



# ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY

NEAR WEST HISTORIC DISTRICT  
ST. CHARLES, ILLINOIS

ST. CHARLES HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

## Primary Structure

ADDRESS 405 South 1<sup>st</sup> Street

ROLL-IMAGE # 102 - 14

CD-IMAGE# 4405 - 25



### ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

- Significant
- Contributing
- Non-Contributing
- Potential for Individual National Register Designation

### BUILDING CONDITION

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

### ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

Architectural Style/Type: Commercial modern

Exterior Walls (Current): Painted concrete block

Architectural Features: \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior Walls (Original): Painted concrete block

Date of Construction: 1965

Foundation: Concrete

Source: Township Assessor's Office

Roof Type/Material: Flat/Built-up

Overall Plan Configuration: Simple rectangle

Window Material/Type: Alum/Fixed

**ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES:** Plain flat facades with large display windows on the ground floor and smaller windows on the second floor.

**ALTERATIONS:** Large one story addition to the north elevation.



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## Primary Structure

### The Piano Factory

ADDRESS 410 South First Street

ROLL-IMAGE # 102 - 16

CD-IMAGE # 4405 - 13



## ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

- Significant
- Contributing**
- Non-Contributing
- Potential for Individual National Register Designation

## BUILDING CONDITION

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair**
- Poor

## ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

Architectural Style/Type: Industrial  
 Architectural Features: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Construction: 1901  
 Source: Heritage Center

Overall Plan Configuration: L shaped plan

Exterior Walls (Current): Brick  
 Exterior Walls (Original): Brick  
 Foundation: Stone  
 Roof Type/Material: Flat/ Asphalt Built-up

Window Material/Type: Aluminum

**ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES:** The common brick façade is articulated with many large fixed frame aluminum windows with segmented arched tops and limestone sills. The top of the brick wall is a corbelled brick parapet that has been partially obscured by metal coping.

**ALTERATIONS:** The original building was built in 3 phases. Current mall appendages were added during the 1984-1986 renovation. These are non-sympathetic to the original architecture. There are many windows (50%) that are “boarded up” with stucco panels. Several, poorly done repointing projects are in evidence in the exterior brick walls.



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**HISTORIC INFORMATION:**

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**ARCHITECT:** Orig. unknown. Design Center Architects of Geneva, WI renovation arch.  
Current plans are being developed by Teng & Associates of Chicago.

Source Heritage Center

**BUILDER:**

Source

**ASSOCIATED EVENTS, PEOPLE & DATES:** Herman D. Cable founder of the Cable Company built the first section of his Piano Factory in 1901. Subsequent additions were put on in 1904 & 1909. The factory was 250,000SF and employed 500 people in its prime. The business failed after the Depression and the building was sold to the Howell Mfg. Company, which made dinette furniture, in 1937. Howell operated until a wildcat strike put it out of business in 1978. A group of developers including STK Corp. of Chicago, Bruce Oehlerking, and Dick Burkart converted the building into a 120,000SF shopping mall that opened in May 1986, after standing vacant for almost ten years. It is currently owned by the insurance company that held the mortgage and is being marketed by CB Real Estate. Ten bids that were received in February of this year are currently being reviewed. Sean Williams, a local developer, was the successful low bidder. Plans are being developed that include mixed uses.

Source Heritage Center

**REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS:**

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**FEDERAL:** NO

**STATE:** YES

**COUNTY:**

**LOCAL:** YES



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## Primary Structure

ADDRESS 411 South 1<sup>st</sup> Street

ROLL-IMAGE # 2727 - 1

CD-IMAGE# 0298 - 1



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- Potential for Individual National Register Designation

### BUILDING CONDITION

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

### ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

Architectural Style/Type: <u>National/Homestead</u>	Exterior Walls (Current): <u>Clapboard</u>
<u>1 1/2 story</u>	
Architectural Features: _____	Exterior Walls (Original): <u>Clapboard</u>
Date of Construction: <u>1854</u>	Foundation: <u>Parged masonry</u>
Source: <u>Township Assessor's Office</u>	Roof Type/Material: <u>Front gable/Asphalt shingle</u>
Overall Plan Configuration: <u>Simple rectangle w/ additions</u>	Window Material/Type: <u>Wd/Alum/Dbl hung</u>

**ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES:** Simple square columns support the hipped roof over the full-width front porch. Turned balusters support the porch railing. The entry is asymmetrically placed on the façade. A frieze board was used at the wall roof intersection to trim the siding.



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**ALTERATIONS:** A small one-story addition was made to the north side of the house. It has a flat roof. The storm doors at the front and side entries are aluminum. A shed dormer was added to the north elevation near the rear of the house. A precast concrete stoop with a wrought iron railing was added at the side entry.

**HISTORIC INFORMATION:**

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**ARCHITECT:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Source \_\_\_\_\_

**BUILDER:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Source \_\_\_\_\_

**ASSOCIATED EVENTS, PEOPLE & DATES:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Source \_\_\_\_\_

**REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS:**

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**FEDERAL:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**STATE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**COUNTY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**LOCAL:** \_\_\_\_\_



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## Primary Structure

ADDRESS 415 South 1<sup>st</sup> Street

ROLL-IMAGE # 102 - 12

CD-IMAGE # 4405 - 23



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### BUILDING CONDITION

- Excellent
- Good
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- Poor

### ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

Architectural Style/Type: <u>Commercial modern</u>	Exterior Walls (Current): <u>Impressed metal siding over masonry</u>
Architectural Features: _____	Exterior Walls (Original): <u>Masonry</u>
Date of Construction: <u>1920</u>	Foundation: <u>Concrete</u>
Source: <u>Township Assessor's Office</u>	Roof Type/Material: <u>Front gable/ Rolled roofing</u>
Overall Plan Configuration: <u>Simple rectangle</u>	Window Material/Type: <u>Alum/Casement/Fixed</u>

**ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES:** The metal siding is impressed into a brick pattern. The stepped parapet conceals the sloped roof beyond. The large garage door, placed at the center of the façade, is the most dominant feature.

**ALTERATIONS:** A large one-story addition was made to the rear.



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ADDRESS 602 South 1<sup>st</sup> Street

ROLL-IMAGE # 70551 - 35

CD-IMAGE # 0601 - 107



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### BUILDING CONDITION

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

### ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

Architectural Style/Type: Commercial modern

Exterior Walls (Current): Painted concrete block

Architectural Features: \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior Walls (Original): Painted concrete block

Date of Construction: \_\_\_\_\_

Foundation: Concrete

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Roof Type/Material: Flat/built-up

Overall Plan Configuration: Simple rectangle

Window Material/Type: Alum/Fixed

**ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES:** Plain flat facades with large openings for display. There are a variety of window opening sizes.

**ALTERATIONS:**