

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN REVIEW BOARD
Village Hall – Committee Room
801 Burlington Avenue

October 19, 2016
7:00 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes from the July 20, 2016 meeting
3. Public Hearing
 - a. **16-ADR-0008:** A petition seeking a Historic Landmark Designation for the property commonly known as 4540 Highland Avenue, Downers Grove, IL (PIN 09-05-315-018). The property is located at the northwest corner of Highland Avenue and Lincoln Street. John and Patricia Orwin, Petitioners and Owners.
 - b. **16-ADR-0009:** A petition seeking a Historic Landmark Designation for the property commonly known as 710 Maple Avenue, Downers Grove, IL (PIN 09-08-401-008). The property is located on the north side of Maple Avenue, approximately 80 feet west of the intersection of Maple Avenue and Benton Avenue. James and Maren Huber, Petitioners and Owners.
4. Old Business
5. Public Comment
6. Adjournment

THIS TENTATIVE REGULAR AGENDA MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN REVIEW BOARD
VILLAGE HALL - COMMITTEE ROOM
801 BURLINGTON AVENUE

JULY 20, 2016, 7:00 P.M.

Chairman Pro tem Davenport called the July 20, 2016 meeting of the Architectural Design Review Board to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked for a roll call:

PRESENT: Chairman Pro tem Davenport; Mrs. Acks, Mrs. Englander, Mr. Larson
Mr. Riemer

ABSENT: Chairman Mattheis, Mr. Casey

STAFF: Rebecca Leitschuh, Senior Planner; Swati Pandey, Planner and Nora Flynn, Intern

VISITORS: David and Amy Gassen, 5320 Benton Ave., Downers Grove; Rich Kulovany,
6825 Camden, Downers Grove; Gordon Goodman, 5834 Middaugh, Downers
Grove

APPROVAL OF MAY 18, 2016 MINUTES

MOTION BY MS. ACKS, SECONDED BY MR. LARSON TO APPROVE THE MAY 18, 2016 MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE OF 5-0.

Senior planner Rebecca Leitschuh introduced summer intern Nora Flynn, who is a student at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

PUBLIC HEARING

A. 16-ADR-0006: A petition seeking a Historic Landmark Designation for the property commonly known as 1130 Franklin Street, Downers Grove, IL (PIN 09-08-107-016). The property is located at the intersection of Franklin Street and Prince Street on the northwest side. Frederic and Cynthia Zaeske, Petitioners and Owners.

Intern Nora Flynn summarized the owners of 1130 Franklin Street were seeking historic landmark designation for their 1892 Queen Anne. The plat of survey for the home was referenced on the overhead. Ms. Flynn noted that in 2013 the village's Architectural Historic Survey reflected that the structure was listed as "significant", was an excellent example of the Queen Anne style, exhibited asymmetry, and included the key feature -- the turret -- on the southeast corner of the home. The home's front porch included ornamental spindle-work and baluster detail with additional ornamentation found at the door. The home's materials included the original wood clapboard and siding and had been well maintained.

Ms. Flynn pointed out a rear addition was added to the home which did not impact the home's historic integrity. The home was built by Emerson Foote, a business partner in the E.H.

Prince & Company, with Earl H. Prince and Fannie Linscott. E.H. Prince & Company platted the E.H. Prince & Company Subdivision in 1890 which was located north of train tracks. A historical summary of the subdivision followed. Historical maps were also depicted.

In summary, staff found that the owner's application for landmarking complied with the criteria for landmark designation. Ms. Flynn summarized in detail how the historic home met each of the criteria. Staff recommended that the ARDB make a positive recommendation to the village council for the landmark status of 1130 Franklin Street.

Chairman Pro tem Davenport invited the board to comment. None followed.

Chairman Pro tem Davenport opened up the meeting to public comment.

Petitioner, Ms. Cynthia Zaeske, 1130 Franklin Street, stated she has lived in the home for four years and knew nothing about the home except for someone to comment that she "lived in the mistress's house", which sparked the home's history. Rumor had it that Corrine Foote was Prince's mistress because Emerson died a week before they moved into the home. Ms. Zaeske stated she did locate the Foote family but there was no record that Corrine was the mistress; however, Mr. Prince did teach Corrine's children to sail and assisted them financially into their adulthood. Ms. Zaeske confirmed staff's statement that Mr. Prince did form the subdivision, as referenced above, and she was trying to get the home landmark "so it never comes down."

Member comments were all positive and that it was nice to see the tall homes with the spires and turrets. Asked how the overall landmarking process was for the applicant, Ms. Zaeske responded that it was "very easy" and everyone was very helpful. She said she plaqued the home prior with the historical society and said the assessor's office was very helpful.

Dave and Amy Gassen, 5320 Benton Ave., thanked the applicant for bringing the petition forward. Ms. Gassen commented that she had a tour of the home, which was beautiful, and the interior had just as much character as the exterior. She stated that at the end of the tour, Ms. Zaeske showed her a book she had created which documented the research and history of the home.

Mr. Rich Kulovany, 6825 Camden, thanked Ms. Zaeske for landmarking her home and for going through the process, which he felt was an honor to the community.

Hearing no further comments, Chairman Pro tem Davenport closed the public hearing and entertained a motion.

MR. RIEMER MADE A MOTION THAT THE ADRB FORWARD A POSITIVE RECOMMENDATION TO THE VILLAGE COUNCIL TO RECOMMEND HISTORICAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION FOR 1130 FRANKLIN STREET.

MS. ENGLANDER SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL:

**AYE: MR. RIEMER, MS. ENGLANDER, MS. ACKS, MR. DAVENPORT
MR. LARSON**

NAY: NONE

MOTION CARRIED. VOTE: 5-0

B. 16-ADR-0007: A petition seeking a Historic Landmark Designation for the property commonly known as 4502 Prince Street, Downers Grove, IL (PIN 09-05-312-012). The property is located on the west side of Prince Street, approximately 80 feet south of Grant Street. Chris and Patricia Patterson, Petitioners and Owners.

Village Planner Swati Pandey identified the Queen Anne home and a barn on a map for the board members. The property was located at the intersection of Grand and Prince Streets. The 1986 plat of survey was also referenced. Per staff, the home was constructed in 1896 and was approximately 120 years old. Prominent Queen Anne features on the front facade included: the asymmetrical building style, the pitched cross-gabled roof, the tower, the porches and the decorative details on the porch.

Ms. Pandey pointed out that the north façade included the simple gabled roof while the south façade of the home reflected the varying roof lines, the tower bay and half-hipped roof. Additionally, a stone foundation existed on the original part of the home with different colors of paint. The porch columns and wood clapboard were original.

In addition to the home being landmarked, Ms. Pandey stated an original barn was also being landmarked, which was used as a garage and still had some of the exterior elements (hardware) present today. The hand pump, located on the site, was also pointed out. The rear of the home (west facade) included an addition and deck which was added around the 1980s but did not impact the integrity of the original home.

A photograph depicting the home in 1916 was shown on the overhead which reflected the roofline, tower bays, original foundation and the barn, still existing today.

In closing, Ms. Pandey stated staff found the home and the barn met the criteria for landmark designation and recommended that the board forward a positive recommendation to the village council.

Chairman Pro tem opened the public hearing and asked the petitioner to come forward.

Applicant, Mr. Chris Patterson, 4502 Prince Street, discussed that in the 30 years he and his wife lived in the residence, they were visited by several descendants and family members of Mrs. Krueger, who was not the original owner, but did live in the house for 60 years (1905 - 1969). He reviewed the criteria that the home met: age and architectural style. Over the 30 years, Mr. Patterson stated he and his wife have tried to restore the home in the Queen Anne style. He offered to answer any questions.

A question was asked as to how the barn was used currently and whether a second floor existed. Mr. Patterson explained there was an intact second floor currently used for storage and beer brewing, but when he and his wife purchased property, the upper level was half finished and half exposed rafters. Currently, he explained that the center and south doors were used for a garage, while the north doors led to the feed stalls, which still existed. A brick floor existed with two sections but the two sections were now covered in concrete. He believes they were

originally dirt for the livestock. Looking at the photograph, Mr. Patterson pointed out the chicken coop located on the south side of the garage. He also was of the understanding that Mrs. Krueger may have sold fruits, vegetables, milk and eggs to surrounding neighbors and had rented the upper floor rooms to teachers in the school across the street.

Comments from the members included that the barn was unique, in great shape, and reflected what it was like to live on-site in the 1900s. Questions also followed as to where the original high school was located and the fact that the home sat in its location, by itself, for 15 years before the school was constructed and was one of the first homes built in that area.

Chairman Pro tem Davenport pointed out that the home met the landmark criteria and while it was not an exceptional example, it was a good example, was well maintained, and had a history. He appreciated Mr. Patterson bringing the application forward.

Mr. Patterson closed his discussion by sharing an interesting story about someone contacting him who had a picture of his home in a house located in Wisconsin.

Dave and Amy Gassen, 5320 Benton Avenue also thanked the Pattersons for bringing the property forward and strongly support making the home a historic landmark.

Mr. Rich Kulovany, 6825 Camden, thanked the Pattersons for the landmarking and said he saw their attendance at a former ADRB subcommittee meeting. He stated he and Amy Gassen were the folks who dropped off the landmark paperwork at their home.

Seeing no further public comment, the chairman closed the public hearing and entertained a motion.

MR. LARSON MADE A MOTION THAT THE ADRB FORWARD A POSITIVE RECOMMENDATION TO THE VILLAGE COUNCIL TO RECOMMEND HISTORICAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION FOR 4502 PRINCE STREET, INCLUDING THE BARN.

MR. RIEMER SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL:

**AYE: MR. LARSON, MR. RIEMER, MS. ACKS, MR. DAVENPORT,
MS. ENGLANDER**

NAY: NONE

MOTION CARRIED. VOTE: 5-0

OLD BUSINESS

Senior Planner Leitschuh reported that the Certified Local Government grant was received and all paperwork was filed. The funds will be used for the four brochures which are expected to be completed by the end of December. Also, the 701 Maple and Main Street Metra Station applications were formally landmarked.

Dave and Amy Gassen, 5320 Benton Ave., provided an update on their American Four Square initiative of identifying the village's Four Square homes. A photo of each home has been taken

and Ms. Gassen hopes to provide additional information on each home. A Facebook page has also been created called “American Four Squares of Downers Grove.” Ms. Gassen reported that last week Landmarks Illinois did a post about Downers Grove’s historic preservation program and the progress the village was making, which drew much traffic to the page.

Ms. Gassen shared the outreach steps she will be taking to contact the owners of the identified Four Squares on the map. She asked members to outreach to friends and family members who know owners of Four Square homes.

Chairman Pro tem Davenport suggested contacting Michael Cassa at the Downers Grove Economic Development Commission to link some information together, since there was outside interest being generated. He thanked the Gassens for their work.

Additional members questions included whether Ms. Gassen was aware of any state or national organization of Four Squares, which Ms. Gassen stated she did not know of any nor knew of any book specifically written about Four Squares. General dialog followed on the topic.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Gordon Goodman, 5832 Middaugh, was pleased to see the revitalization of the village’s historic preservation program. However, he expressed concern that there was still very little protection for the significant historic buildings and sites in the community. In comparison to Geneva’s Historic District, Mr. Goodman believed that Downers Grove would have to go further by establishing historic districts and preserving the look and feel of neighborhoods rather than individual buildings.

Continuing, Mr. Goodman summarized the recent steps the mayor took in developing the benefits of the village’s Certified Local Government status, citing the mayor contacted the IHPA requesting that the village be regarded as a community that satisfies the requirements for the tax freeze associated with the restoration of historic structures. As a result, he stated the mayor received a letter from the agency, dated June 8, 2016, which the agency determined that owners of properties designated, pursuant to the village’s historic preservation ordinance, were eligible to apply to the IHPA for participation in the tax assessment freeze. He recommended that the board publish this information on the village’s web site.

Ms. Leitschuh provided some additional information about the tax assessment freeze program and stated that staff will be working with the communications department to send out a news blast about the program on the village’s web site. Positives of the program followed.

Public comment was closed.

Chairman Pro tem Davenport added that such communities like Geneva have been at preservation for a long time but had to somewhere. This board and the ad hoc committee had to start with something the residents would readily agree to and educating the residents about the program’s benefits was equally important. Members agreed this was a great first step and that expectations already had been exceeded.

ADJOURNMENT

**MR. RIEMER MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MS. ENGLANDER
SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:52 P.M.**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE OF 5-0.

/s/ Celeste K. Weilandt
(As transcribed by MP-3 audio)

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**VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN REVIEW BOARD
OCTOBER 19, 2016 AGENDA**

| SUBJECT: | TYPE: | SUBMITTED BY: |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 16-ADR-0008 4540 Highland Avenue | Designation of a Historic Landmark | Swati Pandey Planner |

REQUEST

The petitioners are seeking a Historic Landmark Designation for their home at 4540 Highland Avenue based on the criteria that the property represents the distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style.

NOTICE

The application has been filed in conformance with applicable procedural and public notice requirements.

GENERAL INFORMATION

**OWNER/
APPLICANT** John and Patricia Orwin
4540 Highland Avenue
Downers Grove, IL 60515

PROPERTY INFORMATION

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: American Foursquare
BUILDING DATE: 1914
HISTORICAL BUILDING USE: Single Family Residence
EXISTING BUILDING USE: Single Family Residence
PROPERTY SIZE: 14,159 square feet
PIN: 09-05-315-018

ANALYSIS

SUBMITTALS

This report is based on the following documents, which are on file with the Department of Community Development:

1. Application/Petition for Public Hearing
2. Project Summary
3. Plat of Survey
4. Certificate of Acknowledgement Form
5. Historic Landmark Information Form
6. Photographs
7. Sanborn Map

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The petitioners are seeking a Historic Landmark Designation for their property at 4540 Highland Avenue under criteria 12.302.B.3 of the Historic Preservation Ordinance: representation of distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style. The two-story American Foursquare house with a basement was most likely constructed in 1914, based on the information provided by the petitioner.

The American Foursquare style house is aptly named after its cubic shape and division of living space into quarters and is sometimes called a “Classical Box” or “Prairie Box.” The typical features of a foursquare include two-and-a-half stories with a hipped roof and large front porches with wide stairs. In the Village, many Foursquare homes were designed in the Prairie and Craftsman style, especially in the E.H. Prince’s Subdivision and along the Maple Avenue corridor.

The property at 4540 Highland Avenue includes many of these features, including the cube-shaped massing and hipped roof with wide eaves. The full width front porch on the front facade with double and triple columns is typical of the Craftsman style. The horizontal band, typical of the Prairie style, separates the bevel siding below and the shingle siding on the second story. Some of the other notable features include the wooden double hung windows with a triple-window bay off the dining room. In addition to the external original architectural features, many internal architectural features remain including, hardware, trim, and windows. A one-story rear addition was added in 1986 on the western side of the building with attention to match the original exterior. The rear addition does not impact the historic integrity of this Prairie and Craftsman Style American Foursquare home.

COMPLIANCE WITH HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE

The petitioner has outlined the request in the attached narrative letter and photographs. The petitioner will further address the proposal and justification to support the requested landmark designation at the public hearing.

Landmark designations require evaluation based on Section 12.302 of the Historic Preservation Ordinance, *Landmark Designation Criteria*. Staff finds the request complies with Section 12.302A and Section 12.302.B, *Landmark Designation Criteria #3* as described below.

Section 12.302.A.

The proposed landmark is either over fifty (50) years old, in whole or in part, or is under fifty (50) years of age and possesses exceptional importance such as might be recognized immediately for its reflection of an extraordinary political event or architectural innovation; and

The house was constructed ca. 1914 and is therefore 102 years old. This standard is met.

Section 12.302.B

That one or more of the following conditions exist:

- 1. The property has significant value as part of the historic, heritage or cultural characteristics of the community, county, State or Nation;**

This criteria does not apply.

- 2. The property was owned by a person or persons of historic significance to the community, county, State or Nation;**

This criteria does not apply.

- 3. The property represents the distinguishing characteristics of an architectural period, style, type, method of construction or use of indigenous materials;**

Staff finds the property represents the distinguishing characteristics of the Prairie and Craftsman Style

American Foursquare. The 2013 Architectural and Historical Survey identified this property as 'significant' as an example of an "excellent Foursquare with high integrity". The overall cube-shaped massing, hipped roof, grouped windows, and front porch with double and triple columns are typical of the American Foursquare, with many additional original architectural features as described above in the project description. This criteria is met.

4. **The property represents notable work of a master builder, designer, architect or artist whose individual work has influenced the development of the community, county, State or Nation;**
This criteria does not apply.
5. **An area that has yielded or may be likely to yield, information important in history or prehistory.**
This criteria does not apply.
6. **A source of civic pride or identity for the community.**
This criteria does not apply.
7. **The property is included in the National Register of Historic Places.**
This criteria does not apply.

NEIGHBORHOOD COMMENT

Staff has not received any neighborhood comments regarding the proposal at this time.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff finds the petition complies with the criteria in Section 12.302 for Landmark Designation. Based on the findings above, staff recommends that the Architectural Design Review Board makes a positive recommendation to the Village Council for landmark status of 4540 Highland Avenue.

Staff Report Approved By:



Stan Popovich, AICP
Director of Community Development

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4540 Highland Ave.- Location Map



Historic Landmark Designation – 4540 Highland Ave

To: Architectural Review Board

September 2, 2016

After extensive and careful research of deeds and property tax records at the DuPage County offices, we have determined that our house was built in 1914. The house resides on two lots (10 and 11), part of E. H. Prince and Company's Addition to Downers Grove. In 1913, the property was purchased by John and Frieda Venard. The tax records show an increase in the assessment from \$35 to \$485 for 1915, showing that the house was built in 1914. An original built-in mirror was found in the house with a 1914 date.

John Venard was born in 1886. In 1913, he purchased the 2 lots in E H Prince's subdivision. John built the house in 1914. John and his wife Frieda had 2 daughters, Ruth (b. 1915) and Florence, (b. 1928). The Venard family owned the property from 1913 to 1974. John was a postman in Downers Grove for 51 years. John passed away in 1969, and his wife Frieda passed away in 1974.

We purchased the house in 1981, and are only the third family to live there:

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| Venards | 1914-1974 |
| Kellys | 1974-1981 |
| Orwins | 1981-date |

There were virtually no changes made to the house prior to our purchase in 1981. The exterior configuration was exactly as shown on a 1927 Sanborn map. Inside, it was a virtual time capsule from the 1914-1920 era:

- Original coal-fired boiler with coal-bin (gas conversion, but coal parts were saved)
- Original gravity hot water heating system with radiators in each room. (still working perfectly)
- 3-pipe water supply system to kitchen and bathroom, with cistern and hand pump.
- Most rooms had the original wall-mounted bracket lights. These were conversions from gas lighting. All the gas pipes in the house were still "live".
- The bathroom is a large upstairs 10'x12' room with the original claw foot tub.
- Most of the interior trim, both oak and pine, had never been painted over, and did not require stripping for restoration.
- The windows are all original wood double-hung with sash cords, weights and pulleys. Many of the glass panes are original "wavy" glass.
- When painting the house, evidence of the original colors was found: brown siding with cream trim.

I restored the house from 1981-1988. Special care was taken to keep all original details where possible, while updating plumbing and electrical systems to modern standards.

In 1986, I designed and built a 750 sf addition on the west side of the house. Again, special care was taken to match the original house in design details both inside and out:

Addition Exterior

- 6" cedar bevel siding matching the original house
- Custom wood double hung windows with sash cords, weights and pulleys
- Exterior window and corner trim boards custom milled from 5/4 stock to match original house
- Double and triple window groupings to echo the triple bay window on the original house

- Rear porch with triple piers matching the front porch

Addition Interior

- Custom milled oak trim to match the patterns in the original house
- 1-1/2" wide strip oak flooring matched to the original house
- Recycled 5-panel oak doors stripped and stained to match old doors
- Wood-burning masonry fireplace with recycled oak mantel - style similar to other trim.

Originally, there was a 18'x22' 1-1/2 story carriage house at the west side of the lot, contemporary with the house. It had a wood floor and inside, there was still the framing for the horse's stall. The second story served for storage and a hay loft. The structure was in poor shape, and had shifted on the block foundation. I researched having it restored, but the cost was prohibitive. In 2006, I reluctantly had it torn down and replaced with a new 2-story 3-car garage in the same location. It was designed to be reminiscent of the original structure, using original materials for siding and windows.

Our house is an excellent example of a classic American Foursquare with Craftsman influences. The exterior remains essentially in as-built condition. Notable exterior elements are:

- Bevel siding on the first story, shingles on the second with dividing molding.
- Full width front porch with double and triple columns
- Bay window off dining room with triple windows

The interior also has many significant original elements:

- Oak colonnade between front room and dining room
- Oak built-in buffet with bevel glass mirror in the dining room
- Fireplace with green glazed bricks
- Bathroom with original claw foot tub
- Bracket light fixtures with some original glass shades

Several examples of houses with features similar to ours can be found in the 1913 Sears "Modern Homes" catalog as well as other plan books from the 1910-1925 period.

We would like to request that it be added to the list of landmarked homes, to insure that it will continue to be preserved and maintained in the future.

Sincerely,

John and Pat Orwin

**Addendum to Narrative for 4540 Highland Ave.
October 5, 2016**

Section 12.302.A

The proposed landmark is either over fifty (50) years old, in whole or in part or is under fifty (50) years of age and possesses exceptional importance such as might be recognized immediately for its reflection of an extraordinary political event or architectural innovation

The proposed landmark is 102 years old and meets the criteria.

Section 12.302.B

1. The property has significant value as part of the historic, heritage or cultural characteristics of the community, county, State or Nation;

This criteria does not apply.

2. The property was owned by a person or persons of historic significance to the community, county, State or Nation;

This criteria does not apply.

3. The property represents the distinguishing characteristics of an architectural period, style, type, method of construction or use of indigenous materials;

The property has most of the distinguishing characteristics of a classic American Foursquare with Prairie and Craftsman influences. It has been carefully preserved and has most exterior features intact:

- Cube-shaped massing
- Hip roof with wide eaves
- Full width front porch with double and triple columns, (typical of the Craftsman style)
- Horizontal band (typical of the Prairie style) separating bevel siding below and shingle siding above
- Wood double hung windows, with a triple-window bay off the dining room

4. The property represents notable work of a master builder, designer, architect or artist whose individual work has influenced the development of the community, county, State or Nation;

This criteria does not apply.

5. An area that has yielded or may be likely to yield, information important in history or prehistory.

This criteria does not apply.

6. A source of civic pride or identity for the community.

This criteria does not apply.

7. The property is included in the National Register of Historic Places.

This criteria does not apply.



Historic Landmark Information Form

Property Address _____

Date of Construction _____

Architectural Style _____

Architect (if known) _____

Number of Stories _____ **Basement (Y/N)** _____

Foundation Materials (Concrete, Concrete Block, Wood, Stone, Brick, N/A)

Exterior Wall Materials (Concrete, Wood, Stone, Brick, Vinyl, Other, N/A)

Roof Type (Gabled, Cross-Gabled, Hipped, Hipped-Gable, Shed, Gambrel, Flat, Other, N/A)

Roof Materials (Metal, Wood Shingle, Wood Shake, Composition, Slate, Tile, Other, N/A)

Window Type (Double-Hung, Awning, Casement, Hopper, Other, N/A)

Window Materials (Wood, Aluminum, Vinyl, Other, N/A)

Door Type (Panel, Flush, Transom, N/A) and Materials (Wood, Metal, Glass, N/A)

Other significant exterior architectural features (Accessory Structures, Arches, Porches, Towers, Brick Course, etc.)

WORKMAN LAND SURVEYORS

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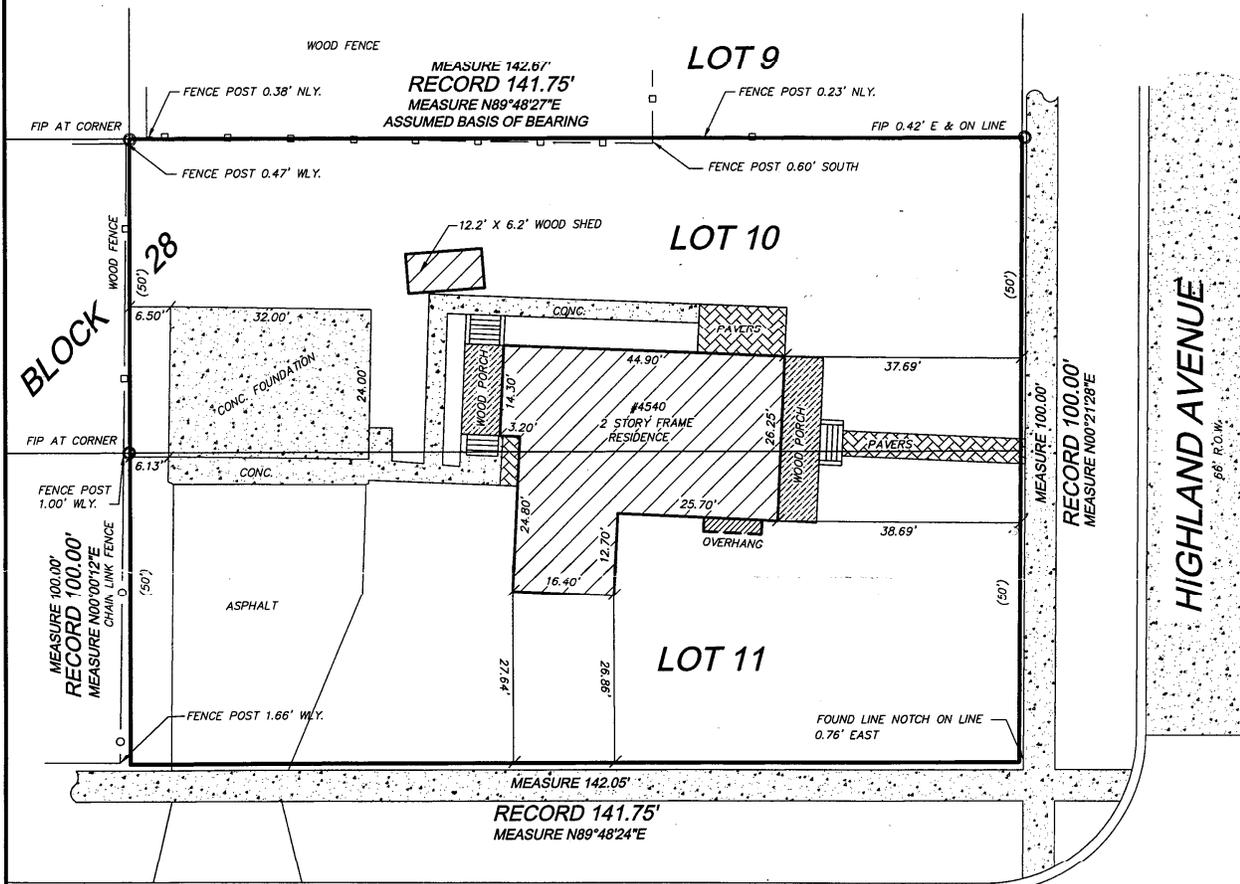


ASSUMED MERIDIAN
SCALE 1"= 20'

PLAT OF SURVEY

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

LOT 10 AND 11 IN BLOCK 28 IN E.H. PRINCE AND COMPANY'S ADDITION TO DOWNERS GROVE, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 11, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED ON SEPTEMBER 30, 1890 AS DOCUMENT 43600, IN DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.



LINCOLN STREET

66' R.O.W.

GENERAL NOTES

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED ALL BUILDING DIMENSIONS
AND TIES ARE TO BRICK AND/OR FRAME SIDING OF BUILDING

THE LOCATION OF THE PROPERTY LINES SHOWN ON THE FACE OF THIS PLAT ARE BASED
UPON THE DESCRIPTION AND INFORMATION FURNISHED BY THE CLIENT, TOGETHER WITH THE
TITLE COMMITMENT. THE PARCEL WHICH IS DEFINED MAY NOT REFLECT ACTUAL OWNERSHIP,
BUT REFLECTS WHAT WAS SURVEYED. FOR OWNERSHIP, CONSULT YOUR TITLE COMPANY.

DO NOT SCALE DIMENSIONS FROM THIS PLAT.

ALL EASEMENT AND BUILDING SETBACK LINES SHOWN
HEREON ARE PER RECORDED SUBDIVISION PLAT

RECORD L = RECORD ARC LENGTH

MEASURE L = MEASURE ARC LENGTH

R = RADIUS

R.O.W. = RIGHT OF WAY

Job No.: 05-27127

Address: 4540 HIGHLAND
DOWNERS GROVE, ILLINOIS

CLIENT: ORWIN

DATE OF COMPLETION OF FIELD WORK

NOVEMBER 14, 2005



STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF DUPAGE)

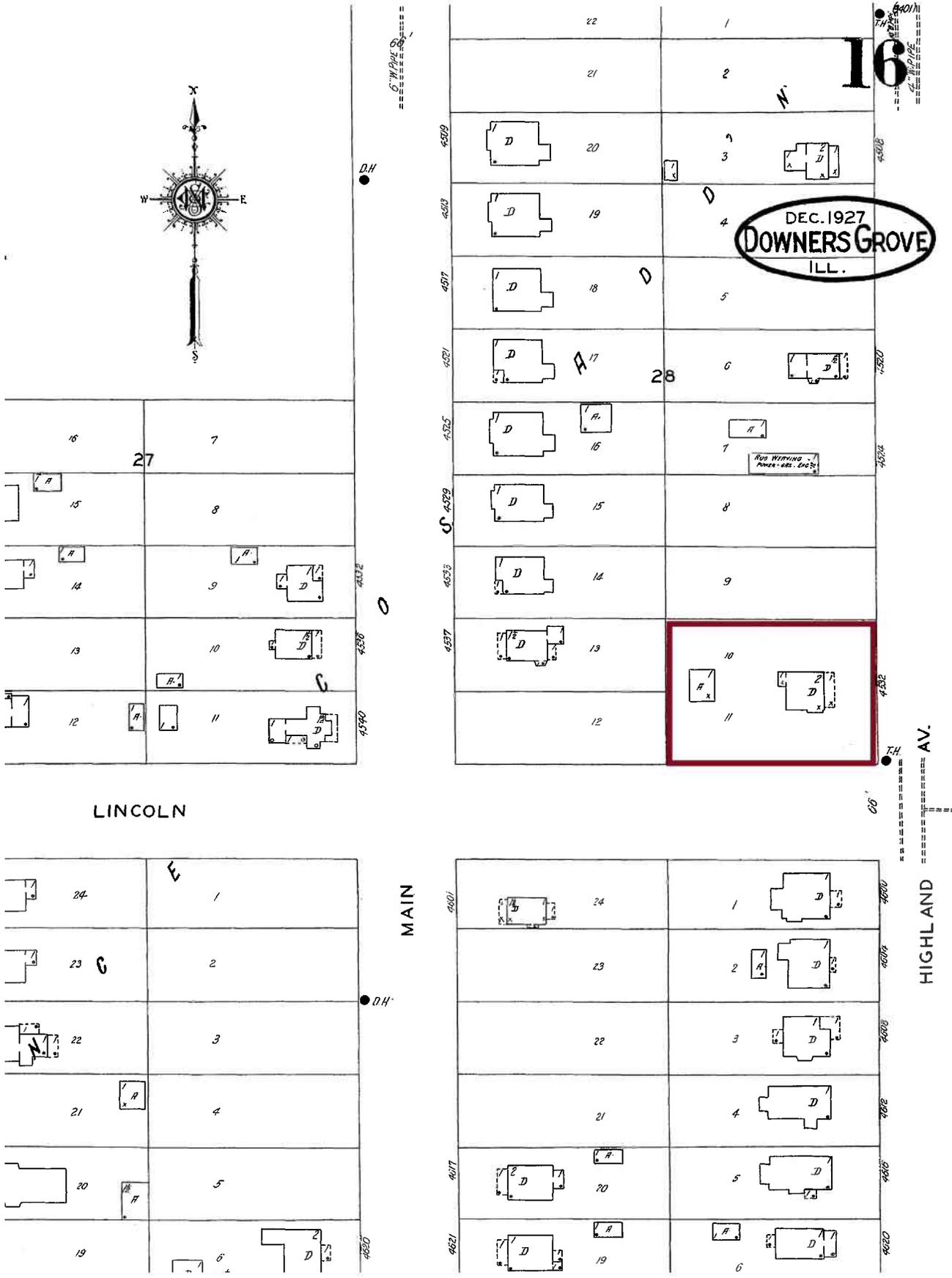
I, WILLIAM A. WORKMAN, AN ILLINOIS PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR DO HEREBY
CERTIFY THAT THE PLAT HEREON DRAWN WAS PREPARED AT AND UNDER MY DIRECTION.
ALL DIMENSIONS SHOWN ARE IN FEET AND DECIMAL PARTS THEREOF.

**THIS PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONFORMS TO THE CURRENT ILLINOIS
MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR A BOUNDARY SURVEY.**

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL THIS 14TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, A.D., 2005.

ILLINOIS PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR NO. 035-003501
MY LICENSE EXPIRES ON NOVEMBER 30, 2006.

Section of 1927 Sanborn map showing 4540 Highland



4540 Highland Photo Gallery

Photos from 1981

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| 1. East elevation | March, 1981 |
| 2. View from SE | March, 1981 |
| 3. View from NE | March, 1981 |
| 4. West elevation | March, 1981 |
| 5. Carriage House | March, 1981 |

Photos from 2016

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| 6. East elevation | August 30, 2016 |
| 7. SE View | August 30, 2016 |
| 8. NE View | August 30, 2016 |
| 9. W View w/porch | August 30, 2016 |
| 10. Front porch detail | August 30, 2016 |
| 11. Garage | August 30, 2016 |



Photo #1 East elevation - March 1981



Photo #2 View from SE - March 1981



Photo #3 View from NE – March 1981



Photo #4 View from W – March 1981 – note small mud porch



Photo # 5 Carriage House – March 1981



Photo #6 East Elevation – August 30, 2016



Photo #7 SE View – August 30, 2016



Photo #8 NE View – August 30, 2016



Photo #9 West View of addition porch with triple columns – August 30 2016



Photo #10 Front porch, detail of columns and front door with oval glass – August 30, 2016



Photo #11 Garage built 2006 – August 30, 2016



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| 16-ADR-0009 710 Maple Avenue | Designation of a Historic Landmark | Scott Williams Planner |

REQUEST

The petitioners are seeking a Historic Landmark Designation for their home at 710 Maple Avenue based on the criteria that it was owned by a person of historic significance to the community.

NOTICE

The application has been filed in conformance with applicable procedural and public notice requirements.

GENERAL INFORMATION

**OWNER/
APPLICANT** James and Maren Huber
710 Maple Avenue
Downers Grove, IL 60515

PROPERTY INFORMATION

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: Queen Anne/Greek Revival
BUILDING DATE: 1856
HISTORICAL BUILDING USE: Single Family Residence
EXISTING BUILDING USE: Single Family Residence
PROPERTY SIZE: 14,000 square feet
PIN: 09-08-401-008

ANALYSIS

SUBMITTALS

This report is based on the following documents, which are on file with the Department of Community Development:

1. Application/Petition for Public Hearing
2. Project Summary
3. Plat of Survey
4. Certificate of Acknowledgement Form
5. Historic Landmark Information Form
6. Photographs
7. Sanborn Map

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The petitioners are seeking a Historic Landmark Designation for their property at 710 Maple Avenue under criteria 12.302.B.2 of the Historic Preservation Ordinance: the property was owned and occupied by a person of historic significance to the community.

Jordan James Cole (1833-1901) purchased land from the Curtiss family in the Carpenter Subdivision and completed the construction of the family residence circa 1856. J.J. Cole was a captain of the semi-regular military organization called the Downers Grove Plow Boys who actively campaigned for Abraham Lincoln. They helped raise an official company of troops from DuPage County once news was received that Fort Sumter had fallen on April 21, 1861. Company K was incorporated into the 13th Illinois regiment and J. J. Cole was elected to the position of second-lieutenant.

J.J. Cole, referred to as a great organizer and drill master, rose through the ranks and when the head of the company, Captain Blanchard, succumbed to his wounds received at Ringgold Gap, J.J. Cole became captain of Company K. He was with his men in almost every engagement over the course of three years except for the time when he was captured at Chicksaw Bayou in 1862 at the beginning of the Vicksburg Campaign. He was held as prisoner-of-war for four months and was eventually exchanged at the infamous Libby Prison in Richmond, Virginia and immediately rejoined his company. The *1874 Atlas and History of DuPage County, Illinois* states the following regarding Captain Cole's Military Record: "Here we find an instance of patriotism and devotion to the stars and stripes that has few parallels."

After his service, he had several commercial interests and sold the property to Austin Richards in 1865 who later sold to the Postmaster Henry Carpenter in 1871. J.J. Cole held important political positions. From 1866-1869 he served as the Supervisor (Mayor) of what was then unincorporated Downers Grove. He then served as DuPage County Clerk from 1869 to 1876 and in that role had the honor to attest to the incorporation of Downer Groves in 1873. He later served as the Mayor of Wheaton. Another quote on J.J.Cole's political career from the 1874 Atlas states: "There is no servant of the people who is more courteous and obliging to all alike in his official and social relations than he. Such are the men that people honor."

The home itself has had several changes and additions made over the years. The upper western end of the home most closely resembles the contemporary drawing from the *1874 Atlas and History of Du Page* with the dormer and associated windows. The porch has been changed to run across the Maple Avenue side of the house with four Doric columns supporting the roof. The eastern section of the house has been significantly changed with internal layout modifications and the addition of two gables. A structure at the rear of the structure that is present in the Sandborn map was removed at some point and the Huber's added a rear porch in 1986. Other features include casement windows, an archway with a pass-through, and interior woodworking.

COMPLIANCE WITH HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE

The petitioner has outlined the request in the attached narrative letter, excerpts from books, and photographs. The petitioner will further address the proposal and justification to support the requested landmark designation at the public hearing.

Landmark designations require evaluation based on Section 12.302 of the Historic Preservation Ordinance, *Landmark Designation Criteria*. Staff finds the request complies with Section 12.302A and Section 12.302.B, as described below.

Section 12.302.A.

The proposed landmark is either over fifty (50) years old, in whole or in part, or is under fifty (50) years of age and possesses exceptional importance such as might be recognized immediately for its reflection of an extraordinary political event or architectural innovation; and

The house was constructed in 1856 and is one of the oldest remaining structures in Downers Grove. This standard is met.

Section 12.302.B

That one or more of the following conditions exist:

- 1. The property has significant value as part of the historic, heritage or cultural characteristics of the community, county, State or Nation;**

This criteria does not apply.

- 2. The property was owned by a person or persons of historic significance to the community, county, State or Nation;**

Staff finds the property was built and owned by a person of historic significance to the community. J.J. Cole's role in the Plow Boys and his exemplary military service as a leader in Company K during the Civil War preceded a political career that included Supervisor of unincorporated Downers Grove. He was also the county clerk who attested to the official incorporation of Downers Grove. This criteria has been met.

- 3. The property represents the distinguishing characteristics of an architectural period, style, type, method of construction or use of indigenous materials;**

This criteria does not apply.

- 4. The property represents notable work of a master builder, designer, architect or artist whose individual work has influenced the development of the community, county, State or Nation;**

This criteria does not apply.

- 5. An area that has yielded or may be likely to yield, information important in history or prehistory.**

This criteria does not apply.

- 6. A source of civic pride or identity for the community.**

This criteria does not apply.

- 7. The property is included in the National Register of Historic Places.**

This criteria does not apply.

NEIGHBORHOOD COMMENT

Staff has not received any neighborhood comments regarding the proposal at this time.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff finds the petition complies with the criteria in Section 12.302 for Landmark Designation. Based on the findings above, staff recommends that the Architectural Design Review Board makes a positive recommendation to the Village Council for landmark status of 710 Maple Avenue.

Staff Report Approved By:



Stan Popovich, AICP
Director of Community Development

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710 Maple Ave. - Location Map



Dear Members of the Architectural Design Review Board,

We are James W. and Maren K. Huber, owners of 710 Maple Avenue. We are seeking Historic Landmark Designation for this home which is also known as the J. J. Cole house.

Captain Jordan James Cole was a farmer in the Downers Grove area before the town became incorporated; a soldier in the Civil War, wounded and a prisoner during his service; a local merchant; a land owner and businessman, a Supervisor (Mayor) of Downers Grove; and Clerk of DuPage County. He later became Mayor of Wheaton also. He was a prominent citizen of the Downers Grove Community and important in its history. When, in 1873, the Certificate of Incorporation for the Village of Downers Grove was issued in Naperville, it was J. J. Cole, Clerk of the County Court, who attested the document. The following quotation about Jordan James Cole was found in the *1874 Atlas and History of DuPage*.

There is no servant of the people who is more courteous and obliging to all alike in his official and social relations than he. Such are the men that people honor.

Efforts searching county records, *Downers Grove (history from) 1832-1982*, and the *1874 DuPage Atlas and History* resulted in determining the J. J. Cole house was built in 1856. Several changes and construction modifications did take place since 1856, but much of the original structure is plainly evident. Records show the following families have occupied this home.

J. J. Cole and family
Haas family
Edward and Pearl Innes
John and Mary Conn
Mr. and Mrs. Oreal and Clara Elder
J. D. Anthony
Rutherford Family
Swanson Family
James and Maren Huber family

The prominence of J. J. Cole in the community, his reputation in the surrounding area, and the age of this home – built in the 1850's – meet the requirements for seeking historic landmark designation. Included in this request for landmark status are the documents from the landmark packet, historical notes and observations, and photos – both old and new – for your review.

We hope you enjoy examining this information and conclude this home should receive the landmark designation.

Thank you for your time and effort in attending to this matter.

James W. Huber
Maren K. Huber

James W. Huber
Maren K. Huber

J. J. Cole House
710 Maple Avenue
(184 E. Maple Avenue)

Records (10846 20/25) show Jordan James Cole (1833-1901) came to Downers Grove with his mother, brother, and sister and purchased land from Curtiss in the Carpenter Subdivision on Maple Avenue in 1854. He built the family residence and began farming in Downers Grove. The estimated date of the home's construction is 1856, and the 1860 census shows the Cole farm worth \$3000 with personal items valued at \$1000.

During his life in Downers Grove, Cole became a noteworthy and distinguished citizen. He joined the Plowboys and enlisted to fight in the Civil War. Starting as Lieutenant, he was promoted to the rank of Captain when Captain Blanchard was wounded and later died. Captain Cole was wounded and taken prisoner at Chickasaw Bayou, Mississippi, in 1862, and was held in various locations until a prisoner exchange from Richmond, Virginia, in 1863.

Life experiences changed for Cole as he returned home, joined the civilian citizenry, and became well-known in the Downers Grove area. Farming responsibilities probably ended as he joined the War. Then returning to Downers Grove from military duty, Cole pursued a business opportunity and became a partner in the establishing of Messrs. Cole and Thatcher, a dry goods store. A political experience began for him and he was supervisor (equivalent to Mayor if Downers Grove had been incorporated at the time) of Downers Grove from 1866 to 1869. His tenure as supervisor ended when he served as DuPage County Clerk from 1869 to 1876. By 1870 he was living in Wheaton and listed as a merchant, although he still owned a residence in Downers Grove. Returning to public service, Cole was Mayor of Wheaton in 1885-1886. The town of Wheaton has a street named Cole Avenue.

Business ventures continued for Cole and his personal life began progressing also. In 1865 Cole's sister-in-law, Elizabeth Cole (widow of States Cole, J.J. Cole's late brother) married Austin Richards. At this time, J.J. Cole sold land to Austin Richards (6322 30/95) for \$2700. In September of 1871, Richards then sold the home and land to Downers Grove historical resident and postmaster, Henry Carpenter (14393 34/278). Cole married Susan Phylora Smith in 1872. The

couple had 2 children, Agnes (1873-1956) and Reno Berry (born 1878). After selling his interest in the dry goods store in 1874, Cole kept a Downers Grove home.

The structural history of the home is noteworthy also. Interior foundation arrangement appears to show the house was built in 2 sections. One portion, shown in a drawing from the *1874 Du Page County Atlas and History* publication, looks somewhat the same as a current photo. This is the western section (left hand part) in the photo and drawing. The upstairs dormer and 2 windows correspond exactly to the current home. On the lower level, however, several changes can be noted. The original porch has been replaced by one which runs across the entire front of the house. There are four Greek columns which support this porch addition. The lower portion of the west front area showed 3 original double-hung windows, and there is now a set of two vertical casement windows. These windows have been modified from a double French door which opened to the porch. Later the French door was changed to the current vertical casement windows.

The eastern section (right hand part) now has two gables upstairs and a different front door arrangement on the lower level. It also appears that significant changes were made in the eastern side of the house – currently a dining room and kitchen on the lower level and bedroom on the upper level of the house. The make-over of the eastern portion of the house seems to be substantial. In comparing the Atlas drawing and a modern photo of the home, and looking at the foundation construction inside the house, one might assume the eastern portion of the house was once a kitchen arrangement (note chimney at the back on that side of the house) which may have been completely razed and a new eastern section erected. That may have been when the front porch was extended to the entire front of the house.

The Cole house is shown in section 13 of the Sandborn map. On that document a structure is visible on the north wall at the rear on the east. This is possibly a back porch which has long ago been removed. Now the kitchen, located on the north wall, looks immediately over the driveway at the rear of the house. Currently a large screened porch is located on the west side of the north wall of the house. The Huber family added this feature in 1986, and it is not visible from the front view of the home.

The home's interior has some unique historical features. The north wall of the current dining room has an archway in the middle with a pass-through to the kitchen. On each side of this archway built-in storage exists with a swinging window/door arrangement fronting each storage area. There is a set of four swinging windows almost covering the east wall of the dining room, quite a change from the east view shown in the *1874 Atlas and History of DuPage*. Woodwork in the dining room and living room is old – it may or may not be original because of what appears to be the extensive remodel or reconstruction of the east portion of the house. The dining room has wooden beam configurations supporting the ceiling panels.

Open to the dining room is the living room and open to the living room is the family room. Both openings to and from the living room are rectangular and framed in old (may or may not be original) woodwork. An additional opening in the wall from the family room to the living room was created after a fireplace was added in 1954 by the Rutherford family. The new fireplace was so efficient it made the family room too warm; so by creating the large rectangular aperture, extra heat could then “escape” to the living room. This opening was later completed to the floor by the Hubers when a piano was placed in that location. Several upstairs rooms have cold air returns covered with the old iron grates.

The home's front door opens from the living room to the front porch. When Hubers purchased the home in 1972, the front door construction was wood with side glass panels covered with shutters. A change was made in 1986 where the wooden door assembly was removed and a swinging patio door was installed. The difference in appearance between the solid wood door and the open look of the glass is considerable.

Bedrooms at the east and west ends on the upper level have casement windows which swing open into the room. The older west wall windows in two bedrooms are small and very close to the floor. The side wall of the east bedroom also has casement windows; however these are larger and much farther from floor level.

In the below grade level of the house, past evidence is visible. One foundation wall adjacent to another foundation wall shows the place where the two sections of the house were constructed. The stone foundation wall is 16 inches thick. A

new fireplace exists now where an old octopus furnace once stood. A main beam with support posts has been installed in one part of the lower level and an old log/tree trunk support is visible under the staircase.

The home's history and prominent original owner and the structure's age with many of the original features still intact present good reasons for granting a landmark designation to this property.



Historic Landmark Information Form

Property Address 710 Maple Avenue Downers Grove, IL

Date of Construction 1856

Architectural Style Greek Revival

Architect (if known) _____

Number of Stories 2 Basement (Y/N) Y

Foundation Materials (Concrete, Concrete Block, Wood, Stone, Brick, N/A)

Stone

Exterior Wall Materials (Concrete, Wood, Stone, Brick, Vinyl, Other, N/A)

Siding

Roof Type (Gabled, Cross-Gabled, Hipped, Hipped-Gable, Shed, Gambrel, Flat, Other, N/A)

Cross-gabled

Roof Materials (Metal, Wood Shingle, Wood Shake, Composition, Slate, Tile, Other, N/A)

Asphalt Shingles

Window Type (Double-Hung, Awning, Casement, Hopper, Other, N/A)

Casement Double-hung

Window Materials (Wood, Aluminum, Vinyl, Other, N/A)

Wood with glass

Door Type (Panel, Flush, Transom, N/A) and Materials (Wood, Metal, Glass, N/A)

Wood with glass

Other significant exterior architectural features (Accessory Structures, Arches, Porches, Towers, Brick Course, etc.)

Front porch with Doric columns
Second floor dormer windows

JJ COLE HOUSE
1833-1901
184 E. Maple, 710 E. Maple

1853 Comes to Naperville for one year.

1854 Arrives in Downers Grove with mother and brother and sister. Buys land from Curtiss 10846 20/25 in Carpenter Subdivision on Maple

(1855 – Austin Richards arrives in Naperville)

I will estimate the home being erected about 1856

1860 Is in census as have a farm worth \$3000 and personal value of \$1000

(1860- Austin Richards is listed as having a farm of \$2000 and personal \$550)

1861 – Becomes a Plow Boy and enlists in Civil War as a LT in Company K-13. He is promoted to Capt. When Blanchard passes. He is captured. Was said to have stopped farming to join the war.

1863- States D. Cole dies
JJ is mustered out of War

1864 Cole and Thatcher Messr. Is founded. A dry goods store

(1865 March 1- Austin Richards marries Elizabeth Cole, States' widow.)

1865 – March 28 JJ Cole sells land to Richards 6322 30/95 for \$2700

1866-1869 JJCole is listed as Supervisor (Mayor) of Downers Grove

1869-1876 JJ is County Clerk

1870 – Census has JJ living in Wheaton listed as a Merchant

(1870- Census has Richards listed as retired farmer \$4000 and \$1000)

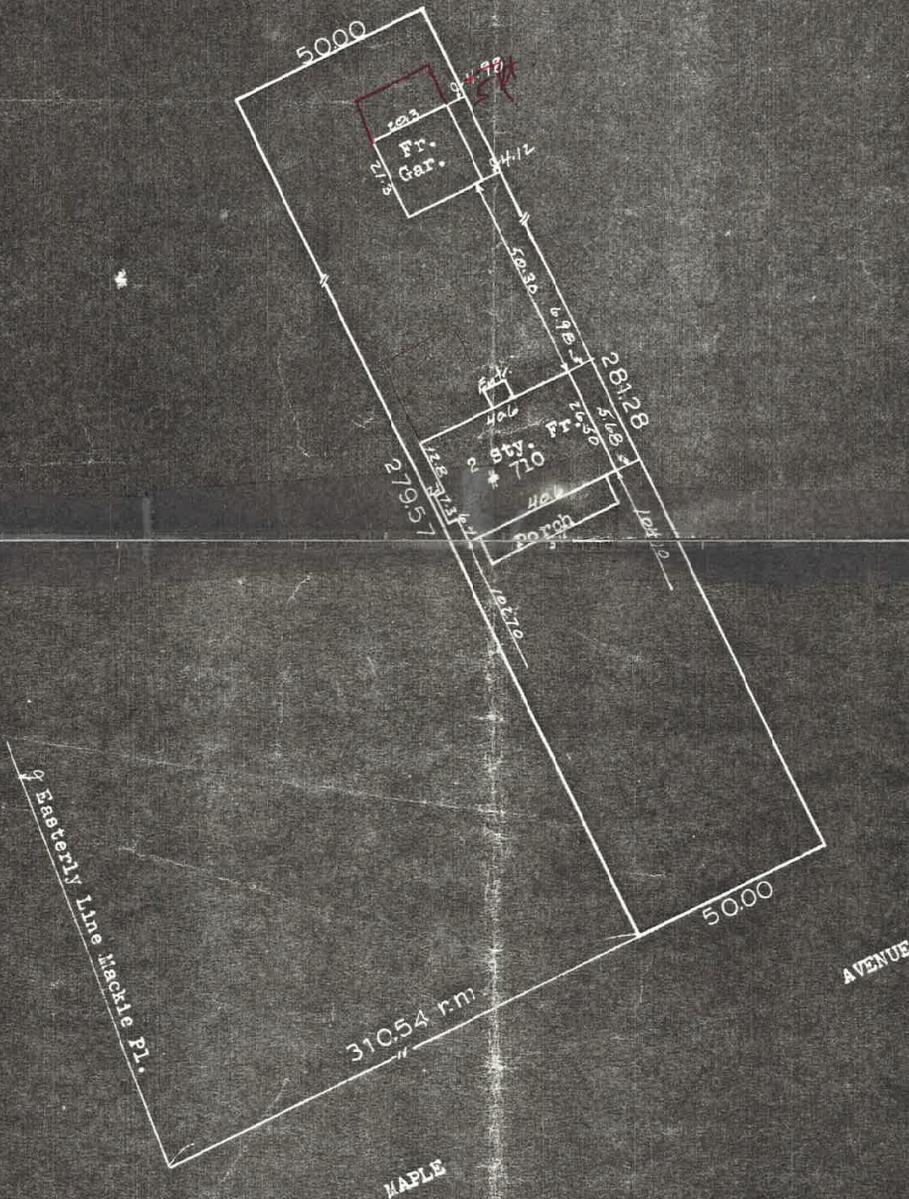
1871 September 18 sells land to Henry Carpenter 14393 34/278

1872 JJ Cole Marries Susan Phylora Smith

1873 Agnes is born d. 1956

Plat of Survey

The Easterly 50 feet of the Westerly 100 feet of that part of Lot 5 in Assessor's Subdivision of Section 8, Township 38 North, Range 11 East of the Third Principal Meridian, described as follows: Commencing in the center of Maple Avenue and in the South line of said Lot at a point, 1.51⁺ Chains North 65⁺ Degrees East of the Southwest corner of said Lot 5 and running thence North 23⁺ degrees West 4.71 Chains to Cossett's Northeast corner; thence North 6⁺ degrees East 2.29⁺ Chains to William Edward's Northwest corner; thence South 23⁺ degrees East 4.79 Chains to the center of said Maple Avenue; thence South 65⁺ degrees West 2.29⁺ Chains to the place of beginning, in Du Page County, Illinois.



Please check Legal Description with Deed and report any discrepancy immediately.

Surveyed Jan. 30, 1968
Building Located Jan. 30, 1968

Scale: 1 inch = 20 ft.
Order No. 680105
Ordered By: Realty Housing

STATE OF ILLINOIS }
COUNTY OF COOK } s.s.

I, STEPHEN J. BALEK, an Illinois Registered Land Surveyor, hereby certify that I have surveyed the property described above and the plat hereon drawn is a correct representation of said survey.

Dimensions are in feet and decimal parts thereof and are corrected to a temperature of 62 degrees Fahrenheit.

Stephen J. Balek
Illinois Registered Land Surveyor No. 1711

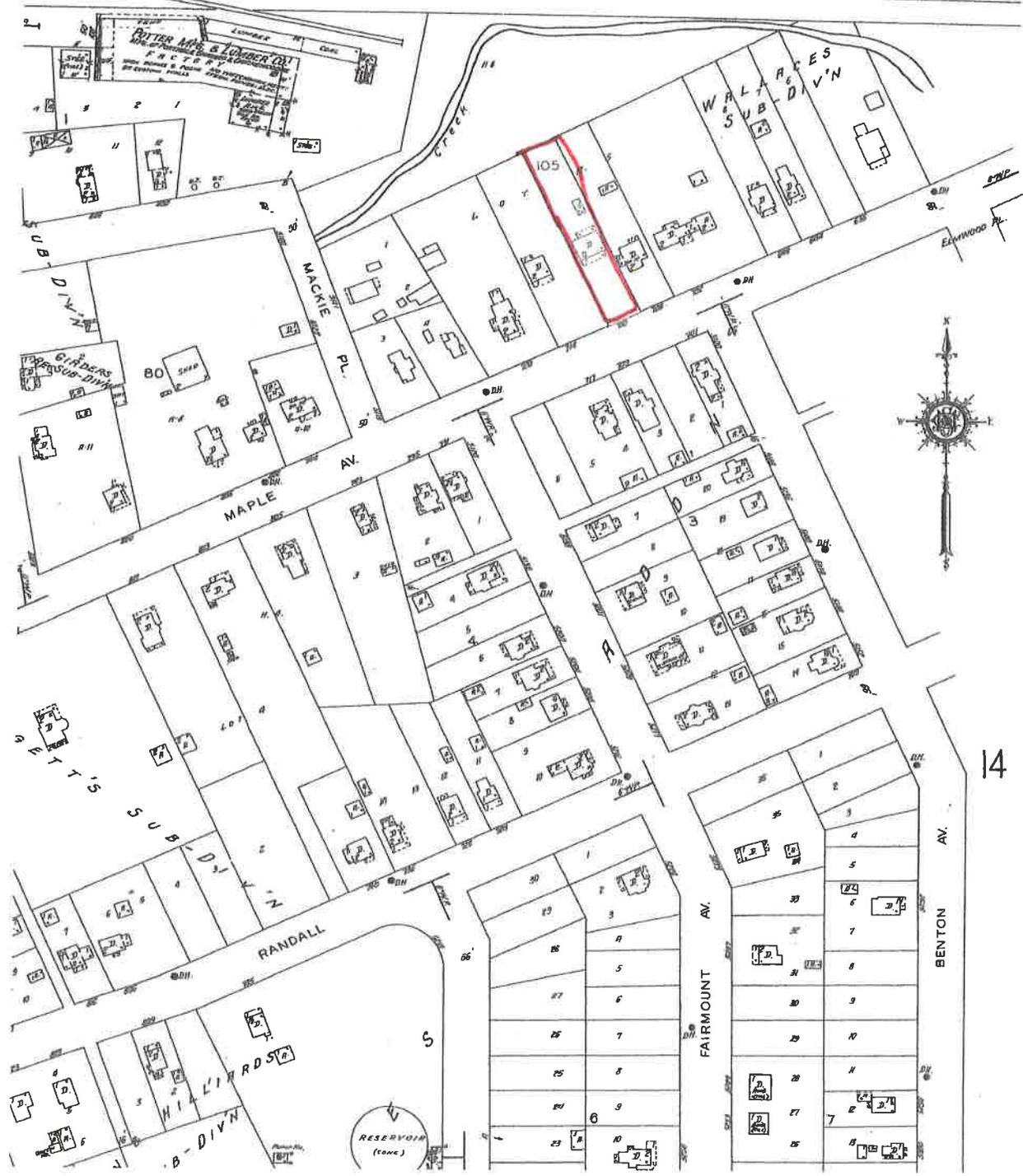




Photo #1: J.J. Cole



Photo #2: From the 1874 Atlas and History of DuPage



Photo #3: The western section of the house shows the same dormer and windows as the 1874 Atlas drawing (2016)



Photo #4: Current view of gables that were added to the east side of the house (2016)



Photo #5: Dining room arch and kitchen pass-through: side cabinets and ceiling beams partially visible (2016)



Photo #6: Casement windows on dining room east wall



Photo #7: Upstairs east bedroom casement windows are larger and not as close to floor as west bedroom casement windows are (2016)



Photo #8: Smaller casement windows are closer to the floor in west bedrooms (2016)



Photo #9: View of the log/tree trunk support for the main beam running east to west under the house (2016)



Photo #10: The J.J. Cole House as it looks today (2016)

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CAPT. J. J. COLE was born on the 16th day of April, 1833, in Putnam county, New York, a son of Berry Cole, who was born in Putnam county, on the 24th day of June, 1769; was twice married, and the father of fourteen children, J. J. being the youngest. He was a farmer, and the principal proprietor of the first show or menagerie that ever traveled through the country. He died in Putnam county, New York, in 1835, at the age of sixty-six years. At the age of twenty-one, J. J. Cole came to Illinois in company with his mother, his youngest brother and sister. They went on to a farm in the Big Woods settlement in Naperville township, DuPage county. Here J. J. engaged in agriculture. After one year spent here, he went to Downer's Grove and purchased a farm, where he continued farming until April, 1861, when he enlisted in Company K, Thirteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. On the organization of this company he was elected to the second lieutenancy, afterwards promoted to first lieutenancy, and thence to captaincy of the same company. He was taken prisoner in the rear of Vicksburg in December, 1862, and was held by the Confederates over four months, when he was exchanged. He was held in Vicksburg a short time after his capture, then sent to Jackson, Mississippi, and from there to Libby Prison, Richmond, Virginia. It was from here he was exchanged in time to reach his regiment in May, 1863, the next day after the investment of Vicksburg. He was present at the surrender of that stronghold.

The Thirteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry was engaged in the battles of Lookout Mountain, Mission Ridge, Arkansas Post, and many others, and has left a glorious record of self-sacrifice and devotion to the cause of the Union, and of the deeds of bravery shown in every skirmish and battle that they were called upon to participate in. Capt. Cole was with his company in every battle that they were engaged in, except the battle of Arkansas Post. Here we find an instance of patriotism and devotion to the stars and stripes that has few parallels. For three years Capt. Cole was never absent from his company only when a prisoner, and then no sooner liberated in a depleted condition, than he hastens back to his regiment and joins it (within ten rods of the very spot where he was captured), to re-engage in the deadly strife against the enemies of his country. Evidently, Capt. Cole never acted on the motto, that "he who fights and runs away will live to fight another day." After the expiration of the term of his enlistment he returned to his home at Downer's Grove.

In 1865 he embarked with E. Thatcher in merchandising. In 1866 he was elected to the supervisorship of his town, and re-elected from year to year for four consecutive years. When he was elected to the office of County Clerk, and in the fall of 1873 was re-elected to this office and received a unanimous vote, deservedly so, for there is no servant of the people who is more courteous and obliging to all alike in his official and social relations than he. Such are the men that the people like to trust and honor.

Capt. J. J. Cole has been twice married, and has one child, a daughter, Agnes May, born on the 9th day of May, 1873. The mother to the subject of these remarks is now living, at the age of seventy-eight, enjoying medium health. For many years her home has been with her son, J. J.

Capt. Cole's first vote was cast for J. C. Fremont for President. He has been a Republican ever since, and is, strictly speaking, a progressive and rising man.

In January, 1874, he sold his interest in the store of Messrs. Cole & Thatcher, of Downer's Grove, to Mr. Thatcher, his former partner. He still retains his house and lot there, a view of which may be seen in this work.

"To the Honorable M.C. Dudley
 County Judge of DuPage County, Illinois
 The undersigned legal voters in the county of
 DuPage and the State of Illinois, and residing
 upon and within the territory hereinafter
 described, being desirous of incorporating as a
 village under Article 11 of an act entitled *An Act
 For The Incorporation of Cities and Villages*,
 approved April 10, 1871, certain contiguous
 territory situated, lying and being in said Town-
 ship of Downers Grove, and known and described
 as follows—to wit:

All of section 8 and the east half of section 7,
 in Township 38, north range 11, east of the third
 principal meridian:

Would respectfully represent unto your Honor
 that the above territory is not now included
 within the limits of any incorporated town, vil-
 lage, or city, and that it has resident thereon a
 population of three hundred and fifty inhabi-
 tants.

Now therefore in view of the foregoing facts,
 and representations, your petitioners would
 respectfully petition your Honor to cause the
 question to be submitted to the legal voters
 resident upon and within the limits of said
 territory proposed to be incorporated as afore-
 said, whether they will organize under said act or
 not.

The said village to be incorporated shall be
 known and designated by the name of Downers
 Grove,"

Signed:

D.K. Foote
 D. Kimball
 Charles Curtiss
 E.S. Beardsley
 Lester Hunt
 E. Thatcher
 D.D. Escher
 J.W. Rogers
 L.H.L. Wilcox
 Thos. Lyman
 F.R. Rogers
 Thos. C. Marsh
 E.W. Farrar
 Charles Carpenter
 O.C. Gibbs
 T.S. Rogers
 I.N. Hobart
 J.H. Lyman
 John Stanley

D. Klein
 James M. Barr
 B. Randall
 T. Popenhausen
 A.B. Austin
 Austin Richards
 A.L. Loomis
 D.S. Richards
 L. Havens
 J. Wood
 A.E. Crittenden
 U. Balcom
 S.C. Schofield
 R.C. Bates
 Harmon
 . . . Goodenough
 J.H. Hill
 Israel L. Blackburn
 Edward Goodenough

On Saturday, March 29, 1873, an order was
 issued by the court that an election be held at the
 office of Warren Rogers which was on the east
 side of Main Street, north of Railroad Street. "It
 seems safe to assume that nearly every voter in
 the proposed village registered his opinion at the
 election."

Harriet Strong wrote,

"Old settlers who remember the election say it was
 hotly contested for weeks and the result was not
 known until the ballots were counted.

The following votes were cast:

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| For organization | 49 |
| Against organization | 38 |
| Majority | 11 |

whereupon Judge M.C. Dudley issued a certificate
 of incorporation at Naperville, March 31, 1873.
 Attested by J.J. Cole, Clerk of the County Court.

The first ordinances were regulations for orderly
 behavior, forbidding unseemly nuisances and noisy
 disturbances of the peace. For example, one section
 'Forbade the annoyance of others on Sunday by
 dancing, fiddling, singing songs, jumping, drilling,
 skating, running foot races, racing horses, playing
 ball, ten pins, billiards, cards, marbles, or other
 games, wrestling, or boxing, pitching quoits, fishing,
 hunting, or any amusement of like nature' and
 provided for a fine of not less than ten dollars."

At an election for Officers in the Village of Downers
 Grove County of DuPage, and State of Illinois held
 in pursuance of an act entitled "An Act to provide for
 the incorporation of Cities and Villages" the several
 persons afterwards mentioned were certified by the
 Judges of said election as being duly elected which
 certificate of said Judges of said election is in words
 and figures as follows:

To Wit:

At an election held in the office of J.W. Rogers in
 the Village of Downers Grove County of DuPage



J. Warren Rogers Building — where village election of 1873
 was held

Atlas of 1874
Patron's Directory of DuPage County

| NAME | RESIDENCE | DATE TO CO. | BIRTHPLACE | OCCUPATION |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------|------------|---|
| David Kline | D.G. | 1854 | France | Merchant |
| O. Kinyon | D.G. | 1843 | New York | Farmer |
| Henry M. Lyman | D.G. | 1839 | New York | Farmer |
| Thos. Lyman | D.G. | 1839 | New York | Real Estate |
| John H. Lyman | D.G. | 1839 | Ohio | Real Estate |
| Philip Leonard | (DG) Lyonsville | 1836 | France | Farmer |
| Hector Lyon | D.G. Cass | 1845 | New Jersey | Farmer |
| Jacob B. Miller | D.G. | 1844 | Penn. | Hotel & Saloon |
| J.B. Mackie | D.G. Cass | 1857 | Scotland | Farmer |
| Christian Mihm | D.G. Gower | 1849 | Germany | Stock Dealer & Farmer |
| Chas. A. Mihm | D.G. Gower | 1849 | Ill. (?) | Stock Dealer & Farmer |
| Louis Marwitz | D.G. Gower | 1870 | Germany | Farmer |
| Wm. Oldfield | D.G. Gower | 1850 | England | Farmer |
| John Oldfield | Lemont | 1849 | England | Cattle Broker |
| Fred Papenhausen | D.G. | 1871 | Germany | Merchant Tailor |
| Isaac Pool | D.G. | 1865 | Virginia | Farmer |
| Frederick Peters | D.G. | 1844 | France | Farmer |
| G. Frederick Prescott | D.G. | 1852 | Germany | Farmer |
| Henry Pantke | D.G. | 1860 | Germany | Farmer |
| Benjamin Prentiss | D.G. | 1837 | Canada | Farmer |
| J.W. Rogers | D.G. | 1844 | New York | Hardware, Agricultural/ Implements, & Coal & Lbr. Dir. in Provisions, Chicago |
| T.S. Rogers | D.G. | 1844 | New York | Farmer |
| F.A. Rogers | D.G. | 1844 | New York | Farmer |
| Austin Richards | D.G. | 1855 | New York | Farmer |
| F.M. Roe | D.G. | 1851 | Kentucky | Physician & Surgeon |
| Anthony Rohmer | D.G. Cass | 1843 | France | Farmer |
| Lewis Strouse | D.G. | 1846 | Penn. | Hdwr. & Agri Implement |
| J.W. Sucher | D.G. | 1847 | Kentucky | Blacksmith |
| Elisha Smart | DG—Lemont | 1838 | England | Farmer |
| John Schuster | DG—Gower | 1854 | Alsace | Farmer |
| Warren Smith | D.G. | ? | Mass. | Stock Dealer & Farmer |
| D.C. Stanley | D.G. | 1835 | Penn. | Farmer |
| E. Thatcher | D.G. | 1840 | Penn. | Postmaster & Merchant |
| John A. Thatcher | D.G. | 1845 | Penn. | Farmer |
| Abraham Wells | D.G. Cass | 1860 | England | Farmer |

Rufus Blanchard in *The History of DuPage County* listed the following public officials from the Downers Grove area;

**Those who served the County
in the State Legislature:**

1870-William M. Whitney
1874-V. Fredenhagen

County Clerks

1869-76-J.J. Cole

Sheriffs

1860-61 T.S. Rogers

County Judges

1839-J.W. Walker
1853-59-Walter Blanchard

Co. Supt. of Schools

1876-81-J.R. Haggard

County Commissioners

1839-J.W. Walker
1840-J.W. Walker
1841-J.W. Walker

Supervisors Town of Downers Grove

1850-Leonard K. Hatch
1851-53-Walter Blanchard
1854-G.W. Alderman
1855-Walter Blanchard
1856-Seth F. Daniels
1857-Samuel DeGolyer
1858-61-Leonard K. Hatch
1862-L.D. Fuller

Supervisors

1864-J.A. Thatcher
1865-T.S. Rogers
1866-68-J.J. Cole
1869-J.J. Cole
1870-Alanson Ford
1871-72-V. Fredenhagen