

NOMINATION FOR LANDMARK DESIGNATION

FRANK G. YOUNG HOUSE

830 Twenty-second Street  
Rock Island, Illinois

Legal Description: Out Lot 27, Section 35, Lot 14 of Wilkinson's Addition in the City of Rock Island, County of Rock Island, Illinois.

NOMINATION CRITERIA

Associated with an important person or event in national, state or local history.

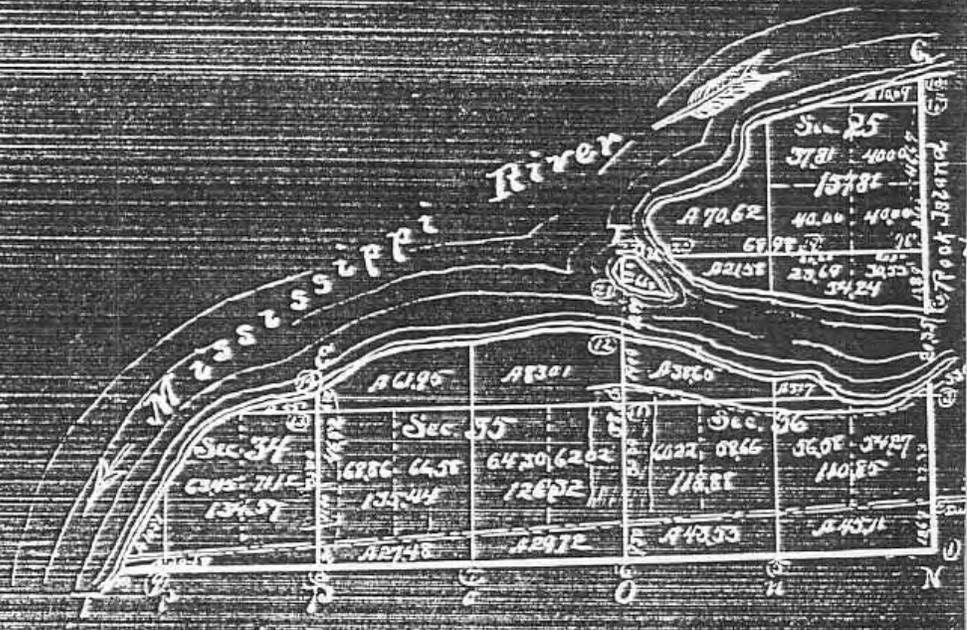
Representative of the distinguishing characteristics of an architectural and/or landscape type inherently valuable for the study of a period, style, craftsmanship, method of construction or use of indigenous materials and which retains a high degree of integrity.

Notable work of a master builder, designer, architect or artist whose individual genius has influenced an era.

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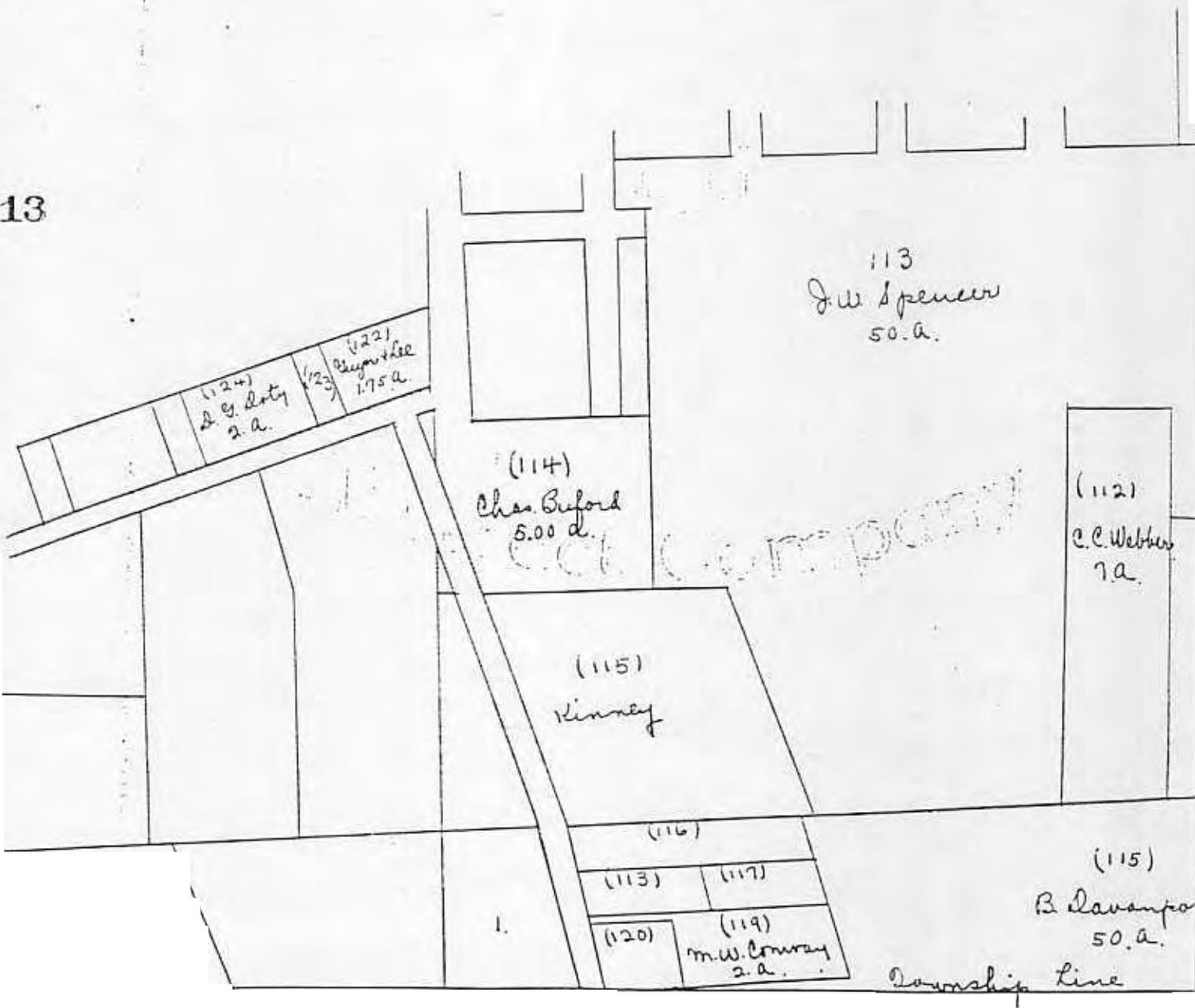
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ASSESSOR'S PLAT for 1856

Filed January 19, 1856

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WARRANTY DEED

1885  
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# Rock Island Title

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State of Illinois }  
 Rock Island County } ss  
 I hereby certify that the above is a correct Plat of a survey which I executed for Ira O. Wilkinson as an addition to the City of Rock Island, situated in the County of Rock Island and State of Illinois, and being the subdivision of Out Lot to the City of Rock Island numbered 27 in Section 36 Township 18 N. R. 2 E. of the 4th P.M. There was a Post set at the corner of each and every Lot.

The size of the Lots are marked on the lines thereof. Given under my hand this July 28th 1864  
 C.H. Stoddard Surveyor

State of Illinois }  
 Rock Island County } ss  
 I Alex F Swander a Justice of the Peace of said County do Certify that the annexed Plat of a Survey by C.H. Stoddard of Out Lot No 27 in the City of Rock Island was this day July acknowledged before by Ira O. Wilkinson, the Proprietor thereof as and for an addition to the City of Rock Island in the County of Rock Island and State of Illinois. Given under my hand and seal at my office in the City of Rock Island this 5th day of August 1864

Alex F Swander J.P.

J.W. Spencer

Rock Street

Indian Boundary Line

## HISTORY OF PROPERTY

An Entry of Land from the United States of America to Roswell H. Spencer and John W. Spencer is dated 30 May 1836. Its description is "The Southeast Quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section Thirty-five (35), Township Eighteen (18) North, Range Two (2) West of the Fourth Principal Meridian, containing 126.32 acres." This fractional quarter lies North of the Indian Boundary Line and purchased by the Spencers for \$1,000.00. For the same sum, John Spencer was granted a Warranty Deed by his brother, Roswell, on 8 June 1836.

The next land transfer took place 2 December 1854 when John W. Spencer and Eliza Spencer, his wife, gave a Warranty Deed to Christopher C. Webber for \$5,974.00. The real estate was described as follows: Commencing Eleven (11) chains and Ten (10) links South of the Southwest corner of Lot One (1) Block Eight (8) in Spencer's Addition to Rock Island and on a line of the East side of Adams Street Four (4) chains and Fifty-five (55) links to the west side of said Dock Street Fifteen (15) chains and Twenty-four (24) links to the Indian Boundary Line; thence West along said Indian Boundary Line Four (4) chains and Fifty-five (55) links to the East side of Adams Street extended South; thence North Fifteen (15) chains and Thirty-two (32) links to the place of beginning and containing Six and Ninety-five Hundredths (6.95) acres, and being in Southeast fractional Quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) Section Thirty-five (35), Township Eighteen (18), North Range Two (2) West of the Fourth (4th) Principal Meridian.

### LEGEND

ROD	EQUALS	16.5 FEET
CHAIN	"	66 FEET OR 4 RODS
MILE	"	320 RODS OR 5,280 FEET
SQUARE ROD	"	277.5 SQUARE FEET
ACRE	"	43,680 SQUARE FEET
PERCH	"	5.5 YARDS
POLE	"	5.5 YARDS
ROOD	"	40 SQUARE POLES
LINK	"	7.92 INCHES

Christopher C. Webber and Ellen S. Webber mortgaged the 6.95 acres to John W. Spencer for \$4,474.00 on 2 December 1854. The mortgage was released 10 March 1859.

The day before Christmas of 1859, the sheriff of Rock Island County sold the 6.95 acres to Lambert & Company for \$818.17 because of a suit against Louis M. Webber and Christopher C. Webber. The sale would become absolute at the end of 15 months.

During 1862 and 1863 there were foreclosures, deeds, sheriff's tax deed, quit claim deeds and finally a Warranty Deed from Cornelius Lynde, Jr. and Mary Adams Lynde to Ira O. Wilkinson for consideration of \$2,500.00 for the east half of the 6.95 acres on 11 April 1864.

Lots 1 through 17 in Wilkinson's Addition (Out Lot 27) were granted to Cyrus J. Dart by Ira Wilkinson for \$2,500.00 on 1 March 1865.

Cyrus J. Dart died 11 December 1893 and surviving him were his widow, Frances C. Dart and four children; Grace Dart (30 years), Cyrus V. Dart (20 years), Florence H. Dart (17 years) and Worthy L. Dart (19 years).

The estate was closed 7 May 1902. Grace Emeline Dart had married Henry Carstensen on 4 November 1894. Her sister, Florence H. Dart, was married to Warren H. Reck 22 February 1898 who began as a salesman at McCabe Bros. and within less than 10 years became treasurer of L. S. McCabe & Co.

The widow granted a Quit Claim Deed to her four children in January 1900 for consideration of \$1.00 and U. S. Revenue Stamps \$4.00. All interest in Out Lot 27 described as: "Commencing at a point in the Indian Boundary Line of Flack and Bean where the same is intersected by the West Line of 22nd Street in said City of Rock Island and County of Rock Island and State of Illinois, thence North along the West line of said Street 30 feet to the North line of 9th Avenue in said City for the place of beginning; thence North along the said West line of said 22nd Street 470 feet to an Iron Stake, thence West 140.7 feet to an iron stake; thence West 10 feet; thence South 473.2 to the said North line of said 9th Avenue; thence in an Easterly direction along said North line of said 9th Avenue 10 feet to an Iron Stake; thence Easterly along said North line 140.5 feet to the place of beginning."

Grace E. Carstensen, a widow; Florence H. Reck and Warren H. Reck, her husband; Cryus V. Dart and Beulah W. Dart, his wife; and Worthy L. Dart, unmarried; the Cyrus V. Dart heirs, granted a Warranty Deed to Cynthia O. Woodruff for consideration of \$1,500.00 on 14 July 1904. The description of the conveyed property was: "That part of Out Lot Twenty-seven (27) in the South East Quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section number Thirty-five (35), in Township number Eighteen (18) North, Range number Two (2) West of the Fourth Principal Meridian, as shown upon the Assessor's Plat of said Section of the year A. D. 1864, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a point on the Indian Boundary Line of Flack and Bean, where the same is intersected by the West line of Twenty-second Street, in the City and County of Rock Island, in the State of Illinois, said point being in the center of Ninth Avenue in said City; thence North One hundred ninety feet (190 ft.) for a place of beginning, thence North Sixty feet (60 ft.) to the South East corner of a certain tract heretofore conveyed by the grantors herein to Ida Mosenfelder, thence West along the South line of said Mosenfelder's tract, One Hundred forty and seven tenths feet (140.7 ft.), thence South Sixty feet (60 ft.), thence East One hundred forty and seven tenths feet (140.7 ft.) to the place of beginning."

And as a further consideration for this conveyance covenants with the grantors that no building shall at any time be erected on said premises, the front or East wall of which is nearer to the West line Twenty-second Street in said City than twenty-five (25 ft.) excepting bay windows, verandas or porches; that no building shall be erected on said premises, excepting a private dwelling house and out buildings therefor, and no building erected thereon shall at any time be used

except for residence purposes, and no more than one such dwelling house shall ever be erected or moved upon any part of the premises herein described. And the covenants in this clause contained shall be construed as covenants running with the land.

Also the party of the first part hereby grants to the party of the second part and to those who may hereafter become the owners of the land abutting on the same, the joint use for the purpose of an alley in connection with the said above described premises, the West ten feet of the South five hundred and three and 2/10 feet of said Out Lot number twenty-seven aforesaid, in order to widen the alley extending North and South on the West of said tract to the width of twenty feet, situated in Rock Island County.

A Warranty Deed for Lot 14 was granted to John Volk by Cynthia O. Woodruff, a widow, on 13 April 1907 for consideration of \$2,400.00

On 11 May 1907, John Volk, a widower, in consideration of \$1.00 and other good and valuable considerations, granted a Warranty Deed to Caroline Young.

Caroline Young and Frank G. Young, her husband, mortgaged the property for \$9,000.00 to Central Trust and Savings Bank on 4 September 1909. From the price increase of \$1.00 and other considerations in May 1907 to a mortgage of \$9,000.00 in September 1909, one can assume the Young House was built circa 1907.

The property transferred again on 5 October 1915 from the Youngs to James L. Vernon. In 1916, Mr. Vernon was president of L. S. McCabe & Co., Peoples National Bank and German Trust and Savings Bank. Through 1922, presidencies were his career and American Trust and Savings was added in 1920 and yet another one, Young & McCombs in 1922. The covenants were still in place and were deleted in 1949.

On 2 May 1924, Mr. Vernon gave a Warranty Deed to American Trust and Savings Bank. Jennie Clark Vernon filed for divorce 30 September 1924. The case was dismissed 5 January 1925 on motion of the complainant.

An agreement of some 10 pages between American Trust and Savings Bank and Central Trust and Savings Bank dated 27 February 1926 and filed 25 October 1927 resulted in all assets of American Trust going to Central Trust. J. L. Vernon filed bankruptcy in October 1927 and disclaimed title to the lot. He gave a Warranty Deed to Central Trust as trustee for American Trust. Jennie C. Vernon conveyed a Quit Claim Deed to Central Trust.

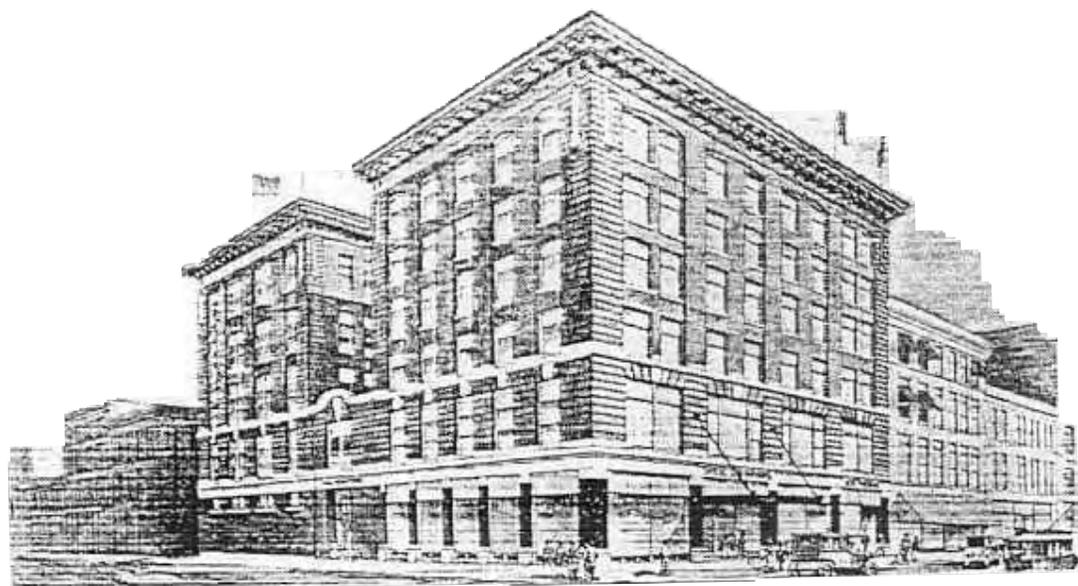
A Certificate of Consolidation was filed 11 January 1932 organizing Rock Island Bank and Trust Company. Rock Island Savings Bank, Central Trust and Savings Bank, Manufacturers Trust and Savings Bank of Rock Island and Blackhawk State Bank merged

A Special Warranty Deed was granted by Rock Island Bank and Trust Company to Clive D. Terry and Marie H. Terry, his wife, for U. S. Revenue Stamps \$5.50 plus \$1.00 consideration for Lot 14 on 30 October 1934.

The Terrys mortgaged the property on 3 November for \$5,419.00. The mortgage was released 7 February 1949. This same year in May, the property was sold to Gordon E. and Margaret H. Winders. Then a Quit Claim Deed from the Winders to the Terrys and Geneva Murrell Harris and Jo Harris, spinsters, also in May.

The continuation of owners proceeds after the deaths of Clive Terry, Geneva Murrell Harris, Jo Harris and Marie Terry. Marie Terry left the real property to John Scott Harris. He and his wife, Patricia A. Harris sold it to Douglas G. Shell and his wife, Sue E. Shell in June of 1982. Melvin F. Williams and Michael Dryoel received a Warranty Deed from the Shells 24 June 1983. Jane E. and William F. Block, the present owners. were given a Warranty Deed 20 February 1986.

FOR THE PEOPLE  
BY THE PEOPLE  
—A—  
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STORE



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Young & McCombs  
CO-OPERATIVE COMPANY  
ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS

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Rock Island, Illinois.



## FRANK G. YOUNG AND WILLIAM SHARP McCOMBS

Originally the senior member of Young & McCombs, Frank G. Young was born in Zanesville, Ohio in 1862. He and his parents settled in Rock Island in 1876. His working years began as a clerk in the Mill Store for five years while taking a college business course. His business career began with a grocery store located at 1103 Third Avenue. After a successful business for eight years, he sold it and began a notions store, The Columbia, uptown at 1728 Second Avenue.

For quite awhile, William Sharp McCombs was the junior partner of Young & McCombs. He was born at Steubenville, Ohio in 1859. His parents and he moved to Marshalltown, Iowa three years later. Mr. McCombs graduated from Bryant & Stratton Business College and spent the following several years as a clerk in the Marshalltown post office. Then he joined an uncle in a dry goods business in Boone, Iowa for a time. After returning to Marshalltown, he again worked in a dry goods business. From there, Rock Island was his destination in 1885 and was manager of the dress and silk goods department of McCabe Bros. store for eight years.

The partnership of Young and McCombs began in 1893 at Young's store, 1728 Second Avenue. The pair moved across the street to 1727 when they had outgrown the store. The new location was a three storey building and approximately 20 feet by 150 feet deep. It was a considerable increase over the store where Mr. Young began. Soon this facility had also become too small. The partners took over the block of 1723 - 1727 Second Avenue.

On 1 December 1897, there was an informal opening of the newest store with Bleur's orchestra furnishing the music. The gentlemen had acquired an additional forty feet in building width. The front of the building was nearly solid glass. Many electric lights had been installed in the windows of all three storeys. The store was the first one outside of Chicago to be equipped with a pneumatic tube system for cash transactions.

After nearly ten years, once more the Young & McCombs store had to seek larger quarters. The end result was that L. P. Best of Davenport purchased the Buford Block which was demolished to make way for the new six storey Best Building, 17th Street and Second Avenue, at a cost of \$135,000.00. And probably more to pay for the shattered windows along Second Avenue caused by a heavy dynamite charge used in excavating the site.

In 1909 when the store opened in the Best Building, it became Young & McCombs Co-Operative Company. For \$10.00 one could become a stock holder and profit sharer. W. S. McCombs was president and F. G. Young, vice president and treasurer.

The brochure used to entice stock holders gave this summary of what all could be purchased at the store and receive a five percent rebate on every single purchase.

"We carry complete lines of Dry Goods, Hosiery, Underwear, Notions, Hair Goods, Shoes for Men, Women and Children, Men's Furnishings, Women's, Misses' and Children's Ready-to-wear Garments, Curtains,

Draperies, Rugs, Linoleums, Mattings, Trunks and Suit Cases, Candies, Cigars, Drugs, Optical Goods, Millinery, China and Cut Glass and the thousand things that go to make up a House Furnishings Department"

Louis P. Best served as president and treasurer of the store between the years 1917 and 1920. Mr. McCombs served as vice president and secretary during the same period. Frank Young added a new vocation in 1907 which continued through 1909 as president and treasurer of Rock Island Tool Company. He still worked as vice president and treasurer of Young & McCombs until 1914.

Mr. McCombs retired from business two years before his death in December 1923. L. P. Best was listed as president in a Young & McCombs Argus advertisement 3 September 1920. Mr. Young moved to Davenport prior to his death in September 1932. There was no Rock Island City Directory listing for him after 1916.

## ARCHITECTURAL STYLE

The Young House at 830 - 22nd Street was designed by Leonard M. Drack, architect. This residence combines the styles of Colonial Revival (1870 - 1950) and Queen Anne (1880 - 1910). It has none of the main identifying features of the Colonial Revival style. Some of which are an accentuated front door, a symmetrical facade with a center door and balanced windows, double hung sashes with multiple panes in either one or both sashes and usually paired windows.

However, the ediface does have some of the characteristics of the asymmetrical subtype which makes up approximately ten percent of Colonial Revival houses. Examples range from simple box shapes with porches and windows placed asymmetrically to the free classic style of Queen Anne. Of the nine principal subtypes, this one was used for about one third of the Colonial Revival houses prior to 1910.

Queen Anne identifying features are an irregular, steeply pitched roof, oftentimes a front gable cutaway bay window, patterned shingles and other methods of ornamentation to avoid a plain, smooth face.

Free classic, a decorative detailing subtype, makes up about one third of Queen Anne houses. Classical columns instead of turned posts are used for porch supports. The columns may be full height or raised on a pedestal to the porch railing which is usually not delicate and the columns are usually grouped in twos or threes. Palladian windows, cornice-line dentils and other classical details are often found. After 1890, this subtype became common and has a lot in common with asymmetrical Colonial Revival houses.

On the facade and the other sides of the house, elements of the free classic Queen Anne architectural style and those of the asymmetrical subtype of Colonial Revival style can be seen.

There are three, three windowed dormers on the east, south and north sides and one, one window dormer on the west. The windows are set bowed from the wall surface. Wood shingles cover the side and front walls of the dormers. It is likely the original material for the roof was wood shingle.

Coming down to the second storey, there is a five sided bay on the northeast corner of the house. The window in the center bay is slag glass with tulips in a variety of colors. Certainly, a Queen Anne motif, even though it is not a tower. At the roof line of both storeys, it is a cutaway, by the roof, bay. Under the very wide porch roof eaves, a small cannon ball theme has been used. It was used under the second storey eaves on the Drack House at 836 - 22nd Street.

The main entrance door has a tulip shaped beveled glass insert. The glass is about three quarters of the door's length. A pair of very handsome swinging doors with beveled glass in intricate patterns, is used in the vestibule. For doors and large windows which are used frequently, zinc rather than lead is used between the pieces of glass for strength.

The porch has four ponderous fluted wood columns resting on concrete stone pedestals. The columns have a classical appearance but they do not belong to a particular order. They are probably best described as a free style classical interpretation of the Doric order. To lighten the bulky mass of the porch, Architect Drack used urn shaped balusters combined with narrow wood top and bottom rails for the porch balustrade. Skirting on the porch is composed of overlapping wood arches which again lightens the porch's overall view.

The front parlor has a three sided bay with the center window a leaded, beveled and mottled glass transom. The center is a very stylized lyre shape with a long horizontal banner of craquel glass, from the French work "craquer" meaning "to crack", running out to each side. There are dentils on the transom bar. An identical window is on the south side of the room.

There is a dripstone course at the second storey window sill level going around the house. Also, an over wide frieze complements the generous eaves.

It is probable that the south facing door on the southwest corner porch was added at one time. It leads into the kitchen. There is a door off the back stairs of the house leading to the rear yard. Convenience from the kitchen to the yard warranted the addition for modern day living. The larger door on the west wall enters a small hall off the back parlor.

At the west side of the property, almost in the center, there is a newer double garage. Typical of the ads which state "a double garage built on your property for \$3,900.00".

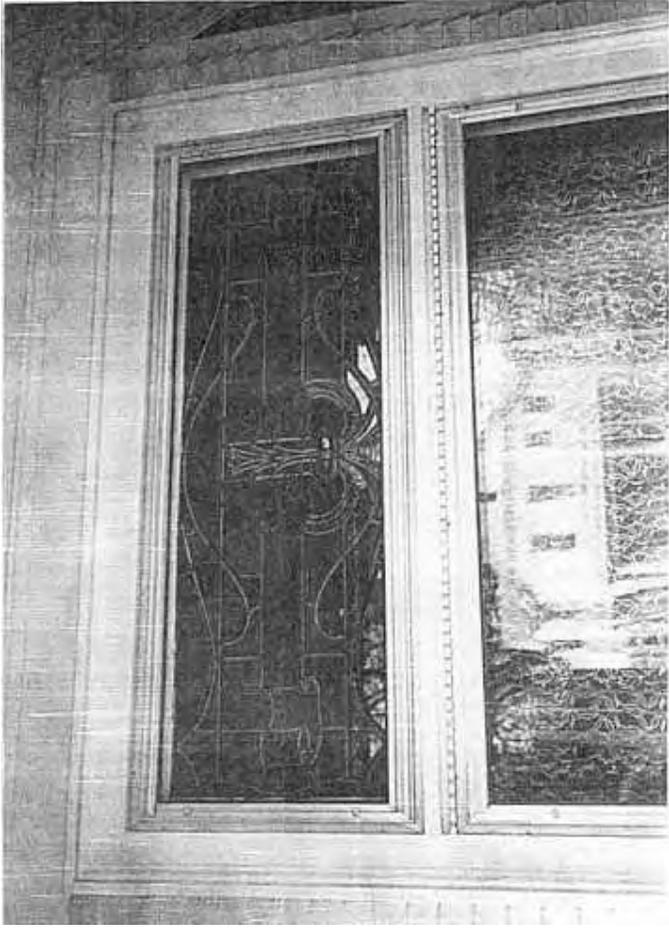
A feature of the north side is the rectangular bay of the dining room topped with a simple balustrade repeating the rectangular form in its balusters and corner posts. The stained and leaded window, the design is composed of grape clusters, is further adorned with almost the identical extra wide frieze as is on the main structure.

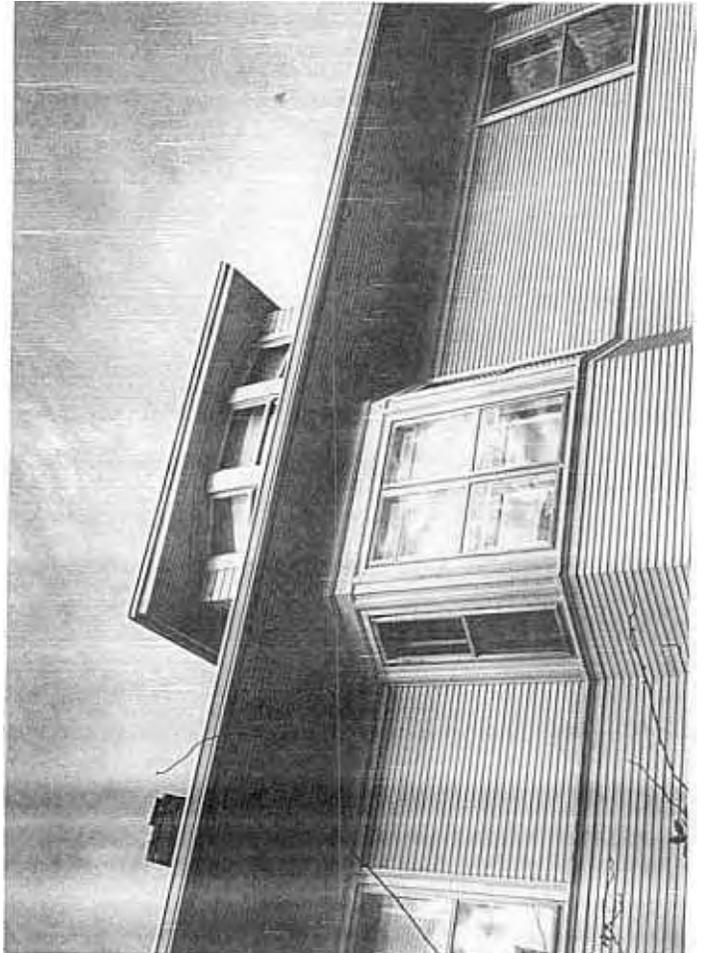
The second storey has corner boards from the frieze line to the dripstone course and below that the corners have plain mitered joints on the bevel sided house.

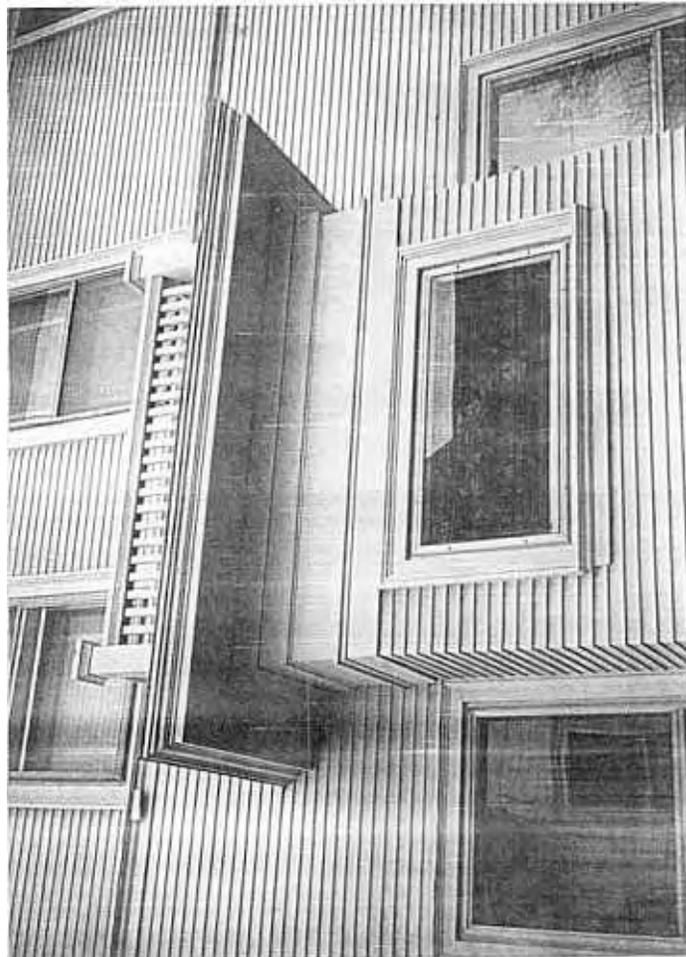
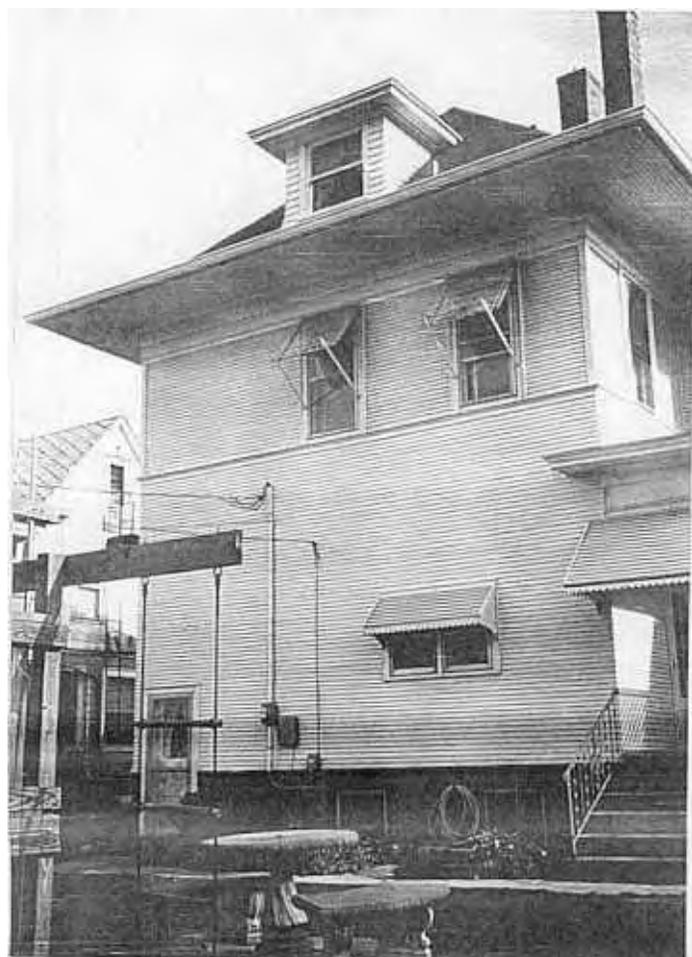
Fenestration is asymmetrical. The windows, with the exception of five, are double hung sash with one over one or two lights. Four of those contain leaded and/or beveled and stained glass. The fifth is a large rectangular one on the north side and is not original to the house nor are the two small windows on the west original.

The first floor interior plan is typically Victorian in arrangement. The stairs on one side of the front hall, two parlors, dining room, lavatory, kitchen and pantry. The cutaway bay provides a small octagonal room.

The plans of 830 by the architect, Leonard M. Drack, provide an extraordinary combination of the Colonial Revival and Queen Anne styles.







## LEONARD M DRACK, ARCHITECT

The Rock Island City Directory for 1891/1892 lists Leonard M. Drack as an architect with G. Bick, carpenter and builder whose business was located at 1236 - 38th Street and residence at 1230 - 38th Street. The following year, 1892/1893, Drack worked as a draughtsman for Collins Bros., Contractors and Builders.

During the period of 1894/1895, George M. Kerns and Leonard Drack became partners in the architectural firm, Drack & Kerns, Architects & Superintendents.

George M. Kerns, Drack's partner, first appears in the Rock Island City Directory for 1891/1892 as a draughtsman for D. S. Schureman and residing at 1102 Third Avenue. The following year, 1892/1893 his listing is given as an architect at 814 Second Avenue. From 1899 through the 1901/1902 issue, he and his wife, Edna, are noted as residing at 832 - 23rd Street. It appears he arrived in Rock Island abruptly and left the same way - no listing after the directory of 1901/1902.

One of their built designs was the German Lutheran Church (Immanuel Lutheran) on the northwest corner of 20th Street and Fifth Avenue. Dedication services were held Sunday, 20 December 1896. Ministers of the same faith were present from the surrounding area for the three services. Two of which were in German and the evening service in English. In 1860 the congregation numbered just seven and grew to some 170 voting members and three ladies' societies by 1896.

The cost of the new church was \$25,000.00 and built of St. Louis pressed brick. The edifice has a large finished basement with seating accommodations for meetings and socials. A seating capacity of approximately 1000 is in the nave and more can be accommodated in the balconies on both sides. These are joined by a choir loft on the south wall. N. Juhl was the contractor and Henry Voege, also of Rock Island, did the fresco work. Mr. F. C. A. Denkmann donated the brass chandeliers.

The Rock Island County Board of Supervisors chose Drack & Kerns as their second choice for the county court house design with 15 votes in March of 1895. The firm Gunn & Curtis of Kansas City received 19 votes and the contract. The designs were given code names. Drack & Kerns was "00" and the one by Gunn & Curtis was "Dome". How ironic it is no longer on the structure.

June Drack Harrison credited her grandfather, Leonard Drack, for designing the Modern Woodmen Building (Rock Island County Administration Building), built in 1898, in a letter dated 18 April 1984 to the former owners of 830 - 22nd Street.

The Dispatch of 16 April 1900, announced the plans were completed for L. S. McCabe's new business block on the north side of Third Avenue between 17th and 18th Streets. The plans for the building, prepared by Drack & Kerns, called for the most expensive, \$75,000.00, structure for purely mercantile purposes ever built in Rock Island. Collins Bros. of Rock Island received the general contract. The newspaper article described the building to be "of the Renaissance order". The first storey alley end of the building as well as the Third Avenue

front were designed largely to be plate glass. The glass was also used in the upper two storeys for maximum natural lighting. The building was connected to the Second Avenue store by means of a bridge from the second floor over the alley.

The evening edition of the 6 June 1901 Dispatch praised highly all the features of the new McCabe's Store which was open for business

On 11 January 1901, the Rock Island Public Library Board examined the four sets of designs submitted for their new building. There were three by local firms and one from outside. D. H. Burnham, the world's fair architect, assisted the board in their decision.

"A Modern Library" headlined an article in the Argus of 15 January 1901. It was planned to be built during the coming construction season and not to exceed \$60,000.00. The structure was designed by Drack & Kerns and the "general style of architecture is classic, or, speaking more particularly, ionic." It was mentioned that the building would require about a year for completion. The architectural firm also supervised the construction. The general contractor was Collins Bros.

The Drack House, 836 - 22nd Street was built in 1905 for Leonard M. Drack, his wife, Ida, and their children, by John Volk and designed by Drack

In 1907 Leonard Drack was the architect for the Young House located at 830 - 22nd Street, next door to his own home. Since it was John Volk who sold the land to Caroline Young, it is reasonable to assume he built this residence, also.

Mr. Drack is listed in the Rock Island City Directories through the 1907/1908 issue. In May of 1907 his home was sold and the Dracks moved to 905 - 20th Street and listed as boarders there. His office is given as 312½ - 20th Street.

His business card of 1905 lists him alone as an architect and superintendent with an office over Peoples National Bank in Rock Island. It could possibly have been in 1909 that he moved to Washington or Oregon. His granddaughter's letter of April 1984 states "At the time of his death he was Superintendent of Construction for the Union Bridge Company of Seattle working out of Portland. He died in an accident while trying to catch a train to return to an area near Hood River, Oregon where he was working on a bridge. He was killed by the train."

It was a tragic loss for architecture and construction. However, he left many architectural legacies in the City of Rock Island.

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beautiful of which was the broken wheel sent by the Brotherhood, of which Engineer Dyer was a member. The pallbearers were: George E. Scott, W. W. Scott, F. L. Hodgdon, W. M. Arnold, John Horna and John

liary glories, to win, but was knocked out at the polls, nevertheless. As for the city attorneyship, Mr. Haas has said repeatedly in the past year that he would not be a candidate, and if he gives serious consideration to the mention of his name for mayor that would naturally take him out of the field of those mentioned for the municipality's legal adviser. Should he not aspire to higher distinction, or should he fail to attain that recognition, his plans might, however, be changed. Mr. Keely was a candidate two years ago, and is again now. Adair Pleasants is also spoken of for the nomination for attorney.

**They All Enter In.**

There are many things this year in particular that are apt to enter into the considerations preceding the republican nomination in the spring. The matter of federal appointments may cut something of a figure, and hence the struggle for the mastery in the municipal situation will involve, maybe, the fight for recognition before the powers that be at no less a court than the White House at Washington.

Stranger things have happened in this great land of ours.

**A Nice Treat.**

The ladies of Rock Island and Moline are respectfully invited to attend an exhibition of samples of fine lace curtains, draperies, linens and art embroidery at the Harper house parlors Monday afternoon between 2 and 5 o'clock. The above mentioned samples of Huber, Darler & Co., of St. Gall, Switzerland, embrace some of the most artistic productions of European artists, and no true lover of art can afford to miss this opportunity of inspecting the same. This invitation is extended through the courtesy of M. Paradise, representative for Chicago and the northwest of the above mentioned firm.

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**Refunds the Bonds.**

The board of education held a special meeting last night to straighten out its financial matters. Nov. 1 \$25,000 of the bonds outstanding matured, but not having the ready money to liquidate them, arrangements were made with the holders for an extension of five years.

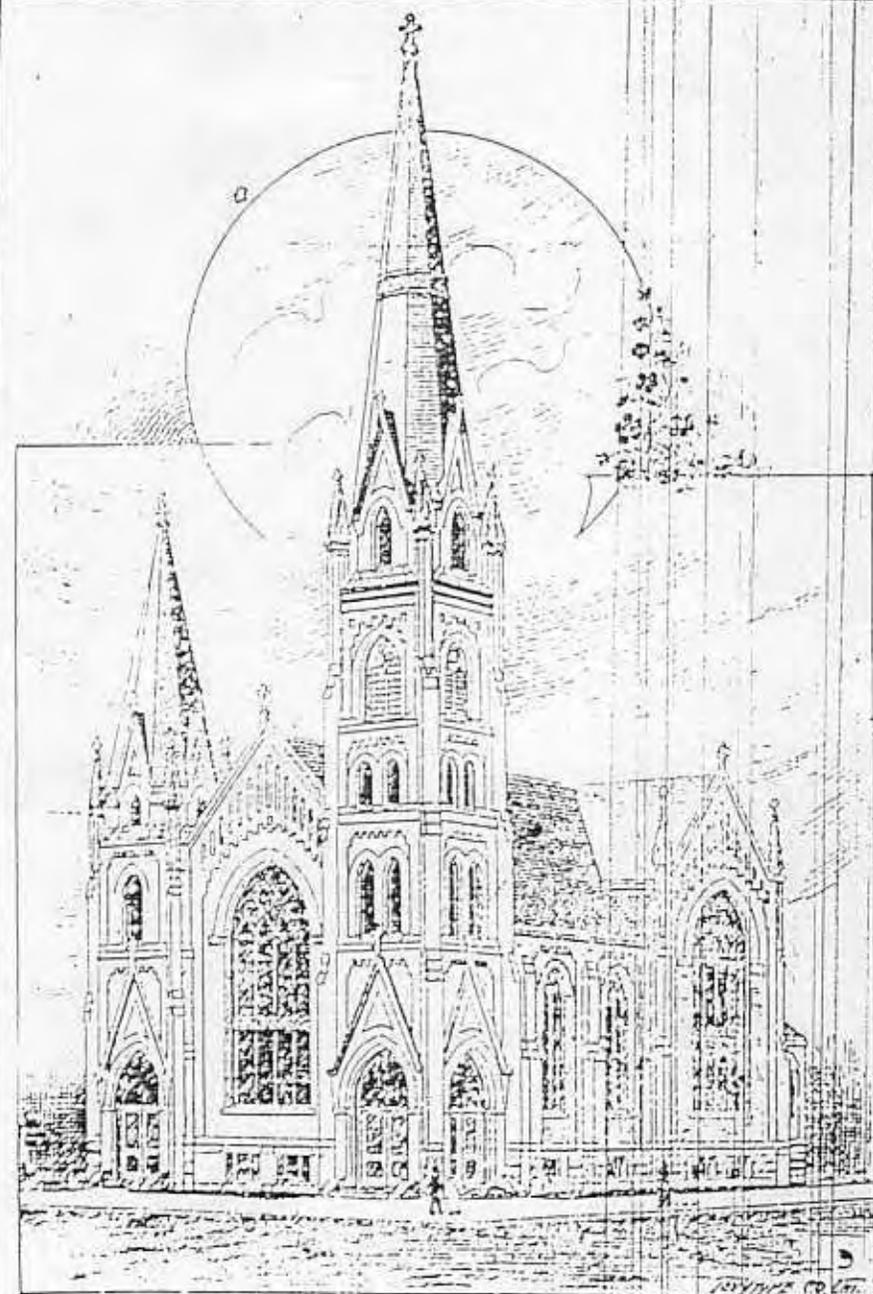
The board has an indebtedness of about \$35,000, which will be reduced \$20,000, when the money from the tax levy is available next June.

**Rastus on Parade.**

"Rastus" White was paraded before Magistrate Schroeder this morning for a preliminary hearing to a charge of assault with intent to commit murder, but owing to the inability of his victim, "Slicky" Thomas, to appear, the case was again continued. Thomas is at St. Anthony's hospital.

**Winter Tourist Note.**

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The cost of the new church will be \$25,000. It is built of St. Louis pressed brick and is a beauty from an architectural standpoint. It is designed more after the style of the churches in the metropolis, with its tall steeple and cathedral windows.

**Interior Arrangement.**

The edifice is provided with a large basement, which is neatly finished and furnished with seating accommodations. Here it is intended to hold society meetings, socials, and the like. At present services are being held in the basement.

The nave has a seating capacity of about one thousand. A balcony extends along both sides of the wall, affording considerable to the seating

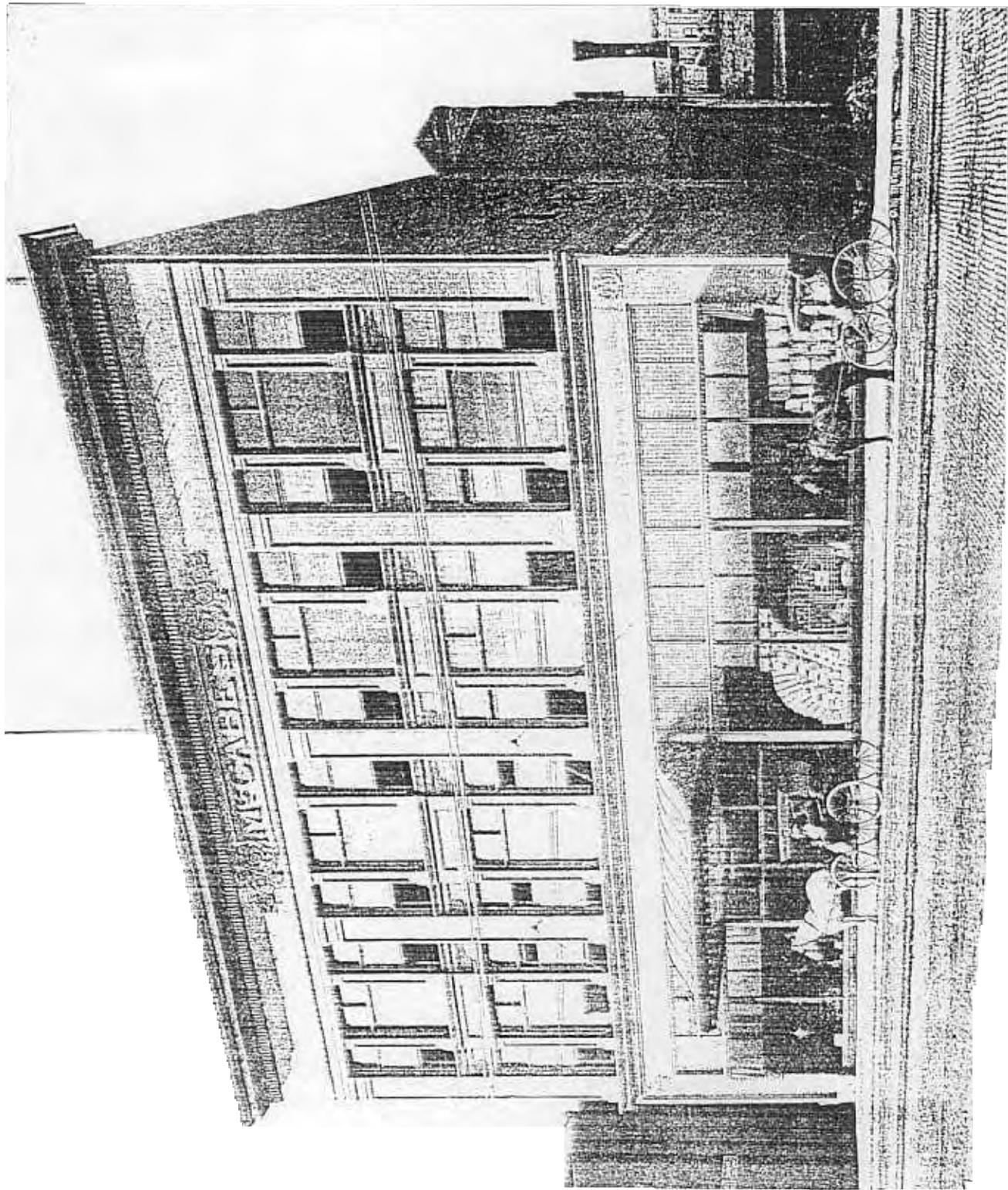
Thompson, all fellow engineers. Interment was made at Chippewaock.

Congressman and Mrs. George W. Prince have lost their infant son, born Oct. 8, last. The child died in Washington, whither the family went Nov. 18, for the winter, and the remains were shipped to Galesburg for interment, arriving there today. Mr. and Mrs. Prince have four children left, all boys. They are Fred, 18 years; George, 10; Henry, 7; and Irving, 4. The people of Rock Island will extend their sympathies to the congressman and his wife in the bereavement that has come upon them.

Mrs. Thomas L. Johnston, of Reynolds, who died last Sunday, was 63 years of age and her death came very suddenly. She had resided just over the Mercer county line for 48 years. She was the mother of 11

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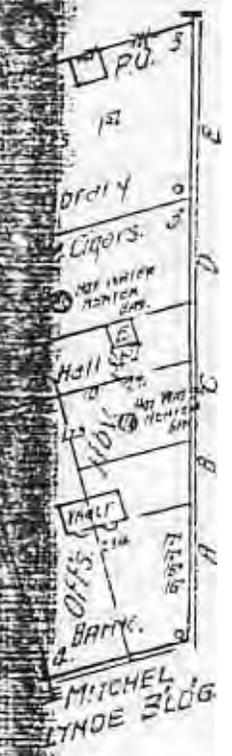
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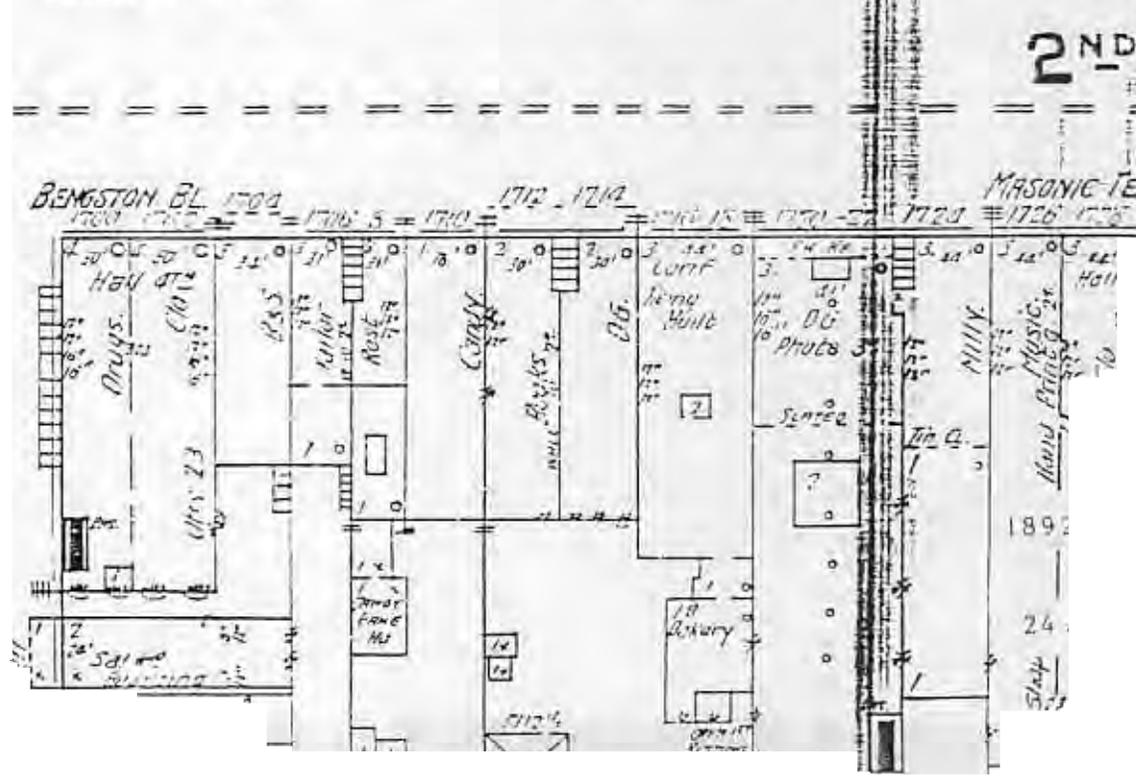
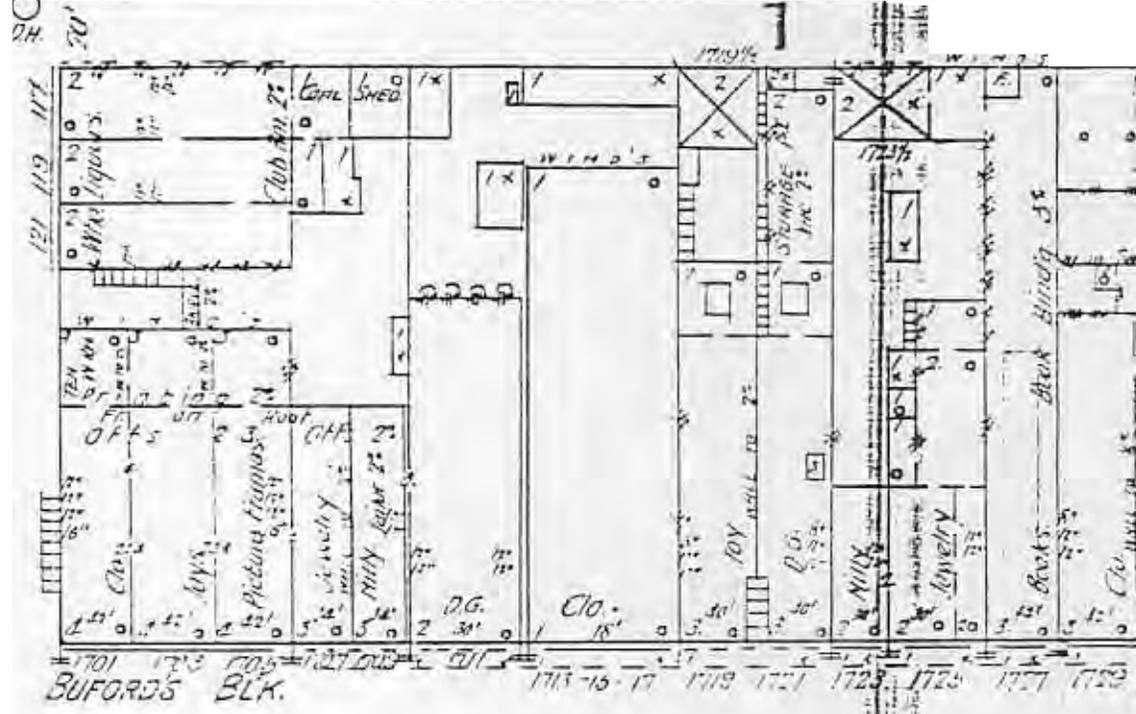
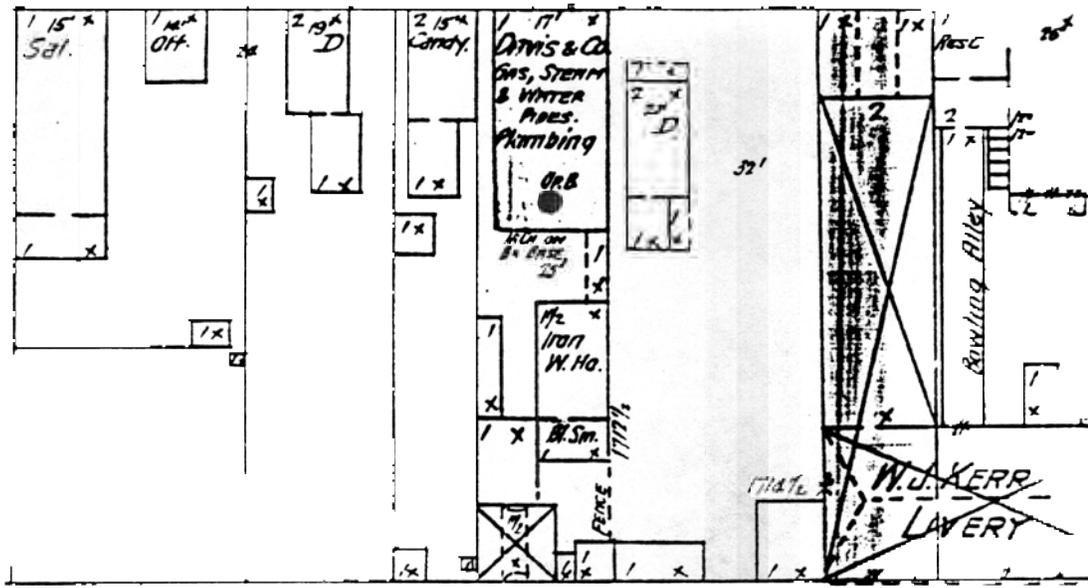
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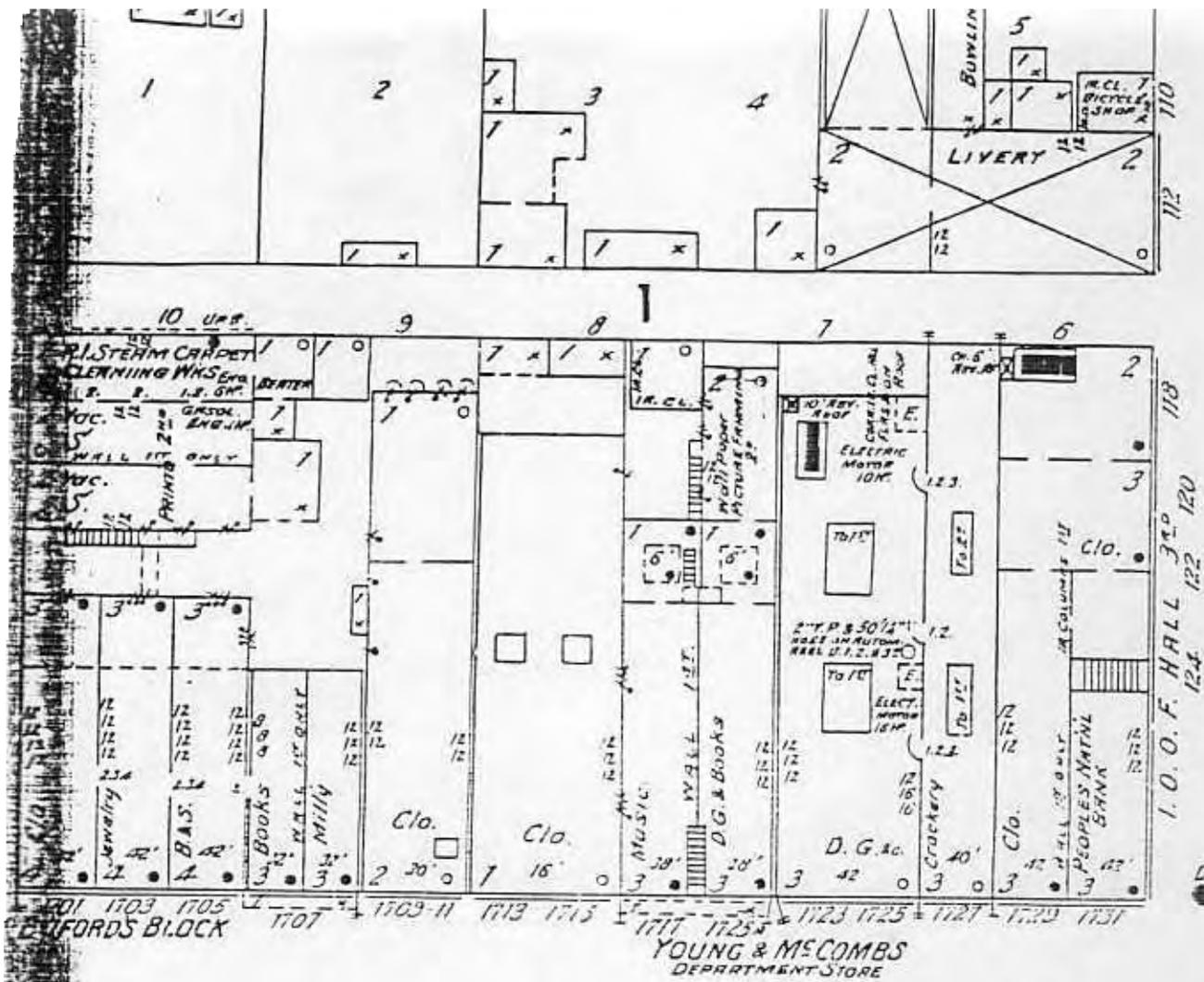


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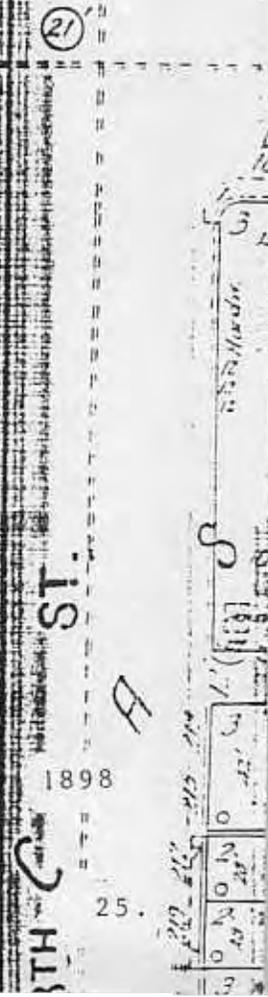
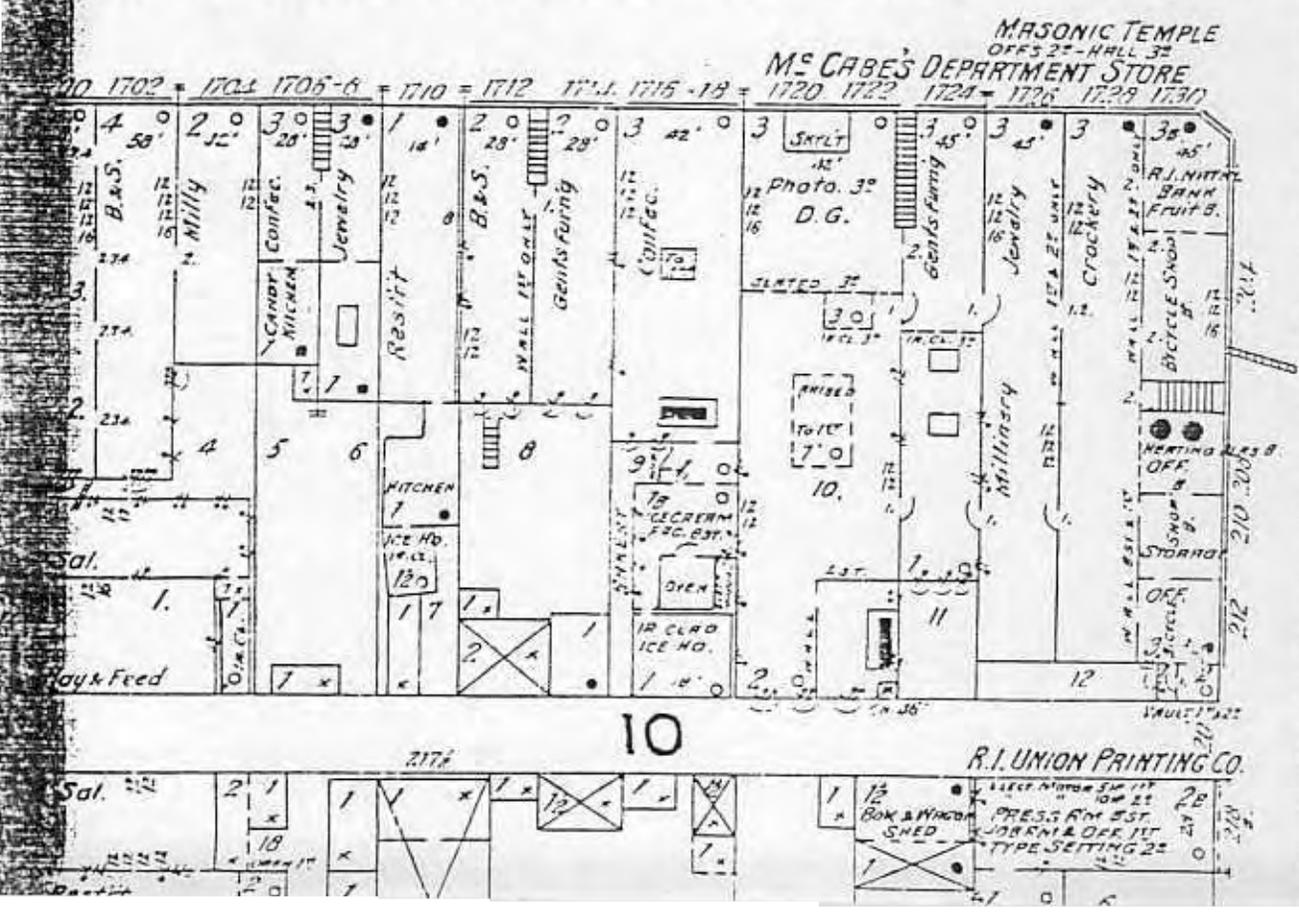


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## JOHN VOLK, BUILDER

The veteran contractor and builder, John Volk, died 16 May 1922, at the age of 84.

A native of Pfullingen, Wurtemberg, Germany, he was born 28 October 1838. His father was a cabinet maker and after receiving common schooling, became an apprentice under his father's tutelage. A year after the family moved to the states, John came to Rock Island and worked for J. H. Muckle and Thomas Brittingham, Contractors. He became self-employed as a builder and contractor in 1865.

Two years after the land for the John Volk & Company plant was purchased by Mr. Volk, a three storey brick building for a carpentry plant for the manufacturing of doors, windows, blinds and other types of building materials was built. A partnership was formed with Gottlieb and John Weiss in 1876. His reputation was established throughout the midwest as well as Rock Island. It wasn't long before he acquired the nickname of "Honest John".

The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad gave him their large contracts. More than 400 depots in the cities along their lines were built by John Volk. The State Normal School at Alva, Oklahoma was also built by him.

His Rock Island structures include the Peter Fries Building 1869; the 1896 original First Church of Christ, Scientist on 23rd Street, non-extant; the Harms Hotel, non-extant; Rock Island High School Plant, non-extant; Masonic Temple; Watch Tower Inn, non-extant; Isaac Negus 1874 Row House; the Rock Island Line stations in Rock Island and Davenport; carpentry work on the second Huber's Brewery 1880, mostly non-extant (the buildings have been covered but a small amount of original brick is exposed); and restoration work on Colonel Davenport's home. The Hansgen House, a Rock Island Landmark, is yet another.

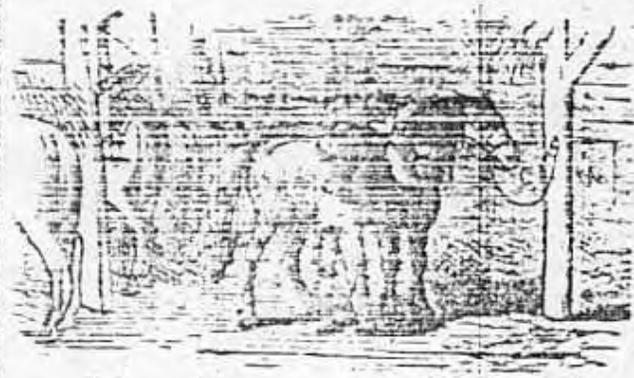
Along with building much of Rock Island, Mr. Volk was one of the organizers and first directors of the Rock Island Savings Bank formed in 1890. He served on its board continuously until his death.

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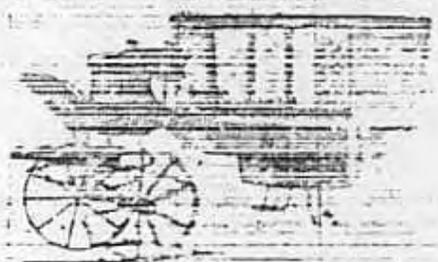
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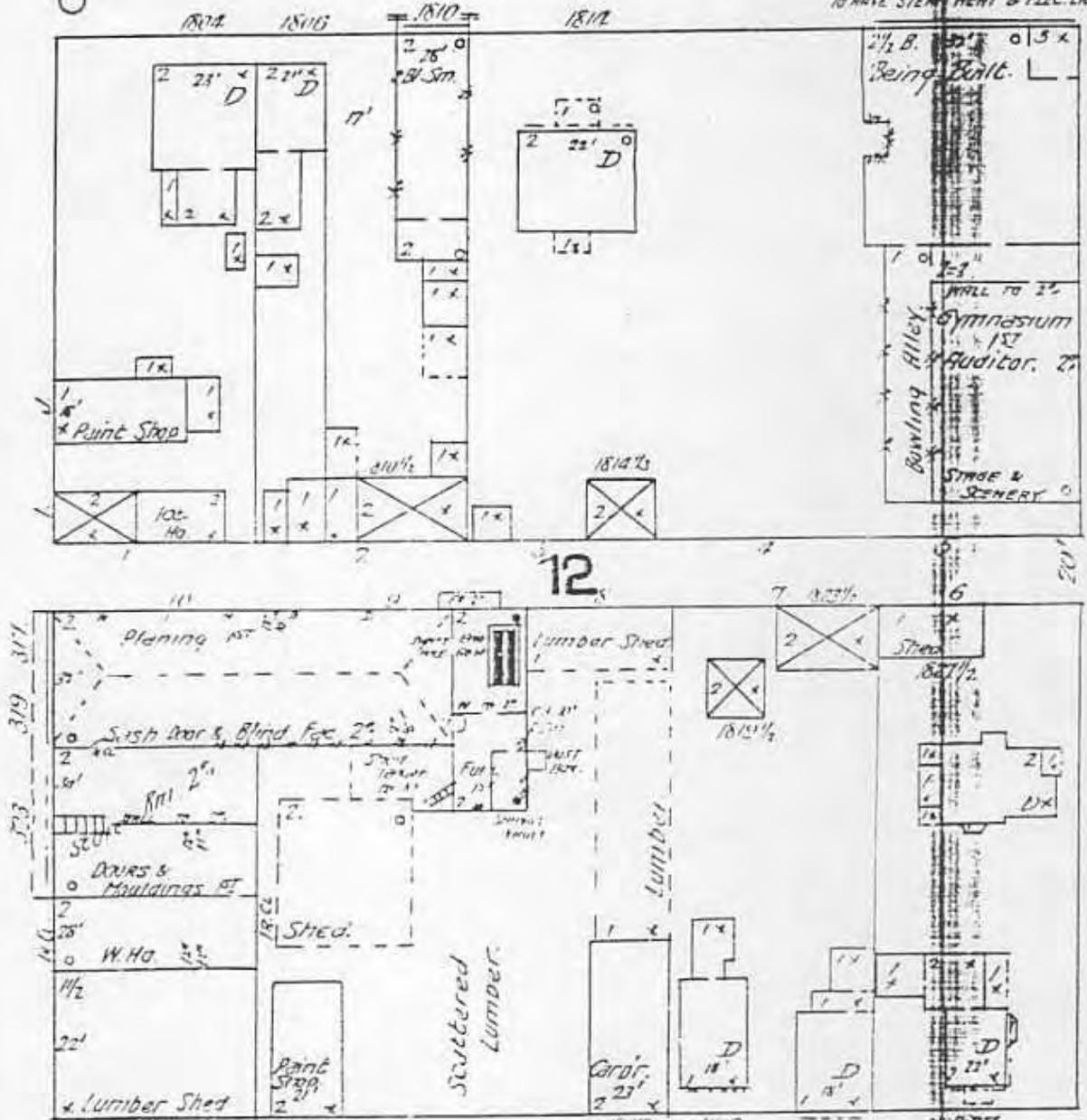




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