
**THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**ORDINANCE
NUMBER 2025- 013**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK
COUNTY, ILLINOIS, DESIGNATING 12930 WESTERN AVE AS
A HISTORIC LANDMARK**

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Aldermen

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WHEREAS, the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois (the “*City*”) is a duly organized and existing city created under the provisions of the laws of the State of Illinois and is now operating under the provisions of the Illinois Municipal Code, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, with full powers to enact ordinances and adopt resolutions for the benefits of the residents of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Aldermen of the City of Blue Island did adopt an Ordinance establishing an Historic Preservation Commission, an Historic District and procedures and standards for the implementation of historic preservation in the City of Blue Island; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Aldermen of the City of Blue Island, through this Ordinance, wish to express the purpose of fostering an awareness among the residents of the City of the unique history of Blue Island as embodied in its architecture and historic landmarks; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission has conducted public hearings after due and proper public notice thereof and reviewed the application for landmark status for the property located at 12930 Western Ave. Blue Island, Illinois 60406, PIN: 24-362-190-030-0000 (the “*Property*”); and

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission has concluded that the Property meets or exceeds the criteria for historic landmark designation and has recommended landmark status for the Property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois as follows:

Section 1. The above recitals and legislative findings are found to be true and correct and are hereby incorporated herein and made a part hereof, as if fully set forth in their entirety.

Section 2. The Mayor and Aldermen of the City hereby adopt by reference the findings of the Historic Preservation Commission as findings of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City as if completely set forth herein. All documents and exhibits submitted at the aforesaid public hearings are also incorporated by reference into this Ordinance.

Section 3. In addition to the findings set forth in Section 2 hereof, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City further find the Property:

1. Possesses the integrity, design, workmanship, and materials to make it worthy of preservation;
2. Possesses significant value as part of the historic heritage or cultural characteristics of the community, county, state or nation; thereby satisfying the criterion for landmark designation set forth in Section 157.04(A)(2)(a) of the Historic Preservation Ordinance of the City of Blue Island;
3. Is representative of the distinguishing characteristics of architecture inherently valuable for the study of a period, type., and method of construction, thereby satisfying the criterion for landmark designation set forth in Section 158.07(A)(2)(c) of the Historic Preservation Ordinance of the City of Blue Island.

Section 4. In accordance with and pursuant to the Historic Preservation Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City, designates 12930 Western Avenue as a landmark.

Section 5. A copy of this Ordinance shall be recorded with the Cook County Recorder of Deeds. This Ordinance and the privileges, obligations and provisions contained herein shall inure to the benefit of, and be binding upon, the Owner and each of its heirs, representatives, successors, and assigns.

Section 6. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any other provision of this Ordinance.

Section 7. All ordinances, resolutions, motions or orders in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 8. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect following its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

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ADOPTED this 11TH day of **MARCH, 2025**, pursuant to roll call as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT	ABSTAIN
Alderman JOHNSON	X				
Alderman MONTOYA	X				
Alderman RUTHENBERG	X				
Alderman FAHRENWALD	X				
Alderman MCGEE	X				
Alderman CARR	X				
Alderman ROLL			X		
Mayor BILOTTO					
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APPROVED by the Mayor on **MARCH 11, 2025**.

FRED BILOTTO
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND,
COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS

ATTESTED and Filed in my office this
 11TH day of **MARCH, 2025**.

RAEANN CANTELO-ZYLMAN, CITY CLERK

PUBLISHED in pamphlet this
 11TH day of **MARCH, 2025**.

RAEANN CANTELO-ZYLMAN, CITY CLERK

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF COOK)

CERTIFICATE

I, RAEANN CANTELO-ZYLMAN, certify that I am the duly elected and acting Municipal Clerk of the City of Blue Island of Cook County, Illinois.

I further certify that on **March 11, 2025**, the Corporate Authorities of such municipality passed and approved Ordinance No. **2025-013**.

Entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, DESIGNATING 12930 WESTERN AVE. AS A HISTORIC LANDMARK.

Which provided by its terms that it should be published in pamphlet form.

The pamphlet form of Ordinance No. **2025 - 013** including the Ordinance and a cover sheet thereof, was prepared, and a copy of such Ordinance posted in the municipal building commencing on **March 11, 2025**, and continuing for at least ten days thereafter. Copies of such Ordinance were also available for public inspection upon request in the office of the municipal clerk.

DATED at Blue Island, Illinois, this **11TH** day of **March, 2025**.

CORPORATE SEAL


CITY CLERK



STATE OF ILLINOIS)
)
COUNTY OF COOK) ss.

CERTIFICATION

I, RAEANN CANTELO-ZYLMAN, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I am the duly elected City Clerk of the City of Blue Island, Illinois, as such City Clerk, I am the keeper of the minutes and records of the Proceedings of the City Council of the said City and have in my custody the ORDINANCE and BOOKS of the records of said City.

I DO FURTHER CERTIFY that the attached and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the certain **2025 - 013** Entitled: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, DESIGNATING 12930 WESTERN AVE. AS A HISTORIC LANDMARK.**

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-013 which was adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Island, Illinois held on the **11TH day of MARCH, 2025**; that at said meeting **6** Alderman were present; that at said meeting, on motion duly made and seconded that the Ordinance did pass and on the roll being called the vote of each Aldermen present on the question of the passage of said Ordinance was duly and separately taken by Ayes and Nays and their names and votes recorded in the minutes of **6** Alderman voted Aye and **0** Alderman voted Nay and **0** Alderman voted Abstain and **1** Alderman Absent.

I DO FURTHER CERTIFY that the original Ordinance which the foregoing is a true copy, is entrusted to my care for safe keeping, and that I am the lawful keeper of the same.

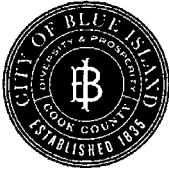
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Corporate Seal of the City of Blue Island aforesaid, at the said City in the County and State aforesaid, this **11TH day of MARCH, 2025**.

CORPORATE SEAL



City Clerk





FRED BILOTTO, MAYOR

City of Blue Island
Building & Zoning Department
13051 Greenwood Avenue
Blue Island, IL 60406
Office (708) 597-8606
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building@cityofblueisland.org

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

Chair: Tom Mantel **Vice-Chair:** Brad St Leger **Secretary:** Alex Gomez
Commissioners: Steve Carr, Pat Disabato, Earl Summers, Colleen Walsh

Thursday, February 27, 2025

6:30pm

**City Hall East Annex Building
2434 W. Vermont Street**

Call to order / Roll Call

Approval of minutes

New Business

- 1. Approval of Historic designation 12930 Western Ave**

Old Business

Adjournment

Blue Island Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Chairman: Tom Mantel **Vice-Chairman:** Brad St Leger **Secretary:** Alex Gomez
Commissioners: Colleen Walsh, Steve Carr, Pat Disabato, Earl Summers

February 27, 2025 @ 6:30 PM

ATTENDEES: Tom Mantel, Alex Gomez, Steve Carr, Brad St. Leger, Colleen Walsh

Guests: Roger Decker

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL TIME:

6:31 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING:

No minutes to review

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Historic Landmark nomination submission. 12930 Western Ave. Discussion was held. Motion to approve landmark designation by Brad St Leger, Secon by Steve Carr. All in favor. Motion passed

OLD BUSINESS DISCUSSION:

No old business

ADJOURNMENT TIME:

6:49 PM Brad St Leger 1st, Tom Mantel 2nd, all in favor. Meeting adjourned



Blue Island Historic Preservation Commission

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Owner Consent Form for Blue Island Landmark Nomination

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PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT ONCE A PROPERTY HAS BEEN LANDMARKED IT BECOMES SUBJECT TO CITY ORDINANCE NO. 2563 WHICH REGULATES EXTERIOR ALTERATIONS.

Date: 12/20/24

The undersigned owner of the property located at 12930 Western Ave

_____ (address), in the City of Blue Island, Illinois, hereby

approves for the above property to be nominated by the Blue Island Historic Preservation Commission for designation as a Blue Island Landmark.

disapproves consent for the above property to be nominated by the Blue Island Historic Preservation Commission for designation as a Blue Island Landmark.

(Please place an "X" in the appropriate space.)

If there are joint owners, or the property is owned in a trust, all owners/trustees must sign.

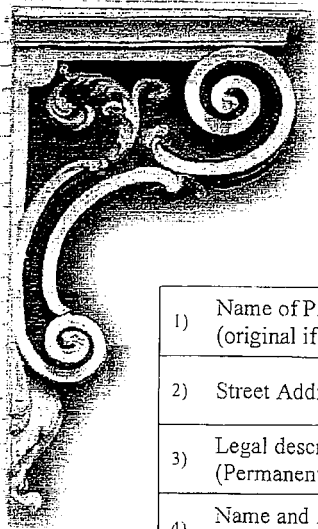
Signature(s) *[Handwritten Signature]*
Zeeshan Tejani

Print Name(s) Benjamin R Grinold,
Parul Grinold Zeeshan Tejani

Address 520 S. State St. Unit 1719
Chicago, IL 60605

Phone # 630-728-0312

Please return this form to:
Blue Island Historic Preservation Commission
Attn: Tom Mantel, Chairman
13051 Greenwood Avenue
Blue Island, IL 60406



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Landmark Nomination Form

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BY: *ICS*

Date: 12/20/24

1) Name of Property (original if known)		Blue Island State Bank	
2) Street Address:		12930 Western Ave, Blue Island, IL 60406	
3) Legal description or P.I.N. (Permanent Index Number):		24362190300000	
4) Name and Address of Property Owner(s):		Benjamin R. Grinold, Parul Grinold Zeeshan Tejani 520 S. State St, #1719, Chicago IL 60605 1433 S. Prairie Ave, Unit A Chicago, IL 60605	
5) Present Use:	Laundromat/Apts	7) Architect:	
6) Past Use:	Bank	8) Date of Construction:	
9) Written statement describing property and reasons it is eligible for landmark designation:			
(please attach photos)			
10) Name(s) of Applicant(s):		Benjamin R Grinold, Parul Grinold Zeeshan Tejani	
Address:		520 S. State St, #1719 Chicago, IL 60605	
Signature(s):		<i>[Signature]</i> , Zeeshan Tejani	
Address(es):			
11) Affiliation (e.g., Owner, City Council, Organization):		Owner	

Please complete and return this form to the Blue Island Historic Preservation Commission, 13501 Greenwood Avenue, Blue Island, Illinois 60406

THE BANKING INDUSTRY IN BLUE ISLAND

Blue Island has been home to a series of financial institutions since 1887, when the Cottage Building and Loan Association opened its doors "to provide the citizens an opportunity for safe and profitable investment of funds and to offer all people paying rent an opportunity to secure a home at a cost of little more than their monthly rent." In 1920 the name was changed to "Blue Island Savings and Loan Association" and after various mergers the institution operates today as US Bank at 11960 S. Western Avenue.

The first bank as such to operate in Blue Island was Calumet State Bank, which opened its doors in 1890 and whose officers and stockholders were among the most prominent men in the village. The bank lasted until a period of financial uncertainty in 1896, when funds of the bank were rapidly withdrawn on the day before Christmas Eve of that year, causing the bank to fail.

Blue Island State Bank and its successor

The Blue Island State Bank was the community's second bank. It was founded by Joseph. M. Lobaugh of Coldwater, Kansas and opened in this building, which was built

Blue Island State Bank Is Absorbed by Trust Co.

Announcement of the consolidation of the Blue Island State bank and the Blue Island Trust and Savings bank was made yesterday. The business of the merged institutions will be conducted under the Blue Island Trust name at the latter's bank building. Fred C. Brinken is president of the Blue Island Trust and Savings bank. Jacob Thoeming is vice president and Arthur E. Fordtran is cashier and trust officer.

Chicago Tribune, June 19, 1928 p.23

especially for the bank by Lobaugh in 1911. He was joined at the bank by his sons Cummings and Charles, who served as the cashier, and later by Blue Island's Dr. Edward Doepp, who would become vice president. Joseph Lobaugh lived in the apartment over the bank.

In 1926 Blue Island's third bank, the Blue Island Trust and Savings Bank, was organized, and many of the depositors at the Blue Island State Bank switched their accounts to the larger institution. In 1928, the Blue Island State Bank and Blue Island Trust and Savings Bank were

merged, and several employees of Blue Island State Bank, including Charles Lobaugh, became employees of Blue Island Trust and Savings Bank. At that time the two banks became State Bank of Blue Island and subsequently built a headquarters for themselves on the southwest corner of Vermont & Western. In 1968 the bank built a new building for itself at 12145 S. Western which was designed by the noted Chicago architectural firm of Graham, Anderson, Probst and White. Through various acquisitions and mergers, the bank now operates out of that address as Old National Bank. Charles

and Hulda Lobaugh built a red brick Dutch Colonial-style house for their family at 2641 Walnut St. in about 1922.

After Blue Island State Bank


Upon retiring from the banking business Mr. Lobaugh operated the Lobaugh Securities Corporation out of the former bank quarters at High Street. This business discontinued several years before Mr. Lobaugh's passing in 1935.

After Lobaugh's departure, Blue Island Savings & Loan moved from their former headquarters on Vermont Street into this building, where in 1952 they celebrated their 65th anniversary by gifting the community "a large four-faced clock with Westminster chimes" that was mounted on the southeast corner of the building. The clock proudly announced the Savings and Loan's founding in 1887, and featured "a hookup whereby records may be played through the mechanism at Christmas time and other special occasions which warrant special music". In later years, the exterior of this clock was refitted to act as a sign for the laundromat. It has since been removed. Gordon Postweiller, the executive vice president of the savings & loan, also sold insurance and real estate from his office there. The Savings and Loan remained in the building until it moved into new offices at 119th & Western (mentioned above) which was built for them in 1960 by Bank Building and Equipment Corporation of America.

In 1961, Emil J. Blatt, who was the treasurer of Blue Island Savings & Loan, purchased the building and moved his paint store into it, giving it the tagline "The store under the clock". He had taken over management of the store at 242 (after 1929 13122 S.) Western Avenue in about 1911 that had been founded by his father John, who had immigrated from Germany in 1873. Emil Blatt served the community as city treasurer for a time and was a founding board member of Blue Island

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12930 S. WESTERN AVENUE

From the Blue Island Sun-Standard, Nov. 14, 1963_p.15

High School district 218. He was a member of the Blue Island Businessmen's Association, the Blue Island Lion's Club and when the Selective Service Board, District 14, was formed in January, 1942, Blatt was selected as its chairman. He retired from the paint business in about 1966.

There is some evidence suggesting after Blatt retired that the first floor of the building (whose address is 12930 S. Western while the address for the upstairs apartments is 12928) became a pool room. This idea is

**POOL TABLES—14 regulation size
4 1/2' x 9', \$600 ea. 12930 S. Western.**

supported by a series of classified ads that appeared in 1968 in the *Blue Island Sun-Standard* offering "POOL TABLES - 14 regulation-size 4 1/2' x 9' \$600 ea."

The next tenant of the first floor established its current use as a laundromat, which use it has served longer than any other. As the oral history goes, the laundromat was owned by William E. Schreiber, who opened the business as a second career after retiring as an engineer from Illinois Bell. Schreiber was the long-time president of the board of

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trustees of the Blue Island Public Library and a founder of the Blue Island Historical Society. The current library building was built during his tenure in 1970, and he was instrumental in founding the Historical Society in 1971. "Bill" Schreiber was also notable for his antique car collection, which included a Mercedes Benz limousine and a 1929 Rolls Royce, in which he was seen frequently tooling around town.

Schreiber had connections to at least four families of the early settlers of Blue Island. His mother was born Eunice Seyfarth, one of the daughters of Edward Seyfarth, who had come to Blue Island as an infant in 1851 and opened a hardware store on the southwest corner of Grove Street and Western Avenue in 1880. Her grandparents William and Louise Seyfarth had come to the United States in 1848 from Germany and opened a tavern (what would now be considered an inn) on that corner and operated a stone quarry where

Robbins now stands. William was a member of the school board when Blue Island built its first brick schoolhouse in 1856 and served as clerk and later as assessor for the

township of Worth from 1854 until he died in 1860. William and Louise had five sons, including Edward, who was the father of the architect Robert Seyfarth. Edward Seyfarth also was active in community affairs on many levels; in 1874 he was a charter member of the Blue Island Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and in 1890 was one of the founders of the Calumet State Bank. He served as village treasurer from 1880–1886 and as village trustee from 1886–1889 and again from 1893-1895. Other members of the family were also active in the community - they were involved in banking, the board of education, and the Current Topics Club (later the Blue Island Woman's Club), who was largely responsible for the founding of the Blue Island Public Library. Charles A. Seyfarth was one of the founding members of the Blue Island Elks in 1916.

Eunice's sister Elizabeth married the Blue Island lumber dealer Paul Rohe, whose father Conrad Rohe had established the Rohe Lumber Company (later Wille Brothers Lumber Company) when he came to Blue Island after having served five terms as the mayor of Crete, Illinois. As an interesting side note, Paul Rohe's sister married the



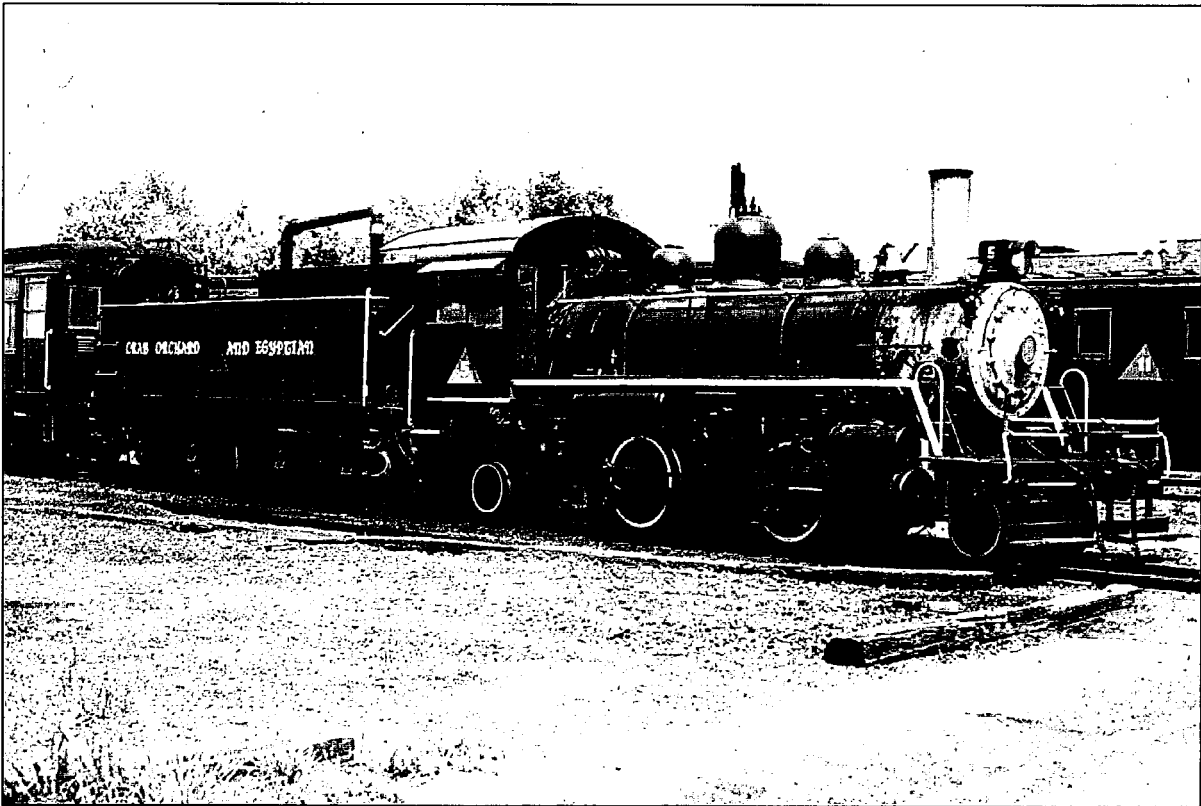
John Conrad interacts with his TV partner, Elmer, on the popular Chicago children's show.

Chicago banker Adolph Helquist, and the family lived in the house that stands on the northwest corner of Elm and High Streets. Their son John C. Helquist, who was known professionally as John R. Conrad (according to him "Helquist isn't the simplest name to spell, remember or sound over the radio, so I chose the simpler Conrad, my grandfather's first name."), was a radio announcer for NBC and WMAQ, where he shared the airwaves with the likes of Mike Douglas, Hugh Downs and Dave Garroway. Beginning in 1951 he was the star of the 1950's and '60's children's television show *Elmer the Elephant*, which the Chicago Tribune called "one of Chicago's most popular children's shows of the era ". He later hosted the game shows *Take a Dare* and *Tug-O-War*. Helquist graduated from Blue Island Community High School in 1937.

Bill Schreiber's father was August Schreiber, whose grandfather, for whom Bill's father was named, established a tin shop on the northwest corner of James Street and Western Avenue when he came to Blue Island in 1849 that later sold buggies, farming equipment and hardware. The store and its building, the current version of which was built in 1893 and expanded in 1896, served the community for nearly 120 years, all the while being owned by the same family. It was designated a Blue Island landmark in 1984 and was restored by Blue Islander Kevin McDermott in the mid-1990s.

Bill's grandfather (also William) was a Blue Island real estate dealer, where in 1879 he married Ida Luchtemeyer, the daughter of George and Lizette Luchtemeyer, who had come to Blue Island from Germany in 1858. George Luchtemeyer operated a gun repair shop on Western Avenue that over time would repair watches and clocks. He was one of the organizers of Calumet Township in 1862, served as a village trustee and was a founder of the Blue Island Masons. His business developed into a jewelry store that served the region for over 125 years. Ida's sister Louise married John L. Zacharias, a founder of The Commercial Bank (later The First National Bank of Blue Island) who became Blue Island's first mayor after the city incorporated in 1901. The Zacharias house on the southeast corner of Greenwood Avenue and York Street later became the home of Dr. Kenneth Pronger, one of the founders of the Pronger-Smith Clinic.

The laundromat was sold in 1974, and Bill Schreiber spend the last 33 years of his life in Marion, Illinois, living in a renovated railroad car that had been built in the early 20th century to transport executives of the Illinois Central Railroad. Bill was also a founder in 1972 of the 13.5-mile long Crab Orchard and Egyptian Railroad, a Class III common carrier shortline railroad that operates in the cities of Marion and Herrin in Southern Illinois. The road began as a tourist-oriented railroad offering the public rides on a train pulled by an antique steam locomotive that was hitched to three former Illinois Central passenger cars. The railroad is now a common carrier that hauls primarily freight.



The Crab Orchard and Egyptian Railroad engine and tender c. 1975

Bill Schreiber was born in Blue Island in 1917, served in the armed forces during WWII and built the last house designed and supervised by his uncle Robert Seyfarth in 1950. He died in Marion, Illinois in 2006.

THE BUILDING

The building is two stories high with a flat roof and was built in 1911 expressly for the State Bank of Blue Island. The design is basically Classical Revival in its geometry and features. The architect is unknown.

The description that follows describes for the most part the exterior of the building that faces Western Avenue and High Street, and the west facade. There is no vestige left in the interior that tells us what the bank lobby might have looked like. (See the attached image for that.)

The building sits on a more or less 48" tall limestone base (because of the slope of the land the base in the front is about 2" taller than it is in the back) that projects slightly from the plane of the brick section of the wall by an inch or so and has a beveled top that bridges that difference. The base also has a slightly thickened bottom section several inches high. The remainder of the first floor and the entire second floor is laid with rough-face brownish-red brick with the mortar dyed to provide a slight contrast to the brick. The building was built with a brick that does not conform with the dimensions of modern brick, which would not be developed until the 1930s. On the first floor the brick is laid to give the idea of classical coursed limestone ashlar, with projecting brick laid such to suggest the effect of horizontal mortar joints and voussoirs over the windows. This feature turns the corner to the back of the building where it continues for slightly less than half of the width. There is a stone stringcourse between the first and second floor that runs around the three sides of the building that are visible from their respective streets. The bricks on the second floor are identical to those of the first floor, which isn't immediately evident as much of the first-floor brick was painted during the time that the store was owned by Emil J. Blatt. (A portion of the first-floor wall on the back of the building is unpainted to tell us what the first floor brick looks like.) The second-floor brick are laid in running bond, as are the brick on the north side of the building. There is a stone cornice, the top of which features a simplified crown, and under this is a dentilled frieze at roughly the height of the ceiling of the second floor. Over this cornice is a slightly stepped parapet wall that is covered with heavy stone coping. The steps are created by the stone coping on top of the thickened sections of the wall which is slightly thicker than the coping is on top of the recessed sections. These thickened sections line up with the blank spaces under the windows of the lower floors. The center section of the parapet in the front has a stone tablet into which "BLUE ISLAND STATE BANK" is incised. The parapet wall runs around the perimeter of the building except for a gap that allows precipitation that falls onto the roof to flow to the porch roof behind the building and into the gutters and downspouts to the ground. The

stone cornice continues from the east side of the building onto High Street and onto the back of the building, where it meets the gap described above. On the north side of the building the cornice is a shadow of the stone version, where it consists of several courses of brick that project from the face of the wall.

FENESTRATION:

The windows on these three facades on the first floor are of two kinds:

- On the front (Western Avenue side) of the building on the first floor there is a Chicago Style window with transoms above; owing to the lowered ceiling inside which hides them, these transoms have been made opaque and blend in with the painted trim outside. The High Street side of the building has three of these windows, which were used originally to provide natural light and ventilation to the lobby of the bank.
- On the High Street side of the building on the first floor there are three one-over-one double-hung windows. These windows are the more or less the same height as the double-hung windows on the sides of the Chicago Windows adjacent to them but are narrower. The bottom of the first-floor windows on both main facades meet the top of the stone base of the building. One of these windows on High Street at the west end of the building is boarded up and painted, the window next to it is reduced in size and boarded to fill in the space not occupied by the new window. The window on the ground floor next to the back door has also been reduced in size with the remainder of the opening filled in with glass block and a jalousie insert.
- On the second floor facing the streets and on the back of the building there are eighteen one-over-one double-hung windows, apparently identically sized. They are grouped to line up with the openings underneath them: for example, there are three windows over each Chicago window and one window over each of the single windows and doors underneath them. All the sash at this point appears to be original to the building. The second-floor windows are topped with jack arches with splayed brickwork above and a splayed brickwork "keystone" in the top center of each opening. The sills are limestone and have slopes machined into them to create a means for runoff.
- There are four windows on the second floor of the north side of the building, one of which served as a fire escape. These windows are set into a recess that was created to provide a light well, a common feature of structures built to the lot line in a commercial area in the event the adjacent lot would someday be built on. It is not known if there are any windows on the first floor of the light well.

DOORWAYS:

- There are two doorways on Western Avenue – one which goes into the laundromat, and the other which provides access to the apartment(s) above.

These doors are topped with transoms, the bottoms of which are again more or less the same height as the top of the Chicago Window adjacent.

- There are two doorways on the back of the building: one to the first floor and one as the second entrance to the upstairs apartment(s). The walkway that services these doors is slightly lower than that of the public sidewalk that runs past the building.

WEST SIDE OF THE BUILDING:

The features of the back of the building are continuations of the Western Avenue and High Street side. That side of the building also has a two-story frame porch, the top half and stairs of which has been enclosed with modern vinyl/aluminum siding and what appear to be (3) aluminum or vinyl windows. Stairs descend from the second floor of this porch into the enclosed space underneath it. There is a fire door on second floor of the north side of the porch that gives access to the addition next door.

ADDITION:

There is a utilitarian frame canopy over the back door on the first floor supported by three wooden posts. The roof of this addition appears to be covered with asphalt rolled roofing. This canopy provides cover to the back door of the laundromat, and to the door that services the back door of porch that leads to the second floor.

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION:

The building is being nominated because:

- a) It is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of Blue Island's history, and
- b) It is associated with the lives of significant persons in Blue Island's past.

COMMENTS:

- There appears to be a need for some repointing of the parapet wall at the southeast corner of the building. This must be done so that when finished the repointed areas match exactly the mortar joints that exist on the building so that the appearance of the building is not impaired.
- If the paint is to be stripped from the outside of the building, serious consideration must be given so that the means of doing the work does not pose a threat to the integrity of the of the building's materials. Preference must be given to the gentlest means possible; a chemical stripper is preferable, as blasting of any kind with any medium creates the very real possibility of removing the "crust" of the brick and compromising its longevity.

Submitted by Ken Jellema



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