



ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY

NEAR WEST HISTORIC DISTRICT

ST. CHARLES, ILLINOIS

ST. CHARLES HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Primary Structure

ADDRESS 502 West Main Street

ROLL-IMAGE # 3435 - 17

CD-IMAGE # 4369 - 17



ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

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

BUILDING CONDITION

- ▶ **Excellent**
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

Architectural Style/Type: Victorian – Queen Anne

Architectural Features: _____

Date of Construction: 1891 (1898)

Source: St. Charles of Illinois
By David A. Badger

Overall Plan Configuration: Compound/Irregular

Exterior Walls (Current): Wood clapboard on a wood frame

Exterior Walls (Original): Wood clapboard on a wood frame

Foundation: Stone

Roof Type/Material: Hipped with cross gables

Window Material/Type: Wood/Double hung

ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES: This is an elaborately detailed example of the style. A system of ornamental wood trim is used throughout the house. All of the window and door openings are trimmed in a similar manner. A two-story corner tower is the most visible architectural detail. It relates well to the corner site and the adjacent city park. Elaborate spindle-work decorates the gable ends. Spindle-work detailing is used on the porches located on the east and west sides of the house.



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ROLL-IMAGE # 3435 - 18

CD-IMAGE # 4369 - 18



HISTORIC INFORMATION:

ARCHITECT: _____
 Source _____
BUILDER: _____
 Source _____

ASSOCIATED EVENTS, PEOPLE & DATES: Terrence A. Ryan lived here in the early 1900's. He moved here from Ireland in 1853. Mr. Ryan was a schoolteacher in his early working career and by 1876 was an attorney involved in real estate. He is responsible for Moline Malleable locating here in 1893.
 Peter S. & Gertrude Nichol, owners of P.S. Nichol Lumber Co. lived here in the 1930's.
 Source St. Charles of Illinois by David A. Badger

REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS:

FEDERAL: _____
STATE: Yes _____
COUNTY: _____
LOCAL: Yes _____



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Primary Structure

ADDRESS 505 West Main Street

ROLL-IMAGE # 3178 - 6

CD-IMAGE # 032D - 6



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

BUILDING CONDITION

- Excellent
- Good**
- Fair
- Poor

ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

Architectural Style/Type: Commercial

Architectural Features: Modern addition

Date of Construction: 1910

Source: Township Assessor's Office

Overall Plan Configuration: Compound - mass

Exterior Walls (Current): Reverse board & batten over brick veneer, Alum (house)

Exterior Walls (Original): Clapboard (house) on wood frame

Foundation: Concrete

Roof Type/Material: Cross - gabled (original), Flat -Built-up (addition) w/ asphalt shingle mansard

Window Material/Type: Alum Fixed sash

ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES: The commercial addition overwhelmed the original structure. Vestiges of the original house are visible at the top and rear of the addition.

ALTERATIONS: A modern addition completely transformed the original house into the current business occupancy. The current design has nothing to do with the original.



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505 West Main Street - Continuation Sheet

HISTORIC INFORMATION:

ARCHITECT: _____

Source _____

BUILDER: _____

Source _____

ASSOCIATED EVENTS, PEOPLE & DATES:

Witt's Sewing Machine shop was the original tenant of the commercial addition.

Source Current building owner.

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ADDRESS 514 West Main Street

ROLL-IMAGE # 3432 - 36

CD-IMAGE # 4367 - 36



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BUILDING CONDITION

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

Architectural Style/Type: Prairie Style 4 square

Exterior Walls (Current): Stucco on masonry

Architectural Features: _____

Exterior Walls (Original): Stucco on masonry

Date of Construction: 1925

Foundation: _____

Source: Township Assessor's Office

Roof Type/Material: Hipped/Asphalt shingle

Overall Plan Configuration: Simple 4 square

Window Material/Type: Alum/Casements/DbL hung

ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES: This house exhibits some of the typical features of the style in the roof form and its' broad eaves. The windows on the 2F are banded together in the Prairie Style fashion.

ALTERATIONS: A screened in front porch runs the full width of the house. Its' walls are brick and the detailing does not match the rest of the house.



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ADDRESS

ROLL-IMAGE # _____

CD-IMAGE # _____

HISTORIC INFORMATION:

ARCHITECT: _____

Source _____

BUILDER: _____

Source _____

ASSOCIATED EVENTS, PEOPLE & DATES: _____

Source _____

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ADDRESS 521 West Main Street

ROLL-IMAGE # 3435 - 6

CD-IMAGE # 4369 - 6



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BUILDING CONDITION

- Excellent
- Good**
- Fair
- Poor

ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

Architectural Style/Type: Gothic Revival
 Architectural Features: _____
 Date of Construction: 1890
 Source: Township Assessor's Office
 Overall Plan Configuration: Compound asymmetrical

Exterior Walls (Current): Brick
 Exterior Walls (Original): Brick
 Foundation: Stone
 Roof Type/Material: Cross gabled/Asphalt shingles
 Window Material/Type: Alum/Wood/Double hung

ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES: This house is sited high up the hill west and overlooking the downtown. It has an impressive façade as a result. The detailing of the brick walls is relatively plain, but it has large stone lintels. The walls extend into the gables without a break meeting the open eaves and exposed rafter ends. This gives the house the lofty feeling associated with the gothic style. The porch at the entry has flat arches supported by square posts and includes a delicately detailed railing.

ALTERATIONS: A large 2 story addition was put onto the rear of the house that was relatively sympathetic to the original. The addition used the same materials, roof pitch, and detailing as the original house. There is also a non-sympathetic 1 story addition to the west side sheathed in clapboard. The windows are 6:1 pattern and the roofing is black asphalt shingles. Another 1 story addition to the rear has a flat roof deck & an exit from the 2F and is also sheathed in clapboard.



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HISTORIC INFORMATION:

ARCHITECT: Unknown
Source

BUILDER: Unknown
Source

ASSOCIATED EVENTS, PEOPLE & DATES: This was the home of Charles H. Haines and his widowed mother Harriet. Charles was the Mayor of St. Charles from 1889-1891. He owned the Colson building and was a silent partner of J.F. Colson. Charles was one of the largest real estate owners in St. Charles at the time. He was President of the school board for 17 years and donated land for one of the school buildings.
Source St. Charles of Illinois by Donald A. Badger, Heritage Center

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COUNTY:
LOCAL: YES.



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ADDRESS 522 West Main Street

ROLL-IMAGE # 3432 - 34

CD-IMAGE # 4367 - 34



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BUILDING CONDITION

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

Architectural Style/Type: Greek Revival

Architectural Features: _____

Date of Construction: 1850

Source: Township Assessor's Office

Overall Plan Configuration: Simple w/ additions

Exterior Walls (Current): Brick

Exterior Walls (Original): Brick

Foundation: Stone

Roof Type/Material: Front gable/Asphalt shingle

Window Material/Type: Wood/Dbl. Hung. Some Alum dbl. hung at 2F

ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES: There are brick jack arches over the windows, which have stone sills. Full height classic columns support the wrap - around front porch and a small pediment emphasizes the entrance. The eaves are accented with a wide band of trim.

ALTERATIONS: A large addition to the rear of the house features frieze band windows and a simple gable roof like the original



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HISTORIC INFORMATION:

ARCHITECT: _____

Source _____

BUILDER: _____

Source _____

ASSOCIATED EVENTS, PEOPLE & DATES:

Darwin and Miranda a. Millington donated land to the Congregational
Catholic Church and for the West Side Park.

Source

Wall Plaque

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COUNTY: _____

LOCAL: Yes _____



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ADDRESS 605 West Main Street

ROLL-IMAGE # 3178 - 5

CD-IMAGE # 032D - 5



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BUILDING CONDITION

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

Architectural Style/Type: National Gable front & wings

Exterior Walls (Current): Aluminum

Architectural Features: _____

Exterior Walls (Original): Clapboard

Date of Construction: 1873

Foundation: Concrete

Source: Township Assessor's Office

Roof Type/Material: Cross gable/Asphalt shingle

Overall Plan Configuration: Compound

Window Material/Type: Alum/Wd. Double hung

ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES: This is an unusual front elevation featuring two front porches that are supported by shallow arches springing from simple full height square column. Classically detailed fluted pilasters flank both of the front entrances.

ALTERATIONS: The addition to the rear is one story and has a roof that has a shallower pitch than the main house. The aluminum siding is typically horizontal, but is vertical at the addition. There is another addition that has a shed roof that is accessed by an exterior site built wooden stair. This addition has horizontal aluminum siding. There is currently a commercial tenant occupying the building.



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HISTORIC INFORMATION:

ARCHITECT: _____

Source _____

BUILDER: _____

Source _____

ASSOCIATED EVENTS, PEOPLE & DATES: _____

Source _____

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FEDERAL: _____

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LOCAL: _____



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ADDRESS 612 West Main Street

ROLL-IMAGE # 3432 - 33

CD-IMAGE # 4367 - 33



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- Non-Contributing
- Potential for Individual National Register Designation

BUILDING CONDITION

- ▶ **Excellent**
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

Architectural Style/Type: <u>Victorian – Queen Anne</u>	Exterior Walls (Current): <u>Wood clapboard with decorative wood shingles.</u>
Architectural Features: _____	Exterior Walls (Original): <u>Wood clapboard with decorative wood shingles</u>
Date of Construction: <u>1894</u>	Foundation: <u>Stone</u>
Source: <u>Township Assessor's Office</u>	Roof Type/Material: <u>Hipped with lower cross gables.</u>
Overall Plan Configuration: <u>Simple rectangle</u>	Window Material/Type: <u>Wd/Alum /Dbl. hung , fixed</u>

ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES: This house features a hipped roof with lower cross gables. The entry has a small gabled porch with square columns. The front gable is a dominant feature of the asymmetrical front elevation. This feature also has a large arched tripartite window and cut away corners and imbricated shingles under the gable.

ALTERATIONS:



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HISTORIC INFORMATION:

ARCHITECT: George Barber
Source St. Charles Historical Society Landmark Application April 1992

BUILDER: Unknown
Source _____

ASSOCIATED EVENTS, PEOPLE & DATES: John and Anna Colson purchased the property in 1891 and built sometime shortly thereafter. John was a prominent businessman who started his career as a clerk in the employ of L.C. Ward & Co. He later started a business in partnership with Charles A. Anderson & Charles Haines that became known as J.F.Colson & Co.
Source St. Charles Historical Society Landmark Application April 1992

REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS:

FEDERAL: _____
STATE: YES
COUNTY: _____
LOCAL: YES. Applied for Local Landmark Status in 1992.



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ROLL-IMAGE # 3432 - 31

CD-IMAGE # 4367 - 31



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- Non-Contributing
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BUILDING CONDITION

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

Architectural Style/Type: Eclectic folk

Exterior Walls (Current): Aluminum

Architectural Features: _____

Exterior Walls (Original): Clapboard

Date of Construction: 1900

Foundation: Stone(orig), Conc.@ additions

Source: Township Assessor's Office

Roof Type/Material: Cross gable/asphalt shingle

Overall Plan Configuration: Compound - mass

Window Material/Type: Alum/DbI. hung

ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES: The front gable has cut away corners as if it once had some Victorian detailing. The west side gable has a curious hipped gable that is out of place with the rest of the house.

ALTERATIONS: The wrap around front porch has been recently redone using wolmanized lumber and does not relate well to the rest of the house. All of the detailing that this house once might have had is completely concealed by all of the aluminum. There is an addition at the rear that has a slightly lower gable roof than the main roof. A rear porch was added at some point using plain CMU as a foundation. This is currently a commercial occupancy.



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ROLL-IMAGE # _____

CD-IMAGE # _____

HISTORIC INFORMATION:

ARCHITECT: _____

Source _____

BUILDER: _____

Source _____

ASSOCIATED EVENTS, PEOPLE & DATES: _____

Source _____

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Primary Structure

ADDRESS 619 West Main Street

ROLL-IMAGE # 3435 - 5

CD-IMAGE # 4369 - 5



ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

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

BUILDING CONDITION

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

Architectural Style/Type: Colonial Revival

Exterior Walls (Current): Brick

Architectural Features: _____

Exterior Walls (Original): Brick

Date of Construction: 1900

Foundation: Stone(orig.),Conc.(Additions)

Source: Township Assessor's Office

Roof Type/Material: Hipped/Wood shingle (orig.)

Overall Plan Configuration: Simple w/ additions

Window Material/Type: Alum/Wd./Dbl. hung

ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES: This is a large imposing façade accentuated by being elevated above the street level and by being located on a very prominent site. The roof is a simple hip with a long ridgeline and is articulated with large triangular roof dormers on the north, east, and west elevations. The east and west dormers crown a two story brick projection serving to break up what could have been an uneventful façade. The top of the stone foundation stops vertically at the first floor line and adds visual interest and character to the massive looking house.



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ALTERATIONS: The front porch is an important element of the front façade and has recently been rebuilt using modern materials. The detailing is good and the design appears to be compatible with the main house. Several additions have been made to the west, south, and east sides of the original house. None of these are sympathetic with the original design in any way. There is no sense of scale, material, or detail references in any of these additions. An adjacent one - story house is connected to the main house at the rear.

HISTORIC INFORMATION:

ARCHITECT: _____

Source _____

BUILDER: _____

Source _____

ASSOCIATED EVENTS, PEOPLE & DATES:

_____ This is sometimes referred to as the Nelson House. Dr. Nelson, a psychologist, ran a school here in the 1940's. Marshall Field's son was among those who resided here during its operation.

Source _____

Owner _____

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STATE: _____

COUNTY: _____

LOCAL: Yes _____



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ROLL-IMAGE # 3435 - 3

CD-IMAGE # 4369 - 3



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- Potential for Individual National Register Designation

BUILDING CONDITION

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

Architectural Style/Type: Colonial revival

Architectural Features: _____

Date of Construction: 1890 est.

Source: Owner

Overall Plan Configuration: Simple square

Exterior Walls (Current): Clapboard

Exterior Walls (Original): Clapboard

Foundation: Stone?

Roof Type/Material: Hipped/Wood shingle

Window Material/Type: Wood

ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES: The hipped pyramidal roof together with the lone eyebrow dormer and hayloft doors has an eccentrically interesting overall appearance.

ALTERATIONS: This appears to have been a barn that was adaptively reused as a garage. Overhead garage doors have replaced the original doors and are not sympathetic with the original barn design.