

 <p>CITY OF ST. CHARLES ILLINOIS • 1834</p>	HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY			
	Agenda Item Title/Address:	Eligibility of Property for Landmark Designation: 504 Jackson Ave		
	Significance:	N/A		
	Petitioner:	Sharon Powers		
	Project Type:	Landmark		
		PUBLIC HEARING 6/19/24	X	MEETING 6/19/24
Agenda Item Category:				
	Preliminary Review		Grant	
	Certificate of Appropriateness (COA)		Other Commission Business	
X	Landmark/District Designation		Commission Business	
Attached Documents:			Additional Requested Documents:	
Application				
Project Description:				
A landmark nomination has been submitted for the structure located at 504 Jackson Ave.				
Staff Comments:				
Recommendation / Suggested Action:				
Conduct the public hearing and close if all testimony has been taken.				
The landmark recommendation is listed on the meeting agenda for consideration after the public hearing is closed.				

CITY OF ST. CHARLES
TWO EAST MAIN STREET
ST. CHARLES, ILLINOIS 60174-1984



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING DIVISION

PHONE: (630) 377-4443 FAX: (630) 377-4062

HISTORIC LANDMARK NOMINATION

Instructions:

To nominate a property for Historic Landmark Designation, complete this application and submit all required documentation to the Planning Division. Based on a review of the application by City staff and the Historic Preservation Commission, additional detailed information to support this application may be required.

The information you provide must be complete and accurate. If you have a question please call the Planning Division and we will be happy to assist you.



1. Property Information:	Parcel Number(s): <p align="center">09-34-232-001</p>	
	Property Name (Historic or common name of the property): <p align="center">WIEMER HOUSE "THE KILBOURNE" MODEL</p>	
	Property Site Address <p align="center">504 JACKSON AVENUE 60174</p>	
2. Record Owner:	Name <p align="center">SHARON POWERS</p>	Phone <p align="center">630-276-3849</p>
	Address <p align="center">504 JACKSON AVENUE ST. CHARLES, IL 60174</p>	Email <p align="center">SPOWERSKI@GMAIL.COM</p>
3. Applicant (if different from record owner):	Name	Phone
	Address	Email

4. Legal Description of Property: The legal description should be obtained from the deed, mortgage, title insurance, or other recorded document (attach sheets if necessary).

SEE ATTACHE 1)

I. Classification of Property (Check all that apply):

a) Ownership:

private
 public-local
 public-state

b) Category:

building
 district
 site

c) Integrity:

original site
 moved: date _____
 unaltered

d) Function or Use:

Historic/Current

/ agriculture
 / commercial
 / educational
 / government
 / entertainment

Historic/Current

/ industrial
 / military
 / museum
 / private residence
 / park

Historic/Current

/ religious
 / scientific
 / transportation
 / other(specify

e) Architecture: (Based on "A Field Guide to American Houses")

National Folk Style
 circa 1850-1930

Romantic Styles: circa 1820-1880
 Greek Revival
 Gothic Revival
 Italianate
 Exotic Revival

Victorian Styles: circa 1860-1910
 Second Empire
 Stick
 Queen Anne
 Shingle
 Richardsonian Romanesque
 Folk Victorian

Eclectic Styles: 1880-1940
 Colonial Revival
 Neoclassical, Classical Revival
 Tudor Revival
 Chateausque
 Beaux Arts
 French Eclectic
 Italian Renaissance
 Mission
 Spanish Revival
 Monterey
 Pueblo Revival

Modern Styles: circa 1900- present
 Prairie
 Craftsman - PAGE 452 "A FIELD GUIDE TO AMERICAN HOUSE"
 Modernistic
 Minimal Traditional
 Ranch
 Split-Level
 International
 Contemporary
 Shed
 Other 20th Century Modern
 21st Century Modern

Styled Houses since 1935:
 Mansard
 Styled Ranch
 Millenium Mansion
 New Traditional
 American Vernacular

Other Architecture:

II. Building Materials:

Please mark the appropriate boxes listing the materials that exist on the building. Possible options are provided below.

Inventory of Original Architectural Elements

Item:	Original (yes only)	Material	Location if Required
Chimney			NO
Door(s)	likely	WOOD	FRONT ENTRY
Exterior Walls	likely	WOOD (CLAPBOARD)	ALL ELEVATIONS
Foundation	YES	CONCRETE	ALL ELEVATIONS
Roof		ASPHALT	NO
Trim	likely	WOOD	ALL ELEVATIONS
Window (s)		WOOD	NO

Materials List

Adobe	Aluminum	Asbestos	Asphalt	Brick	Bronze
Canvas	Cast Iron	Ceramic	Clapboard	Cloth	Concrete
Concrete Board	Copper	Dryvit	EIFS	Engineered	Fiberglass
Glass	Granite	Iron	Lead	Limestone	Log
Marble	Metal	Nickel	Plastic	Plywood	Rubber
Sandstone	Shake	Shingle	Slate	Steel	Stone
Stucco	Synthetics	Terra Cotta	Tin	Vinyl	Weatherboard
Wood	Other:				

III. Significance of Property:

Please indicate source of documentation, if available.

- a) Original Owner: LEONARD AND MARGARET WIEMER
- b) Architect/Builder: SEARS CATALOG
- c) Significant Person(s): NONE
- d) Significant Dates (i.e., construction dates): CONSTRUCTED 1931

e) Criteria for Designation:

Please indicate which of the following criteria apply to the property and attach supporting documentation for each criteria. (check all that apply)

- 1. Property has character, interest, or value which is part of the development, heritage, or cultural character of the community, county, or nation.
Notes: AT THIS TIME THERE IS NO CONFIRMING EVIDENCE THAT THIS STRUCTURE IS A SEARS CATALOG HOME IT IS A REPLICA AS EXHIBITED IN THE 1921, 1925, 1928 AND 1929
- 2. Property is the site of a significant local, county, state, or national event. CATALOGS KNOWN AS "THE KILBOURNE".
Notes:
- 3. Property is identified with a person who significantly contributed to the development of the community, county, state, or nation.
Notes:
- 4. Structure embodies distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style valuable for the study of a period, type, method of construction, or use of indigenous materials.
Notes: CRAFTSMAN STYLE - BUNGALOW
- 5. Property is identified with the work of a master builder, designer, architect, or landscape architect whose work has influenced the development of the area, the county, the state, or the nation.
Notes:

6. Structure embodies elements of design, detailing, materials, or craftsmanship that are of architectural significance.

Notes:

7. Structure embodies design elements that make it structurally or architecturally innovative.

Notes: THIS IS A COST EFFECTIVE, EASY DIRECTIONS, THAT IS SIMPLE PROVIDING "ELIMINATION OF THE NEED FOR MEASURING AND CUTTING AND A WASTE OF TIME AND MATERIALS" BEFORE POWER TOOLS.

8. Property has a unique location or physical characteristics that make it a familiar visual feature.

Notes:

9. Structure is a particularly fine or unique example of a utilitarian structure with a high level of historical or architectural significance.

Notes:

10. Property is suitable for preservation or restoration.

Notes:

YES

11. Property is included on the Illinois and/or National Register of Historic Places.

Notes:

12. Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important to prehistory, history, or other areas of archaeological significance.

Notes:

Description – 504 Jackson Avenue

Built in 1931 for Leonard and Margaret Wiemer, “The Kilbourne” appears to be built in the image (see “Houses By Mail” – Katherine Cole Stevenson and H. Ward Jandl) seen in “A Guide to Houses from Sears, Roebuck and Company” catalog years 1921, 1925, 1928, and 1929 the catalog model “The Kilbourne”. At this time there is no supporting proof to confirm this is an actual Sears catalog house but upon investigation by Rebecca Hunter (contracted by the City of St. Charles with recommendation from the Historic Preservation Commission) to survey St. Charles and its contribution to the home catalog craze suggests this is the case. The floor plan and exterior architecture match those contained in the catalog. Five rooms, one bath, front porch with steeply pitched gabled roof supported by tapered piers, exposed roof rafter tails. There is an optional second floor and while there is no fireplace (optional feature) visible the area is flanked by windows. This is a craftsman style architecture (“A Field Guide to American Houses” – page 452+) and called a Craftsman Style-Bungalow design in reference to the catalog home period. The home is located within the Minard, Ferson, and Hunt Addition 3 and would be typical of the time frame where St. Charles was expanding beyond its original city footprint due to the popularity of the automobile and the growth of suburban areas.

It appears all windows have been replaced over time, most exterior clapboard and trim could be original, the basement cement walls are original, and the front door could be original. There have been no additions to the original footprint.

The Criteria for Designation is:

1. Property has character, interest, or value which is part of the development, heritage, or cultural character of the community, county, or nation.

4. Structure embodies distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style valuable for the study of a period, type, or method of construction, or use of indigenous materials.
7. Structure embodies design elements that make it structurally or architecturally innovative.
10. Property is suitable for preservation or restoration.

EXHIBIT A

Order No.: KA20049021

For APN/Parcel ID(s): 09-34-232-001-0000

For Tax Map ID(s): 09-34-232-001-0000

LOT 1 IN BLOCK 11 OF MINARD FERSON AND HUNTS THIRD ADDITION TO ST CHARLES, IN THE CITY OF ST CHARLES, KANE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Unofficial







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504 Jackson Avenue – ownership history

09-34-232-001

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All support documents are housed with the Kane County Recorder Office

- 1925 WD Munn to Potter
- 1927 WD Potter to Wiemer
- 1931 MTG Building constructed
- 1945 WD Wiemer to Wright
- 1948 WD Wright to Brown
- 1963 WD Brown to Erfle
- 1967 WD Erfle to Berquist
- 1980 WD Berquist to Harkins
- 1984 WD Harkins to Deichstetter
- 1989 WD Deichstetter to McKinley
- 1992 WD McKinley to Meyers
- 2002 WD Meyers to Macklin
- 2007 WD Macklin to Macklin
- 2007 WD Macklin to Dunat
- 2012 WD Dunat to PNC
- 2013 WD Fannie Mae to Plucinski (Powers)

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1925
Munn
To
Potter

1925

This Indenture Witnesseth, that the Grantors, Sarah A. Munn and William W. Munn, her husband,

of the City of St. Charles County of Kane and State of Illinois

for and in consideration of the sum of other good and valuable considerations and one (\$1.00) DOLLARS.

in hand paid, CONVEY and WARRANT to Charles A. Potter

of the City of St. Charles County of Kane and State of Illinois

the following described Real Estate, to-wit:

Lots One (1), Two (2), Seven (7) and Eight (8) in Block Eleven (11) of Minard, Ferson and Hunt's Third Addition to St. Charles, Kane County, Illinois

Unofficial

Situated in the City of St. Charles in the County of Kane in the State of Illinois, hereby releasing and waiving all rights under

and by virtue of the Homestead Exemption Law of the State of Illinois. Grantee assures subject to taxes levied A.D. 1925 and installments of special assessments levied, but not yet due

Dated this thirteenth day of June A. D. 1925

Revenue \$3.00

William W. Munn [SEAL]
Sarah A. Munn [SEAL]
[SEAL]
[SEAL]

STATE OF ILLINOIS.

County of Kane

ss. I Louis Rockwell, a Notary Public

Louis Rockwell
Notary Public
Kane County, Ill.

in and for said County, in the State aforesaid, DO HEREBY CERTIFY. That Sarah A. Munn and William W. Munn, her husband, personally known to me to be the same person as whose name is subscribed

to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person, and acknowledged that they signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as their free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth, including the release and waiver of the right of Homestead.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal, this thirteenth day of June A. D. 1925

My commission expires Jan'y 28, 1928

Louis Rockwell
Notary public

No. 256303 Filed for Record this 15th day of June A. D. 1925. at o'clock A.M.

Book 772

Charles Doetschman, Recorder

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1927
POTTER
TO
WIEMER

This Indenture, Made this 10th day of June 19 26 between CHARLES A. POTTER and ALTHEA M. POTTER husband and wife of the City of St. Charles in the County of Kane

and State of Illinois parties of the first part, and LEONARD C. WIEMER and MARGARET WIEMER, husband and wife of the City of St. Charles in the County of Kane and State of Illinois parties of the second part:

WITNESSETH, That the parties of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Ten dollars in hand paid, and other good and valuable considerations ~~convey~~ and warrant to the said parties of the second part, not as tenants in common, but as joint tenants the following described Real Estate, to-wit:

Lot One (1) in Block Eleven (11) of Minard, Person and Hunt's Third Addition to St. Charles, Illinois, together with all improvements thereon.

situated in the City of St. Charles County of Kane in the State of Illinois, hereby releasing and waiving all rights under and by virtue of the Homestead Exemption Laws of the State of Illinois.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above granted premises unto ^{the} said parties of the second part forever, not in tenancy in common, but in joint tenancy. Grantees assume subject to and agree to pay all installments of special assessments levied against said premises and falling due subsequent to January 2, 1926.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said parties of the first part, have hereunto set their hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Charles A. Potter (SEAL)
Althea M. Potter (SEAL)
(SEAL)
(SEAL)

STATE OF Illinois } ss. I, Louis Rockwell, a Notary Public
County of Kane

in and for said County, in the State aforesaid DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that Charles A. Potter and Althea M. Potter, husband and wife

personally known to me to be the same persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person, and acknowledged that they signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument, as their free and voluntary act, for the uses and purposes therein set forth, including the release and waiver of the right of Homestead.

Louis Rockwell
Notary Public
Kane County, Ill.

GIVEN under my hand and Notarial Seal, this 30th day of June A. D. 1926
Louis Rockwell

~~Notary Public~~ Notary Public.

No. 298144 Filed for Record, this 3rd day of Oct A. D. 1927 at 1 o'clock PM.
Book 773 Charles Doetschman Recorder.

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This Indenture, Witnesseth that the mortgagor s, LEONARD C. WIEMER and MARGARET WIEMER, individually and as husband and wife,

of the township of St. Charles, in the County of Kane and State of Illinois, mortgages and warrants to the ST. CHARLES BUILDING & LOAN ASSOCIATION, a Corporation, of St. Charles, Kane County, Illinois, to secure the payment of a certain principal promissory note, executed by

said Leonard C. Wiemer and Margaret Wiemer, husband and wife,

bearing even date herewith, payable to the ST. CHARLES BUILDING & LOAN ASSOCIATION, for the sum of

Nineteen Hundred (\$1900.00)

Dollars, together with interest thereon at the rate of seven and one-half percent per

annum, payable in equal monthly installments of Eleven & 88/100 Dollars, on or before the 15th of each month, according to the tenor and effect of said note:

Also to secure the payment on or before the 15th of each month of Nine and 50/100

Dollars, being fifty cents per share on

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shares of the capital stock of said Association, this day transferred to said Association by said mortgagor as collateral security, said payments to continue until said principal note is fully paid, or until said shares of stock shall have reached par value of one hundred dollars per share.

The following described real estate, to-wit:

Lot One (1), Block Eleven (11) of Minard, Person and Hunt's Third Addition to St. Charles,

situate in the City of St. Charles, County of Kane, State of Illinois, hereby releasing and waiving all rights under and by virtue of the Homestead Exemption Laws of the State of Illinois.

The mortgagor covenants and agrees as follows: (1) to pay said indebtedness, and the interest thereon, and all fines assessed in accordance with by-laws of said Association, as herein and in said note provided, (2) to pay, prior to the first day of July in each year, all taxes and assessments against said premises, and on demand, to exhibit receipts thereof; (3) within sixty days after destruction or damage to buildings or improvements on said premises that may have been destroyed or damaged; (4) that waste to said premises shall not be committed or suffered; and (5) to keep all buildings at any time on said premises insured against loss by fire in Companies to be approved of by the holder of, and in amount equal to, said indebtedness, and to pay the cost of such insurance, the mortgagee may procure such insurance, or pay taxes or assessments, or discharge or purchase any tax lien, or title affecting said premises, and all money so paid, the mortgagor agrees to repay immediately without demand, and the same, with interest thereon from the date of payment of seven percent per annum, shall be so much additional indebtedness secured hereby.

But it is expressly provided and agreed that if default for the space of six months is made in the payment of the monthly installments on the principal note herein described, or any part thereof, or the interest thereon, or any part thereof, or any fines assessed, by said Association, or in case of waste or non-payment of taxes or assessments levied on said premises, or breach of any of the covenants or agreements herein contained, then, in such case, the whole of such principal sum remaining unpaid, and the interest thereon remaining unpaid, secured by the said promissory note in this mortgage mentioned, shall thereupon, at the option of said mortgagee, its successors, assigns or Attorneys, become immediately due and payable, and this mortgage may be immediately foreclosed to pay the same by the said mortgagee, its successors, assigns or Attorneys and the stock transferred hereunder as collateral at the same time declared forfeited, and the proceeds thereof applied to the reduction of the loan.

IT IS AGREED by the mortgagor that all expenses and disbursements paid or incurred in behalf of complainant in connection with the foreclosure hereof, including reasonable solicitor's fees, outlays for documentary evidence, photographer's charges, cost of procuring or completing abstract showing the whole title to said premises embraced in the foreclosure decree, shall be paid by the mortgagor and the like expenses and disbursements, occasioned by any suit or proceeding wherein the mortgagee, or any holder of any part of said indebtedness, as such, may be a party, shall also be paid by the mortgagor. All such expenses and disbursements shall be an additional lien upon said premises, shall be taxed as costs and included in any decree that may be rendered in such foreclosure proceeding; which proceeding, whether decree of sale shall have been entered or not, shall not be dismissed, nor a release hereof given, until all such expenses and disbursements, and the costs of suit, including solicitor's fees, have been paid. The Mortgagor waives all rights to the possession of, and income from said premises, pending such foreclosure proceedings, and until the period of redemption from any sale thereunder expires, and agrees that, upon the filing of any bill to foreclose this mortgage, a Receiver shall and may at once be appointed to take possession or charge of said premises, and collect such income, and the same, less receivership expenditures, including repairs, insurance premiums, taxes, assessments, and his commissions, to be disbursed in accordance with the order of the Court appointing said Receiver.

Witness the hands and seals of the mortgagors this 20th day of August, 19 31.

Leonard C. Wiemer (SEAL)

Margaret Wiemer (SEAL)

(SEAL)

(SEAL)

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss. 1, Katherine M. Rockwell, a Notary Public, County of Kane } in and for said county, in the state aforesaid, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, That LEONARD C. WIEMER and MARGARET WIEMER, individually and as husband and wife,

Katherine M. Rockwell Notary Public, St. Charles Kane Co. Ill.

personally known to me to be the same person s whose name s BTO subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person, and acknowledged that they signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as their free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth, including the release and waiver of the right of Homestead.

GIVEN under my hand and Notarial Seal, this 20th day of August, A. D. 19 31.

My Commission Expires May 31, 19 32. Katherine M. Rockwell (SEAL) Notary Public.

No. 349419 Filed for Record this 24th day of August, A. D. 19 31 at 8 o'clock A. M.

Book 875 Charles Doetschman. Recorder 7

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Official

WARRANTY DEED RECORD

E. C. Peterson & Sons - Aurora, Ill.

~~THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH:~~ That The Grantors, LEONARD C. WIEMER and MARGARET WIEMER, individually and as husband and wife,

of the City of St. Charles in the County of Kane and State of Illinois
for and in consideration of the sum of Ten and no/100 (\$10.00) DOLLARS
in hand paid, CONVEY and WARRANT to EVERETT L. WRIGHT and ELSIE HAY WRIGHT, husband and wife,
of the City of St. Charles County of Kane and State of Illinois, not in
Tenancy in common but in JOINT TENANCY,
the following described Real Estate, to-wit:

Lot One (1) in Block Eleven (11) of Minard, Ferson and Hunt's Third Addition to
St. Charles,

Situated in the City of St. Charles in the County of Kane in the State of Illinois, hereby releasing and waving all rights under
and by virtue of the Homestead Exemption Laws of the State of Illinois.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above granted premises unto the said parties of the second part
forever, not in tenancy in common, but in joint tenancy.
This conveyance subject to taxes for 1945 and subsequent years.
Dated this 28th day of April A. D. 19 45.

Revenue, \$6.75. Leonard C. Wiemer (SEAL)
Margaret Wiemer (SEAL)
(SEAL)
(SEAL)

STATE OF ILLINOIS,)
County of Kane) ss.

Margaret Hanson, a Notary Public
and residing in
in and for said County, in the State aforesaid, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, That Leonard C. Wiemer
and Margaret Wiemer, individually and as husband and wife, who are

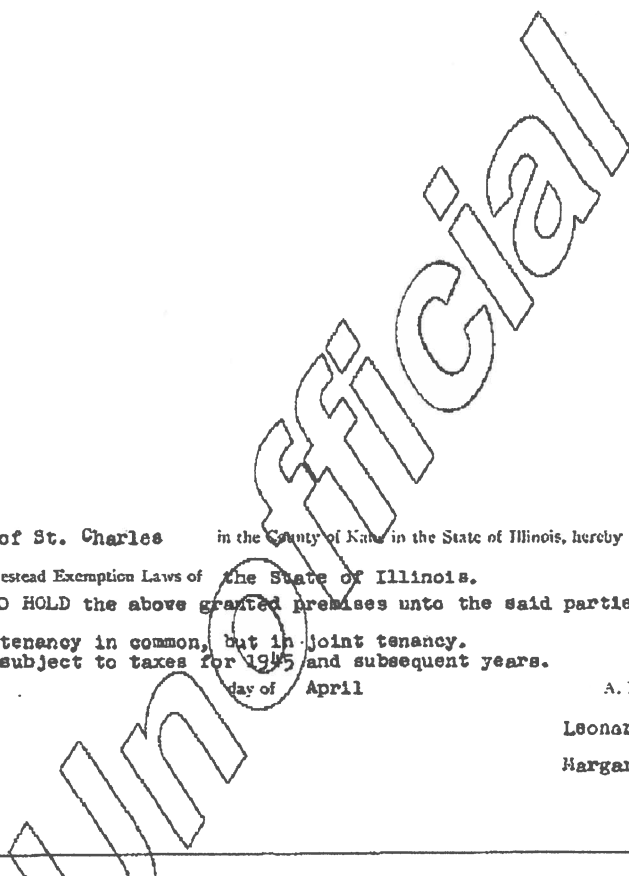
personally known to me to be the same persons whose names are subscribed
to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person, and acknowledged that they
signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as their free and voluntary act for the uses and
purposes therein set forth, including the release and waiver of the right of Homestead.

(Margaret Hanson)
(Notary Public)
(Kane County, Ill.)

Given under my hand and Notarial seal, this 28th day of April A. D. 19 45.
Margaret Hanson
My Commission Expires September 21, 1946. Notary Public.

No. 529619. Filed for record this 4th day of May A. D. 19 45, at 1 o'clock P. M.
M. H. Agnew Recorder.

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1945
WIEMER
TO
WRIGHT



WARRANTY DEED — JOINT TENANCY

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THE GRANTOR S, EVERETT L. WRIGHT and ELSIE MAY WRIGHT, individually and as husband and wife,

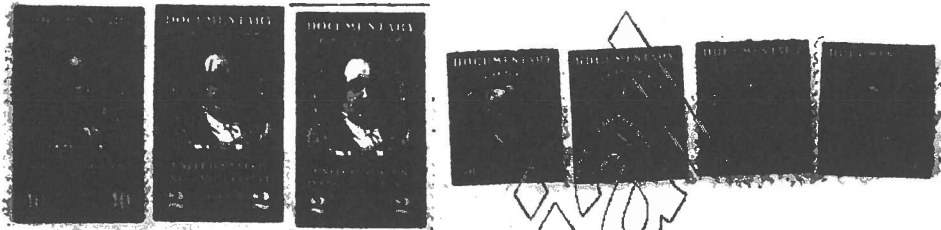
of the City of St. Charles County of Kane State of Illinois

for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars and other valuable consideration in hand paid Convey.... and Warrant.... to L. DeWITT BROWN and HELEN T. BROWN, husband and wife,

of the City of St. Charles County of Kane State of Illinois

not in Tenancy in Common but in JOINT TENANCY, the following described Real Estate, to-wit: Lot One (1)

in Block Eleven (11) of Minard, Ferson and Hunt's Third Addition to St. Charles,



situated in the City of St. Charles County of Kane in the State of Illinois, hereby expressly declaring that the estate conveyed shall pass, not in tenancy in common, but in joint tenancy, and hereby releasing and waiving all rights under and by virtue of the Homestead Exemption Laws of the State of Illinois.

This conveyance subject to general taxes for the year 1948 and subsequent years.

Dated this 26th day of August A. D. 1948

[SEAL]

Everett L. Wright
Elsie May Wright

[SEAL]

[SEAL]

[SEAL]

[SEAL]

[SEAL]

State of Illinois, }
Kane County } ss.

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in, and for said County and State aforesaid, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that

Everett L. Wright and Elsie May Wright, individually and as husband and wife, who are

personally known to me to be the same person

whose name are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that they signed, sealed and delivered said instrument as their free and voluntary act, for the uses and purposes therein set forth, including the release and waiver of the right of homestead.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal, this 26th day of August

A. D. 1948.

Harry H. Hempstead

[SEAL]

Notary Public.

Document No.

611600

Filed for record in Recorder's Office of Kane County, Illinois.

at 3 o'clock P. M.

SEP -9 1948

W. H. Agnew

Recorder of Deeds.

BOOK 1422 PAGE 319

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1948
Wright
Brown to

WARRANTY DEED—Statutory
(ILLINOIS)
(INDIVIDUAL TO INDIVIDUAL)

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Approved By (Chicago Title and Trust Co.,
Chicago Real Estate Board)

Bruce E. Markham

RECORDED OR FILED ABOVE SPACE FOR RECORDER'S USE ONLY

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1963
Brown
to
ERFLE

JUL 5 1963

also known as Helen T. Brown
THE GRANTOR— HELEN M. BROWN/ Widow of DeWitt Brown and not since
remarried,
of the City of Bloomington County of McLean State of Illinois
for and in consideration of Ten Dollars and other good and valuable consideration
in hand paid,
CONVEYS and WARRANTS to LLOYD ERFLE and FERN B. ERFLE, his wife, not as
tenants in common but in joint tenancy
of the City of St. Charles County of Kane State of Illinois
the following described Real Estate situated in the County of Kane in the State
of Illinois, to wit:

Lot One (1) in Block Eleven (11) of Minard,
Ferson and Hunt's Third Addition to St.
Charles, Kane County, Illinois,



hereby releasing and waiving all rights under and by virtue of the Homestead Exemption Laws of
the State of Illinois.

Subject to all real estate taxes

DATED this 13th day of June 1963.

PLEASE
PRINT OR
TYPE NAME(S)
BELOW
SIGNATURE(S)

(Seal) *Helen M. Brown* (Seal)

Helen M. Brown

(Seal) _____ (Seal)

State of Illinois, County of McLean ss. I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in
and for said County, in the State aforesaid, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that
Helen M. Brown, Widow of DeWitt Brown and not since
remarried, also known as Helen T. Brown
personally known to me to be the same person whose name is
subscribed to the foregoing instrument appeared before me this day in
person, and acknowledged that she signed, sealed and delivered the said
instrument as her free and voluntary act, for the uses and purposes
therein set forth, including the release and waiver of the right of homestead.

Given under my hand and official seal, this 13th day of June 1963.

Commission expires January 5, 1964.

Rosemary Marti
Rosemary Marti NOTARY PUBLIC

MAIL TO: NAME Lloyd Erfle and Fern B. Erfle
ADDRESS 504 Jackson Ave.
CITY AND STATE St. Charles, Illinois

ADDRESS OF PROPERTY:
504 Jackson Ave.
St. Charles, Illinois

THE ABOVE ADDRESS IS FOR STATISTICAL
PURPOSES ONLY AND IS NOT A PART OF
THIS DEED.

SEND SUBSEQUENT TAX BILLS TO:
(NAME)

RECORDER'S OFFICE BOX NO.

AFFIX "RIDERS" OR REVENUE STAMPS HERE

DOCUMENT NUMBER

124263

2410/471
1967
ERFLE
TO
BERGQUIST

1096173
AUG 21 1967

THE GRANTOR s LLOYD EARFLE and FERN B. EARFLE, husband and wife

of the City of Minnetonka County of Hennepin State of Minnesota
for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars and other valuable consideration in hand paid Convey... and Warrant
to CARL E. BERGQUIST

of the City of St. Charles County of Kane State of Illinois

the following described Real Estate, to-wit:

Lot 1, Block 11, Minard, Ferson and Hunt's Third Addition
to the City of St. Charles, St. Charles, Illinois



Unofficial

situated in the City of St. Charles County of Kane in the State of Illinois,
hereby releasing and waiving rights under and by virtue of the Homestead Exemption Laws of the State of Illinois.

Dated this 14 day of July, 1967
[SEAL] Lloyd Earfle [SEAL]
[SEAL] Fern B. Earfle [SEAL]
[SEAL] Fern B. Earfle [SEAL]

Minnesota
State of Minnesota ss. I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in, and for said County and State aforesaid, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that
Hennepin LLOYD EARFLE and FERN B. EARFLE, husband and wife

personally known to me to be the same person S
whose name SARC subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and
acknowledged that I.h... signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as their
free and voluntary act, for the uses and purposes therein set forth, including the release and waiver of
the right of homestead.

Given under my hand and notarial seal, this 14 day of July
A. D. 19 67 Harold E. Underhill [SEAL]

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NAME... Carl E. Bergquist...
Address... 504 Jackson Ave...
St. Charles, Ill.:.....
Recorder of Deeds.
BOOK 2410 PAGE 471

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1980
BERGQUIST
TO
HARKINS

This Indenture, Made this 26th day of February
1980 between Carl E. Bergquist and Sharon L. Bergquist

of the City of St. Charles in the County of Kane and State of
Illinois parties of the first part, and
William N. Harkins and Nancy A. Harkins, his wife

of the City of Warrenville in the County of
DuPage and State of Illinois parties of the second part:

Witnesseth, That the parties of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of
Ten (\$10.00) Dollars, in hand paid,
convey and warrant to the said parties of the second part, not in common, but
in joint tenancy, the following described Real Estate, to-wit:

Lot 1 in Block 11 of Minard, Persen
Hunt's Third Addition to St. Charles,
in the City of St. Charles, Kane
County, Illinois

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RECORDER OF DEEDS

situated in the City of St. Charles County of Kane in
the State of Illinois, hereby releasing and waiving all rights under and by virtue of the Homestead
Exemption Laws of the State of Illinois.
To Have and to Hold the above granted premises unto the said parties of the second part forever,
not in tenancy in common, but in joint tenancy.

In Witness Whereof, the said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands
and met on the day and year first above written.

Carl E. Bergquist
Carl E. Bergquist
Sharon L. Bergquist
Sharon L. Bergquist

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WARRANTY DEED

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William E. Jungels
NOTARY

(The above space for Recorder's use only)

THE GRANTOR, William M. Harkins and Nancy A. Harkins, his wife
of the City of St. Charles County of Kane State of Illinois

for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars and other valuable consideration in hand paid Convey...

and Warrant to Eric A. Deichstetter and Nancy L. Raschke, in Tenancy
in Common

of the City of North Aurora County of Kane State of Illinois

the following described Real Estate, to-wit:

Lot 1 in Block 11 of Minard, Ferson and Hunt's Third Addition to
St. Charles in the City of St. Charles, Kane County, Illinois.

Hereby releasing and waiving rights under and by virtue of the
Homestead Exemption Laws of the State of Illinois.

Subject to plat restrictions; public utility easements which do not underlie the
existing improvements, excepting fences and portable sheds; restrictions and
covenants of record provided they are not violated by the existing improvements
or the present use thereof and provided further that they do not contain a
reverter of right of re-entry; special assessments and taxes for improvements
not yet completed; general and special real estate taxes for the year 1983 and
subsequent years; rights of way for drain tiles, drainage ditches, feeders and
laterals; mortgage dated February 28, 1980 recorded March 4, 1980 as document
#1537364 in the original amount of \$60,500.00, mortgagor William M. Harkins and
Nancy A. Harkins assigned to First Family Mortgage Corporation of Florida by
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~~document #1537364 in the original amount of \$60,500.00, mortgagor William M. Harkins and Nancy A. Harkins assigned to First Family Mortgage Corporation of Florida by~~
assignment dated November 4, 1982 and recorded on December 20, 1982 as document
#1624586.

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1984

HARKINS
TO
DEICHSTETTER

PLAT 3.25

(AFFIX REVENUE STAMPS)

Dated this 6th day of January A.D. 1984.
William M. Harkins SEAL
William M. Harkins SEAL
Nancy A. Harkins SEAL
Nancy A. Harkins SEAL

State of Illinois } ss. I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in, and for said County and State aforesaid,
Kane County } DO HEREBY CERTIFY that William M. Harkins and Nancy A. Harkins

personally known to me to be the same person. S. whose name S. subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that they signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as their free and voluntary act, for the uses and purposes therein set forth, including the release and waiver of the right of homestead.

Given under my hand and notary seal, this 6th day of January, A.D. 1984.
Gregory J. Claricoates SEAL
Notary Public

This instrument was prepared by
Gregory J. Claricoates
Attorney at Law
815 E. Main St.
P.O. Box 656
St. Charles, Ill. 60174

Graantees Address:
504 S. Jackson Avenue
St. Charles, Illinois 60174
Send subsequent tax bills to: Eric A. Deichstetter
504 S. Jackson Avenue
St. Charles, Illinois 60174

STATE OF ILLINOIS
RECORDER OF DEEDS
KANE COUNTY
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PLAT 3.25
CL. NO. 655

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WARRANT DEED
Statutory (ILLINOIS)
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Lynda M. Reed
RECORDER

THE GRANTOR S, ERIC A. DEICHSTETTER
and NANCY Lynn RASCHKE- DEICHSTETTER,
husband and wife a/k/a Nancy L. Raschke-Deichstetter

of the city _____ of St. Charles County of Kane _____
State of Illinois _____ for and in consideration of

Ten and 00/100- - - - - DOLLARS,
and other consideration in hand paid,

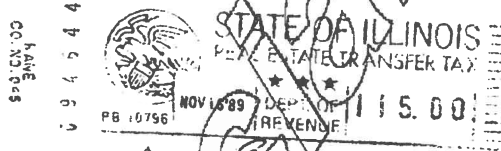
CONVEY and WARRANT to LAURA R. MCKINLEY, of 1000 Geneva Road, Apt. 8A, St. Charles, IL, and R.C. Reed in joint Tenancy not as tenants in common.
(The Above Space For Recorder's Use Only)
(NAME AND ADDRESS OF GRANTEE)

the following described Real Estate situated in the County of Kane _____ in the State of Illinois, to wit:

LOT 1 IN BLOCK 11 OF MINARD PPERSON AND HUNT'S THIRD ADDITION TO ST. CHARLES, IN THE CITY OF ST. CHARLES, KANE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

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hereby releasing and waiving all rights under and by virtue of the Homestead Exemption Laws of the State of Illinois.

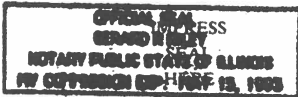
Permanent Real Estate Index Number(s): 09-34-232-001

Address(es) of Real Estate: 504 Jackson, St. Charles, Illinois 60174

DATED this 30th day of OCTOBER 1989

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE NAME(S) BELOW SIGNATURE(S)
Eric A. Deichstetter (SEAL) ERIC A. DEICHSTETTER
Nancy L. Raschke-Deichstetter (SEAL) NANCY Lynn RASCHKE-DEICHSTETTER a/k/a Nancy L. Raschke-Deichstetter

State of Illinois, County of Kane ss. I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County, in the State aforesaid, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that ERIC A. DEICHSTETTER and NANCY L. RASCHKE-DEICHSTETTER a/k/a Nancy Lynn Raschke-Deichstetter personally known to me to be the same person S whose name S subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person, and acknowledged that they signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as their free and voluntary act, for the uses and purposes therein set forth, including the release and waiver of the right of homestead.



Given under my hand and official seal, this 21st day of October 19 89

Commission expires 19 _____ NOTARY PUBLIC *Gerard R. Riley*

This instrument was prepared by Gerard R. Riley (NAME AND ADDRESS) 1650 E. MAIN Street, St. Charles, IL 60174

MAIL TO: { Gerard R. Riley (Name)
1650 E. Main St. (Address)
St. Charles, IL 60174 (City, State and Zip) }

SEND SUBSEQUENT TAX BILLS TO:
Laura R. McKinley (Name)
504 Jackson (Address)
St. Charles, IL 60174 (City, State and Zip)

OR RECORDER'S OFFICE BOX NO. _____

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AFFIX "RIDERS" OR REVENUE STAMPS HERE

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QUIT CLAIM DEED
Statutory (ILLINOIS)
(Individual to Individual)

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Synda M. Quinn
RECORDER

THE GRANTOR, Laura R. McKinley, divorced and remarried, of the City of St. Charles, County of Kane, State of Illinois, for the consideration of Ten and no/100 (\$10.00) DOLLARS, and other good and valuable consideration in hand paid, CONVEYS AND QUIT CLAIMS to:

Laura Meyers and Richard Meyers, Husband and Wife, As Joint Tenants ^{LM}
504 Jackson Avenue
St. Charles, Illinois 60174

all interest in the following described Real Estate situated in the County of Kane, in the State of Illinois, to wit:

(THE ABOVE SPACE FOR
RECORDER'S USE ONLY)

Lot 1 in Block 11 of Minard Person and Hunt's Third Addition to St. Charles, in the City of St. Charles, Kane County, Illinois.

hereby releasing and waiving all rights under and by virtue of the Homestead Exemption Laws of the State of Illinois.

This transaction is exempt under Section 4(e) of the Real Estate Transfer Tax Act.

^{LM} DATED: ^{OCTOBER} September 1, 1992.

Laura R. McKinley
Laura R. McKinley

Permanent Real Estate Index Number(s): 09-34-232-001

Address(es) of Real Estate: 504 Jackson Avenue, St. Charles, Illinois 60174

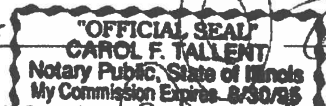
Laura R. McKinley (SEAL)
Laura R. McKinley

DATED this ^{OCTOBER} day of ^{LM} September, 1992.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF KANE SS. I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County, in the State aforesaid, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that Laura R. McKinley, divorced and remarried, personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person, and acknowledged that she signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as her free and voluntary act, for the uses and purposes therein set forth, including the release and waiver of the right of homestead.

Given under my hand and official seal, this ¹⁵ day of ^{OCTOBER} September, 1992. ^{LM}

Commission expires 8/30/95



Carol F. Tallent
NOTARY PUBLIC

This instrument was prepared by:

Susan B. Tatnall
DRENDEL, SCHANLABER, HORWITZ,
TATNALL & McCRACKEN
A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION
520 Redwood Drive/P. O. Box 4010
Aurora, Illinois 60507-4010
708/844-0800

MAIL TO:

Laura & Richard Meyers
504 Jackson Avenue
St. Charles, IL 60174

SEND SUBSEQUENT TAX BILLS TO:

Laura & Richard Meyers
504 Jackson Avenue
St. Charles, IL 60174

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WARRANTY DEED
JOINT TENANTS

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RECORDER

MAIL TO:

Catharine Lentz
319 N. ~~Mapleville~~ Road # 778
Bolingbrook, Illinois 60490

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NAME & ADDRESS OF TAXPAYER:

Wayne H. Macklin
504 Jackson Avenue
St. Charles, Illinois 60174

GRANTOR(S), Richard Meyers and Laura Meyers, husband and wife, of St. Charles, in the County of Kane, in the State of Illinois, for and in consideration of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration in hand paid, CONVEY(S) and WARRANT(S) to the GRANTEE(S), Wayne H. Macklin and Joan L. Macklin, husband and wife, of 124 Whittington Course, St. Charles, in the County of Kane, in the State of Illinois, not as TENANTS IN COMMON and BUT as JOINT TENANTS

the following described real estate:

** and Laura A. Macklin

Lot 1 in Block 11 of Minard Ferson and Hunt's Third Addition to St. Charles, in the City of St. Charles, Kane County, Illinois.

Permanent Index No: 09-34-232-001

Property Address: 504 Jackson Avenue, St. Charles, Illinois 60174

SUBJECT TO: (1) General real estate taxes for the year 2001 and subsequent years. (2) Covenants, conditions and restrictions of record. →

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hereby releasing and waiving all rights under and by virtue of the Homestead Exemption Laws of the State of Illinois. To HAVE AND TO HOLD said premises not as TENANTS IN COMMON and BUT as JOINT TENANTS

DATED this 18 day of JUNE, 2002.

Richard P. Meyers
Richard Meyers

Laura Meyers
Laura Meyers

STATE & COUNTY TAX
STATE OF ILLINOIS
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KANE COUNTY

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**SANDY WEGMAN
RECORDER - KANE COUNTY, IL**

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TO
Macklin

The Grantor, LAURA A. MACKLIN, a married woman, of the City of St. Charles, County of Kane, State of Illinois, for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars, and other good and valuable consideration ~~in hand paid~~ CONVEYS and QUIT CLAIMS to WAYNE H. MACKLIN and JOAN L. MACKLIN, husband and wife, of Crystal Lake, McHenry County, Illinois, as Joint Tenants, all interest in the following described Real Estate situated in the County of Kane in the State of Illinois, to wit:

LOT 1 IN BLOCK 11 OF MINARD FERSON AND HUNT'S THIRD ADDITION TO ST. CHARLES, IN THE CITY OF ST. CHARLES, KANE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

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

Permanent Real Estate Index Number: 09-34-232-001
Address of Real Estate: 504 Jackson Ave., St. Charles, Illinois 60174

DATED this 6th day of November, 2007.

Laura Macklin
LAURA A. MACKLIN

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TO
DUNAT



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WARRANTY DEED

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The Grantors, **Wayne H. Macklin** and **Joan L. Macklin**, husband and wife for and in consideration of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration in hand paid, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, convey and warrant to the Grantee,

SANDY WEGMAN
RECORDER - KANE COUNTY, IL

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Brian J. Dunat and Amy M. Dunat
450 Independence
South Elgin, Illinois 60177

as joint tenants and not as tenants in common and not as tenancy by the entirety the following described real estate situated in the County of Kane and the State of Illinois, to wit:

Lot 1 in Block 11 of Minard Ferson and Hunt's Third Addition to St. Charles, in the City of St. Charles, Kane County, Illinois.

Subject to: Covenants, conditions, easements and restrictions of record; and general real estate taxes for 2007 and subsequent years.

Permanent Index No.: 09-34-232-001-0000

Address of Real Estate: 504 Jackson Avenue, St. Charles, Illinois 60174

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


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Grantors have hereunto set their hands and seals this 29th day of November, 2007.

Wayne H. Macklin
Wayne H. Macklin

Joan L. Macklin
Joan L. Macklin

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STATE & COUNTY TAX

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1000 West State Street
Chicago, IL 60614

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THIS DOCUMENT PREPARED BY:
PIERCE & ASSOCIATES
1 North Dearborn
Thirteenth Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60602

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RECORDER - KANE COUNTY, IL

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ADDRESS OF GRANTEE
& SUBSEQUENT TAX BILLS TO:
PNC Bank
3232 Newmark Dr.
Miamishaw, OH 45342
(637) - 910-1200
RETURN TO: Melissa Level
PA #1206782

WARRANTY DEED IN LIEU OF FORECLOSURE

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that

BRIAN J. DUNAT AND AMY M. DUNAT, MARRIED TO EACH OTHER

the GRANTORS herein, for the consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00), and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, does give, grant, bargain, sell, warrant and convey unto PNC Bank, National Association, successor by merger to National City Mortgage, a division of National City Bank, the GRANTEE, its successors and assigns, all of the following described premises situated in the County of KANE, State of Illinois, to-wit:

LOT 1 IN BLOCK 11 OF MINARD FERNON & HUNT'S THIRD ADDITON TO ST. CHARLES, IN THE CITY OF ST. CHARLES, KANE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as: 504 JACKSON AVENUE, ST CHARLES, IL 60174

TAX NO: 09-34-232-001-0000

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above granted and bargained premises with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, unto the said GRANTEE, his successors and assigns forever. The said GRANTORS do covenant for themselves, their heirs, executors and assigns, that at the signing of these presents, they are well seized of the above described premises as a good and indefeasible estate in fee simple, and have good right to bargain and sell the same in the manner and form as above written; and that the same are free and clear from all encumbrances whatsoever, and that they and their heirs, executors, and assigns will warrant and defend said premises, with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, unto said GRANTEE, his successors and assigns, against all lawful claims and demands whatsoever. Said GRANTORS hereby releases and waives all rights under and by virtue of the Homestead Exemption laws of the State of Illinois and any other State Law which may apply.

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MAIL TO: Thomas Gosselin
Brady & Jensen
2425 Royal Blvd.
Elgin, IL 60123
SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED
(CORPORATION TO INDIVIDUAL)
ILLINOIS

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THIS INDENTURE, made this 17 day of December 2012., between **Fannie Mae a/k/a Federal National Mortgage Association**, a corporation created and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the United States of America and duly authorized to transact business in the State of ILLINOIS, party of the first part, and **Nicholas Powers and Sharon Plucinski (408 S Scoville #3S Oak Park, IL 60302)**, party of the second part, WITNESSETH, that the party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of \$10.00 (Ten dollars and no/100s) in hand paid by the party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and pursuant to authority of the Board of Directors of said corporation, by these presents does REMISE, RELEASE, ALIEN AND CONVEY unto the party of the second part, and to their heirs and assigns, FOREVER, all the following described real estate, situated in the County of **Kane** and the State of Illinois known and described as follows, to wit: not as tenants in common. not as Tenants by the Entirety. but as **JOINT TENANTS SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT A**

SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS AND ANY OTHER MATTERS OF RECORD.

Together with all and singular the hereditament and appurtenances thereunder belonging, or in otherwise appertaining, and the reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof, and all the estate, right, title, interest, claim or demand whatsoever, of the party of the first part, either in law or equity, of, in and to the above described premises, with the hereditament and appurtenances; TO HAVE AND HOLD the said premises as above described, with the appurtenances, unto the part of the second part, their heirs and assigns forever.

The Grantor promises or covenants to defend title to the property from and against all lawful claims and demands of all persons claiming by, through or under Grantor and none other.

PERMANENT REAL ESTATE INDEX NUMBER(S): **09-34-232-001**

PROPERTY ADDRESS(ES): **504 Jackson Avenue, St Charles, IL, 60174**

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TO
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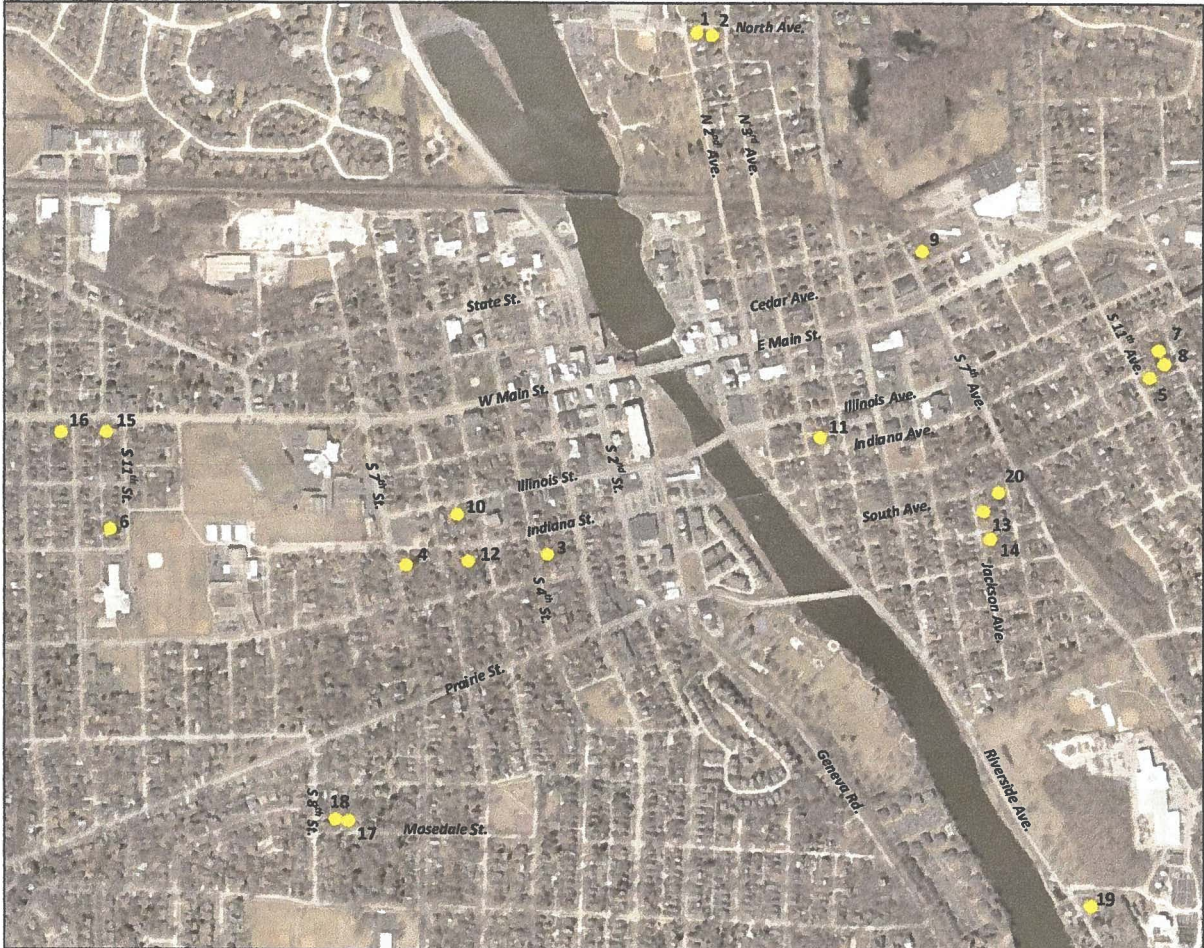
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Catalog Homes St. Charles, IL

Beginning in the early 1900s and through the 1940s, many homes were ordered from catalogs or based on catalog models marketed by companies like Sears, Aladdin, and Montgomery Ward. In 2013, architectural historian Rebecca Hunter conducted a street-by-street survey of St. Charles to identify possible catalog homes. A total of 68 homes were identified as possible catalog homes.

The 20 homes shown on this map have been verified as catalog homes based on evidence such as Kane County mortgage records indicating financing by mail order home companies and information gathered by current homeowners.



Map #	Address	Company & Model	Year Built	Evidence	Significance Rating ¹
1	718 N 2nd Ave.	Sears- Princeville	1913	Testimonial in Sears Modern Homes catalogs, old photograph, city directories	Non-contributing
2	715 N 3rd Ave.	Sears- Hazelton	1916	Testimonial in Sears Modern Homes catalogs, old photograph, city directories, local history	Contributing
3	310 S 4th St.	Sears- Hampton	1926	Sears mortgage	Non-contributing
4	306 S 7th St.	Gordon-Van Tine/Wards-Kent/Newport	1923	Floor plan/dimensions match catalog	Significant
5	408 S 11th Ave.	Sears- Van Dorn	1927	Sears mortgage	Contributing
6	125 S 11th St.	Sears- Claremont	1939	Found part number on door	Contributing
7	315 S 12th Ave.	Sears- Hampton	1926	Sears mortgage	Contributing
8	319 S 12th Ave.	Sears- Fairy	1927	Sears mortgage	Contributing
9	708 Cedar Ave.	Sears- Winona	1927	Sears mortgage	Contributing
10	513 Illinois St.	Sears- Fullerton	1925	Oral history, floor plan matches catalog	Significant
11	308 Indiana Ave.	Gordon-Van Tine/Wards- #528/Panora	1920	Found part number on trim	Contributing
12	509 Indiana St.	Sears- Hampton	1926	Sears mortgage	Contributing
13	408 Jackson Ave.	Sears- Mitchell	1931	Sears mortgage	Contributing
14	504 Jackson Ave.	Sears- Kilbourne	1926	Floor plan matches catalog	Significant
15	1109 W Main St.	Sears- Crescent	1929	Floor plan/dimensions match catalog	Contributing
16	1203 W Main St.	Harris Brothers- #152	1906	Found part numbers on boards	Contributing
17	716 Mosedale St.	Sears- Hathaway [3271]	1926	Sears mortgage	Significant
18	720 Mosedale St.	Aladdin- Lindbergh	1928	Floor plan matches catalog	Contributing
19	1508 Riverside Ave.	Sears- Starlight	1927	Sears mortgage	Contributing
20	717 South Ave	Sears- Starlight	1923	Floor plan/ dimensions match catalog	Contributing

¹ The Significance Rating, as determined by the St. Charles Historic Preservation Commission, indicates how closely the existing home remains to its original form, based on the relevant catalog image. "Non-contributing" indicates the structure has been substantially altered from its original form. "Contributing" indicates some changes have been made to the structure, but the original form mostly remains. "Significant" indicates the structure remains nearly unchanged from its original form.

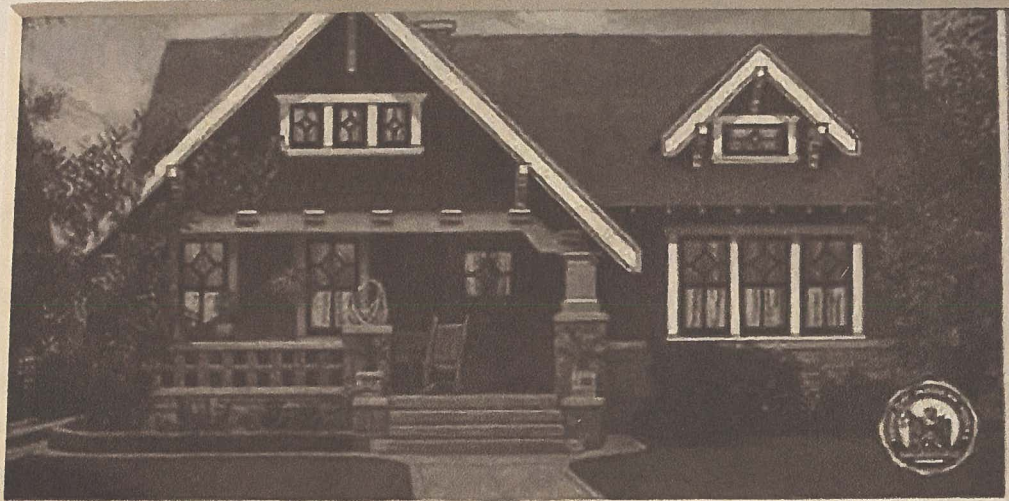


**13. 408 Jackson Avenue
Sears "Mitchell"**



**14. 504 Jackson Avenue
Sears "Kilbourne"**

GIVEN TO HOMEOWNER BY REBECCA HUNTER!



The Kilbourne
No. 7113 "Already Cut" and Fitted.
\$2,785.00

At the price quoted we will furnish all the material to build this two-room bungalow, consisting of mill work, medicine chest, kitchen cabinet, lumber, lath, shingles, flooring, finishing lumber, porch ceiling, roofing paper, eaves trough, down spout, cash weights, mantel hardware and painting material. No extras, as we guarantee enough material to build this bungalow. Price does not include cement, brick or plaster.

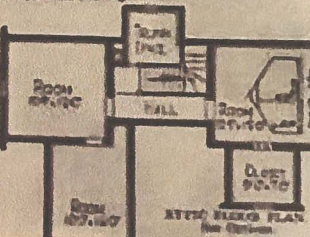
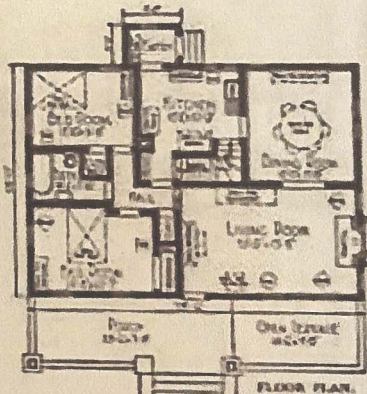
A HOUSE that looks as well inside as it is planned inside. The roomy porch is so located that it does not cut off the light from the living room, while inside, bedrooms, bath, kitchen, living room and closet all open off the small hallway. The front bedroom has a big combination wardrobe, as illustrated on page 33, No. 9265.

Main Floor The living room is large, light and pleasant. Interest is centered in the fireplace, flanked as it is by well designed windows, with the casual opening on one side and the group of three windows on the other. The effect is most inviting. In the dining room there is plenty of room around the table, four windows to insure plenty of light, and spaces for furniture where the pieces can stand conveniently be placed and where they will look best from the front room. Good sleeping quarters are essential to health. The bedrooms each have windows on two sides. Careful planning, however, is even more apparent in the kitchen than elsewhere. This is as it should be. Right outside the dining room is the sink. Two windows are at the left of it. At the left is our kitchen cabinet No. 9260 or 9261, shown on page 34. Sink, supplies, utensils, doughboard, cutlery and everything together. Refrigerator but a few steps away in the enclosed entry. The basement stairs lead from the kitchen. Notice that all kitchen work can be done on one side of the kitchen and handy to the dining room.

Basement Basement cement under one half of house is 1 foot high with a concrete floor.

Height of Ceilings Basement, 7 feet high from floor to joists. Rooms on the main floor are 9 feet high.

We furnish our best "Quality Lumber" mill work. Green at pages 128 and 129. Interior doors are five-cross panel, with trim and flooring to match, all yellow pine, in beautiful grain and color. Windows are made of three California white pine, with good quality glass set in with best grade of putty. Porch has concrete flooring.



Paint for Green coats outside, stain for two back coats for shingles on sides, cupola and wood like for interior details. Chicago Design hardware, see page 116. This bungalow is built on a concrete foundation, No. 1 yellow pine frame construction. Sided and roared with best grade thick red cedar shingles over good cement sheathing.

- OPTIONS**
- Painted with three coats in attic, \$120.00 extra. See Attic plan.
 - Hard Plaster and Plaster Finish on bath, \$100.00 extra. See page 116.
 - Green or Spanish Shingles, instead of wood shingles, no extra charge.
 - Five-Cross Panel, Full Roofing, Red or Sea Green in color, instead of wood shingles, \$10.00 less.
 - Oak Doors, Trim and Floors for living room and dining room, \$140.00 extra.
 - Clear Maple Flooring furnished for kitchen and bathroom, instead of yellow pine, no extra charge.
 - Green Doors and Windows, \$80.00 extra.
 - Green Doors and Windows, black wire, \$40.00 extra galvanized wire, \$40.00 extra. If painted or not wanted, \$40.00 less.
 - This house can be built on a lot 40 feet wide.

For prices of Plumbing, Heating, Wiring, Electric Fixtures and Shades, see page 113.

See page 113 for more information.

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The Kilbourne

1923 SEARS ROEBUCK MODERN HOMES

A steeper than usual roof pitch adds a bit of the English Cottage to an otherwise very Craftsman-style bungalow home. The facade is particularly handsome with the two forward gables and the large front porch and terrace. Inside, it is very modern with an open floor plan and easy access from one room to the next. Convenience was clearly a consideration when Sears' designers planned the Kilbourne.

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We will furnish all the mill work, medicine case, kitchen cabinet, lumber, lath, shingles, siding, flooring, finishing lumber, porch ceiling, building paper, eaves trough, down spout, sash weights, mantel, hardware and painting material. No extras, as we guarantee enough material to build this bungalow. Price does not include cement, brick or plaster.

Main Floor
The living room is large, light and pleasant. Interest is centered in the fireplace, banked as it is by well designed windows, with the pair of French doors on one side and the group of three windows on the other. The effect is most inviting. In the dining room there is plenty of room around the table, four windows to insure plenty of light, and spaces for furniture where the pieces can most conveniently be placed and where they will look best from the front room. Good sleeping quarters are essential to health. The bedrooms each have windows on two sides. Careful planning, however, is even more apparent in the kitchen than elsewhere. This is as it should be. Right outside the dining room is the sink. Two windows are at the left of it. At the left is our kitchen cabinet No. 960 and 961, shown on page 58. Sink, supplies, utensils, doughboard, cutlery and everything together. Refrigerator but a few steps away in the enclosed entry. The basement stairs lead from the kitchen. Notice that all kitchen work can be done on one side of the kitchen and handy to the dining room. Floors, kitchen and bathroom clear maple, all other rooms clear oak. Porch, cement.

Basement
Excavated basement is 7 feet high with a concrete floor.

Height of Ceilings
Basement, 7 feet high from floor to joists. Rooms on the main floor are 9 feet high.

We furnish our best "Quality Guaranteed" mill work, shown on pages 124 and 125. With trim of yellow pine, in beautiful grain and color. Windows are made of clear California white pine, with good quality glass set in with best grade of putty.

Paint for three coats outside; stain for two brush coats for shingles on sides; varnish and wood filler for interior finish. Chicago Design hardware, see page 126.

This bungalow is built on a concrete foundation; No. 1 yellow pine frame construction. Sided with clear cypress siding and roofed with best grade thick red cedar shingles over good wood sheathing. Gables sided with shingles.

Options

- Furnished with three rooms in attic, with single floor, \$241.00 extra. See attic plan.
- Sheet Plaster and Plaster Finish to take the place of wood lath, first floor, \$125.00 extra; for first floor and attic, \$190.00 extra. See page 120.
- Oriental Asphalt Shingles, instead of wood shingles, \$51.00 extra.
- Oak Doors and Trim for living room and dining room, \$70.00 extra.
- Storm Doors and Windows, \$185.00 extra.
- Screen Doors and Windows, galvanized wire, \$55.00 extra.
- If Mantel is not wanted, \$40.00 less.
- This house can be built on a lot 45 feet wide.

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FLOOR PLAN

ATTIC FLOOR PLAN
See Options.

View of Front bedroom, showing wardrobe.

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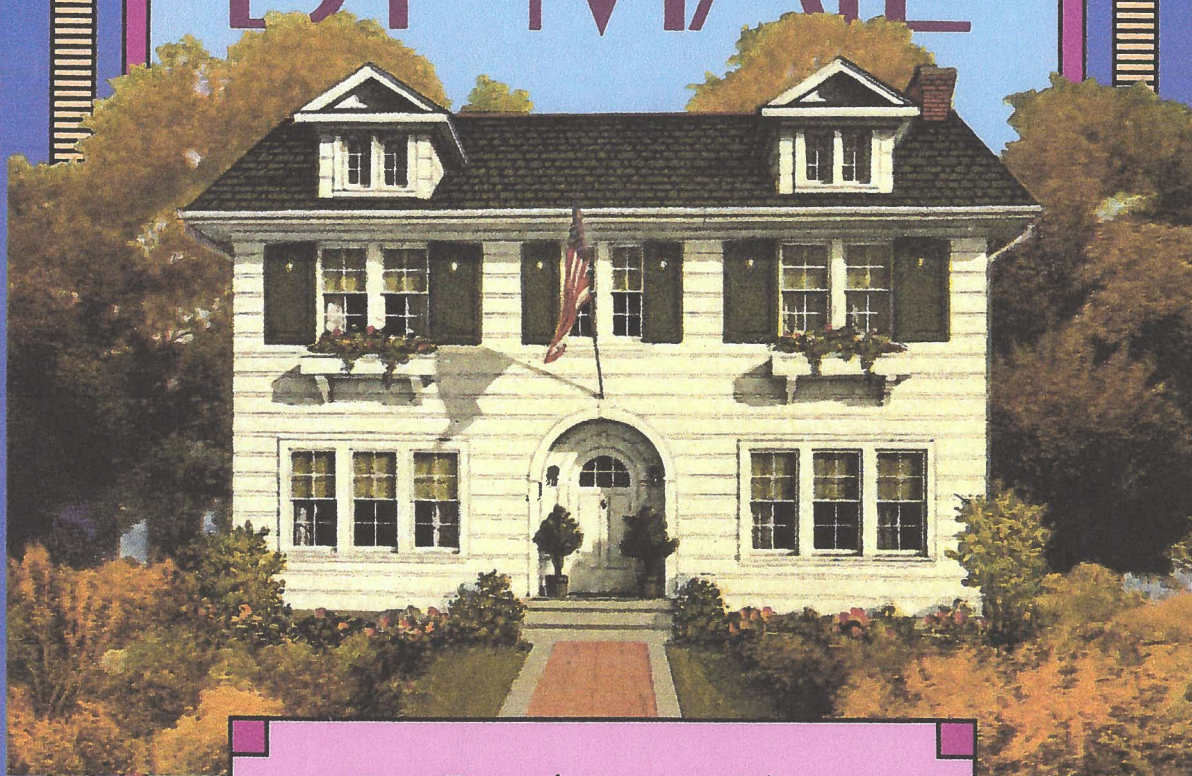
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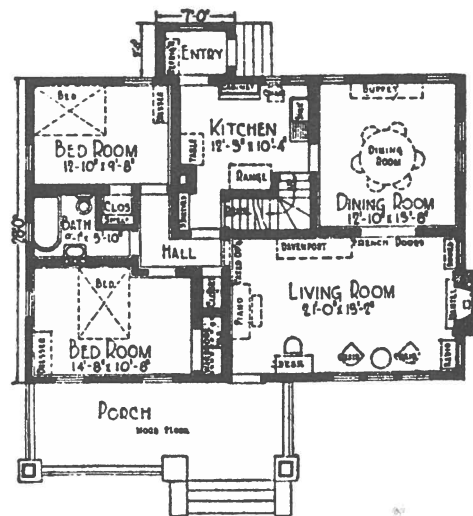
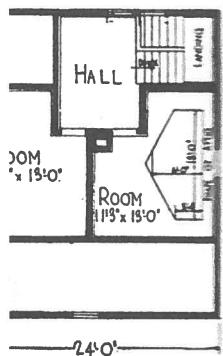
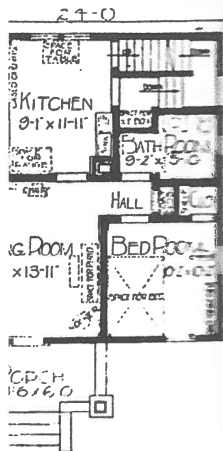
A customer who built the Kilbourne bungalow recently wrote to us as follows: "Our house has been the object of much admiration, not only from our friends but strangers, who in passing by will stop to look at the artistic front." The Kilbourne bungalow satisfies every family that has built it. Judge for yourself! The photograph and floor plan show the reason why the Kilbourne is such an outstanding value. See its sloping roof, the dormer, the overhanging eaves, the fireplace chimney, the large porch and the massive porch pillars!

Details and features: Five or eight rooms and one bath. Front porch with steeply pitched gabled roof supported by tapered piers; exposed roof rafter tails. Optional second floor; fireplace flanked by windows in living room; French door between living and dining rooms.

Years and catalog numbers: 1921 (7013); 1925 (17013); 1926 (P17013); 1928 (P17013); 1929 (P17013)

Price: \$2,500 to \$2,780

Location: St. Matthews, Ky.





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Kit house

Kit houses, also known as **mill-cut houses**, **pre-cut houses**, **ready-cut houses**, **mail order homes**, or **catalog homes**, were a type of housing that was popular in the United States, Canada, and elsewhere in the first half of the 20th century.^[1] Kit house manufacturers sold houses in many different plans and styles, from simple bungalows to imposing Colonials, and supplied at a fixed price all materials needed for construction of a particular house, but typically excluding brick, concrete, or masonry (such as would be needed for laying a foundation, which the customer would have to arrange to have done locally). Some house styles, like log cabins and geodesic dome homes, are still sometimes sold in kit form.

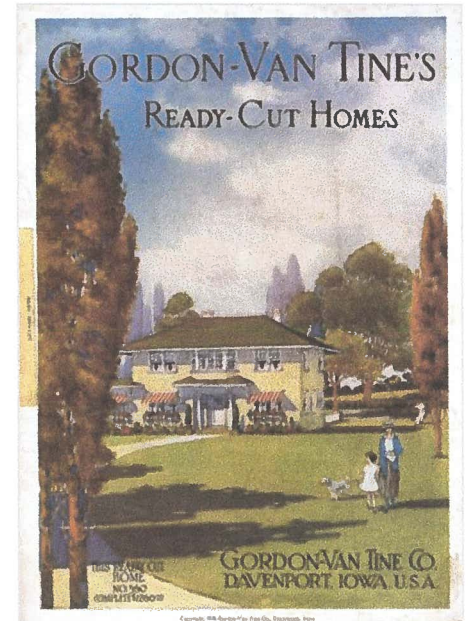
Design

Stick-built, balloon-framed kit houses were built as permanent, not temporary structures, as the manager of the Sears, Roebuck lumber department explained to a United States Senate committee in 1919:^[2]

A ready-cut house should not be confused with a sectional-portable house, which can be taken down and moved by being unbolted. A ready-cut house is a permanent house and the method of its construction is not different from any other frame house where the lumber is framed (or cut to its proper length, notched, etc.), by hand by carpenters.

Unlike modular homes and prefabricated houses, which are built in sections at a factory, in a kit house every separate piece of framing lumber shipped was already cut to fit its particular place in the house, thus eliminating the need for measuring and cutting, and likewise the waste of time (especially in the days before power tools) and of materials. The framing lumber pieces were labeled with a letter/number combo related to the dimension of wood, and this helped the builder identify where in the house that each piece went, with these identifying labels corresponding to information shown on the blueprints for the house.^[3] Thus, kit home manufacturers claimed to save the customer as much as 30 to 40 percent over traditional building methods.^{[4][5]} This description by researcher Dale Wolicki of kit house manufacture by the Gordon-Van Tine Company was typical of other kit house companies' efforts as well:^[5]

All designs were standardized to maximize efficiency and reduce waste in materials and labor. Lumber and hardware were purchased in bulk. The factories had skilled employees and special machines to cut difficult pieces such as rafters and staircases. Lumber was pre-



Cover of the 1916 catalog of Gordon-Van Tine kit house plans

and generous mortgage terms.^[5] For most homeowners, the complete cost of building a kit house was about double the catalog price, allowing for the construction of a foundation and labor costs.^{[4][9]} The price of land or a city lot on which to build would be another expense.

Customization

In addition to their pre-cut houses, some companies also sold only the house plans (with the homebuyer purchasing all the materials locally) or non-pre-cut versions of their houses (at a lower price), leaving it up to the buyer to arrange for construction and carpentry work. According to the Sears Archives, "Sears actually encouraged builders of Modern Homes to save money by ordering their lumber from local lumber mills. Sears wanted Modern Homes to be cost-effective for buyers, which often meant purchasing materials locally and not from the few and geographically distant Sears lumber mills."^[10]

Furthermore, some companies would provide reversed versions of their homes or make other modifications upon request. For example,^[11]

Sears was ... a very able follower of popular home designs but with the added advantage of modifying houses and hardware according to buyer tastes. Individuals could even design their own homes and submit the blueprints to Sears, which would then ship off the appropriate pre-cut and fitted materials, putting the home owner in full creative control.

In addition, with some companies, homebuyers could choose the quality of materials. Gordon-Van Tine offered discounts for customers who chose lesser-quality siding, roofing, doors, windows, and trim. Sears offered "Honor Bilt" homes, with the finest quality materials, as well as "Standard Built" homes that were "best for warmer climates, meaning they did not retain heat very well,"^[11] and "Simplex Sectionals," made from prefabricated panels that could be bolted together, intended for use as temporary structures or summer homes.^[12]

Advertising

Kit houses were promoted through catalogs available at lumber yards and hardware stores, through the mail-order catalogs published by large retailers like Sears and Wards, and through advertisements in popular magazines and newspapers in those cities where kit home manufacturers had local sales



Cover of a 1922 catalog published by Gordon-Van Tine, showing building materials being unloaded from a boxcar

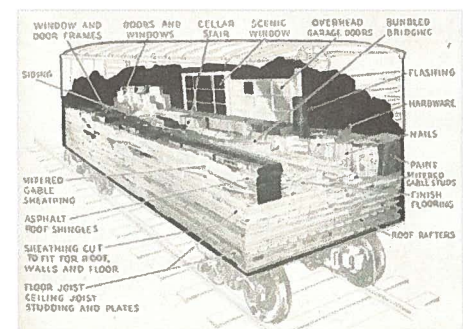


Illustration of kit home materials loaded in a boxcar from a 1952 Aladdin catalogue

offices. Dale Wolicki lists *Saturday Evening Post*, *National Geographic*, and *Good Housekeeping* as examples of nationwide magazines where Gordon-VanTine advertised.^[5] Prospective customers could arrange to inspect kit houses in their vicinity or visit a company's factory to tour model homes.^{[5][13]}

The ease of construction and cost savings of kit houses appealed to many would-be homeowners across the economic spectrum, from blue-collar workers to the affluent. For example, in 1928 Walt Disney and his brother Roy built two kit houses made by Pacific Ready Cut Homes on lots they owned in the Silver Lake neighborhood of Los Angeles.^[13]

The popularity of kit houses was attested in a roundabout way in the 1920 silent comedy *One Week* starring Buster Keaton, which shows Keaton constructing a build-it-yourself house that turns out all wrong.^[14]

Kit house companies

A number of companies offered kit houses, and sometimes also offered rudimentary "industrial" and summer cottages lacking bathrooms,^[15] as well as garages, duplexes, apartment buildings, barns and other farm buildings, and even outhouses.^[11]

Canada

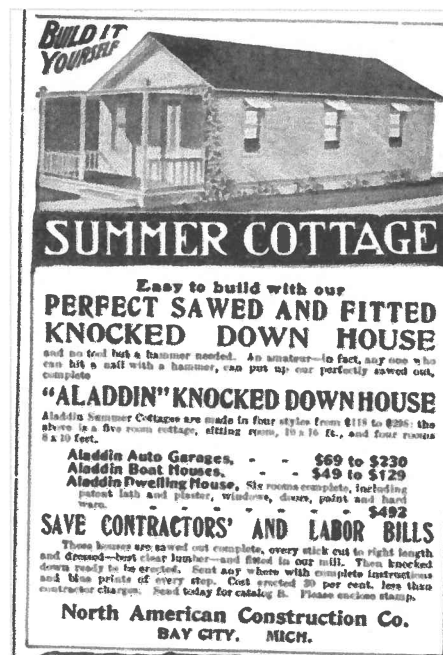
The largest sellers in Canada were:

- Canadian Aladdin Co. Ltd. – a branch plant, of the Michigan-based Aladdin Homes, the largest kit home seller in Canada, its Canadian headquarters were located in the Canadian Pacific Building, in Toronto. They operated across the whole of Canada, from 1905 to 1952. They were truly pre-cut, and need very little skill to assemble. They also featured high-quality lumber, and the company offered a refund of \$1 for each knot found in a kit.^[16]
- The T. Eaton Co. Ltd. – by far the most important mail-order general retailer in Canada in the early twentieth century, it was also a provider of house kits from 1910 to 1932. They were only available in Western Canada, not in Ontario or the East. Eaton's sold at least 40 different house plans, but the most common type was the 1½-storey, sometimes referred to as the semi-bungalow. In the 1919 and 1920 catalogues, all Eaton's houses were given a name starting in "Ea", thus, the Eatoncourt, Eastbourne, Easton, Eager, Earlswood, and Earls court. Although Eaton's houses were sold as kits, they were *not* pre-cut.^[16]
- Other smaller providers of mail-order kits included The B.C. Mills Timber and Trading Co., United Grain Growers, the University of Saskatchewan, and the Manitoba Agricultural College.^[16]

United States



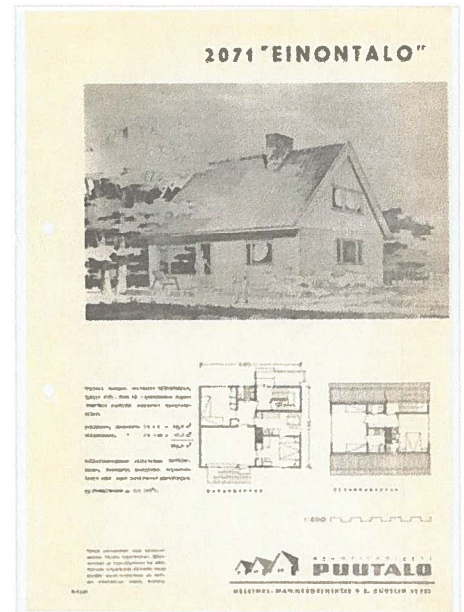
1915 magazine ad



Advertisement for knocked down kits for summer cottages, in *Popular Mechanics*, May 1908. These were lightly constructed dwellings, not meant to be lived in year-round.

Over 100,000 kit homes were built in the United States between 1908 and 1940.^[6] Companies offering kit houses during all or part of their corporate existence included:^[1]

- Aladdin Homes, Bay City, Michigan – 1906 to 1981^{[17][18][19][20]}
- Bennett Homes, North Tonawanda, New York – 1902 to 1935 or later^{[21][22][23][24]}
- Fenner Factory Cut Homes, Ready Built House Company, North Portland, Oregon – 1912 to 1928^[25]
- Gordon-Van Tine Homes, Davenport, Iowa, with additional plants in St. Louis, Missouri,^[26] Chehalis, Washington; Louisiana,^[27] and Hattiesburg, Mississippi – 1907 to 1947^{[5][23][28]}
- Harris Homes, Harris Brothers Company, Chicago, Illinois – 1913 to 1960^{[23][29][30]}
- Hewitt-Lea-Funck Company, Seattle, Washington^[31]
- Liberty Homes, Lewis Manufacturing, Bay City, Michigan – 1925 to 1973^{[23][32][33]}
- Pacific Ready Cut Homes, Los Angeles – 1908 to 1940^{[13][34][35][36]}
- Sears Modern Homes, Sears, Roebuck, Chicago – 1908 to 1940^{[12][37]}
- Sterling Homes, International Mill and Timber Company, Bay City, Michigan – 1915 to 1971^{[23][38][39]}
- Wardway Homes, Montgomery Ward, Chicago, Illinois – 1910 to 1931 (actual manufacture of homes was subcontracted to Gordon-Van Tine)^{[5][23][40][41]}



Ad for the "2071 Einontalo" manufactured by the Finnish company Puutalo during the 1950s.

Kit house companies left the business for various economic reasons before, during, and after the Great Depression; some went bankrupt, while others returned to their original function as suppliers of building materials. According to researcher Wolicki:^[42]

Contrary to popular belief Montgomery-Ward and Sears Roebuck did not discontinue their pre-cut housing departments because of customers who defaulted on their mortgages. The New Deal programs introduced by the Roosevelt administration encouraged homeowners to refinance existing mortgages at a lower rate through programs established by the Federal Housing Administration. Throughout 1934 and 1935, customers paid off their home mortgages with Sears and Montgomery Ward. Without the profitable mortgage program Montgomery Ward decided to discontinue its offerings of pre-cut houses and building materials entirely. Sears, Roebuck continued to sell pre-cut houses but scaled back their operations significantly.

Some kit house companies continued after World War II, but most homebuyers flocked to the new, inexpensive tract house subdivisions springing up across the country.^[23]

Although none of the traditional kit house companies are still in business, pre-cut log home and geodesic dome kits are offered by a number of manufacturers.^[43] Lindal Cedar Homes, a kit house company established in 1945 and headquartered in Seattle, Washington, continues to sell its pre-cut exterior materials home packages internationally through a network of independent distributors.^[44] And beginning in 2006, for a few years Lowe's supplied plans and materials (not pre-cut) for small stick-built homes called Katrina Cottages, with walls designed to withstand 140 mile-per-hour (223 kilometer-per-hour) winds, intended to provide temporary housing for Gulf Coast residents who had lost their homes to Hurricane Katrina.^{[45][46]} Initially offered through Lowe's stores in Mississippi and Louisiana, in 2008 Lowe's began offering the cottages at all of its stores nationwide.^[47] However, although initially "hailed as the new Sears & Roebuck house,"^[48] the program faced strong opposition from local governments in the Gulf Coast region who feared the cottages would lower property values, and by mid-2011, Lowe's had discontinued its product line.^{[49][50]}

Preservation

The Municipal District of Acadia, Alberta, has published a map of a self-guided driving tour of local catalogue houses.^[51]

See also

- Gordon-Van Tine Company Historic District
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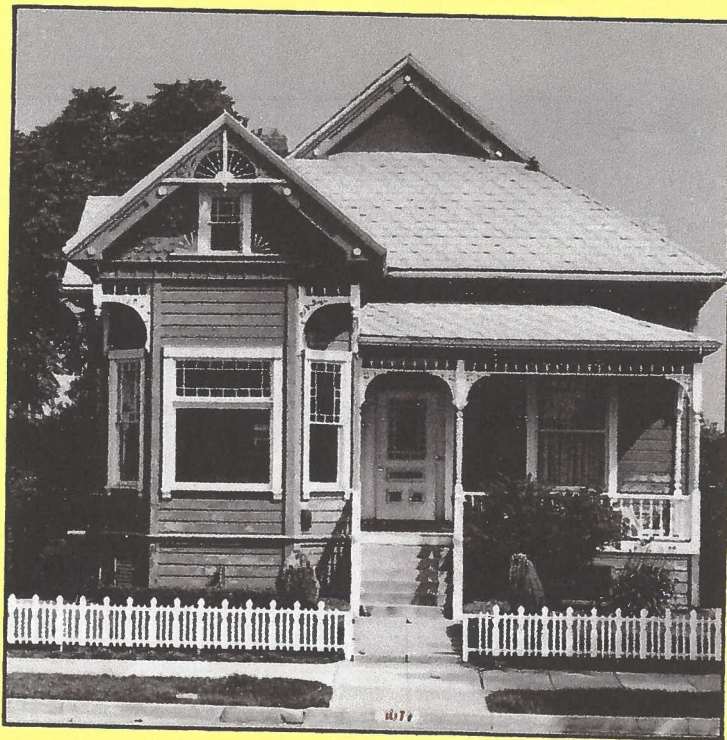
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roof rafters usually exposed

porches, either full- or partial-width, with roof supported by square columns

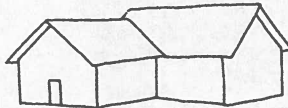


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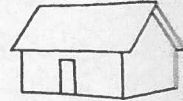
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CROSS-GABLED ROOF



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SIDE-GABLED ROOF



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PRINCIPAL SUBTYPES

decorative (false) beams or braces under gables

columns or column bases frequently continue to ground level (without break at level of porch floor)

IDENTIFYING FEATURES

Low-pitched, gabled roof (occasionally hipped) with wide, unenclosed eave overhang; roof rafters usually exposed; decorative (false) beams or braces commonly added under gables; porches, either full- or partial-width, with roof supported by tapered square columns; columns or pedestals frequently extend to ground level (without a break at level of porch floor).

PRINCIPAL SUBTYPES

Four principal subtypes can be distinguished:

FRONT-GABLED ROOF—About one-third of Craftsman houses are of this subtype. Porches, which may either be full- or partial-width, are almost evenly divided between those sheltered beneath the main roof and those with separate, extended roofs. Most examples of this subtype are one-story, but one-and-a-half- and two-story examples are not uncommon; dormers are found in only about 10 percent of this subtype.

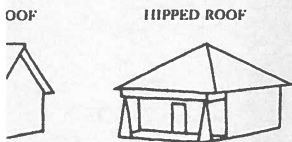
CROSS-GABLED ROOF—Cross-gabled examples make up about one-fourth of Craftsman houses. Of these, three-quarters are one-story examples; dormers occur on about 20 percent. Porches are varied, but by far the most common type is a partial-width, front-gabled porch, its roof forming the cross gable.

SIDE-GABLED ROOF—About one-third of Craftsman houses are of this subtype. Most are one-and-a-half stories high with centered shed or gable dormers. Porches are generally contained under the main roof, sometimes with a break in slope. Two-story examples commonly have added, full-width porches. This subtype is most common in the northeastern and midwestern states.

HIPPED ROOF—These make up less than 10 percent of Craftsman houses; they are almost equally divided between one- and two-story examples. This subtype is similar to some simple Prairie houses, which normally lack the exposed rafters and other typical Craftsman details.

VARIANTS AND DETAILS

PORCH ROOF SUPPORTS—Columns for supporting the porch roofs are a distinctive and variable detail. Typically short, square upper columns rest upon more massive piers, or upon a solid porch balustrade. These columns, piers, or balustrades frequently begin directly



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at ground level and extend without break to a level well above the porch floor. Usually the piers or columns have sloping (battered) sides. Materials used for piers, columns, and solid balustrades are varied. Stone, clapboard, shingle, brick, concrete, or stucco are all common; they frequently occur in combination.

ROOF-WALL JUNCTIONS—Among the most distinctive features of the style are the junctions where the roof joins the wall, which are almost never boxed or enclosed. The roof has a wide eave overhang; along *horizontal* edges the actual rafter ends are exposed, and at the rafter ends are added. These are sometimes cut into decorative shapes. Along the *vertical* or rake, edges, three or more beams (usually false) extend through the wall to the eave edge. These are either plain or embellished by a triangular knee brace.

OTHER DETAILS—Craftsman doors and windows are similar to those used in vernacular Prairie houses (see page 442). Dormers are commonly gabled, with exposed rafter ends and braces such as are found at the main roof-wall junction. The most common wall covering is wood clapboard; wood shingles rank second. Stone, brick, concrete block, and stucco are also used, most frequently in the northern and midwestern states. Secondary influences such as Tudor false half-timbering, Swiss balustrades or Oriental roof lines are also sometimes seen.

OCCURRENCE

This was the dominant style for smaller houses built throughout the country during the period from about 1905 until the early 1920s. The Craftsman style originated in California and most landmark examples are concentrated there. Like vernacular examples of the contemporaneous Prairie style, it was quickly spread throughout the country by pattern books and popular magazines. The style rapidly faded from favor after the 1920s; few were built after 1930.

COMMENTS

Craftsman houses were inspired primarily by the work of two California brothers, Charles Sumner Greene and Henry Mather Greene—who practiced together in Pasadena from 1893 to 1914. About 1903 they began to design simple Craftsman bungalows; by 1909 they had designed and executed several exceptional landmark examples that have been called the “ultimate bungalows.” Several influences—the English Arts and Crafts movement, an interest in oriental wooden architecture, and their own training in the manual arts—appear to have led the Greenses to design and build these carefully detailed buildings. These and similar residences were given extensive publicity in such magazines as the *Western Architect*, *The Architect*, *House Beautiful*, *Good Housekeeping*, *Architectural Record*, *Country Life in America*, and *Ladies' Home Journal*, thus familiarizing the rest of the nation with the style. As a result, a flood of pattern books appeared, offering plans for Craftsman bungalows; some even offered complete pre-cut packages of lumber and detailing to be assembled by local labor. Through these vehicles, the one-story Craftsman house quickly became the most popular and desirable smaller house in the country. High-style interpretations are rare except in California, where they have been called the Western Stick style. One-story vernacular examples are often called simply bungalows or the Bungaloid style.