



**KENDALL COUNTY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**
111 West Fox Street • Rooms 209 and 210 • Yorkville, IL • 60560
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AGENDA

April 18, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Eric Bernacki (Secretary), Elizabeth Flowers (Vice-Chair), Kristine Heiman, Marty Shanahan, and Jeff Wehrli (Chair)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of Minutes of March 21, 2022 Meeting (Pages 2-5)

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Recommendation of a Proclamation Declaring May Historic Preservation Month in Kendall County (Page 6)
2. Discussion of Having a Historic Preservation Group Meeting/Event in Summer 2022

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Review of Historic Preservation Award Applications; Commission Could Select Award Winner(s) (Pages 7-10)
 - a. Kohlhammer Barn (19 North Street, Oswego) (Pages 11-23)
 - b. Historic Yorkville Jail and Sheriff’s Residence (111 W. Madison Street, Yorkville) (Pages 24-64)
 - c. Union School (7935 Route 71, Yorkville) (Pages 65-70)
 - d. Fern Dell School (Pages 71-75)
 - e. Misner Blacksmith’s Shop (Pages 76-82)
 - f. Bev Casey (Pages 83-89)
 - g. Yorkville Historic Preservation Society (Pages 90-99)
2. Discussion of Historic Survey Project/Certified Local Government Grant (Page 100)
3. Discussion of Cemeteries (Pages 101-102)

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. April 2022 Edition of The Bell Tower (Pages 103-106)
2. April 6, 2022 National Impact Agenda Email (Pages 107-108)
3. Edith Farnsworth House Spring 2022 Newsletter (Pages 109-116)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADJOURNMENT:

If special accommodations or arrangements are needed to attend this County meeting, please contact the Administration Office at 630-553-4171, a minimum of 24-hours prior to the meeting time.

KENDALL COUNTY
Historic Preservation Commission
Kendall County Office Building
County Board Room (Rooms 209 and 210)
111 W. Fox Street, Yorkville, Illinois
6:00 p.m.
March 21, 2022-Unofficial Until Approved

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jeff Wehrli called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Eric Bernacki (Secretary), Kristine Heiman, Marty Shanahan, and Jeff Wehrli (Chairman)

Absent: Elizabeth Flowers (Vice-Chairwoman)

Also Present: Matt Asselmeier (Senior Planner)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Heiman made a motion, seconded by Member Shanahan, to approve the agenda as presented. With a voice vote of four (4) ayes, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Heiman made a motion, seconded by Member Bernacki, to approve the minutes from the December 20, 2021, meeting, January 18, 2022, gathering, and February 16, 2022, meeting. With a voice vote of four (4) ayes, the motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Wehrli noted the Commission had good nominations for awards. He said that it was great to see the involvement of the various groups.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion of February 16, 2022, Meeting with Historic Preservation Organizations

Approval of Invoices for Food and Beverages in the Amount of \$68.74; Invoices to Be Paid from PBZ Department's Historical Preservation Line Item 11001902-63830

Member Heiman made a motion, seconded by Member Bernacki, to approve the expenditure. With a voice vote of four (4) ayes, the motion carried.

Follow-Up Discussion Regarding the Meeting

Discussion occurred regarding the acoustics in the meeting room. Member Bernacki was happy to hear that the Kendall County Historical Society has a scanner. Chairman Wehrli was glad to see attendees networking with each other and having people from Naperville attending the meeting.

The consensus of the Commission was to have another group meeting in six (6) months. Discussion occurred regarding the location of the summer meeting. An award winner could be a host for the summer meeting.

Discussion occurred regarding the various museums in the area and the historic organizations listed on the County website.

Discussion occurred regarding having a Commission meeting at PrairieFest and having a booth at the Kendall County Fair. Discussion occurred about displaying the structure surveys at an event.

Review of Historic Preservation Award Applicants; Commissions Could Select Award Winner(s)

Commissioners reviewed the criteria for selecting awardees.

It was noted that the plaque for last year's winner cost approximately One Hundred Sixty-Three Dollars (\$163) and the Commission has approximately Four Hundred Thirty-Dollars (\$431) remaining in the budget.

Commissioners reviewed the following applications:

- a. Kohlhammer Barn (19 North Street, Oswego)
- b. Historic Yorkville Jail and Sheriff's Residence (111 W. Madison Street, Yorkville)
- c. Union School (7935 Route 71, Yorkville)
- d. Fern Dell School
- e. Misner Blacksmith's Shop
- f. Bev Casey
- g. Yorkville Historic Preservation Society

It was noted that the nominations of Bev Casey and Yorkville Historic Preservation Society were for groups or individuals and the other applications were for structures.

Member Bernacki noted that Fern Dell School and Misner Blacksmith's Shop were ongoing projects. The other projects were recent renovations.

Discussion occurred about visiting the various nominees.

The rankings were as follows:

Structures

- a. Historic Yorkville Jail and Sheriff's Residence (111 W. Madison Street, Yorkville)
- b. Union School (7935 Route 71, Yorkville)-Tie
- c. Fern Dell School-Tie
- d. Kohlhammer Barn (19 North Street, Oswego)
- e. Misner Blacksmith's Shop

Individuals and Groups

- f. Bev Casey
- g. Yorkville Historic Preservation Society

The consensus of the Commission was to visit the Union School and Fern Dell School.

The consensus of the Commission was to give at least one (1) award for structure and one (1) award for an individual or group.

The final vote would occur at the April meeting.

Discussion of Historic Survey Project/Certified Local Government Grant

Mr. Asselmeier presented the change to the timeline for completing the project as requested from the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency. The new completion deadline is June 30, 2023. No new update was provided from the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency.

Discussion occurred regarding the possibility of grant funding for the 2023 Certified Local Government Grant application cycle.

Discussion of Cemeteries

Commissioners reviewed the list of cemeteries and several civil war soldiers buried at the Bronk Cemetery.

Mr. Asselmeier will reach out to the Kendall County Historical Society regarding the information owned by the Elmer Dixon Library to see if a cost exists for publicizing their information. The Commission would like the information in advance of Memorial Day to honor veterans.

CORRESPONDENCE

February 19, 2022, Little White School Museum Press Release

Commissioners reviewed the press release.

Member Bernacki left the meeting at this time (6:55 p.m.).

Mr. Asselmeier will email the picture referenced in the press release, which is attached to these minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Member Heiman made a motion, seconded by Member Shanahan, to adjourn. With a voice vote of three (3) ayes, the motion carried. The Historic Preservation Commission adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP, CFM
Senior Planner

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A PROCLAMATION
Declaring Historic Preservation Month in Kendall County, Illinois



WHEREAS, historic preservation is an effective tool for managing growth and sustainable development, revitalizing neighborhoods, fostering local pride and maintaining community character while enhancing livability; and

WHEREAS, historic preservation is relevant for communities across the nation, both urban and rural, and for Americans of all ages, all walks of life and all ethnic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, it is important to celebrate the role of history in our lives and the contributions made by dedicated individuals in helping to preserve the tangible aspects of the heritage that has shaped us as a people; and

WHEREAS, “*People Saving Places*” is a theme adopted by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and embraced by Kendall County as we celebrate our historic built environment and work to preserve the places that matter to the citizens of our County; and

THEREFORE, the Board of Kendall County do proclaim May as National Preservation Month, and call upon the people of Kendall County to join their fellow citizens across the United States in recognizing and participating in this special observance.

ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY BOARD THIS 3RD DAY OF MAY, 2022.

Attest:

Scott R. Gryder
County Board Chairman

Debbie Gillette
County Clerk

Annual Kendall County Historic Preservation Awards

A recognition of properties that have undergone recent exterior and/or interior preservation, restoration, rehabilitation, adaptive use, or sympathetic additions as well as for people or groups that exhibit dedication to the field of historic preservation or for sites that possess importance to the history of Kendall County, State of Illinois, or the United States.

MAIL NOMINATION FORM TO:
Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission
111 W. Fox Street
Yorkville, IL 60560

EMAIL NOMINATION FORM TO:
Matt Asselmeier, masselmeier@co.kendall.il.us

DEADLINE: February 28, 2022-4:00 pm

Street address: _____

Current property owner: _____

Historic name and/or original owner (if known): _____

Current use: _____

Historic use: _____

Year built (if known): _____

Year rehabilitated, renovated, restored (if known): _____

Architectural style / form (if known): _____

Reason for nomination: *Please provide a short description, between 50 and 500 words, explaining the project or person being nominated. The statement should clearly identify the purpose and scope of work, unusual challenges or innovative approaches, sensitive treatment of historic fabric, long-term impact and any other information that supports the nomination as being exceptional.*

Images: *Please provide a minimum of five photographs or quality digital photographs in .jpg format on a CD ROM, flash drive, or by email highlighting the project. Before and after pictures are encouraged.*

Submitted by: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Address: _____

Annual Historic Preservation Award

Application for Award Nomination Announcement:	January 14 and February 14
Deadline for nomination:	February 28 by 4:00 pm
Date of HPC Review:	March and April HPC Meetings. <i>HPC shall be provided with applications prior to the March meeting for their review</i>
Date of final selection:	April HPC meeting
Award given:	Second May County Board meeting

How the final selection will occur. The HPC will review the nominations at their March and April meetings and make a final selection at their April meeting. The Secretary of the HPC will notify award recipient(s) by May 1. The Kendall County Board will bestow the award via a proclamation at their second May meeting, which typically occurs the third Tuesday of the month at 9:00 am.

Physical Description of Award: At a minimum, the recipient will receive a certificate, which will be bestowed at the County Board meeting. The HPC also aspires to provide award recipients with a small sign that they could place on their property. County staff is still researching whether the HPC has funds to purchase signs annually for this program. If the County does not have funding for this, donations may be sought.

Aluminum garden flags cost around \$70



Wooden garden flags cost around \$25



Nomination Procedure: Each nomination must include a completed application form and a minimum of five photographs or quality digital photographs. Applications will be available on the County's website as well as in hard copy form at Planning, Building and Zoning Department at 111 W. Fox Street in Yorkville.

Award categories and number of awards to be given: Nominations may be for a structure (residential or commercial) that has undergone exterior or interior preservation, restoration, rehabilitation, adaptive reuse, landscape restoration or sympathetic additions OR for a person or group that exhibits dedication to the field of historic preservation OR for a site that possesses importance to the history of Kendall County, State of Illinois, or the United States.

The HPC reserves the right to offer one or more awards based on the quality of submitted nominations. The HPC also reserves the right to offer zero awards.

Award designation may simply be: “2022 Historic Preservation Award (s),” “Person of the Year,” or “Project of the Year.”

Examples

- “2022 Kendall County Historic Preservation Award” *for the restoration of the home at* _____
- “2022 Kendall County Historic Preservation Award” *for the adaptive reuse of the building at* _____
- “2022 Kendall County Historic Preservation Award” *for the sympathetic building addition at* _____

Award Review and Selection Criteria:

Preservation/Restoration

- Only completed projects shall be considered.
- Historic character and features of the property shall be retained and preserved.
- Features, spaces, and spatial relationships that characterize a property shall be retained.
- Distinctive materials, features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a property shall be preserved.
- Original materials shall be retained (example: slate roof repair/replacement, removal of artificial siding, repair/restoration of wood siding).
- Historic materials and features shall be repaired rather than replaced.
- When material is replaced, the new shall match the old in composition, design, color and texture.
- Landscape and site features original to the site shall be preserved.

Architecturally Compatible New Addition:

- Only completed projects shall be considered.
- New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the property.
- The new work shall be differentiated from the old but shall be compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment.

HPC Commissioner Award Selection Procedure

- **Meeting:** Each Commissioner secretly ranks applications by number of applications. For example, if there are 7 applications then you they are ranked 1-7 with #1 being the highest ranking.
- Rankings are discussed.
- Recommendation made on number of awards to be bestowed followed by a recommendation and formal vote on awardees.
- A tie may result in a second vote for one.

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DEADLINE: February 28, 2020-4:00 pm
Street address: 19 North St., Oswego IL

Current property owner: Board of Trustees, Oswego Public Library District

Historic name and/or original owner (if known): Kohlhammer Barn

Current use: Historic/learning/program site

Historic use: Temporary residence, barn for horses and carriages

Year built (if known): 1904

Year rehabilitated, renovated, restored (if known): 2019- Oct. 2021

Architectural style / form (if known): Bank barn

Reason for nomination: *Please provide a short description, between 50 and 500 words, explaining the project or person being nominated. The statement should clearly identify the purpose and scope of work, unusual challenges or innovative approaches, sensitive treatment of historic fabric, long-term impact and any other information that supports the nomination as being exceptional.*

The project to be nominated is Kohlhammer Barn 19 North Street (exterior). This barn was one of six urban barns rated as significant in Architectural Resources in the Oswego Survey Area, Granacki Historic Consultants, 2009, p. 29. (www.oswegoil.org). This is the only urban barn that is owned by a public entity. Historic family photos and public documents were used to provide information about features such as paint color and reversing recent changes to the windows. The exterior of the barn has been recently used as a site to explore local history on an urban barn tour and as an outdoor library program site. The project included repairing windows and doors, adding gutters and a new roof, and putting lightning rods and a weathervane on the roof.

Images: *Please provide a minimum of five photographs or quality digital photographs in .jpg format on a CD ROM, flash drive, or by email highlighting the project. Before and after pictures are encouraged.*

Submitted by: [Redacted] *Libby Dora*

Phone: [Redacted] **Email:** sskilton@oswego.lib.il.us

Address: [Redacted]

Fred and Katherine Kohlhammer



Fred and Katherine Kohlhammer both immigrated from Germany. Fred Kohlhammer was a carpenter who built houses and barns. He built this barn in 1904 for his family and used it as a residence while he built the house. The barn was then used for horses and carriages.



Fred Kohlhammer in front of house

Historic photos
courtesy of the

Kohlhammer Family

Kohlhammer Barn

19 North St., Oswego IL



FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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LIBRARY DISTRICT
32 W. Jefferson St.
Oswego, IL 60543
1111 Reading Drive
Montgomery., IL 60538
630-554-3150
www.oswegolib.org



Barn Restoration Stages



Mothballing the Barn: 2016

The Library District purchased 19 North St. in 2016, including almost 3 acres of land and the Kohlhammer Barn. Due to the condition of the barn, the Library Trustees decided to mothball the barn to stop the deterioration.



Barn Restoration: 2019

In 2019, Library Trustees agreed to move forward with the restoration of the barn on the condition that no property tax revenues would be used to pay for the building's restoration and land improvements, instead using funds from grants, donations, and other sources. Using historic photos and interior color to research the original features, the added windows on the 3rd floor were removed and a red paint was selected to match the 1904 color.



Katherine Kohlhammer in front of barn

Future Plans: 2021

After new paint, repaired windows and doors, fixed foundation, new gutters and roof, lightning rods, and a new weathervane, the barn is ready for the next 100 years.

In a 2018 Community Survey conducted by NIU, the community responded that the barn and open space would be best used as a historic/learning/concert site, natural area, place for reading, and a place to walk and be with nature. The library continues to work toward these goals through grants and partnerships.

Windmill built by Fred Kohlhammer on path to creek

















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BARNES

Oswego stands apart from other towns in Northeastern Illinois with its enduring collection of urban barns. Typically found on the rear of the lot, particularly in parts of the village with alleys, these accommodated horses or cows to serve immediate family needs. Some of them remain as garages or outbuildings while others have been converted to residences. Of the 22 barns or stables still used as secondary structures, six have been rated significant — 192 North Adams Street, 196 North Adams Street, 274 South Adams, 19 North Street, 1437 Route 31, and 26 East Van Buren Street.



274 S. Adams Street



2470 Route 31

One impressive stone barn now a residence is the Seely Barn at 2470 Route 31 dating from c.1845 and rated significant in this survey. This structure was converted into a tea room and residence by James Curry in the 1920s. Many of the window openings are historic, but the large central entrance is a more recent alteration.

OTHER 19TH CENTURY VERNACULAR TYPES IN THE SURVEY AREA

Several other vernacular types are represented in the survey but were not illustrated. These include the Upright and Wing, which combines a 1 1/2 or two-story gable front section with a same height wing that meets it at a right angle; the Gabled Ell with an L or T-shaped form and the entry tucked into the corner of the L; the New England 1 1/2 which is side-gabled with an additional half-story under the roof; and the Four Over Four, a two-story, rectangular and symmetrical side-gabled house with four rooms per floor on either side of a central hall. Of the 30 houses in these styles, only one, the Robert Johnson 1907 Four Over Four at 58 Chicago Road from 1907 was rated significant. 55 and 61-63 South Madison Street are two Upright and Wing houses that were noted as historically significant for being the two halves of the original Kendall House Hotel from 1850.

20th-CENTURY HIGH-STYLE ARCHITECTURE

In the first decades of the 20th century, some building designs began to bear no reference to prior historical architectural styles. The earliest of these, the Craftsman and Prairie School styles, looked to other areas of inspiration than the past. There was clear intent to tie architecture to the surround-

Historic Yorkville Jail and Sheriff's Residence

111 Madison
Yorkville, Illinois

Current Property Owner: Peter McKnight,

Historic Name: Kendall County Jail and Sheriff's Residence

Current Use: Mixed use project:

- Commercial in historic first floor (in front of the jail).
- Old 24 x 24 x 24 garage turned into 4 studio apartments with a massive deck with a view of the Fox River.
- Historic upstairs turned into a single 2-story apartment.

Year Built: House: 1893, Garage 1960's

Year Renovated: 2021

Architectural Style: House: Victorian with East Lake Detailing

Participants in project's preservation:

- Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission, esp. Lisa Wolancevich for her advocacy and perseverance
- City of Yorkville , for negotiation with Peter McKnight on the sale of the buildings, financial support and building dept. cooperation
- Allen+Pepa Architects for furthering the community vision, detailing all aspects of the work for Permit and Construction, managing the concerns of the building dept. in respect to the unique detailing of the project.

Submission by: Allen+Pepa Architects, Lane Allen, AIA, LEED AP (630) 346-4469, lallen@allenpepa.com. Jarod Pletcher, Assoc. Architect



Historic Yorkville Jail and Sheriff's Residence

111 Madison
Yorkville, Illinois

Category: Preservation/Adaptive Re-use

Project Owner and General Contractor:

Peter McKnight



Architect:

Allen+Pepa Architects, Inc.
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Lane B. Allen, AIA, Jarod Pletcher

MEP Consultants:

Archer Engineering
Homer Glen, IL 60491
(630) 588-3535
Larry McElheny, PE

Other Preservationist:

City of Yorkville:

- Valerie Burd former Mayor who facilitated the project
- Aldermen in 2018/2019 who voted to work with Peter McKnight
 - John Purcell, Daniel Transier, Joel Frieders, Ken Koch, Arden Joe Plocher, Chris Funkhouser, Seaver Tarulis, Mark Marek, Jason Peterson, Jackie Mischiewski
- Pete Ratos, Building Dept.

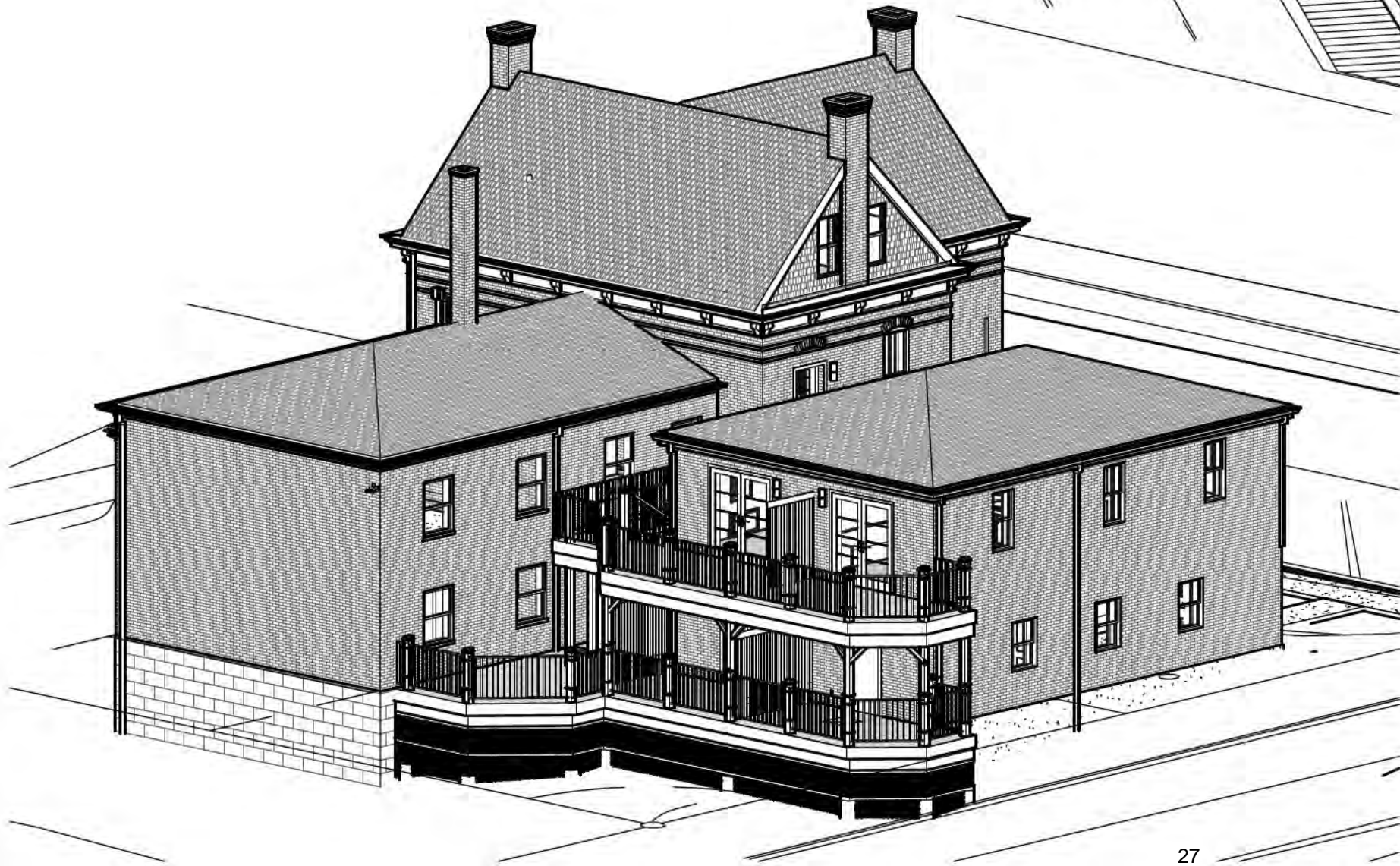
Yorkville Historic Preservation Committee, esp. Lisa Wolancevich

Project Data:

Gross Square: 8,200
4-plex: 2,500 s.f.
Historic House:
Jail (2 floors): 1,600 s.f.
Breezeway and deck: 1,450 s.f.
Site Size: 10,180 sq.ft.
Date of Completion : August 2021

REASON FOR NOMINATION

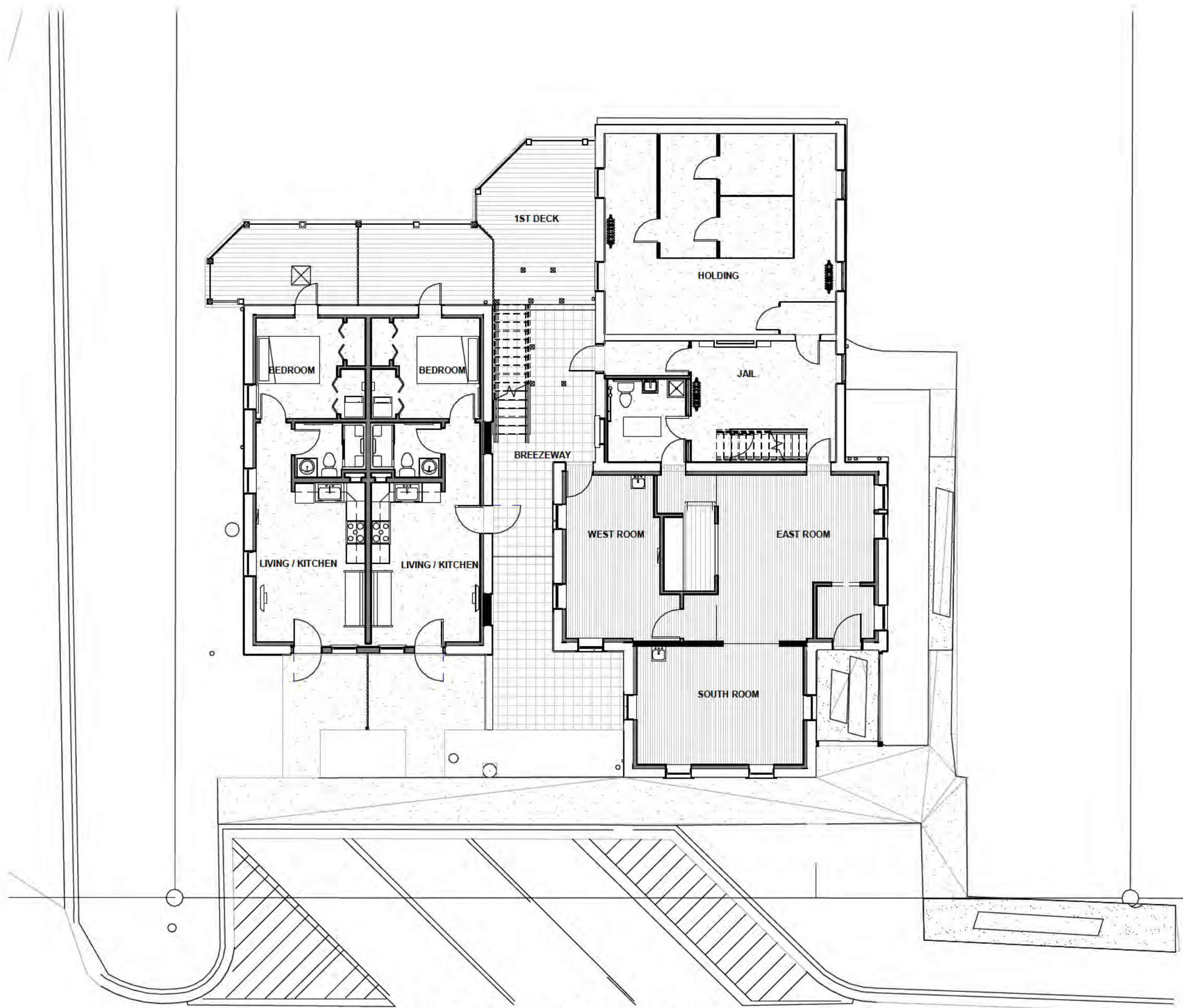
- Building was on the Landmarks Illinois “List of “Most Endangered Historic Places in Illinois”. Now that it’s restored it is a Win/Win for everyone.
- Peter McKnight should be commended for his efforts as the General Contractor. Bringing the manpower, cashflow, personal vision, cooperation with the Building Dept. and Inspections are all very difficult and require a positive attitude to get the work completed. Peter never let up or stopped the work, assuring its completion.
- Allen + Pepa Architects did superlative 3D Revit drawings with full permit and construction detailing. To evolve the drawings from site to 3D drawings assures that more aspects of the work are resolved with less site issues. The important preservation work on this project were:
 - Masonry tuckpointing scope was well documented.
 - Moving the 2nd floor stairs 3’ south so one does not hit their head on the underside of the roof when coming up the stairs. Also, they stairs were still confirming to code since we did not recreate them.
 - The funniest detail was Lane was standing on the porch looking south toward the Grand Old County Seat Building and saw the column fascia used as a horizontal fascia trim. The team made it right and put it back on the vertical column. See photos.
 - Peter did a nice job restoring the wood shingles, trim and sheet metal in the gable ends.
 - The exterior doors and windows are a nice complement to the historical appearance.
 - Interior finishes as well and Mechanical, electrical and plumbing scope were clearly detailed allowing all trades to expedite their work.
 - One example: The masonry around the 2nd floor door was in bad shape so we leveraged the condition by making this our new front door to the 2nd floor residence, accessed with the breezeway stairs and deck, that overlooks to the south in view of the old courthouse on the hill.
- We appreciate the trust of the community in suggesting the hiring of Allen + Pepa Architects and Peter McKnight, GC.
- Lane and Peter want to thank the City and the Building Department for their dedication to seeing this iconic building preserved.
- There is a mindset that goes with a project like this.
 - For architects, it is to help others succeed in their work efforts as craftsman of the trades should. Similarly, by meditating on the existing conditions we find the opportunities for enhanced design and end-user experience.
 - For the GC: Peter got it done!
 - For the City and the Building Department it was faith that we would get it done on budget and expediently.



① 111 MADISON NW CORNER



② 111 MADISON SE CORNER



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 3/32" = 1'-0"

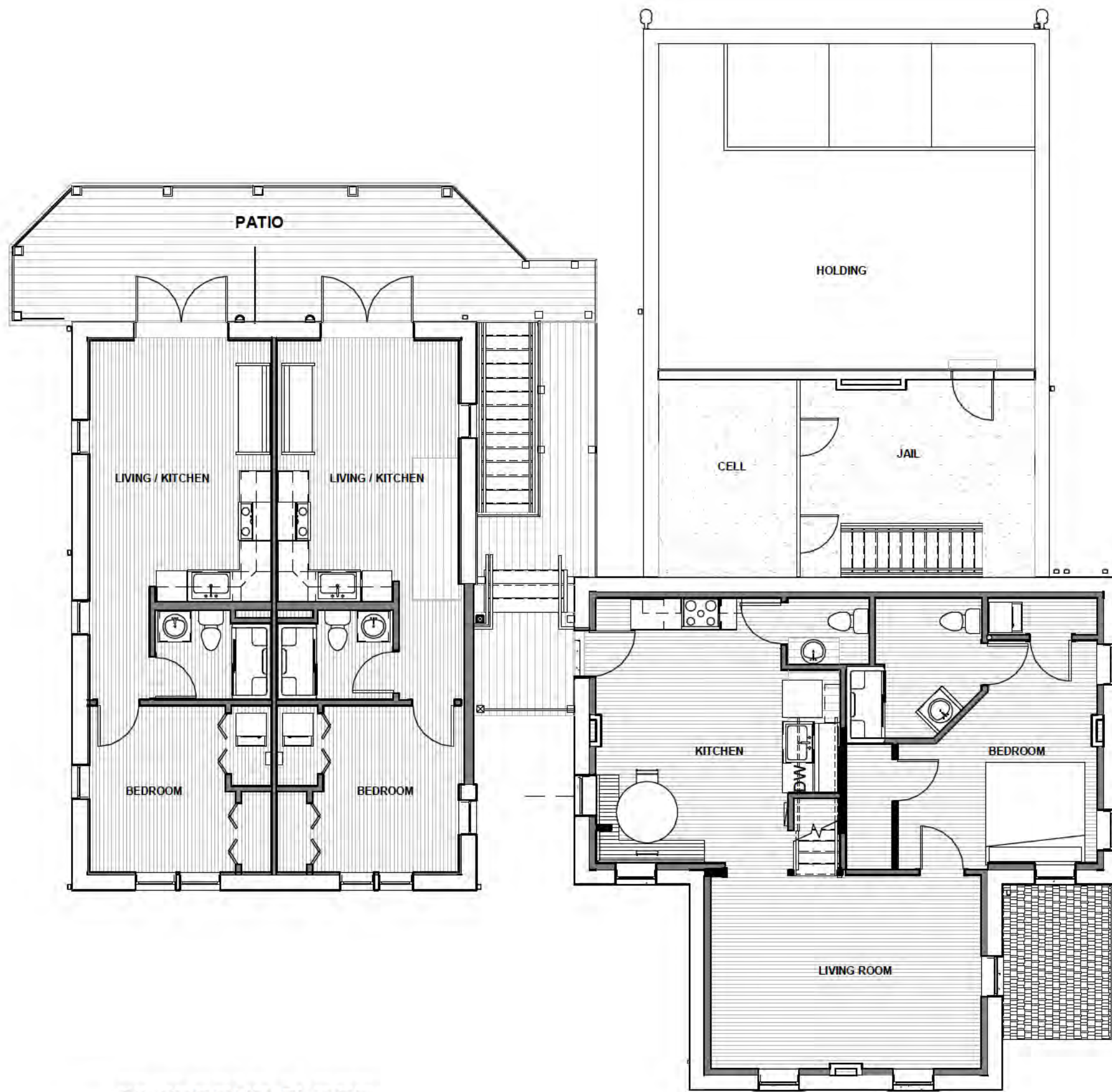
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 111 W MADISON STREET, YORKVILLE, IL 60560

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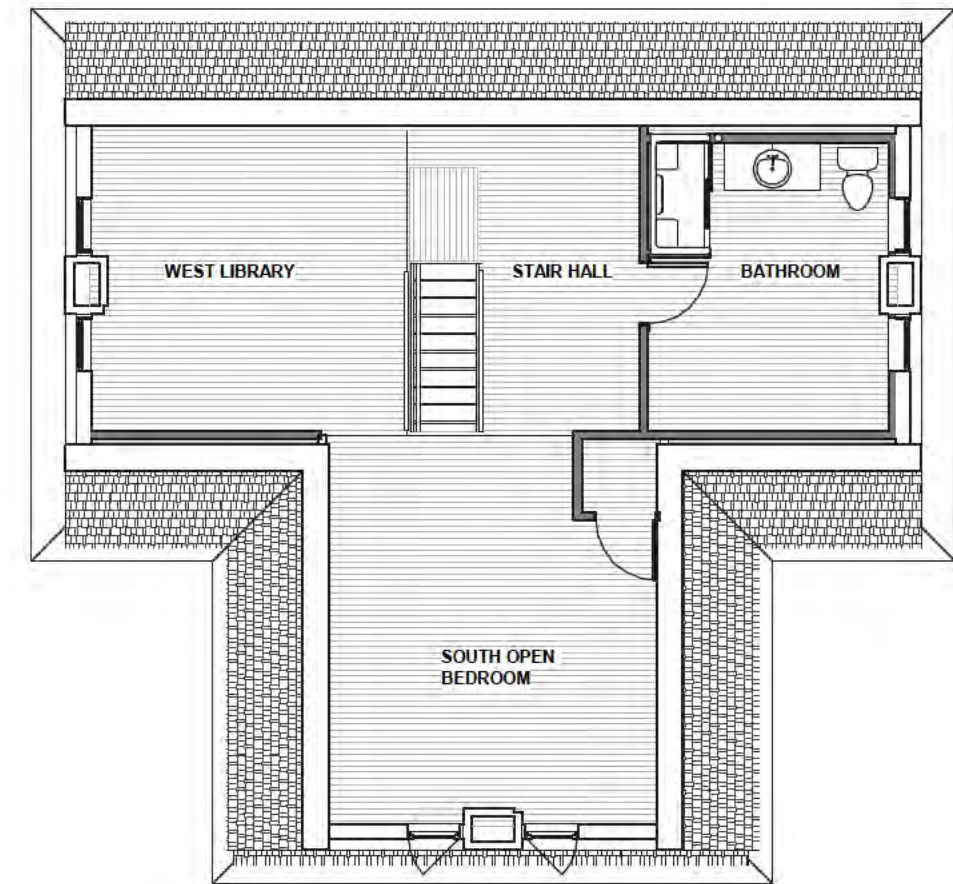
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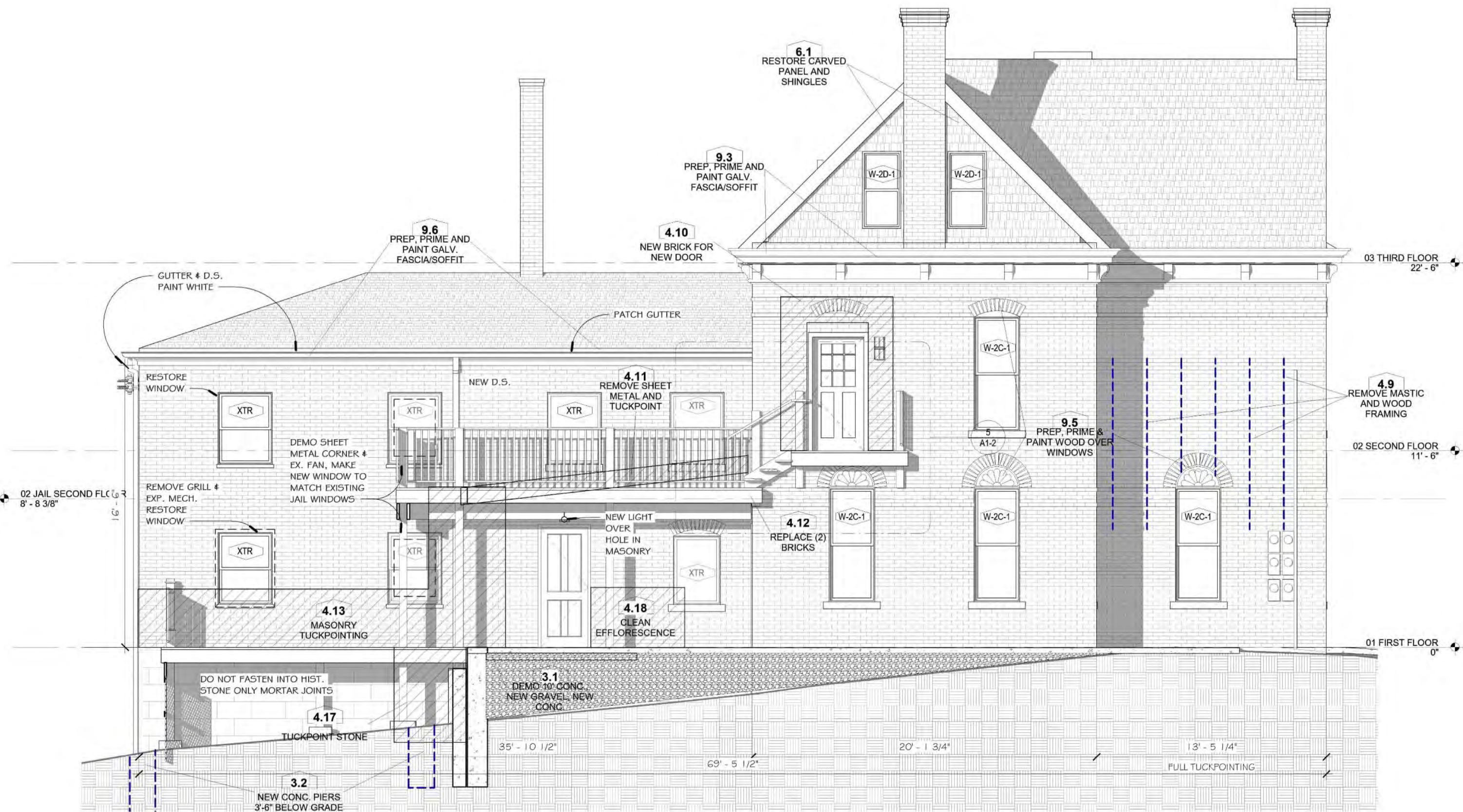
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① 02 SECOND FLOOR.
1/8" = 1'-0"



② 03 THIRD FLOOR.
1/8" = 1'-0"



① WEST ELEVATION.
1/4" = 1'-0"



2ND FLOOR DOOR INTO RES. UNIT



OLD COLUMNS USED AS FASCIA - REINSTALLED AT COLUMNS



PETER MCKNIGHT WITH DISPATCH MEMORABILIA

1 CONSTRUCTION PHOTOS
1" = 30'-0"

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Restoration and Redevelopment of the Historic Old Kendall County Jail

By Christian S. Landorf

Summary of the Old Kendall County Jail

The Historic Kendall County Jail located in Downtown Yorkville Illinois was originally built in 1893 with additions in the 1960s and late 1970s it operated as the sheriff's office, residence, and jail of Kendall County Illinois for nearly a hundred years before it became severely outdated and small for the county. In the early 1990s a new jail opened on the westside of town and the old one was shuttered. A few county offices operated in the old jail, but by 2000 it sat empty. The city bought it with hopes of turning it into a tourist attraction, but those plans fell apart. By 2018 after years of neglect the old jail was in a deplorable abandoned state the city was set on demolition, but after a group fought to get it saved Peter McKnight bought the old jail in 2019 and over the past 2 years has restored and redeveloped it into Residential and a commercial Spa. This photo-journal has been assembled by Chritian S. Landorf.

Commercial And Residential Units In The 1893 Section



W. Madison St. View

July 2018



November 2021



W. Madison St. View

May 2019



November 2021



S. Main St. View

September 2019



November 2021



Front Porch to 1893 Section

April 2018



November 2021



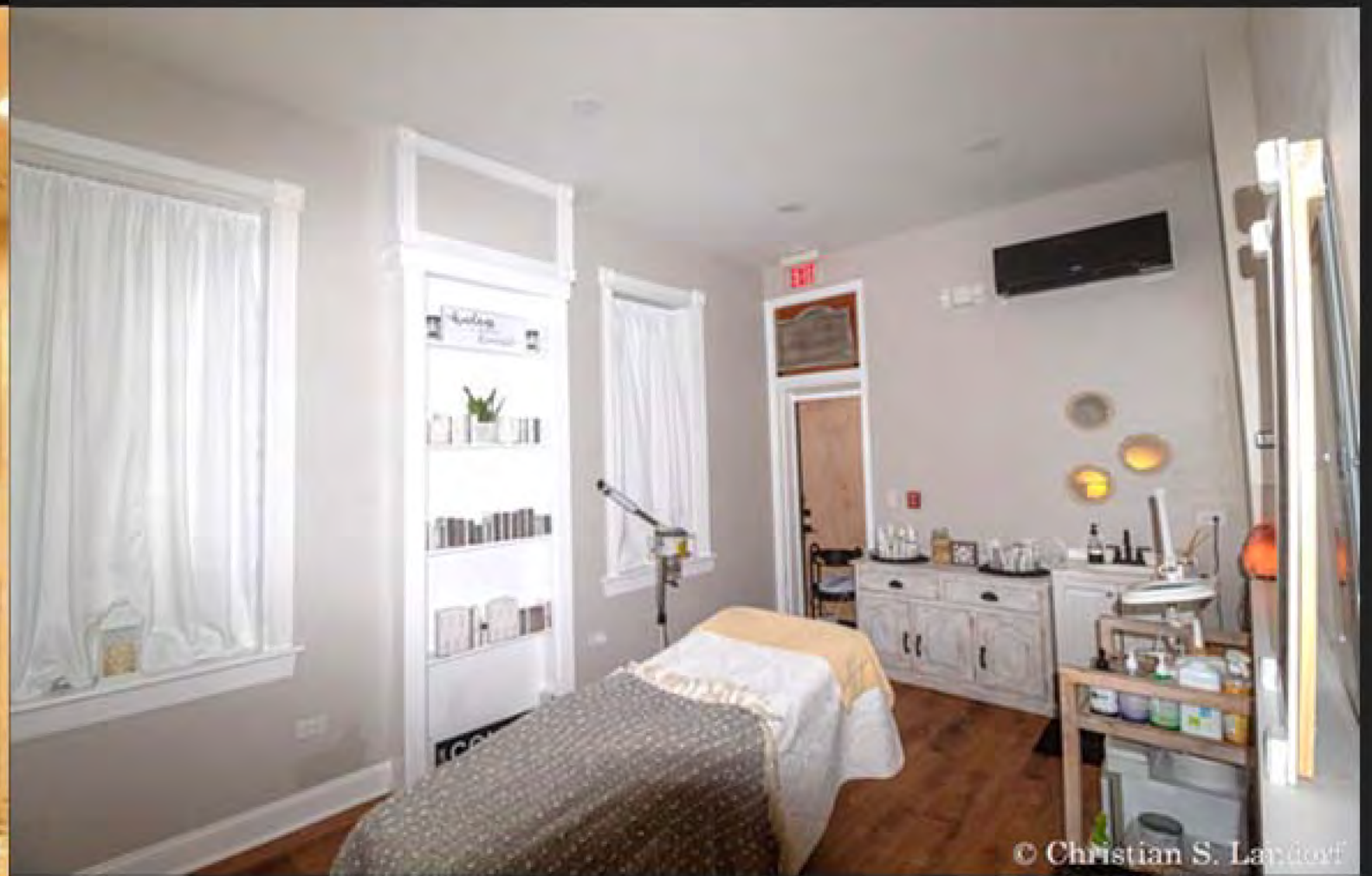
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First Floor 1893 Section

April 2019



November 2021



First Floor 1893 Section

February 2020

November 2021



First Floor Commercial Unit

Original glass from the Sheriff's Department incorporated into the unit



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Third Floor 1893 Section

February 2020



November 2021



First Floor 1960s Section

February 2020



May 2021



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Jail Section First Floor

April 2019



February 2020



First Floor Jail Section

April 2019



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February 2020



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Second Floor Jail Section

April 2019



February 2020



Residential Unit in Second And Third Floors

Stairs to third floor from front room and view at top of stairs



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Residential Unit in Second And Third Floors

Third floor full bathroom



Residential Unit in Second And Third Floors

Open space on third floor for another bedroom, office, or sitting area



First Second Floor Residential Unit

View from kitchen of front room and close up of the kitchen



First Second Floor Residential Unit

Bedroom and view of the Historic Old Kendall County Courthouse from window



Second Floor 1960s Section

October 2018



May 2021



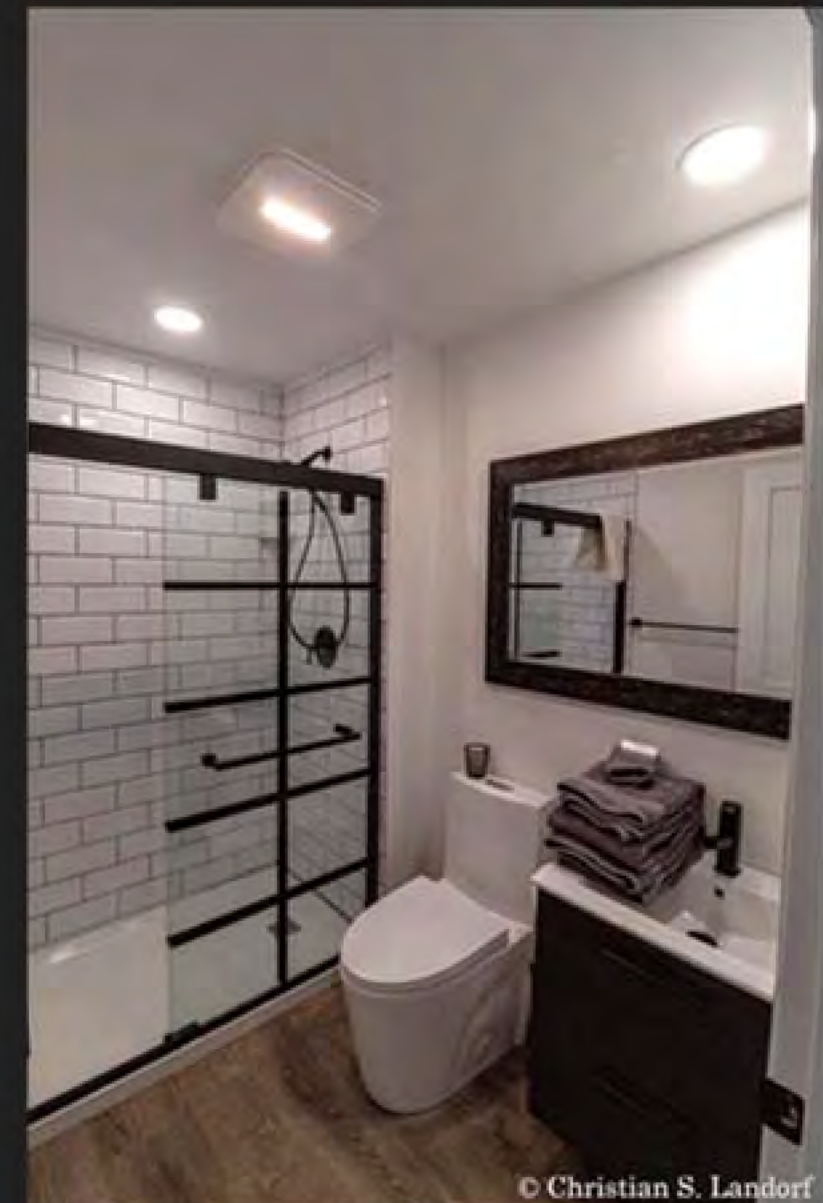
First Second Floor Residential Unit

Hallway to bedroom and bathroom



Second Residential Unit On Second Floor

Bedroom and bathroom



Second Residential Unit On Second Floor

View from front door inside and out



Second Residential Unit On Second Floor

Close up of kitchen and view of front room from kitchen



Second Floor Residential Units Deck

Top of stairs, walkway takes you to the residential unit in the 1893 section opposite the second floor residential units in 1960s section



Residential Unit in Second And Third Floors

When entering you walk into the kitchen



Residential Unit in Second And Third Floors



First Floor Commercial Unit

Restroom and Wall shelf built in old door frame from 1893 that was discovered during renovations that was long ago covered over



First Floor Commercial Unit



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Residential Unit in Second And Third Floors

Front room off of kitchen



Residential Unit in Second And Third Floors

Bedroom with bathroom off of front living room



Special thanks to all who helped with saving the
Historic Old Kendall County Jail and bringing it back
from its state of despair to a beautiful historic
building that will continue to be apart of Historic
Downtown Yorkville Illinois



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Matt Asselmeier, masselmeier@co.kendall.il.us

DEADLINE: February 28, 2022-4:00 pm
Street address:

7935 Illinois State Route 71, Yorkville, IL 60560

Current property owner:

Kendall County Historical Society

Historic name and/or original owner (if known):

Union School

Current use:

Muse

Historic use:

School

Year built (if known):

1947

Year rehabilitated, renovated, restored (if known):

2021

Architectural style / form (if known):

Greek Revival Victorian

Reason for nomination: Please provide a short description, between 50 and 500 words, explaining the project or person being nominated. The statement should clearly identify the purpose and scope of work, unusual challenges or innovative approaches, sensitive treatment of historic fabric, long-term impact and any other information that supports the nomination as being exceptional.

See attached

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Submitted by:

Johanna Buram and Lisa Wolancevich

Phone:

Email:

Address:

Union School is a one room school built in 1847 on Wheeler Road in Na-Au-Say Township. It is a single story, one room schoolhouse in the Greek Revival style. The building is covered in white clapboard siding with a stacked stone foundation and a single gable roof. The building was used as a school until 1937, when it was decommissioned by School District 42. For the next ten years the building was used by Au Sable Grove Presbyterian Church. In 1976 the school was moved by the Kendall County Historical Society to Lyon Farm on Route 71 in Yorkville (Oswego Township).

The wood shingle roof on the schoolhouse had outlived its usefulness by 2020. The shakes shingles had curled and cracked, and a hole had formed in the rear north corner of the roof. In addition to water entering the building through this hole, squirrels and raccoons entered the building. Stains from water damage to the plasterwork was visible where the walls met the arched ceiling. The plaster in the northwest corner of the schoolroom interior was crumbling and a hole had formed. The water damage was obviously endangering the structure of the building, but equally as dire was the damage to the contents of the schoolhouse.

In October of 2020, members of the Kendall County Historical Society applied for a matching grant from Landmarks Illinois. In November 2020, the society was awarded the Heritage Grant to replace the roof. ABC Roofing of Sugar Grove replaced the roof at cost, and Green Speed Painting of Oswego repaired inside plaster and did the exterior and interior painting. An anonymous donor covered the cost of the repair of the plaster, painting the building, out house and the picket fence around the Oswego House. A society member donated engineered lumber to rebuild the steps at the front entrance to the schoolhouse and townhall. The labor to rebuild the steps for the two buildings was donated by society members and handrails were added to bring the stairs up to code.

With the structural repairs and painting completed, the volunteers at the historical society dedicated approximately fifty person-hours cleaning and redecorating the schoolhouse. A family member of one of our directors donated to the historical society an antique craftsman style barrister case to display our collection of schoolbooks from the 1800's safely behind glass. Volunteer also spruced up the grounds around the schoolhouse. The brick walkway leading to the schoolhouse was weeded. in front of the building and around the flagpole flowers were planted, and the playground equipment was repainted. The restoration of Union School was completed in May of 2021.

The Kendall County Historical Society members should be commended for their hard work and dedication to preserving and maintaining the Union School. The school is a unique structure that provides visitors a window into what life was like for those who made Kendall County their home in the 19th and early 20th century.

Union Schoolhouse

Building Exterior Before Restoration



Building After Restoration

Photo with old staircase



Photo with new staircase



Schoolhouse Interior Before Restoration

Water damage along the rear ceiling



Plaster damage in right corner



Schoolhouse Interior After Restratation



Matt Asselmeier

From: Fern Dell <ferndell1835@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 26, 2022 10:55 AM
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Fern Dell Historic Association – Historic Preservation Award

Fern Dell School, District 80, was originally located two miles south of Newark on Fern Dell Road. It was built in 1892, to replace an older structure, and operated until summer of 1951.

The building itself, consisted of the main schoolroom, a large closet of storage and supplies, an entryway with shelves for lunch pails, and hooks for coats. The rope for the bell was in the entry as well. Along one wall were very tall windows, on the back wall were 2 smaller windows and on the remaining was there were shorter windows allowing for bookshelves beneath. There were eighteen desks of various sizes, a recitation bench, the teacher's desk and a Franklin stove for heat. Outside the building were 2 outhouses, and a few pieces of play equipment.

In 1985 the building was cleaned and loaned to the Newark Sesquicentennial Committee as part of their 150th birthday celebration. Desks and books were found and borrowed for the display. A former one room school teacher was enlisted to conduct classes during two days of open house. Local children, ages 6 thru 14 were brought in to be actors/students. They were encouraged to dress in period clothes. Visitors included family, friends, and a couple portraying Abraham and May Lincoln.

The Fern Dell Historic Association was formed in 1985, an outgrowth of the Sesquicentennial Committee. Their mission was to preserve and showcase the history of Newark and the surrounding area. Their first task was to build a membership and raise funds to move the school. Van and Lowell Mathre, owners of the school, offered to donate it to Fern Dell if funds could be raised to move it to a new location. Wilma Anderson, long time local librarian, offered a small parcel of land, just across Chicago Road from the current Grade School.

After a year of membership solicitations and donations, the funds were raised. A contractor was hired and a date was scheduled for the move. September 1986 saw the little one room school house being hauled up Route 71 to its new home. It sat up on blocks over an excavated basement until concrete could be poured for the walls. Other finishing, such as leveling dirt, building front steps and planting bushes could wait until funds could be raised.

Over the years, school desks, books and maps have been donated for display in the schoolhouse. In conjunction with the Charles B Phillips Library, the summer reading program included a visit to the school. A teacher, dressed for 1921, had a class inside the school. They began by saying the Pledge of Allegiance outside around the flagpole. Inside, they rang the bell then took their seats to learn about a day in a one room school. They learned about heating the school, reciting lessons, raising their hands to be called on and wearing the dunce cap. Each family was given a booklet about Fern Dell School. It was published in 1992 to commemorate the 100th birthday of the school. This living museum intended to show children how school was carried out in the "old days".





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DEADLINE: February 28, 2022-4:00 pm
Street address: _____

Current property owner: _____
Fern Dell Historic Association

Historic name and/or original owner (if known): _____
Misner Blacksmith Shop

Current use: _____
Blacksmith Shop

Historic use: _____
Blacksmith shop

Year built (if known): _____
1833-34

Year rehabilitated, renovated, restored (if known): _____
1996

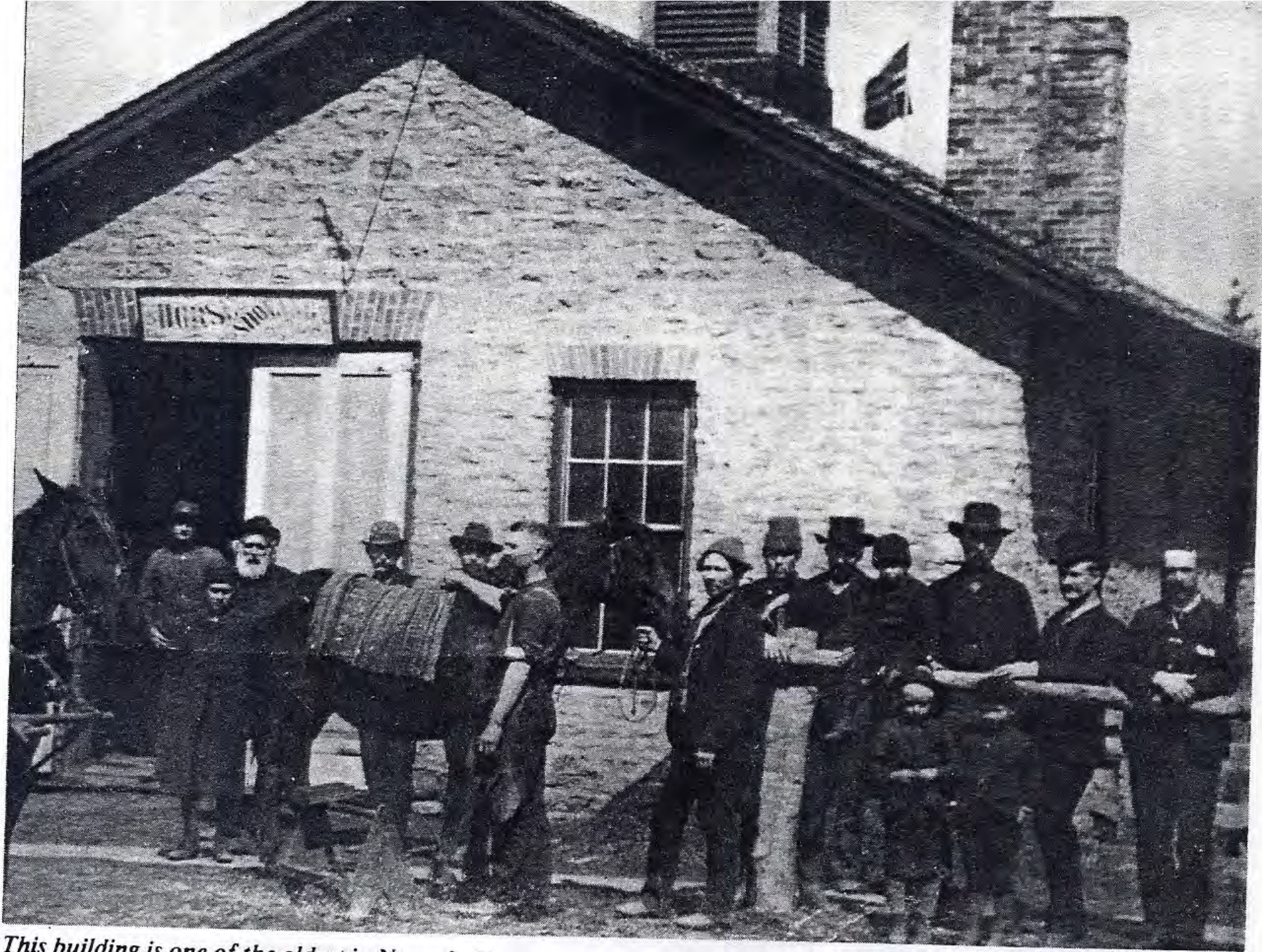
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The Misner Blacksmith shop has been home to many businesses, including a craft store, pizza place, State of Illinois truck storage and shop. It was purchased for Fern Dell Historic Association in 1988. This stopped it impending demolition. Fern Dell paid the men who rescued it and took ownership. In 1996 plans were drawn and renovation began. The roof was completely removed and replaced. Today this building is rented to a working blacksmith. It is open to the public on special activity days such as 4th of July and WinterFest. Some recent outside refurbishing was done. Trim has been painted, and a new paver sidewalk was installed out front. The roof is scheduled for replacement in the next year.

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Submitted by: Fern Dell Historic Association
Phone: 815-736-6190 **Email:** mkt1948@gmail.com
Address: Main St., Newark, IL 60541



This building is one of the oldest in Newark. Previously known as the "Stone Shop" or the "Koska Shop" it was most recently called the "Bellows". Robert Koska operated a blacksmith shop here for over 40 years. Hazel Koska Collection.











BLACKSMITH
1850

Matt Asselmeier

From: mark harrington [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 10:34 AM
To: Matt Asselmeier
Subject: [External]KENDALL COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARD NOMINATION

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DEADLINE: February 28, 2022-4:00 pm **Street address:**

206 W. Walnut St. Millington, IL 60537

Current property owner: Village of Millbrook

Historic name and/or original owner (if known):Millington Grade School/Village of Millbrook

Current use: Museum and Village Hall

Historic use: Museum, formerly Millington Grade School

Year built (if known): 1919

Year rehabilitated, renovated, restored (if known): 2022

Architectural style / form (if known): _Two story brick building

Reason for nomination:*Please provide a short description, between 50 and 500 words, explaining the project or person being nominated. The statement should clearly identify the purpose and scope of work, unusual challenges or innovative approaches, sensitive treatment of historic fabric, long-term impact and any other information that supports the nomination as being exceptional.*

Bev Casey of Millington is nominated for her devotion and dedication to preserving the history of Millington, Illinois and creating the Millington Museum, repurposing an old classroom in the 103-year classroom of the old grade school. While most museums trace a community's history in one county, Bev has the task of two counties for research.

Through her volunteer efforts, she has preserved the business, industry (sand pit and button clamming), military, education, Native American, Illinois Midland Railroad, special events, and the people through photos, letters, and artifacts.

However, her work and love of history goes beyond Millington, where she helps and collaborates with other museums like the Lyons Farm of the Kendall County Historical Society and the Fern Dell Museum Association.

Her personable and enthusiastic attitude draws all ages as evident by the recent fall festival at Lyons Farm, where she led groups through the Corrigan General Store as a tour guide, captivating children and adults alike. Bev used questions and her interpretations of artifacts within the store to bring that "cool-awe" moment to her visitors.

She also is a good storyteller that keeps Millington history alive while proud of its past and present. Bev tirelessly researches, always digging further and further, to get the story of an event, person, or artifact.

Her museum has exhibits that tell a story instead of just an "antique store" display that often permeates most local museums.

Without her, the history of Millington might have been forgotten.

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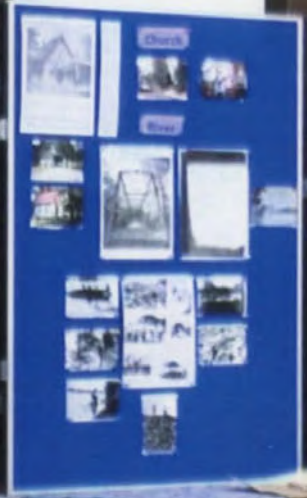
Phone [REDACTED] **(Mark) or** [REDACTED] **(Lisa)**

Email: [REDACTED] **Address** [REDACTED] **(Mark) or Kendall County Historical Society Lyons Farm, 7935 Rt. 71, Yorkville, IL 60560**











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Historic name and/or original owner (if known): Organization: YORKVILLE HISTORIC PRESERVATION S

Current use: Historic Preservation

Historic use: Preserving the Old Kendall County Sheriffs Residence and Jail

Year built (if known): started spring of 2018

Year rehabilitated, renovated, restored (if known): _____

Architectural style / form (if known): _____

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The Yorkville Historic Preservation Society began as a group of concerned Yorkville Residents who were worried about the city of Yorkvilles plan to demolish the old Kendall county Sheriffs Residence and Jail. The group formed at former mayor Valorie Burds home in February of 2018 . Alderman Joe Plocher reached out to Lisa Wolancevich,who had perservation experience and expressed the desire to save the Queen Anne struture. Lisa Wolancevich, Robyn Sutcliff, Howard Mathei,Valorie Burd, were the founding members. Soon we were join by Thomas Milsehewski, Johanna Byram,Thomas Usry Jr, By July of 2018 we were several hundred members strong .the project required the community involve Public speaking,local business involvement, placing the building on state for nomination to nation

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Submitted by: Lisa Wolancevich

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Address: _____

Placing the building for consideration by the state of Illinois for the National Register of historic places. The group then began fund raising for the eventual purchase of the building from the city of Yorkville simultaneously reached out to landmarks Illinois for structural examination of the building to see if it was structurally sound. Awareness of the potential loss of one of the last historic buildings in the downtown area was imperative. Our volunteers created several fund-raising activities which included life size monopoly Christmas event all events at the old courthouse marching in holiday parades within the city. We spoke with the City Council on several occasions and eventually convinced them to give us 10 weeks to find a solution for the building. We met that challenge when it became apparent that the historic preservation society would not be able to take on the building renovation, we went out into the community and found two individuals interested in developing the building for mixed use. The second person that we presented to the city was Peter McKnight he had a who had an established history repurposing historic buildings. Through the hard work and relentless dedication of the members of the Yorkville Historical Society, convinced the city to redevelop a historic building rather than tear it down. The building now has a new life and new purpose, we now have a new gem in the downtown of Yorkville the downtown has now become even more vibrant than before with an emphasis on saving more historic buildings, the City Council just recently voted to put \$4.1 million into the buildings of the downtown what we started is now expanding into something even greater appreciation for Yorkville's historic buildings.





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Go directly to jail

Yorkville group fighting to save historic building

By Erika Wurst

For Chronicle Media

A group of Yorkville residents are on a mission to save the Old Kendall County jail from demolition in a last-ditch effort to keep its history alive.

The city is contemplating tearing down the building after a recent inspection showed its deteriorating state.

Built in 1893, the building was home to not only inmates, but the families of the acting sheriff until the 1970s, said Thomas Milschewski, who is help leading the preservation efforts.

"It's not just some building, it was someone's home," he lamented. "We want to save the building because it deserves to be saved."

Aside from marching in the city's Fourth of July parade, waving a giant "Save the Jail" banner, the group has started online petitions and spoken out at City Council meetings. The group's goal is to get the word out that the building is in jeopardy, and to impress upon the community the historic nature of the jail.

"Once it's gone, it's gone," Milschewski said. "If we keep

tearing down old buildings we'll have nothing but a high-way running through town."

The city estimates full renovation would cost upwards of \$1 million. A secondary recommendation, which could save and essentially only secure the older part of the building with a tear down of the newer part, would cost between \$130,000 and \$180,000.

Milschewski and his group said they are willing to fundraise until they get enough money to preserve the jail.

"I'm not giving up without a fight," he said. "You have to know where you come from in order to know where you're going."

The City Council meets again to discuss the building's future on July 24. Milschewski will be there again, making his voice heard. He's hoping dozens of others will join him.

"The community needs to come together," he said.

So, on July 1st, he wants residents to do exactly that. Milschewski will be hosting a community meeting at the Chapel on the Green at 7 p.m. He's looking for residents to

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ABOVE: Members of the Save the Jail organization raised awareness by marching in the city of Yorkville's Fourth of July parade. The city council supports tearing down the building. (Photo courtesy of Save the Jail)



LEFT: A banner carrying the message of the Save the Jail group adorns the old Kendall County Jail in downtown Yorkville. The building, located at 111 W. Madison St., is slated for demolition. (Photo courtesy of Save the Jail)

Group Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/godirectlyto-jail/>

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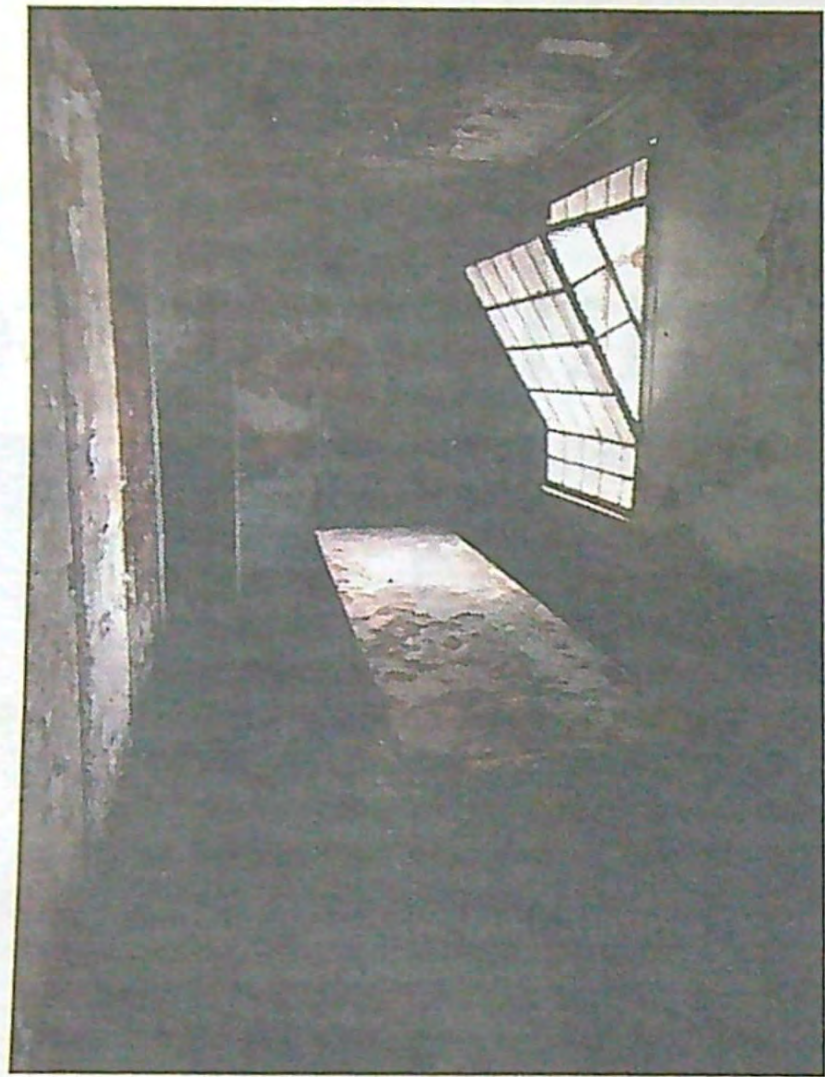
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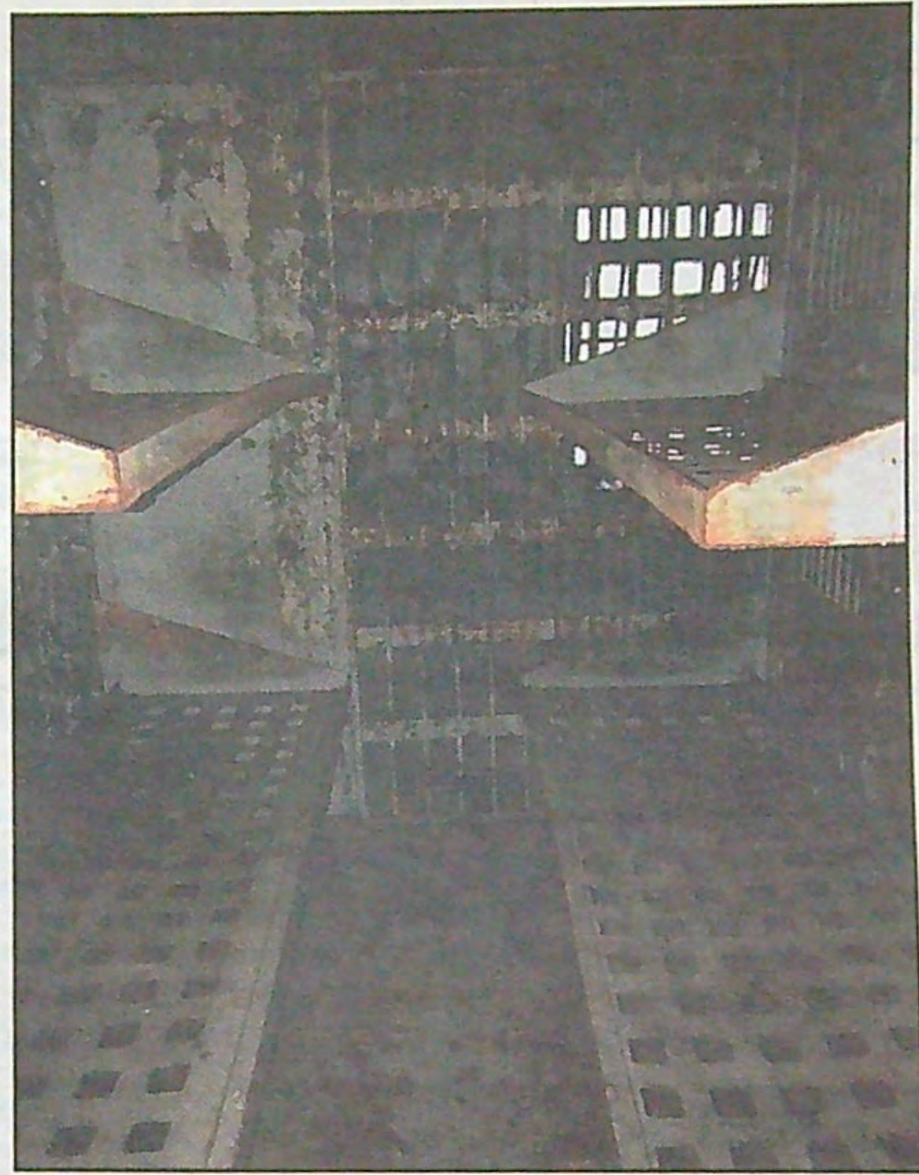
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A sitting area inside the old Kendall County Jail, which was built in the late 19th century and was in some use until 1992 . (Photo courtesy of Save the Jail)



A cell inside the old Kendall County Jail. (Photo courtesy of Save the Jail)

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development of residential units, commercial space

By KATIE FINLON
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YORKVILLE – Attendees of the Tuesday, Aug. 27, Yorkville City Council meeting and city officials broke into applause after the City Council unanimously approved the sale agreement for the old county jail, 111 W. Madison St.

After more than a year of residents trying to save the historic building, the City Council voted, 8-0, in favor of KCJ Restoration LLC purchasing the old jail from the city for \$1,000. After the vote, meeting attendees and City Council members cut a jail-themed cake in celebration of the approved sale.

Peter McKnight, one of the developers of KCJ Restoration LLC, said it took a long time to get to this point and no one can ever tell how a final vote like that is going to go, but he thought it ended up being a wonderful outcome.

"[It was] better than we expected," McKnight said. "It's nice having a unanimous decision."

City officials, including former Yorkville Mayor Gary Golinski, previously were in favor of tearing the building down within the past year and a half.

That's when a few concerned citizens started to get involved in trying to save the old jail as the city was about to vote on bids to tear down the building.

Yorkville Mayor John Purcell said he was excited for the contractors to get started with the old jail renovations. He pointed out the irony of being part of the county selling the jail to the city as a county board member and now, as a city mayor, going through another sale process of the building.

Purcell said he's happy with the action and thinks the City Council is happy about the sale, since it means the property can go back on the tax rolls and city can get revenue from the property.

"I think it's going to be a positive



Yorkville Mayor John Purcell (left) smiles as developer Peter McKnight cuts the celebratory jail-themed cake after the City Council vote approving the sale of the old county jail during the council's Tuesday, Aug. 27, meeting at City Hall in Yorkville.

Katie Finlon - kfinlon@shawmedia.com

thing for the city," Purcell said.

When renovations are completed, the building will house commercial space and five residential units. Plans for the project are included in the terms of an agreement between the city and the developers outlined during of the city's Aug. 6 economic development committee meeting.

City officials had said one of the terms of the proposed agreement include the developers receiving 100% of whatever TIF tax revenue the building might generate for five years starting with any taxes received in 2020. The developers would then receive 90% of those revenues as a rebate from the city during the next four years, 85% during the three years after that and 80% during the three years thereafter.

According to city documents, other terms for the agreement include

the city paying the developer a total of \$115,000 in out-of-pocket tax increment financing, or TIF, funds, with the developers receiving those funds incrementally, contingent on finishing the roof of the building, removing the lead-based paint in the house, completing the residential units and completing the entire project. There is also a deed restriction that the historic eastern part of the building may never be torn down and the city is also waiving building permit and plan review fees.

McKnight said next steps are in motion for the renovations. He said the contract with a contractor to start removing the interior lead paint is set to be drafted following the City Council vote on the sale.

McKnight said he originally fell into the project after the Yorkville Historical Preservation Society consulted his

brother, who is a construction worker, about options in helping save the old jail. He said all credit for the arrangements to save the jail goes to the group.

"This wouldn't have happened without them," McKnight said.

Lisa Wolancevich, chairwoman of the Yorkville Historical Preservation Society, said she was elated and pleased for the long journey to save the jail to come to an end. She said she was happy about the jail sale's outcome so the past can be saved for the future.

"We look forward to working with [McKnight] and seeing the next building in Yorkville saved," Wolancevich said.

The old jail was constructed in 1895 and later expanded. The county vacated the building in the early 1990s, when the new county jail was constructed on John Street.

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Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2022 11:51 AM
To: Matt Asselmeier
Subject: RE: [External]Kendall County schedule

Same as before. I anticipate that the Grants department will be working on grant agreements with everyone in the next 2-3 weeks.

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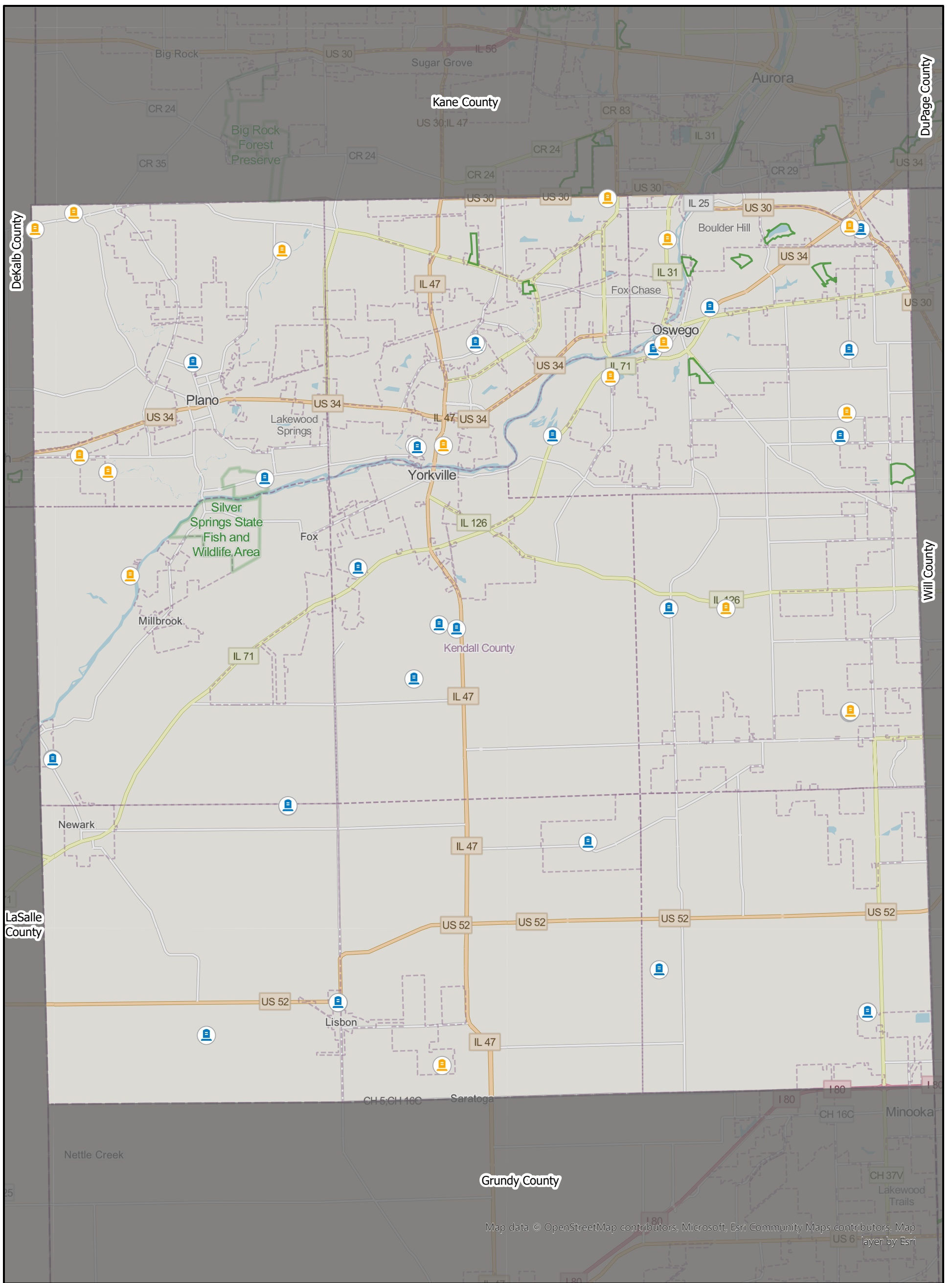
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Hi Matt,

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03-23-201-001	Evergreen Cemetery	NW NE Sec 23	Oswego	1.16 Inact, Inat	N	
03-01-351-001,03-02-400-005	Lincoln Memorial Cemetery	NE SE 2 & NW SW Sec 1	Oswego	73.3 Active sinc	Y	
03-19-228-001	Oswego Cemetery	NW NE Sec 19	Oswego	6.75 Active	Y	
03-17-229-022	Pearce Cemetery	NW NE Sec 19	Oswego	2.2 Active	Y	
03-05-353-005	Wornley Cemetery	SW SW Sec 5	Oswego	0.75 Inact, Inat	N	
02-29-451-008	Elmwood Cemetery	SE SE Sec 29	Bristol	22.3 Active sinc	Y	
02-01-200-001	Keck Memorial Cemetery: 1841-1936	NW NE Sec 1	Bristol	1.13 Burials from	Y	
02-16-476-003	Oak Grove Cemetery	SE SE Sec 16	Bristol	4.76 Active	Y	
02-16-476-005	St Patricks Cemetery	SE SE Sec 16	Bristol	2.28 Active, Not	Y	
01-30-476-008	Hart Cemetery	SE SE Sec 30	Little Rock	0.11 Inact, Inat	N	
01-06-100-003	Hubbell Cemetery	SW NW Sec 6	Little rock	13.3 Despoiled	N	
01-06-200-002	Orbit Cemetery	NE NE Sec 6	Little Rock	11.4 Despoiled	N	
01-15-300-003,01-15-300-004,01-15-300-006,01-22-126-001,01-22-126-008	Piano Township Cemetery	SW SW Sec 15 & NW Sec 22	Little Rock	16.4 Active	Y	
06-18-200-003	Aux Sable Grove Cemetery	SE NE Sec 18	Na-Au-Say	4.55 Active	Y	
06-26-100-001	Bronk Cemetery	SE NW Sec 26	Na-Au-Say	1.5 Abandoner	N	
06-16-100-003	Sullivan Cemetery	W1/2 NE Sec 16	Na-Au-Say	45.3 Despoiled	N	
05-16-300-009	Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery	NE SW Sec 16	Kendall	16.4 Active	Y	
05-20-400-001	Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery	NW SE Sec 20	Kendall	2.25 Active	Y	
05-07-176-010	Payllion Cemetery	NE NW Sec 7	Kendall	2.25 Active	Y	
04-30-335-013,04-31-126-001,04-31-126-002	Millington-Newark Cemetery	NE NW Sec 31	Fox	14.1 Active	Y	
04-08-200-008	Sacred Bluff Cemetery AKA Darnell Cemetery	SE NE Sec 8	Fox	1.47 Abandoner	N	
09-19-400-001	Plattville Lutheran Cemetery	NW SE Sec 19	Seward	3.33 Active	Y	
09-16-200-002	Seward Mound	SW NE Sec 26	Seward	3.37 Active	Y	
08-32-200-002	Munger Cemetery	E1/2 NW Sec 32	Lisbon	0.1 Abandoner	N	
08-02-176-001	Plattville Cemetery	SE SE Sec 2	Lisbon	5.11 Active	Y	
07-01-300-003,07-02-200-004	Helmar Lutheran Cemetery	NW NW Sec 1 & NE NE Sec 2	Big Grove	2.99 Active	Y	
07-27-300-002,07-27-300-004	West Lisbon Cemetery	NE SW Sec 27	Big Grove	6.17 Active	Y	
07-24-400-005,07-24-400-018,07-25-228-001	Lisbon Cemetery	SE SE Sec 24 & NE NE Sec 25	Big Grove	3.86 Active	Y	
03-26-300-003	Risen Lord Cemetery	SW Sec 26	Oswego	80.3 Active	Y	
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	Bristol Burying Ground	SE SW Sec 28	Bristol	DE	N	This cemetery no longer exists. The gravestones were moved to Elmwood Cemetery in Yorkville.
	Collins Cemetery	SW NE Sec 26	Oswego	DE	N	
	Griswold Springs Cemetery	SW NE Sec 35	Little Rock	1.09 Active	Y	Also known as Griswold Cemetery.
	Hafenrichter Cemetery	SW SE Sec 14	Oswego	Active	Y	Also known as the Oswego Prairie Cemetery.
	Kohlman Cemetery	NE SW Sec 16	Kendall	Active	Y	Also known as Cross Lutheran Church Cemetery.
	Long Grove Cemetery	NE NW Sec 7	Fox	Active	Y	Also known as Payllion Cemetery.
	Milford Graveyard	NE NW Sec 31	Fox	Active	Y	Also known as Millington-Newark Cemetery
	Minkler Road Cemetery	NW SE Sec 24	Oswego	Inactive	N	Also known as Doud Cemetery.
	NeAussay Cemetery	SE NE Sec 18	Na-Au-Say	Active	Y	Also known as Aux Sable Grove Cemetery
	North Lisbon Cemetery	NE NE Sec 25	Big Grove	3.86 Active	Y	Also known as Lisbon Cemetery
	North Prairie Cemetery	NW NW Sec 1	Big Grove	Active	Y	Also known as Helmar Lutheran Cemetery
	Piano Cemetery	NE NW Sec 22	Little Rock	16.4 Active	Y	Also known as Piano Township Cemetery.
	Sandy Bluff Cemetery	SE SE Sec 30	Little Rock	0.11 Inactive	N	Also known as Hart Cemetery.
	Sprints Cemetery	SW SW Sec 1	Little Rock	DE	N	Despoiled and abandoned.
	Howland Cemetery	SW NE Sec 32	Little Rock	DE	N	Despoiled and abandoned.
	Oswego Cemetery	SW SW Sec 17	Oswego	DE	N	Despoiled and abandoned.
	Chapman Cemetery	SW NE Sec 26	Seward	Active	Y	Also known as Seward Mound.
	Union Burying Ground	SE NE Sec 18	Na-Au-Say	Active	Y	Also known as NeAussay Cemetery. Also known as Aux Sable Grove Cemetery.

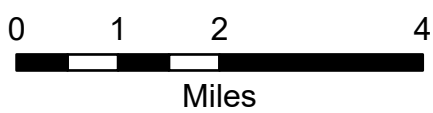


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April 2022

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Don't forget to add us to your change-of-address list!

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Museum programming adapting as Covid-19 abates

During the height of the Covid-19 world-wide pandemic, in-person programming at the Little White School Museum almost completely disappeared. Instead, then-museum manager Tina Heidrich developed an innovative series of virtual programming accessible on the museum web site at www.littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org.

That initiative was so successful, that it garnered an Illinois Association of Museums award for the Little White School Museum.

But with the pandemic's apparent gradual retreat—although whether that is permanent or just one more temporary lull is unknown at present—in-person programming is making a comeback at the museum.

Last fall's history walks proved extremely popular, and the Boulder Hill 65th Anniversary Celebration was well attended—and well received, too, as was the resumption of the Oswego Cemetery Walk after its pandemic hiatus.

This past winter, in an effort to widen the museum's audience, museum manager Anne Jordan scheduled a series of off-site programs, partnering with the Oswego Brewing Company, the microbrewery that occupies

the lower level of the old Oswego Fire Barn on Main Street. Her "History Happy Hour" and "Mixers and Shakers: Tracing Bartending Ancestors" programs proved very successful. And bringing in-person programming back to the museum, Heritage association program chair Tina Beard snagged Andrew Bullen of the Pullman National Historic Site to present "Every Day a Struggle: African-Americans and the Pullman Experience before World War II," the story of what train travel was like for Black citizens in the pre-Civil Rights era.

Then Jordan found Marlene Rivero to presents "Elizabeth Keckley—Presidential Seamstress," the story of Mary Todd Lincoln's seamstress. A slave freed during the Civil War, Keckley eventually owned her own women's apparel company in Washington, D.C. in the post-Civil War era.

Now, with Covid apparently continuing to abate, the museum is scheduling more on and off-site programming to bring more of the community's history to both old and new residents. To see a full schedule of what's currently planned for this coming spring, see "Historical Notes" on page 3.

In addition to programming, Jordan has ...see "Adapting programming," page 2

Annual meeting set for May 26

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the members of the Oswegoland Heritage Association, an Illinois not-for-profit Corporation, is tentatively scheduled to be held at the Little White School Museum, 72 Polk Street, Oswego, Illinois, on the 26th day of May at the hour of 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing three (3) directors and for the transaction of such business as may come before the meeting. The meeting date and time may be rescheduled due to the Covid-19 emergency. Check www.littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org for updates.

The eligible members voting will be called upon to elect three (3) directors. To be eligible to be a director, a person must be an active member of the Association, at least 18 years of age, and a United States Citizen. A nominating committee appointed by the President will present nominees. Nominations from the floor shall be entertained. All directors shall be elected by a plurality of votes cast by secret ballot. ♡

Dated: April 1, 2022
Mary Church, Secretary

Adapting programming...

also been mounting a series of special temporary exhibits highlighting timely portions of the rich history of Oswegoland, the most recent being “She is an Excellent Lady,” an exhibit highlighting the stories of several notable women from Oswego’s past, including author Emily Murdock Van Deventer and Oswego businesswoman and property owner Margaret Shepard Edwards.

In an innovative partnership with Aurora University, Jordan is working cooperatively to bring a new temporary exhibit celebrating the efforts of Oswego’s nationally-famous environmental crusader known as “The Fox” to the museum.

The exploits of “The Fox” were reported worldwide in publications ranging from *Time Magazine* to *National Geographic*.

Students from AU’s museum studies program are researching the crusader—who many local residents will recognize as the late Jim Phillips—using the Little White School Museum’s collections. They will then use that information to design and mount a special exhibit titled “Face the Fox.” The exhibit will officially open when the students host an open house at the museum on Tuesday, May 3, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

“While the museum’s primary goal is to preserve, protect, and interpret the see “Adapting programming,” p. 3

Building upgrades...

Upgrades to the Little White School Museum are underway thanks to the Oswegoland Park District. In March, the museum’s computer wiring was upgraded to the latest 5G speed, which will greatly benefit staffers as they work on collections, exhibits, and other activities.

Later this year, work should start on a new handicap ramp and entrance upgrade to handle even the heaviest powered wheelchairs. The ramp will wrap around the back of the building with entry directly into the museum gallery. Funding was secured through a grant. The museum’s existing wheelchair lift is unable to handle some modern powered wheelchairs. ♡

Memorials create lasting tributes for friends and family

A memorial gift to the Oswegoland Heritage Association is an especially meaningful way to recognize friends, family, business associates, and special occasions, while at the same time supporting the mission of the only organization dedicated to protecting and preserving Oswegoland’s rich heritage and history.

Since our last newsletter, memorials were received in the name of Don Friebele from Leonard Burkhart; in memory of Roger Heap from Linda Dean and Wendy Held; and in memory of Marilyn Marklein from Joy S. Rogerson, Julie Sippel, Susan Panozzo, Kay Hatcher, Paula

Ode, Jan & Neal Woessner, Jim & Martha Cumpata, Patricia Rogerson, Mrs. Ronald Wheaton, Linda Turok, Kathy Coburn, Karen Carlton, Craig Carlton, Cindy Sharp, Amy White, John & Mary Rogerson, Craig & Linda Stevenson, and James & Kathleen Flemming.

Memorial checks should be made out to the Oswegoland Heritage Association and mailed to Memorial Chair, Oswegoland Heritage Association, Box 23, Oswego, IL 60543.

Memorials are deposited in the heritage association’s Endowment Fund, which is designed to maintain the organi-

zation’s fiscal health and protect the museum’s collections for decades to come.

All contributions are acknowledged with personalized thank-you notes. In addition, the names of those memorialized are recorded in a permanent record book kept by the OHA for visitors’ inspection at the museum’s reception desk. Finally, the names of the individuals honored are listed in the next available issue of *The Bell Tower*. Memorials are the perfect way to preserve the memories of both those who’ve passed away as well as Oswegoland’s rich history and heritage. ♡

Oswegoland history preserved thanks to our donors...

Donations to the Little White School Museum have continued to roll in since our last report in December. As of March 20, there were a total of 34,365 items in the museum’s collections database.

Items received since the end of November included the abstract of title for the Helle Building, plus two photos of the building and a scrapbook of newspaper clippings accumulated by his mother from Ralph Smith; a collection of family toys, her great-great grandmother’s sewing rocker, and miscellaneous items, Wanda Penn Horton; a photo of Ralph Ross during his Navy service, from Jeff Ross; John W. Potter Sr.’s World War II U.S. Army officer’s uniform and supporting documents, John W. Potter Jr.; World War II

military canvas leggings and large framed photo of the U.S.S. Arizona showing it before it was bombed at Pearl Harbor, Debra Heinze; Collins family portraits and Bible from Yvonne Pearsell; World War II ration books and their original folders, Val Henrich; Oswego school memorabilia, OHS Class of 1954 reunion documents and her wedding dress, Wilma Penn Simms; a collection of materials related to famed furniture designer Edward Wormley, Wormley School memorabilia, and Wormley farmhouse information, Jim Wormley; and Ray Prince’s CB&Q conductor’s uniform, Cynthia Shoger.

Items purchased included a postcard sent to Oswego by Clarence Murst while he served in the U.S. Cavalry and the

Coastal Artillery Command during World War I.

Are you moving, breaking up house-keeping, or just doing some spring cleaning? If you are, don’t throw anything away with a direct Oswego connection including photographs, documents, and advertising items. Don’t think it’s old enough? Remember, 50 years ago this year was 1971—time really flies when you’re having fun! Before you throw Oswego-related family, school, or business memorabilia away, give us a chance to see whether we’d like to preserve it in the museum’s collections. Contact us via email at info@littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org or give us a call at 630-554-2999 during museum hours and we’ll chat. ♡

Historical Notes...

A full slate of Oswegoland Heritage Association (OHA) and Oswegoland Park District (OPD) programming has been scheduled for the Little White School Museum's spring program series, according to program chair Tina Beard and museum manager Anne Jordan. To register for all programs, go to the OPD's web site, <https://www.oswegolandparkdistrict.org/>. To check for program availability, to check on additional programming, or more information on the museum, check their web site, www.littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org.

Sunday, April 10: **Industrial History Bus Tours of Oswego.** \$5. Pre-registration is required by visiting the park district web site (see above). Register soon because these popular tours fill up quickly! Tours depart the Little White School Museum at 12 noon and at 1:30 p.m. Where do you think the "industrial section" of Oswego existed from about 1840 – 1910? Join members of the Oswegoland Heritage Association and the Oswegoland Park District on a splendid bus tour of the industrial section "way back then." The tour will begin and end at the Little White School Museum and last for about an hour. Registration is \$5 and must be done online through the park district website. Join us and to learn more about Oswego's fascinating history. Sponsored by the OHA in partnership with the OPD.

Thursdays, April 14, 28, and May 12, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.; **History Happy Hours at the Oswego Brewing Company;** "Burglaries, Bootlegger, and Bonnie & Clyde." \$15 for residents age 21 and older. \$20 for nonresidents; registration required by calling 630-554-1010 or visiting the OPD web site (see above). In the 1920s, crime in Kendall County was getting out of control! Local newspapers were filled with stories of FBI raids, robberies, and gangster activity. Join the Little White School Museum staff at Oswego Brewing Company as we talk about the biggest burglaries, buzzworthy bootleggers, and possible Bonnie & Clyde connection to Kendall County. Admission comes with one beer ticket to enjoy during the lecture. Sponsored by the OPD in

partnership with the OHA.

Tuesday, May 3, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Aurora University Exhibits Class open house** introducing their new temporary exhibit at the Little White School Museum, "Face the Fox." The exhibit focuses on local environmentalists, including nationally-recognized environmental crusader and Oswego native, Jim "The Fox" Phillips, who preserved the ecosystem and fought for change in order to protect communities in the Fox River Valley. This opening reception, free to the public, will celebrate their hard work. Come meet the young curators and see what they were able to create in one semester. For more information, call the museum at 630-554-2999 or visit the museum web site, (see above). Sponsored by the Little White School Museum.

Saturday, May 21, 1 p.m. at the Little White School Museum: **"Barning Around Kendall County and Oswego."** \$5. Pre-registration encouraged, at the OPD web site (see above). but walk-ins the day of the program welcome. Little White School Museum Director Roger Matile will entertain and inform visitors about the history of local country and town barns, including their architectural styles, importance to the area's rural and urban communities, and how changes in both city and country life have resulted in barns' modification. Suitable for visitors 16 and older. Sponsored by the OHA in partnership with the OPD.

Sunday, May 22: **Urban Barn Bus Tours of Oswego.** \$5. Pre-registration is required (these popular tours fill up quickly) by visiting the OPD web site (see above). Tours aimed at those 16 and older will depart the Little White School Museum at 12 noon and 1:30 p.m. Ever notice the urban barns in and around Oswego's downtown? Curious about them? Did you think they could only be found on the area's farms? These answers and the history surrounding them will be covered in this unique bus tour of some of Oswego's in-town barns still standing today. Pre-registration is required as space is limited. The event begins and ends at the Little White School Museum and lasts about an hour. Sponsored by the OHA in

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Sunday, June 12: **Oswego History Walks – Business & Industry,** 12 noon and 1:30 p.m. \$5. Preregistration is required (these tours fill up quickly!) by visiting the OPD web site (see above). Participants age 16 and over are invited to journey back in time to discover the businesses and industry that once dotted the landscape of the Oswego area. Trace the spaces and places that served the community and learn about the people behind them. Is there a business from yesteryear still thriving today? Participants should be able to comfortably walk for approximately one hour and be prepared to be part of the conversation. Participants should meet at the Little White School Museum for this outdoor walk. Sponsored by the OHA in partnership with the OPD.

To keep up with the Little White School Museum's latest programming and exhibit information, check the museum web site, www.littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org and the museum's Facebook page. And, by the way, the museum's Facebook page is also a good way to connect and share memories with present and former Oswegoans. 🍷

Adapting programming..

rich history of the Oswegoland area, we find that revealing that richness through programming can be extremely valuable," said museum director Roger Matile

For more information on museum exhibits and events keep an eye on it's Facebook page, as well as on the museum web site, www.littlewhiteschoolmuseum.org. 🍷

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OHA pioneer Marklein dies...

The Oswegoland Heritage Association lost one of its pioneer, founding members when Marilyn Marklein died Feb. 8, 2022.

She was born and raised in Oswego, the daughter of Jeff and Margaret Rogerson. She attended the historic Little White School, and graduated from Oswego High School with the Class of 1946. She went on to graduate from the Gregg Business College in Chicago and became a skilled legal secretary.

She was among the founding members of the Oswegoland Heritage Association with the goal of saving and restoring the Little White School as a community museum and archives. She served as the board secretary from the group's first meeting on April 8, 1976 until May 1984, when she decided not to seek reelection to the board. During her stint on the board, she spearheaded the organization's incorporation as an Illinois non-profit organization, and was also instrumental in a variety of other OHA activities and events, including co-chairing an antique show, quilt show and toy show. Her husband, Fred, was also involved in a number of activities during the restoration of the Little White School Museum. During her board service, the exterior restoration of the building was largely completed, the community museum gallery opened to the public, and restoration of the building's main meeting room began.

She is survived by her daughter Jane (Ken) Wolf; grandchildren Troy (Rena Lawson) Wolf and Trent Wolf; several nieces and nephews; sisters-in-law Joy Rogerson and Pat (Freeman) Rogerson; brother-in-law Robert (Mona) Marklein; special friend Reta Bohn; and Chaplin Joe Newton of Angels Grace Hospice and his late therapy dog Mizuno.

Memorials in Marilyn Marklein's name may be made to the Oswegoland Heritage Association, Box 23, Oswego, IL 60543.

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Gift membership?

The Oswegoland Heritage Association has some exciting plans for the future. Why not take out a membership for a friend or relative who has an interest in Oswego's fascinating history and heritage? Benefits include museum store discounts, three newsletters a year, and more. Just fill out this form and mail.

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Thank you again for your participation in the *Leading the Change Together: National Impact Agenda* focus groups in 2021!

Update: [Leading the Change Together: A National Impact Agenda for the Preservation Movement](#) is now live.

We are thrilled to share that the National Impact Agenda is now an [online resource](#) available to

explore on the National Trust's website. As a valued focus group participant, we are sharing this update with you first. We know the preservation community is converting ideas into action every day and the work doesn't stop here. We hope you will join us in sharing collective progress toward these goals in the coming months and years. The National Trust is currently using the National Impact Agenda framework to evaluate how well our own commitments to action are aligned with the seven goals and drawing inspiration from these crowdsourced ideas. We are identifying strengths, gaps and growth areas to shape our current and future programs, and plan to share our findings. We encourage other organizations to join us in this effort to help demonstrate how we each uniquely and collectively contribute toward positive change in our field.

We are still exploring ways to convene, share, and collaborate on measuring progress. If your organization would benefit from receiving updates on opportunities to share and learn about progress, and to receive planning tools to help evaluate your own priorities, please consider joining the inaugural National Impact Agenda Leadership Cohort. The goal of the leadership cohort is to help participating organizations apply the National Impact Agenda framework to their work, guide decision-making on future programs, and share lessons learned to inspire others to lead the change. Please email us for more information on how to join if you are interested in learning more, we will keep you updated as we move into this next phase.

Thank you for sharing your thoughts and helping shape the National Impact Agenda!

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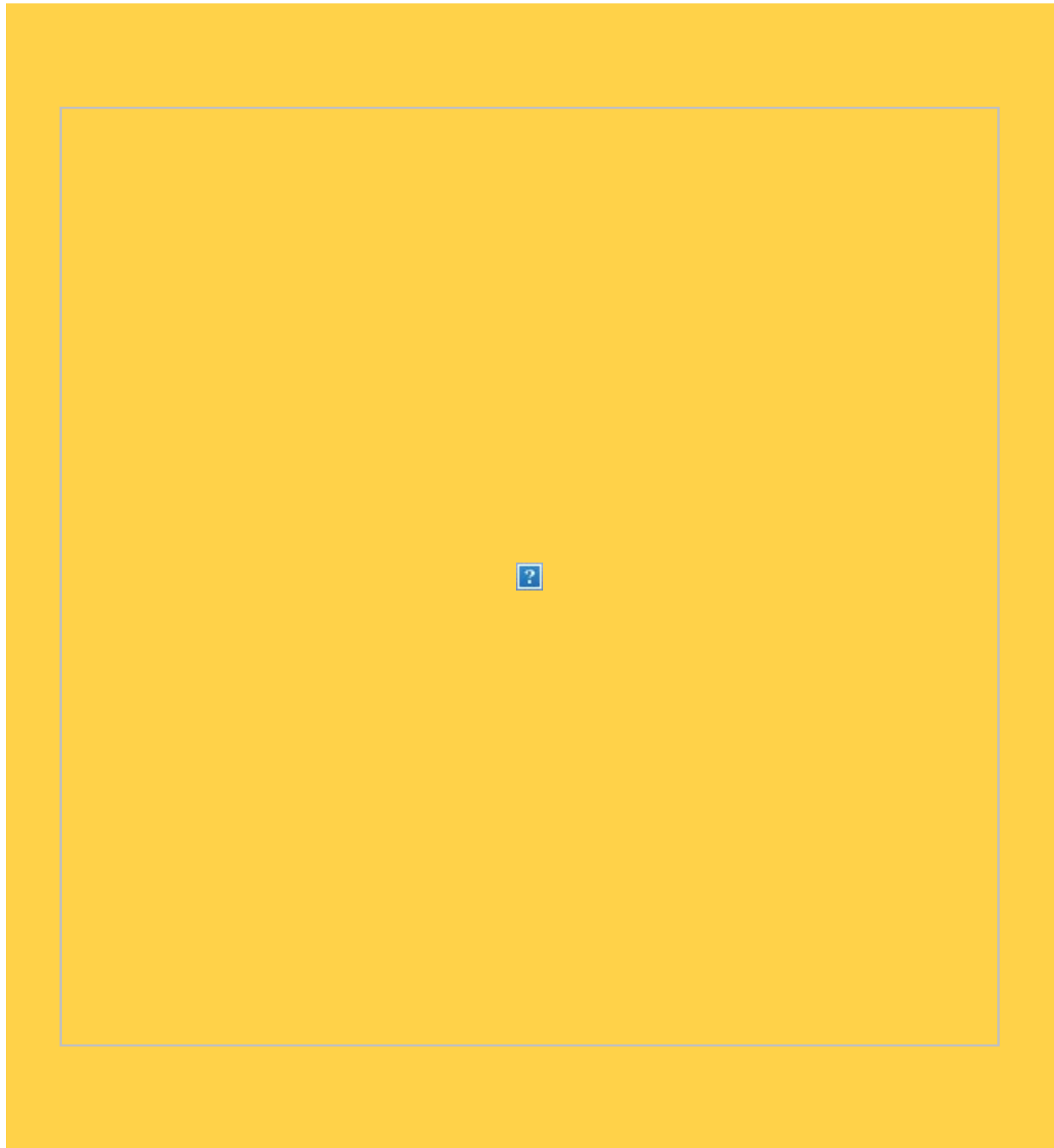
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Welcome Spring!

“I had never seen anything as beautiful as this—or as historic. For me, it was like the contemporary equivalent of the Temple of Paestum, springing up out of the meadow.”

This image conjured by Lord Peter Palumbo not only sums up his adoration of the Edith Farnsworth House but takes us right to spring. At the Edith Farnsworth House, spring means daffodils, violets, Virginia Bluebells, redbuds, flowering crabapples, serviceberries, bird cherries and more! Lord Palumbo viewed the landscape as an extension of the house, and during this season, it's easy to see why.

There are plenty of ways to experience the coming season on our nearly 60-acre site. Named after the landscape architect who designed it, the Lanning Roper Wildflower Walk will soon be blooming with both native and introduced species. With benches and picnic tables as well as a canoe and kayak landing, our grounds are the perfect destination for a springtime escape. Come visit and experience it all for

yourself!



Every Line is a Decision

On March 17th, we opened “Every Line is a Decision: The Life and Legacies of Peter Palumbo.” Focused on the house as it was furnished in 1999, this two-year programmatic focus will highlight Lord Palumbo’s three-decade tenure as owner and steward of the Edith Farnsworth House.

Aside from the house being refurnished, this focus includes a new guided tour, interpretive wall, exhibition guide, and many companion exhibitions in the gallery over the next two years. Keep an eye on our social media and website for more stories and exciting programs!

We also have new merchandise in our shop inspired by the exhibition, including t-shirts, mugs, hats, and tote bags. We also have many new book titles and some old favorites. If you’re looking for architecture and design books, we have an assortment

you can't miss!

Every Line is a Decision has been supported by the Margot and Tom Pritzker Family Foundation, Barbi and Tom Donnelley, Paul and Dedrea Gray, Martin LJ Newman, and the Illinois Arts Council.



Memory & Imagination

Spring predominates in the featured images of our new gallery exhibition, "Memory and Imagination: The Palumbo Era Landscape." Sebastian van Damme's ethereal shots of the house are combined with Dudley Fisher's images of the sculptures that dotted the landscape during Lord Palumbo's ownership.

Shot in the late 1990s, these photos were previously unpublished until this exhibition, and both sets exemplify the integration of art and nature that characterized the Palumbo Era. This is the first exhibition focusing on the Palumbo landscape, and we're so excited to explore this topic.

This exhibition relates to the theme of our April Architea, “Lanning Roper and the Evolving Landscape of the Edith Farnsworth House.” Horticulturist and landscape designer Heather Prince will offer a meander through Lanning Roper’s style of landscape architecture, including his work with Lord Palumbo on the Edith Farnsworth House. Join us on April 24th for this fascinating deep dive—[tickets available now](#).



Edith Farnsworth House Stewardship Council

Formed in 2019, the Stewardship Council brings together a diverse group of professionals to help grow and sustain the Edith Farnsworth House Historic Site. Five founding members, including Mies van der Rohe’s grandson, the architect Dirk Lohan, helped to define the Council’s role and a broader vision and strategic impact.

Formerly “All About Mies,” our new approach is “Mies and More” – including the iconic structure’s place within the canon of Midcentury Modern architecture, and its

legacies as a nature retreat and place to explore the arts and humanities.

Current Council Members include: Justin Ahrens (Rule29 Creative Agency), Will Forrest (McKinsey & Co.), Bob Hursthouse (Hursthouse Landscape Architects & Contractors), Glen Johnson (Family Office Exchange), Dirk Lohan (Dirk Lohan Architect), Richard Marritt (HillRom) and Martin Newman (MLJ Newman).

The Council is seeking additional members for active fundraising, new partnerships and promotions, and diversifying leadership and audiences. If you are interested in joining the Council or know someone who might be a good addition, please contact Scott Mehaffey, Edith Farnsworth House Executive Director & Curator, at smehaffey@savingplaces.org.

Spring Appeal 2022

Help us bring this 20c icon into the 21c with more digital access (*and* more of your Instagram-worthy shots!

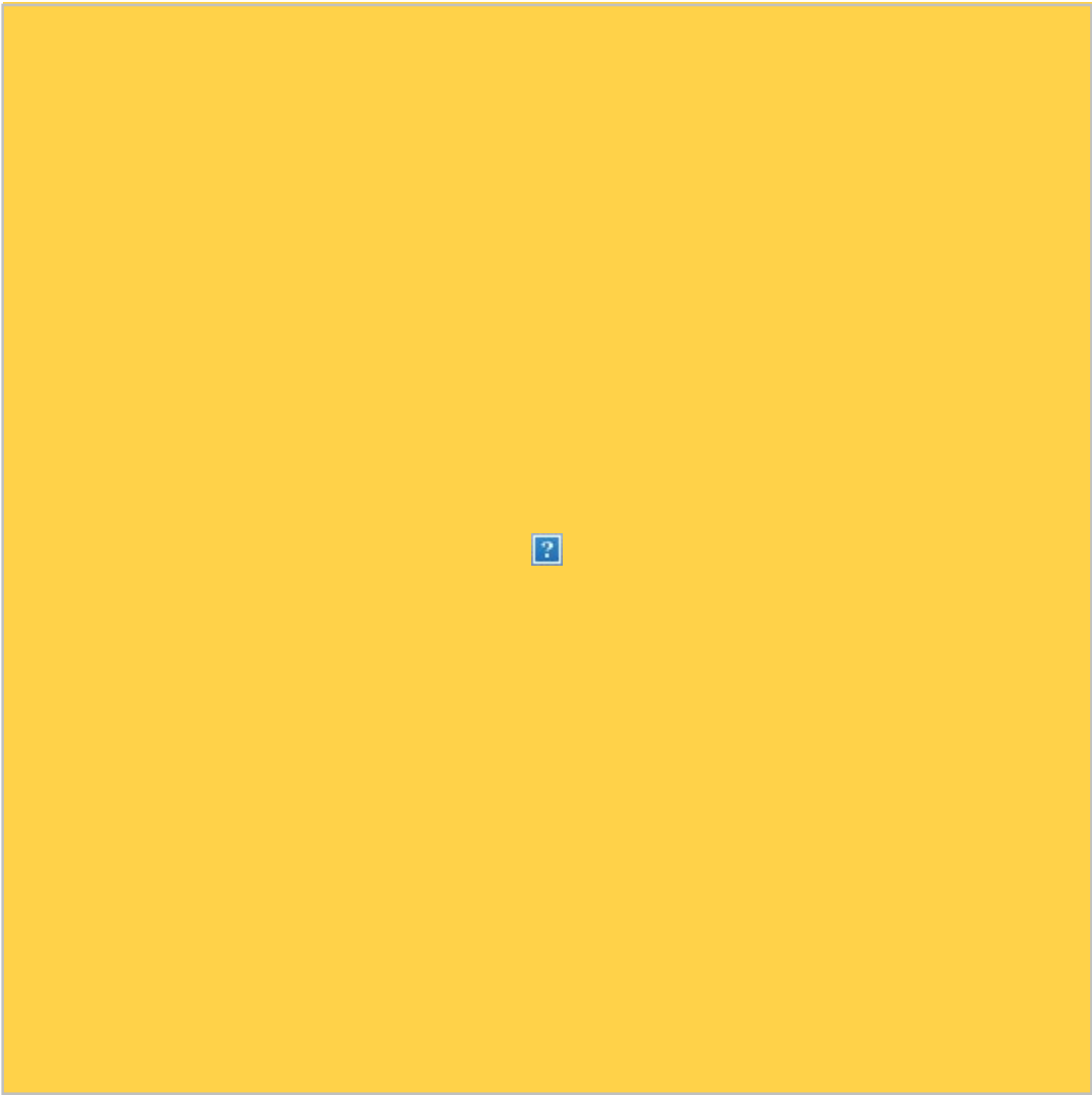
Last year, with your help, we completed a magnificent restoration of the Lower Terrace at the Edith Farnsworth House. This year, we're asking for your help to strengthen digital access and engagement!

Your social media posts help promote Farnsworth and we know you want a reliable signal when you visit. We also want to make exhibition guides, self-guided and virtual reality tours, virtual lectures, and other digital content available to you – but we need more bandwidth and network connectivity!

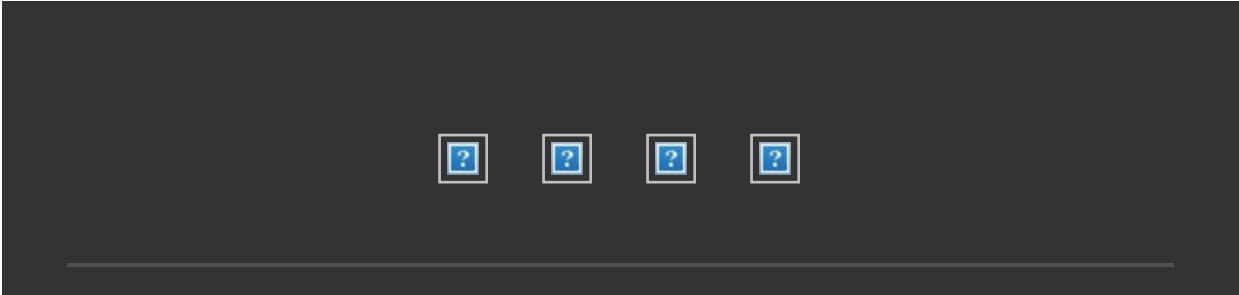
Even before the unprecedented events of the past few years, the Internet has been to be one of our best tools to share the Edith Farnsworth House worldwide. We need your help to do that—not just by sharing our content, but by helping us create it. A more secure Wi-Fi signal will help us do just that.

DONATE NOW to make the Edith Farnsworth House Historic Site more accessible, educational, and memorable for visitors of all ages!

All donors of \$100 and up will receive our brand new “Every Line is a Decision” mug with our exhibition logo on one side and the new Edith Farnsworth House logo on the opposite side. Be among the first to enjoy a cuppa in the latest Farnsworth mug!



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