Block No. 16

E 100 of 16187 of 20150 - Winnetka

Known as No.

615 Elm St

Owner

Mary L Cobb

Architect

Mason

Mills Bros. Const Co

Builder

11 11 11 11

Permit granted

5/20/20

Amount, \$

13.00

Superintendent of Public Works.



(Building Outline Map)



Roll # 4 Photographer SB
Frame # 18 Date 7/28/89
Building facing S

WINNETKA HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

1. Classification: Building ☒ Site _____ Structure _____ Object _____
Other (describe) _____
2. Original Use: RESID 3. Current Use: RESID
4. Status: Occupied ☒ Unoccupied _____ 5. Public or Private? Priv
6. Open to Public? N 7. Integrity: Unaltered _____ Altered ☒ Unsure _____
- Work in Progress (describe) _____
8. Type of Alteration: Restoration _____ Rehabilitation _____ Remodeling _____
Addition ☒ Building Sided? _____ Material _____
Building Moved (Date): _____ Orig. Location: _____
Describe Alterations, with dates: enclosed sun porch ?

ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

9. Architectural Style: SIMPLIFIED Queen Anne
10. Noteworthy Features: _____
11. Architect: ? WM OTIS 12. Builder: Massing, subtle simple detail
Source of Information: SB (typ. Front-FACING GARLE)
13. Date of Construction: 1893 Source: SB
14. Comments on Significance: Highly Simplified Queen
ANNE, typical of Otis, CONTRIB BLDG IN
HD

ADDRESS 615 E-M HISTORIC NAME _____
OTHER SURVEYS _____ COMMON NAME _____
LOCAL CRITERIA 46 SURVEYOR SB TARGET AREA II
DATE 7/28/89

PHYSICAL FEATURES

15. Overall Shape or Plan: Rect
16. Stories: 2 1/2 Approx. Dimensions(see Sanborns): _____
17. Foundation (Material and Color): _____
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- _____
- _____ (Location) _____
37. P.I.N. #: _____ 38. Zoning Classification: _____
39. Listing on Existing Surveys (Give Date Listed):
- National Register _____ Heritage Home _____ IHSS _____
- IHLS _____ Other: NHL _____ IR _____ HABS _____ HAER _____
40. National Register Potential: Individual _____ Contrib. in District _____
- Architectural Merit But Sided _____

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

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- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- Sources of Information: _____
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REFERENCES

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48. Surveyors and Researchers:

_____	Address _____	Phone _____
_____	Address _____	Phone _____
_____	Address _____	Phone _____

CONTINUATION

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until the end of the war.
In 1958: communication regarding the use of garage as apartments,
for a while had 2 families living in basement rooms, which are
now gone. Also, has two kitchens.



Directions: East of downtown Winnetka

Address: 615 Elm Street		Lot Size		100 x 165		\$ 295,000	
City: Winnetka, Illinois 1261		Rms. 13		Bed. 8		Baths 5+	
Constr: Frame		Year — Taxes 1977 1/2		Porches Frt. Scnd Rear Deck		Heat Gas HW Cost see P.2	
Style: Modified Victorian		Garage 2 car		Det. w/apt.*		Elect: 220V-110V	
Roof: Asphalt Faces: S		Unincorporated Area: No				Contract:	
Built: Approx. 100 years							
Basmt: Full; compartmented; outside entrance; toilet.							
1st Large foyer w/guest closet; den; Living Rm w/fpl; Dining Rm w/fpl; Kit w/D&D & eating area; TV Rm or Breakft Rm; Bath; Laundry/Mud Room.							
2nd Master Bedrm w/CT bath & dressing rm; 4 family bedrms; 2 baths. (1 bedroom w/fireplace).							
3rd Pool room; playroom; storage room; bedroom & bath. (Hatch to attic).							
School: Grade: Greeley JHS: Skokie-Washburne HS: New Trier East							
Transp: RR. C&NW - 3 1/2 blks. Bus: Nortran Other: NS Country Day							
Mortgage: Existing Available:							
Special Assessments None known Flood Hazard Insurance may be required by Lender.							
City water, Sanitary Sewer, Storm Sewer,							
Remarks and any special conditions: Completely updated historical home with views of the Village Green.							
* Garage has 3 room apartment above with separate heat & electric service. Permit issued by Village of Winnetka.*							
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Of Interest

- * 5 sets of Victorian pocket doors - ALL in working order.
- * Large irregular redwood deck with built-in seating in rear.
- * First floor Laundry in mudroom off kitchen.
- * Heat cost January 1977 to January 1978:
House: \$1389.80
Garage Apartment: \$371.60 (separate furnace)
- * Shower stall bases replaced.
- * Three fireplaces (extra flue in TV room for Franklin Stove or fireplace).
- * First floor carpeting less than 1 year old.
- * Driveway is concrete.

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Room SizesApproximateFirst

Large irregular foyer
 Living Room 32'10 x 16
 Dining Room 15'6 x 15'7
 Den 18'5 x 14'4
 Kitchen 12'10 x 11'6
 TV Room 14'6 x 8

Third

Playroom 13 x 10
 Poolroom 18 x 16'4
 Bedroom 14'2 x 11'8

Second

MBR 10 x 8'6
 14'6 x 13'6
 13'10 x 7'7
 Bedroom: 12'4 x 11'6
 Bedroom: 16 x 12'9
 Bedroom: 16'3 x 12 + tandem 12 x 8'6 (fireplace)
 Bedroom: 12'2 x 9'8

Fourth

Floored attic by means of hatch.

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Inclusions: Newer gas range and refrigerator with icemaker and cold water
 dispenser; washer and dryer.

All attached carpeting.

All window treatments except those noted below.

Exclusions: Trashmasher and Microwave Oven.

Mirror in first floor bathroom.

Pool cue rack on third floor.

Draperies: Master bedroom and dressing room.
 Center West bedroom.
 Hall bath (second floor).
 Rear East bedroom only (tandem draperies included).

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Built in 1890s

Home of Frank A. Minkes early yrs. His
residence on Elm Street - just East of Cedar -
(Robert Hood - the owner in 1975)

The little home next to it - the home of Paul L'Amoreaux
at 603 Elm was built in 1861 -

Timbers from the Lady Elgin wreck - ¹⁸⁶⁰ which came in
to shore at the foot of Spruce Street are reputed to be
in this home -

the west side of the house. The third alteration was in 1980 when part of the carport was enclosed.

Ownership history (see attached title search for details)

Frank A. Windes and his wife Mabel A. Windes August 1, 1894 – January 13, 1960

Frank A. Windes, a civil engineer, and his wife Mabel A. Reagan Windes, a teacher, were married on December 31, 1895. The house at 873 Spruce Street, designed by Mr. Windes himself and built in the same year, was the first house they shared together. They had two children, Guilford Reagan Windes (see below) and Margery Bacon Windes (Mrs. Herbert Wilson). Frank died in 1953, and his wife retained possession of the house until her death in 1959. Frank Windes was active in his community and a well-known historic figure in Winnetka. He was Winnetka Village Assessor in 1895-96 and in 1897-98, member of the Winnetka Board of Education from 1899-1907 and 1908-1912, was Winnetka's Village Engineer (1898-1930) from and was Winnetka's Village Marshall in 1946 and 1947. He was active in community organizations such as the Rotary Club, for whom he was president in 1934 and 1935. Of note, Frank Windes was a founding member and the longtime custodian of the Winnetka Historical Society's collections. He and his wife stored their artifacts in their basement at 873 Spruce Street and later in the fireproof vaults at Mr. Windes engineering office, until a another home was found. Frank Windes is responsible for leaving behind a legacy of historic artifacts and oral histories of Winnetka and the North Shore for future generations. He was honored by the Directors of the Winnetka Camp Site Trust in 1942 with the O. L. Simpson Award for outstanding service to the community. Upon his death in 1953, the Winnetka Village Council passed a resolution of regret and sympathy. For information about his illustrious career in architecture and engineering see below.

His wife, Mabel Reagan Windes (b. Chicago, IL 1872 - d. Winnetka, IL November 7, 1959), was a teacher in the 1890s at the Columbia School in Lakeside (Hubbard Woods). Like her husband, she was active in many community organizations. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, P.E.O., and the National Society of Women Descendants of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts. Mrs. Windes was also a charter member of the Winnetka Historical Society and a life member of the Winnetka Women's Club.

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Starrett, Laurie. "Society Celebrates 65 Years." On www.winnetkahistory.org on December 2, 2003.

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Obituary. "Mabel Reagan Windes." *Winnetka Talk*, November 12, 1959, p. 99.

Guilford R. Windes and wife Marian Windes January 13, 1960 – September 16, 1966

Guilford Reagan Windes (b. Winnetka, IL, May 6, 1898 – d. Mill Valley, CA, March 3, 1988), an attorney, and his wife, Marian Vogdes Windes (d. Medford, OR July 11, 1980, age 81), gained possession of the property shortly after Guilford's mother died in December of

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1959. In September 1960, Guilford Windes took out a building permit to remodel his birthplace and childhood home. Most of the substantial changes to the house occurred at this time. Guilford R. Windes was a longtime Winnetka resident, attended Winnetka Public Schools, and served on the Winnetka Park Board. Upon graduation from the Kent College of Law, he joined the law firm of Scott, McLeish and Falk. In 1945, after serving as regional rationing administrator of the Office of Price Administration in World War II, he opened his own law practice. He later retired to Ashland, OR and then resided in Medford, OR and Mill Valley, CA in 1982. For over 71 years, the house remained in the Windes family (65 years of ownership by Frank and Mabel Windes combined with the six years of ownership by their son). Guilford's wife Marian, graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Chicago in 1920 and was a teacher.

Obituary, "Guilford R. Windes." Winnetka Talk, April 7, 1988, p. 193.

Obituary, "Marian V. Windes." Winnetka Talk, July 10, 1980.

James S. Montague and Barbara S. Montague September 16, 1966 – May 18, 1971

No biographical or obituary information found.

Thomas F. Croke, Jr. and wife May 18, 1971 – May 8, 1972

No biographical or obituary information found.

Jerome F. and Jean L. Huyler May 8, 1972 - July 31, 2003

The Winnetka Historical Society reports that Jerome F. Huyler was an artist. No other biographical or obituary information found.

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Architect

Frank Arner Windes (b. October 18, 1869, Jasper, TN – d. June 7, 1953, Evanston, IL)

Frank A. Windes is considered Winnetka's first architect. When Illinois became the first state in the U.S. to pass a law requiring the registration of architects, Frank Windes was the only registered architect listed in Winnetka.¹ Frank Windes was trained at the Chicago Manual Training School, where he graduated in 1888, and at the University of Michigan where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1893. Prior to the turn of the 20th century, very few colleges and institutions had separate programs in architecture. Most architects at this time were trained in engineering, and completed coursework in architecture. Often these architects emphasized structural and other practical applications, rather than aesthetics and design. The first known house Frank Windes designed in Winnetka was for his father, Judge Thomas G. Windes, at 530 Cherry Street in 1891-92.² Frank Windes began his career with a Chicago engineering firm, Cole, Alvord & Shields, who were the engineers for the Chicago World's Fair in 1893. He later became an assistant engineer with

¹ According to the Illinois Board of Examiners of Architects, Frank A. Windes is the only Illinois Licensed Architect in Winnetka, IL. Source: "Illinois Licensed Architects: List Presenting Corrected Addresses of Illinois Licensed Architects Now in Good Standing." The Construction News, May 8, 1899, p. 622. Illinois first passed the registration law in 1897.

² Harnsberger, Caroline Thomas. Winnetka: The Biography of a Village. Evanston, IL: The Schori Press, 1977, p. 117. According to the Winnetka Historical Society House File on 530 Cherry Street, sewer permits and property records confirm a 1891-92 construction date.

Frank H. Eno, a Chicago civil engineer (1894-98) and with James Anderson, Jr. (1899). At this time, he was designing buildings, including his own house at 873 Spruce Street in Winnetka, IL (1895), the now demolished Charles Voltz Store in Winnetka (1899), and the James Anderson, Jr. House in Lake Forest, IL (1899).³ According to the Winnetka Historic Society, he designed his office at 598 Birch Street in Winnetka in 1921. Besides these, it is unknown whether Frank Windes prepared any other building designs after 1900. In 1900, he began his own engineering firm that later became Windes & Marsh in 1909. Windes and Marsh is best known for serving as city engineers for the Illinois villages of Winnetka, Glencoe, Kenilworth, and Highland Park. Mr. Windes was active locally, serving as Winnetka Village Engineer from 1898-1930 and is best known for his 1906 plans for grade separation with bridges over the Chicago and Northwestern Railway (now Metra-Union Pacific) tracks. In the years prior to depressing the tracks, completed in 1943, Windes and other concerned citizens advocated the lowering of the tracks to avoid the dangerous and deadly crossings within the Village of Winnetka. In 1999, the Elm Street Bridge over the railroad tracks was dedicated to the memory of Frank A. Windes by the Winnetka Village Council. A plaque on the bridge reads: "A strong advocate of lowering the railroad tracks, he designed a bridge for this spot in 1906, 37 years before the tracks were depressed." The design of the 1999 bridge is based on Frank Windes' early plans. Aside from his village engineering work, he prepared a program for the conversion of the Skokie Marshes into a lagooned park area (Skokie Lagoons) that was carried out by the Civilian Conservation Corps and was instrumental in developing early sanitary sewage projects on the North Shore for the North Shore Drainage Association. Prior to his intercepting sewer projects, sewage was dumped directly into Lake Michigan.

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³ The source for his designs comes from *American Contractor*, Nov. 4, 1899, p. 23:

Archt. Frank A. Windes has prepared plans for a store for Chas. Voltz. Brick and stone, gravel roof, iron work, plate glass, gas and electric fixtures, washstands, water closet features and hot water heat. \$4,000" and "Archt. Frank A. Windes, Winnetka, Ill., has prepared plans for a residence for Jas. Anderson, Jr., Lake Forest. Frame and stone, mantel, plate glass, gas and electric fixtures, bath tub, washstands, water closet fixtures and hot water heat. \$3,000."

The style is characterized by asymmetrical massing, a variety of color and surface treatments, often wrap around or substantial front porches, bay windows, and varying roof types and sizes. Two types of Queen Anne style homes are found in Winnetka: architect-designed homes built principally on prominent corner lots for Winnetka's leading citizens and smaller, simpler versions with less detailing. The Windes House is architect-designed, by the owner himself, and is situated on a larger corner lot. It has many hallmark elements of the style, including a gable on hip roof configuration, cutaway corner, varying wall materials, and a substantial full height bay window on the side façade. However, the home has been significantly altered on the exterior, especially on the front façade, which detracts from its architectural integrity. The original front porch, one of the principal features of the Queen Anne style, was removed during the 1960 remodeling and replaced with a small enclosed front entry vestibule. The front window on the first floor also was enlarged during the remodeling and the fenestration has changed. Aluminum siding now covers the original wood wall materials. Although removable, the large carport on the side façade also has weakened the architectural design significance of the home.

Frank A. Windes is locally significant as Winnetka's first licensed architect. However, as an architect, his designs are considered satisfactory, but not masterful, since they focused less on aesthetics. This may be because he was trained as an engineer, in the practical applications of architecture and not design. Nevertheless, very few buildings remain in Winnetka that represent the work of local architect Frank A. Windes. He is known to have designed four other buildings in Winnetka besides his own home at 873 Spruce Street in 1895:

- Thomas A. Windes House, frame Queen Anne style residence, 530 Cherry Street, 1891-92
- Frank A. Windes/Windes and Marsh Civil Engineers Office, Tudor Revival style, 598 Birch Street, 1921⁴
- Charles Voltz Store, Storefront building, Linden Avenue, 1899 (demolished)
- Nelson Laundry Building, Storefront Building, location on Elm Street unknown, c. 1900

If in its original condition, 873 Spruce Street might have been considered architecturally significant as a work by architect Frank Windes, especially since it was his own residence. However, alterations have diminished the architectural integrity and significance of the structure since it no longer conveys the intent of the original design.

Evaluation of historical significance

The house at 873 Spruce Street is associated with a resident of historic distinction, Frank A. Windes, and can be considered historically significant within the context of the Village of Winnetka. Frank A. Windes had a significant impact on the history of Winnetka. He served his community in many capacities, as Village Engineer, Village Assessor, on the Board of Education, and Village Marshall. As Village engineer, he was responsible for many public works projects, the most notable being the grade separated depression of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway tracks through Winnetka. The Village of Winnetka passed the following resolution upon his death in 1953:

⁴ The construction date is from the House File, 598 Birch Street in the Collections of the Winnetka Historical Society. Windes and Marsh was located in the building from 1925-1944 and had space for offices, for draftsmen, and a vault for blueprint storage. In 1946, the office was converted to a residence by the Wishart family and remodeled by Herman Lachner.

"Whereas, the president and trustees of the Village of Winnetka have learned with a deep sense of loss and regret of the recent death of Frank A. Windes, who served for many years as village engineer and consultant for the Village, and

Whereas, the council is cognizant of his foresightedness and valuable contributions made in the formulation of village plans and the lasting beneficial effects on village development resulting from his half century of notable public service to the people of this community, and

Whereas, his service, his sincerity, his integrity, his character, and his loftiness of ideals can best be measured by the admiration and affection he inspired in those who knew him:

Now therefore be it resolved that in the death of Frank A. Windes the Village of Winnetka has suffered the loss of a righteous and courageous civic leader and that in recognition thereof this resolution be recorded in the minutes of the council and a copy presented to his family as a testimonial to him and a token of sympathy for them."

Frank A. Windes activism in preserving the history of Winnetka is well documented, and many historic materials and oral histories remain in the Collections of the Winnetka Historical Society of which he was a founding member. 873 Spruce Street is locally significant within the context of the Village of Winnetka as the only known house associated with his residency in the village.

"Let us find out all we can, and preserve all we can, and hand down all we can to future generations for their help and guidance." - Frank A. Windes

Evaluation of neighborhood impact

The demolition of 873 Spruce Street would not necessarily have an adverse impact on the existing visual character of the neighborhood. Homes on the street date from 1895 through 1994, with the majority dating from the early part of the 20th century. Since the home is the oldest and in a designed in a different style than others on the block, it is not particularly consistent with the dominant architectural and historic character of the street. However, the size, scale, and exterior materials of the home are generally compatible with the other older houses. The siting of this house on the corner also sets it apart visually from the other houses. The unfortunate wide driveway and carport addition are very intrusive to the neighborhood character. There is no particular design relationship between this house and others on the block.

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FRANK WINDES LOVED WINNETKA

An individual's actions in his world of activities are appreciated when you are familiar with the character of the individual, and this starts to develop in early life.

Frank's Earliest Years

He was born in Jasper, Tennessee. His mother brought her family to Chicago when he was three years old. Being the older of the two children, he was given charge of the big basket of food for the trip. He always remembered a drumstick he had discovered.

When Frank was seven years old, his family in 1879 moved to Winnetka, later described by him as the best town in the world.

Frank Became a Teenager

At the age of thirteen years, Frank was put on a train headed for the state of Mississippi and instructed to protect his mother, who was facing an unusual task. On the second day of the trip, Frank informed his mother that he had with him a loaded revolver. They finally left the train at midnight, in a rural section without any buildings in sight. All went well. Later his mother kept telling her other children, and even her grandchildren, what a reliable young man Frank turned out to be.

Frank's Enthusiasm in Life

Inherited abilities became valuable tools for him. He began to design and produce wood-work. His mother permitted him to use a little hen house as his shop. He produced articles for his grown-ups, toys for his younger brothers and even a side-board for their minister's wife. He used wood that the minister brought from his earlier church in North Dakota. The side-board turned out to be too large to pass through the door, so Frank tore down a wall of the hen house to arrange delivery of the side-board.

Later Frank constructed a foot-power wood turning lathe out of an old sewing machine and produced a number of gavels which he contributed to various Winnetka clubs. Frank became known as the Gavel King of Winnetka.

Still later Frank collected sections of large trees in Winnetka, polished the tops, counted the rings, and gave them to the schools, and also prepared one for the lobby in Community House.

With all such interests Frank attended the Chicago Manual Training School.

College

At the age of twenty, Frank went to the University of Michigan to study more engineering. He was called into the President's office and was told by the President that training

in a Manual Training School was not the equivalent of a high school diploma and that he was disqualified to enter the University. Frank pleaded with the President, who finally agreed to run the risk of letting Frank enter the University. Four years later Frank stood in line to be handed his diploma. When he reached the front of the line, the President arose, came over, and handed the diploma to Frank. This fine President had the appropriate name of Angel.

Frank Entered Into His World of Interests -
Especially Winnetka

Frank spent his first two years assisting engineers who were preparing for the World's Fair in Chicago. Then, as an architect for which he had obtained a license, he designed several homes in Winnetka. At Spruce and Birch Streets he designed and constructed a home which he rented to Mabel, his bride-to-be, and to her mother, Nancy Reagan, who later became postmaster in Winnetka. Frank was married in that house and lived there the rest of his useful life.

Frank's Interest in the History of Winnetka

Thomas G. Windes, Frank's father, a renowned judge, moved into Winnetka with his family in 1879. At that time Winnetka was small and the residents easily became acquainted with each other. Friends were found who were familiar with the

origins of the town and its name. Judge Windes took part in meetings about the town's history and its activities. All of this history kept reaching Frank as he grew up and stimulated his interest in Winnetka. He got to know some of the pioneers who verified his understanding of the historical steps.

Frank's Activities Sprouted Like Plants

In the Garden

He proceeded to organize and teach Winnetka's first manual training class in wood-work. The class met at his home and several girls enrolled. Years later one of these ladies told him that she still put her tools to good use.

Upon invitation from teachers in the grammar schools, he gave to the pupils many talks about the early days of the village. He told stories about what it was like to be going to school so long ago. He brought along old slates, slate pencils, ink wells and pens for the pupils to handle and examine.

Frank eventually prepared a number of interesting historical models:

1. The Thomas Doyle Log Cabin that originally stood on the East side of Sheridan Road, about 200 feet South of the North Shore Health Resort.
2. The 1855 C and NW engine, tender and coach and the old depot that existed North of Elm Street.
3. The Happ's log cabin and blacksmith shop.

4. The Patterson-Garland Tavern
5. The old Kine general store.
6. The Davis, Blake, Prouty House.
7. The Lady Elgin.

He arranged these models from old photos, oil paintings, drawings, and from descriptions furnished him by Miss Susan Garland and Miss Kate Dwyer.

Later he drew a map of Winnetka that designated the main points of historical interest and had sketches made on the map by Mrs. Randall, a draftsman in his office.

Frank was very active in the Congregational Church. He and his wife sang in the choir. He assumed responsibilities of several types including that of Deacon.

On every 4th of July he was the custodian of the prizes distributed to winners of the races in the park known as the Commons.

In 1928 Frank and Mabel joined the Dickinson's, the Davies', the Gobel's, and the Rummeler's, in the Skokie Comedy Players. The program stated that each of the actors will act in any way that will amuse, but only for five minutes, for that is all we can stand. The play was presented in Frank's office. It portrayed the interior of a sightseeing bus. Frank, with a megaphone, kept telling the passengers (and the audience) about all of the Winnetka landmarks the bus was passing.

One historic event he participated in was rather unusual. He joined four others sitting on a bobsled coasting down the hill on Oak Street East of the tracks. After gaining maximum speed, a rope slipped under a front sled runner and the toboggan took a right angle turn into a snowdrift. When the passengers came out of the snow, Frank, who had been sitting in the rear, was missing. He had continued sliding down the hill and returned without the seat of his trousers. Historically it may have been the last year that the toboggan slide on Oak Street was iced for speed.

The Practice of Engineering and Surveying

Frank built his office building at 598 Birch Street about 100 feet from his home. Gradually twenty surveyors and engineers joined him. All of them were fine individuals. A young lady went to his office and told him she had seen his ad in the paper. He replied, "Sit down. You are hired." That was the beginning of many years of fine work by her.

One day Frank's little son wandered into his office while he was consulting with six Wisconsin contractors. Frank told his son to go back and tell his mother that they would have six guests for lunch. When the little lad again appeared Frank asked whether he had told his mother about the guests. The reply, "Yes, and she is mad." Only two of the guests were brave enough to appear at lunch.

The surveying work spread all over the region which was rural in character. One day Frank and his partner, Don Marsh, were holding a steel tape near and parallel with a metal fence. A storm suddenly sent lightning to the fence. By induction, electricity reached the tape and assaulted the surveyors, who dropped the tape on the ground and left it there all night. Sometimes the surveyors would arrange to stay in the client's home overnight. One evening Frank was staying in his client's home, while Frank's teen-age son was home in Winnetka reading The Last Days of Pompeii. He had just reached the account of the final eruption when the Winnetka house violently shook. The neighbors ran out in their yards screaming, "It's an earthquake!" It finally died down. It seems that a powder mill near the Wisconsin border had blown up. Frank was sitting in the parlor with his client's family when the powder mill exploded two miles away. The farmer client jumped up and angrily yelled, "Those damned kids are trying to push down our house!" Frank was not trained for this experience while he was at the U. of Michigan.

Civil Engineering Projects

As Village Engineer, two of his practical dreams became realities:

1. The Railroad. After becoming the Village Engineer, he learned that the Village was granting a right-of-way fran-

chise to the new Electric Road, paralleling the tracks of the Northwestern Line which had elevated its tracks through Evanston and planned further elevations all the way to Waukegan. Alert to this effect on Winnetka, Frank gave the subject close study and in 1906 presented the Council with a recommendation that the tracks be depressed through the Village, instead of elevated. In 1918 the Winnetka Plan Commission adopted Frank's plan. Next year the Village Caucus gave the plan a plank in its platform. The project was eventually divided between the Village, the Railroads, and the Federal Government P.W.A. The Village Council authorized the use of two civil engineers experienced with such railroad projects. Construction slowly commenced and was completed in 1941. After working and waiting for 35 years, Frank Windes saw his dream come true, and on completion of the work he was honored by the Federal and local authorities for his project.

2. The Skokie Marsh. This quaking bog, 2 miles wide and 30 miles long, covered with coarse marsh grass and high cattails, threatened Winnetka with fire in the peat bogs and floods in the rainy seasons. Frank photographed one of the floods, facing North from Willow Road. It was a great lake over the entire area. As soon as he began his engineering work, he dreamt of the adequate drainage of the swamp and its development as a fine park and recreational area with lagoons.

In 1913 he put his plans on paper so he could show them to people who might be interested. He added details to the plan and took it to Daniel Burnham, a prominent Chicago Planner. Mr. Burnham predicted that it might take 30 years to accomplish but he hoped it would finally come into existence.

Then the Cook County Forest Preserve started acquiring lands along the North Branch of the Chicago River. By 1914 the Forest Preserve District began work on a Skokie Park District. The District Engineer and landscape designers consulted with Frank many times and looked over his plans.

A law passed by Congress created the Conservation Corps, thus putting thousands of young men in C.C. camps all over the country. The Skokie Marsh Project was included as one of the important methods of solving drainage and preventing flooding. C.C. boys were placed under the supervision and planning of the engineers of the Forest Preserve District and began work at Willow Road near Winnetka. Frank was very pleased and kept in touch with the work. The weird, beautiful, dangerous marsh has been transformed into a beautiful environment with safety from fire and flood. Frank's dream was brought into reality.

The Winnetka Historical Society

Frank Windes and his close friends chose to create the Winnetka Historical Society, and actively encouraged its

growth and significance in the life of Winnetka. Frank Windes was so pleased that this group was bringing pleasure and value to his fellow citizens. I agree with my dear father, known as Mr. Winnetka.

Winifred Reagan Windes
His loving son, born May 6, 1898
Present Address 2981 State Street
Apt. # 54
Medford, Oregon 97501

"D" is for Depression of the Tracks

by Trish Early

Upon hearing of the tragedy last fall when a school bus was struck by a train in Fox River Grove, we in Winnetka were again grateful for that prudent decision to separate the grade of the streets and the tracks in our community. Unfortunately, it took another terrible accident to expedite plans that had been talked about for over five decades.

As early as the 1890's, village leaders Henry Demarest Lloyd and Quincy Lamertine Dowd were advocating grade separation. Not only did they understand the potential threat to citizens, they also recognized the divisive impact of the tracks on village cohesiveness. Village Engineer Frank A. Windes designed a plan in 1906 that was remarkably similar to what was eventually completed. At the same time, local architect William A. Otis was giving lectures to educate the public on the subject.

When the Plan of Winnetka was published in 1921, Edward Bennett, the consulting architect, addressed track depression as his first major topic and found the elimination of grade crossings as "Winnetka's most serious and urgent problem." In the previous 11 years, 44 persons had been killed or seriously injured. Bennett also strongly endorsed depression instead of elevation because it reduced train noise and smoke, avoided cutting the village in two, permitted streets to cross the tracks on bridges instead of through dangerous subways, and allowed multiple possibilities for architecturally attractive bridges and approaches. Although both the Caucus and the Village Council supported these recommendations, no action was taken; and with the onset of the economic depression, the project seemed doomed.

On Halloween night in 1937, two prominent young women returning from the party at Community House were killed instantly when their car was hit at the Pine Street crossing. The accident was caused by an unscheduled train of six dark and empty coaches moving backwards. The loss of Mrs. Janet Getgood (30), wife of the director of Community House and daughter of a Village Trustee, and Mrs. Sibyl Brittain (40), mother of two sons, raised the death toll in Winnetka to 33 in 25 years.

Public outrage now demanded immediate action. Winnetkans wanted a better solution than improved lighting and automatic gates and found an ally in former resident Harold I. Ickes, Secretary of the Interior. When a referendum favored grade separation by 2 to 1, the community was ready.

The federal government pledged a grant of \$1.5 million; the railroads added \$900,000 and the Village contributed \$1 million in order to complete the project. Starting in 1938, 3 ½ miles of dirt (915,000 cubic yards) were excavated to make a "cut" that would be transformed into a modern, streamlined rail traffic way.

The entire undertaking, which included seven bridges and three new stations, was completed on June 15, 1943. The advent of World War II required a special request to the president to release enough steel to finish the work, but the village of Winnetka was finally rid of potential death traps at grade crossings.

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Trustees Pass Resolution on Death of Frank Windes

A deep sense of loss of "a righteous and courageous civic leader" in the death of Frank A. Windes, former village engineer, is expressed in a resolution of regret and sympathy passed by the Winnetka Village Council Tuesday night.

Mr. Windes, who lived at 873 Spruce Street, Winnetka, for many years, died in Evanston Hospital Sunday at the age of 83.

Copies of the resolution have been forwarded to surviving members of Mr. Windes' family as a testimonial to him and a token of sympathy for them. Survivors include his widow, Mable R.; a son, Guilford R.; a daughter, Mrs. Herbert W. Wilson; and a brother, Zel F. Windes.

Full text of the council's resolution follows:

"Whereas, the president and trustees of the Village of Winnetka have learned with a deep sense of loss and regret of the recent death of Frank A. Windes, who served for many years as village engineer and consultant for the village, and

"Whereas, the council is cognizant of his foresightedness and valuable contributions made in the

formulation of village plans and the lasting beneficial effects on village development resulting from his half century of notable public service to the people of this community, and

"Whereas, his service, his sincerity, his integrity, his character, and his loftiness of ideals can best be measured by the admiration and affection he inspired in those who knew him;

"Now therefore be it resolved that in the death of Frank A. Windes the Village of Winnetka has suffered the loss of a righteous and courageous civic leader and that in recognition thereof this resolution be recorded in the minutes of the council and a copy presented to his family as a testimonial to him and a token of sympathy for them."

Makes Contagion Report for Area

Dr. Herbert S. Miller, health commissioner for Glencoe, Kenilworth, Northfield, Winnetka, and the unincorporated area of New Trier Township, made the following contagion report for the week ending last Saturday:

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Chicken pox		5	3	
Measles		2	3	
German measles		1	1	
Mumps			4	
Strep infection	1			2

IN WINNETKA

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. DuBrouillett and their 13-year-old son, Douglas, who just was graduated from Skokie Junior High School have recently moved to 595 Orchard Lane, Winnetka.

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Rites Today for Aged Civic Leader

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Park, Northfield, Winthrop Harbor, and for the former Village of Gross Point, which has been largely absorbed by Wilmette.

The firm also performed work for the old North Shore Drainage Association, and for the park districts in Glencoe, Highland Park, Wilmette, and Winnetka.

Held Various Offices

Mr. Windes held a number of offices in the community. He was Winnetka's village assessor in 1895-1896 and again in 1897-1898. He was a member of the Winnetka board of education from 1899 to 1907 and again from 1908 to 1912, and was village marshal in 1946 and 1947.

Long active in the Winnetka Rotary Club, he was its president in 1934 and 1935, and was elected an honorary member in 1947.

He had been interested in wood-working throughout his life, and in later years also turned to oil painting, and to the illumination of manuscripts.

Historian for Community

Mr. Windes left a large collection of North Shore historical material including old records, his personal diary, maps, and photographs. He was one of the founders of the Winnetka Historical Society.

During World War I, he performed engineering work in the construction of Camp Custer. During the second World War, he was the first chairman of the Winnetka ration board.

In 1942, he received the Simpson award, given annually to a Winnetkan for outstanding civic service.

Besides his widow, he is survived by a son, Guilford, of Winnetka, by a daughter, Mrs. Herbert W. Wilson of Sebastopol, Calif., and by a brother, Zel, of Middleville, Mich.

Tribute from Council

A resolution of regret and sympathy was passed, Tuesday evening, by the Winnetka village council.

The family requested friends not to send flowers to the funeral, but to make, instead, a memorial donation to the scholarship fund of the Winnetka Rotary Club.

Members of the Rotary club Wednesday received in the organization's weekly bulletin a tribute to Mr. Windes written by Dr. Gerhard.



Honorary

Matthew Page Gaffney, Jr., president of New School, was in New Monday, to receive doctor of laws degree from University. Suffering stomach ailment, was taken to a hospital and could not honor in person.

Receiving this degree honor because Yale makes awards doctors, it was explained.

Being awarded a degree is nothing new Northwestern University him an honorary degree in 1951.

Mr. Gaffney, who lives at Ash Street, Winnetka, has taken an active part in both civic and educational affairs and education. He served as president of the Winnetka Rotary Club, headed the local Association campaign in 1950, he received the Award, given annually to a Winnetka resident for public service.

The New Trier School is a member of the Association, chairman of the curriculum program, curriculum for all grades, a member of the committee of the Examination Board of the fund of education which ships to teachers.

Mr. Gaffney was this spring to address a meeting of the National Association of Secondary Schools.

He came to New Trier in September, replacing the late Clerk. Mr. Gaffney has been principal of Great Neck, Long Island. He received a B.S. degree from Colgate University, M.A. degree from

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Society Celebrates 65 Years

by Laurie Starrett

Sixty-five years ago, in 1932, Dr. James O. Ely invited a small group of Winnetka "old-timers" to organize the Winnetka Historical Society. The group—whose annual dues were \$1.00 per year per family—attracted immediate interest. According to founding member Frank Windes, membership was open to ". . . anyone, young or old, who is interested in the past, present or future of Winnetka."

Windes, Village Engineer from 1898 to 1940 and an avid collector of Winnetka artifacts and reminiscences, was the longtime custodian of the Society's collection. At first it was stored in his basement, and later in the fireproof vaults at his engineering office. In 1941 the Society was chartered as a not-for-profit corporation, and by 1943 four chests of memorabilia were being kept in vaults at the Winnetka Trust & Savings Bank. Later the collection was stored under lock and key in a basement room in the public library. Finally, in 1987 the growing collection found a home in The Skokie School when the Winnetka Village Council generously agreed to fund a museum. The museum initially was operated by a committee of village-appointed Winnetka residents. In 1993 the Board of Directors of the Society assumed responsibility for its operations.

Margaret B. (Pat) Burrows, a Winnetka resident since 1925, remembers that finding a permanent home for the collection always has been the goal of the organization. Mrs. Burrows was recruited to the Society in 1938 when her friend Polly King called and asked her to become treasurer. Mrs. Burrows said, "Polly, I'm not even a member." King replied, "Yes, you are. I paid your dues." Ever since, Pat Burrows has been a singularly dedicated member, serving as treasurer, secretary, and vice-president. She continues to volunteer at the museum weekly, helping to catalogue the collection and providing invaluable historical information, advice, and support to staff and the Board of Directors.

Under the management of founding director Trish Early, the museum at 1140 Elm Street presented seven exhibits between 1988 and 1995, winning fourteen awards. Currently, the eighth exhibit, "Tracks Through Time: Railroads in Winnetka," is attracting widespread interest and praise.

In addition to owning, managing, and exhibiting the collection, the Society functions as a research resource for the community with a 900-volume reference library. It develops educational outreach programs, including tours and lectures for adults and classes and special events for children. It also records oral histories and publishes the award-winning, quarterly *Winnetka Historical Society Gazette*, which includes news of Society activities and stories of historical interest.

Today, the Winnetka Historical Society is a vital, growing organization whose mission is ". . . to collect, preserve, and present artifacts and memorabilia representing and depicting Winnetka history and to provide services for the purpose of increasing and enriching public knowledge about Winnetka." As well as looking to the past, the Society looks forward to the next 65 years, inviting village residents to join in keeping Winnetka history alive.

"X" is for Crossings: The "Big Ditch"

By Bean Carroll

In 1854, the first trains arrived in Winnetka. With the building of the Chicago and Milwaukee Railroad, Winnetka began its long history of train travel to and from Chicago. At the beginning, there were only two tracks in the Village with two trains a day. At that time, the majority of residents traveled by horse and buggy and safety risks at the railroad crossings were infrequent. As transportation improved and the automobile was invented, the electric train also made its debut in Winnetka. There were now four railroad tracks going through town. With the increased ease of travel to the city, the population of Winnetka grew, as did the number of automobiles, cyclists and pedestrians. This led to greater confusion at the street level railroad grade crossings. In 1909, there were 177 daily steam engine trains passing by and stopping in Winnetka.



The increase in rail traffic also resulted in an increase in the number of crossing fatalities. In the 25 years prior to a fatal accident in 1937, there were 29 fatalities with numerous injuries at the crossings. The Village of Winnetka and the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad tried to solve this problem by increasing the number of gates and hiring additional employees to hold stop signs as trains passed through. But these actions did not resolve the problem. Driving home from the Community House Halloween party on October 20, 1937, Janet Getgood and Sibyl Collins Brittain were killed instantly by an empty, unlighted train on the southbound tracks of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad at the Pine Street crossing. The gates failed to operate in time and the two women were the 30th and 31st persons to lose their lives at Winnetka railroad crossings.

These 1937 fatalities were the straw that broke the camel's back. Janet Getgood's husband was the director of the Community House. Though Mr. Getgood made no public statement about the tragedy or his personal loss, the outraged community insisted on immediate action. The Village had considered a grade separation over the prior 20 years. Village Engineer Frank Windes had recommended a plan to lower the grade of the tracks in 1906. Though this was more expensive than grade elevation, it would not create a divided community as experienced in other towns. Instituted in 1930, FDR's New Deal provided aid to Winnetka. At the time, former resident Harold Ickes was the Secretary of the Interior as well as the Administrator of the PWA (Public Works Administration) program started by FDR. With help from Ickes and an agreement among Winnetkans, the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad and the North Shore Electric, funding was obtained for the grade depression. The PWA funded 45% of the project, the Village funded 29%, and the remainder of the project was funded by the railroad companies. The Big Ditch ran from Indian Hill to Hubbard Woods. It included seven bridges, two pedestrian bridges, as well as the three train stations and necessary retaining walls. Finished in 1943, the project took five years to complete.

Early Winnetka railroad crossings and consequent fatalities led to one of the most progressive civil engineering projects of its time. Winnetkans can be thankful to those who were

so forward thinking. We should remember each time we cross the railroad tracks that the risk has been eliminated. A major civil engineering project sits in our midst – the Big Ditch.



On Our Cover

Among the many recreational activities Winnetka offers are those afforded by the Lodge in Walton Woods depicted on our cover. The Lodge is located on the Des Plaines River, about 10 miles from Winnetka, on a site donated to the community by the Winnetka chapter of the Izaak Walton League.

The Lodge was built in 1929 and is administered by a board of directors in conjunction with the Northern Trust Company of Chicago, forming the Winnetka Camp Site Trust.

Character Building

Purpose of the Lodge is furtherance of educational, recreational, and character building activities of Winnetka boys and girls. It provides a meeting place for Boy or Girl Scouts of the village where outdoor living and community spirit can be developed. It is also an asset for other Winnetka organizations, church and family groups who have used it in the past and have found it an ideal atmosphere for recreation.

A campaign to raise funds for this activity is now in progress.

Children Will Have Reading Program Here

Winnetka Public Library invites children of the village to take part in a summer reading program.

In previous years such a program has proved to meet a need for the children in the lower grades "to keep up" their reading vocabulary, and for the children in the upper grades to find a way of enjoying their free time by "digging" into subject fields of special interest, or merely by passing time with good books.

The program starts on Monday, June 15. Children may join during the summer at any time after this date.

Tuesday 'Book Hour'

To stimulate reading the library, furthermore, invites all grade school children to take part in a "book hour" every Tuesday at 2:30 after June 15.

A picture book story hour for children, ages three to six, will be held every Thursday at 10:30 after the same date.

All children who have participated in the activities of the library during the summer will have a get-together party about August 15, the approximate date for the conclusion of the program.

ings. Boys 9 to 12 will meet in the afternoon at 1:30. There will be special events on Thursdays.

These two groups will be under the direction of George W. Miner, director of Community House, assisted by a staff of college-age young men and women.

Sixth Child, Girl Born to Winnetkans

Mr. and Mrs. Robert O. Gundlach, who moved to Winnetka last fall, are announcing the birth of their sixth child, Mary Adele, born at Evanston Hospital on May 23. The new baby's brothers and sisters are, in line of age, Cynthia, Karen, Bobbie, Anne, and Peter. Mrs. Stanley W. Ayres of Montclair, N. J., is the maternal grandmother, and the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewter H. Groves, live in Pelham Manor, N.Y.

HAS HOLIDAY

Howard A. Craig of 480 Provident Avenue, Winnetka, spent Memorial Day in Southern Illinois.

Death Takes Frank A. Windes Long Winnetka Civic Leader

Village's Best Known Citizen Served Area In Many Capacities

Funeral services for Frank Arner Windes, 873 Spruce Street, Winnetka, who died last Sunday, at the Evanston Hospital, after a long illness, will be held this (Thursday) afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Winnetka Congregational Church.

Dr. Samuel Harkness, pastor of the Congregational Church, and Dr. E. Ashley Gerhard, rector of Christ Episcopal Church, Winnetka, will officiate.

Native of Tennessee

Born in Jasper, Tenn., 83 years ago, Mr. Windes was brought to Winnetka as a youth. He attended school in the village, as well as the Chicago Manual Training School, and was graduated from the University of Michigan with an engineering degree in 1893.

In 1895, he married Miss Mabel Reagen, who was at that time a teacher at the Hubbard Woods School.

Mr. Windes, who began his engineering practice shortly after his graduation from the university, also taught manual arts in the Winnetka and Glencoe schools.

Dreams Come True

Active in community affairs throughout his life, Mr. Windes lived to see the completion of projects for which he had drawn early plans. His program for the conversion of the Skokie marshes into a park area was carried out by the Civil Conservation Corps, and his plans for the grade sep-

Winnetka's 66th annual Fourth of July celebration on the Village Common will be under the general chairmanship of Robert S. Burrows, 614 Cherry Street. He has appointed the following committee chairmen to assist with the planning and arrangements of the formal program, as well as the many athletic events designed for the children of the families living in Winnetka:

Parade marshals, James B. Holand, II; music, A. Lee Adams; publicity, Frederick M. Tuton, Jr.; starting line committee, John B. Foreman; finish line committee, Clarence W. McIntosh; refreshments, Leo Y. Conney; grounds committee, C. R. Miller, Robert L. Anderson, and Robert A. Weidaw.

Dewitt L. Jonesis clerk of the races, assisted by Franklyn Ferguson, race announcer; George W. Miner, starter; and Daniel J. Boone, timekeeper.

Prizes will be under the custody of Donald Jones, assisted by Ann Howard and Mary Lou Emrich.



Frank A. Windes

aration of the two railroads through Winnetka came to fruition just prior to World War II with aid from the Public Works Authority.

An architect as well as an engineer, he designed and built the Spruce Street home.

He was instrumental in having the Sanitary District of Chicago construct one of its first interceptor sewers through the North Shore area.

Served Area Villages

He served the Village of Winnetka as engineer from 1898 to 1930, and the engineering firm of Windes and Marsh, which he established in 1909, were engineers and surveyors for Glencoe, Highland

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per cent, over the total figures \$906,654, respectively. The budget is divided building, and both budgets.

Education

The complete inspection at the office of Education in June 15, at which adopted by the board of public hearing to be in the board office.

The educational increase of \$40,000 year.

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The building shows a drop of most major repair in the modernization be paid for by the end last December.

Bonds, In

The bond and shows a decrease coming year.

A new construction been drawn up the first year's ing and modern. This consists of sale of bonds a cember. There this money included budget because is not due until

Piners To South

Mr. and Mrs. Harbor Street recently returned cruise to South first port of call City was Caracas followed by stops West Indies and ezucla.

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At the end Piners returned where they were daughter, Gloria living in Manhattan year. Miss Piners parents back to remain with the

CELEBRATES 85th BIRTHDAY



Photo by Lazear

Five hundred and forty years was the combined age of these six Winnetkans and one Glencoe resident who gathered to observe the 85th birthday anniversary of Omon L. Simpson, Thursday evening of last week. The happy event was a dinner and reception given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley H. Simpson, 1809 Edgewood lane, Winnetka, in honor of Mr. Simpson's father.

The oldest member of the celebrants is H. J. Jewett, 847 Cherry street, seated, at the left, who is 93. The others seated (left to right) are Mr. Simpson, 85; William A. Hadley, 913 Oak street, 75; Arthur Burrage Farwell, 164 Lake street, Glencoe, 82.

Standing (left to right) are Frank A. Windes, 837 Spruce street, 66, the youngest of the group; Charles S. Jewell, 459 Provident avenue, 67; Dr. J. O. Ely, 430 Walnut avenue, 72.

The dinner was followed by a happy hour of reminiscences in which all indulged, particularly Mr. Jewett whose memory goes back well toward a century ago in his native state of Maine, and Mr. Farwell who related interesting events of Chicago in the early seventies.

Numerous telegrams of congratulation were received during the dinner hour.

On this occasion, as on all others when men get together, one of the main topics was about good things to eat. It was carefully calculated that during the life of Mr. Jewett, to date, allowing three meals per day, he had partaken of something like 101,835 meals, and according to his own con-

that record he was presented a blue ribbon.

The consolation prize, a white ribbon, was presented to Frank A. Windes, who was credited with having eaten only 72,270 meals.

Miss Jean Henning, daughter of the Arthur C. Hennings, 458 Linden avenue, left last Sunday for Ann Arbor, Mich., to visit her grandmother, Mrs. Gay Henning.

Mrs. Melvin Veeder, 635 Maple avenue, will entertain her luncheon bridge club next Wednesday.



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Mrs. George Bolkow Mother Dies on F

Mrs. Augusta Arnswald died Friday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George W. Bolkow, 101 Ash street, with whom she had lived most of the time during the past years. Mrs. Arnswald, who was 85 years old, had been ill for some time. She suffered a stroke two years ago. Besides the daughter here, she was survived by another daughter, Mrs. M. Carlson of River Grove, and by a son, Henry E. Bolkow, who was killed by a former marriage, Henry E.

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Winnetka A to Z

W is for Frank Windes

Frank Windes played a major role in many aspects of Winnetka's development, from civil engineering to the Fourth of July celebration, during his 74 years in the village.

Born in Jasper, Tennessee, he moved here from Chicago with his family in 1879, when he was seven. Windes grew up in Winnetka, attending Winnetka schools and a technical school in Chicago. He then went to the University of Michigan and returned to the village after earning an engineering degree.

The population of the North Shore was rapidly increasing when Windes returned, and he soon became involved in the engineering needed to support this growth. A licensed architect, he designed many Winnetka houses, including his own on the northeast corner of Birch and Spruce streets. About a hundred feet north of his home at 788 Birch Street, lay the offices of Windes and Marsh, his engineering and

surveying firm. (Both structures are still standing.) The partnership was very active in improving the streets, sewers, and water systems of the area and produced most of the maps of Winnetka and nearby villages.

Frank Windes became Village Engineer in 1898 and played an important part in planning two major engineering projects in Winnetka. He designed plans for depressing the railroad tracks in 1906 and for turning the Skokie Marsh into a lagoon system in 1909. Neither project was actually started until the late 1930s, but the final plans for both looked much like those Windes' developed more than 20 years earlier.

Windes' contributions to the village were not only in construction and engineering. He taught manual training in the public schools, both in Winnetka and other North Shore communities. For years he was custodian of prizes at the annual



Frank Windes with a manual training class, circa 1900

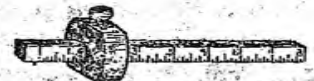
Fourth of July celebration.

He had a continuing interest in Winnetka's history. As a child, Windes listened to many of the original settlers tell of the town's past; he later turned those reminiscences into talks to the schools on local history. Windes also authored a series of articles for the *Winnetka Talk* in 1930, describing life in early Winnetka. In 1932 he was one of the founders of the Winnetka Historical Society and for many years was

custodian of the Society's collection. He continued to collect reminiscences from early residents and corresponded with several who had moved away.

Winnetka owes much to Frank Windes, both for improving the village's present and preserving its past.

—Daniel Berenberg



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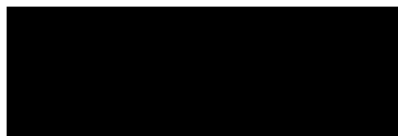
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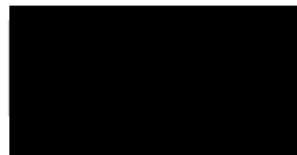
Dear Mr. Marx,

The Winnetka Historical Society has reviewed Benjamin Historic Certification's thorough research on the house at 615 Elm. We agree with the assessment that the house is historically and architecturally significant, and that it contributes greatly to the character of the Village Green neighborhood. We agree that the zoning bonus would enable the homeowners to update the house while preserving it long-term.

Sincerely,



Mary Trieschmann
Executive Director



Meagan McChesney, PhD.
Curator

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Primary Contact: Jennifer Katzman

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Email: _____

Applicant's relationship to current property owner: owner

(As previously noted, if contract purchaser, attach copy of executed purchase agreement)

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Applicant/Owner Acknowledgments

By execution of this application in the space provided below, the Applicant and Owner(s) do hereby certify, acknowledge, agree and affirm to the Village of Winnetka that:

1. The Village and its representatives have the right, and are hereby granted permission and license, to enter upon the property for purposes of conducting any inspections that may be necessary in connection with this application.
2. I (We) have carefully read this application, the applicable sections of the Winnetka Municipal Code and fully understand the applicable terms and provisions.
3. I (We) waive any rights to exemption from disclosure under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act of any and all documents and information submitted in connection with this application.
4. I (We), in accordance with the Winnetka Village Code agree to pay all applicable reimbursable expenses associated with the processing

Signature of Applicant:

06/30/2023
Date

Print Name & Title:

Signatures of Property Owner(s):

Date

Print Name & Title:

Property Address:

****If more than one applicant or property owner, please copy this page and have additional applicants/property owners sign form.**