

**APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION
LANDMARK DESIGNATION**

VILLAGE OF LIBERTYVILLE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
200 EAST COOK AVENUE
LIBERTYVILLE, IL 60048
(847) 918-2028
(847) 367-5148 (Fax)



DATE: October 6, 2015

TO THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT, VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF LIBERTYVILLE, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS 60048.

ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 413 N. Milwaukee Avenue

Contact Information for Applicant:

Johanna Bye
Associate Planner, Village of Libertyville
Name

200 E. Cook Avenue

Libertyville, IL 60048
Address

(847) 918-2115
Phone and Fax Phone Numbers

jbye@libertyville.com
E-mail

Contact Information for Property Owner:

Kevin Bowens
Village Administrator, Village of Libertyville
Name

118 W. Cook Avenue

Libertyville, IL 60048
Address

(847) 362-2430
Phone and Fax Phone Numbers

kjbowens@libertyville.com
E-mail

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY: (Insert or attach legal description of the real estate)

Lot three (3) in Block three (3) in the Property Owners' Re-subdivision of Ansel B. Cook's Subdivision of Lots one (1), two (2), twenty-four (24) and twenty-five (25) of School Trustees' Subdivision of Section sixteen (16), Township forty-four (44) North, Range eleven (11), East of the Third Principal Meridian, according to the Plat thereof recorded March 11th, 1904 as document No. 93900 in Book F of Plats, Page 62.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION LANDMARK DESIGNATION APPLICATION

DESCRIPTION OF STRUCTURE, BUILDING, LANDSCAPE AND/OR SITE:

Ansel B Cook House and Cook Memorial Library, 413 N Milwaukee Avenue

Built 1878. Updated 1921 (library moved into house): stucco application, removal of front porch, addition of pillars.

National Register of Historic Places...August 2001 (Dean G Larson-President of Libertyville-Mundelein Historical Society)

SECTION 6-2 OF ORDINANCE NO. 12-0-15 LISTS 10 POSSIBLE CRITERIA FOR LANDMARK DESIGNATION. PLACE A CHECK NEXT TO THE APPROPRIATE CRITERIA FOR THE PROPOSED LANDMARK DESIGNATION:

Its exemplification of an architectural type, style or design distinguished by innovation, rarity, uniqueness or overall quality of design, detail, materials or craftsmanship.

Its identification as the work of an architect, designer, engineer or builder whose individual work is significant in the history or development of the Village of Libertyville, the State of Illinois, the Midwest Region or the United States.

William W. Boyington (1818-1898) was thought to be the architect. Cook/Boyington planned the Libertyville Town Hall in 1894 which is currently the Libertyville American Legion Hall. Boyington was one of the most prolific architects in Chicago in the late 1800's. Many of his buildings were constructed before the great Chicago Fire of 1871; however the Chicago Water Tower and Pumping Station, designed by Boyington, survived. He also was involved in design of the new Illinois State Capitol in Springfield.

Its exemplification of important planning and urban design techniques distinguished by innovation, rarity, uniqueness or overall quality of design or detail.

_____ Its representation of a historic, cultural, architectural, archeological, or related theme expressed through distinctive areas, properties, structures, sites or objects that may or may not be contiguous.

 X Its unique location or distinctive physical appearance or presence representing an established and familiar visual feature of a neighborhood, community of the Village of Libertyville.

Located in Cook Memorial Park which is the historical center of the Village of Libertyville. It's grounds host numerous civic activities during the year including: Lunch in the Park, Farmer's Market, Holiday Tree Lighting, Art Festivals, Car shows, and many others.

 X Its exemplification of a pattern of neighborhood development or settlement significant to the cultural history or traditions of the Village of Libertyville, whose components may lack individual distinction.

It is built on the site of the first permanent dwelling in Libertyville; in 1835, the George Vardin family occupied a one room log cabin on the site. The cabin became Libertyville's first post office in 1837. The first log school house was located on the northwest corner of the site.

 X Its identification with a person or persons who significantly contribute to the historic cultural, architectural, archeological, or related aspect of the development of the Village of Libertyville, the State of Illinois, the Midwest Region or the United States.

Ansel B Cook had learned the stonemason's trade before moving to Chicago. For several years he maintained homes in both Chicago and Libertyville. He served as President of the Chicago City Council and was elected to the state legislature, twice in Chicago and once in Lake County. During the Chicago years, he contracted many of the flagstone walks in the city as well as the masonry on the Old Chicago Water Works, which survived the Great Fire of 1871. Following the Chicago Fire, Mr. Cook came out of retirement to help rebuild the city. Some of the buildings he helped to build are still in use.

X Its association with important cultural or social aspects or events in the history of the Village of Libertyville, the State of Illinois, the Midwest Region or the United States.

John F Kennedy gave a campaign speech on the front steps October 25, 1960.

 Its location as a site of important archeological or natural significance.

 Its location as a site of a significant historic or pre-historic event or activity which may or may not have taken place within or involved the use of any existing improvements on the property.

IDENTIFY THE SIGNIFICANT EXTERIOR ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES OF THE PROPOSED LANDMARK DESIGNATION THAT SHOULD BE PROTECTED:

All of the original house structure

THE APPLICANT ATTESTS THAT THEY HAVE REVIEWED THE VILLAGE OF LIBERTYVILLE HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE AND THE INFORMATION SUBMITTED IN THE APPLICATION IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF THE APPLICANT'S KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING.

James A. Daniel

Notary Signature

2-26-16

(SEAL)

[Handwritten Signature]

Applicant Signature

OFFICIAL SEAL
James A Daniel
Notary Public, State of Illinois
My Commission Expires 5/14/2016

**VILLAGE OF LIBERTYVILLE
PROPERTY OWNER'S AUTHORIZATION
FOR PC/ZBA/ARC/HPC**

DATE: 10/7/15

I, Kevin J. Bowens, Village Administrator, Village of Libertyville, Owner of the
Property Owner

property located at 413 N. Milwaukee Avenue, do hereby
Address/Location

authorize Johanna Bye to represent me in the following
Authorized Agent

PC/ZBA/ARC/HPC matter(s), apply for Local Landmark Designation for the Cook House
Action(s)

in the Village of Libertyville.


Notary Signature

(SEAL)




Property Owner Signature

Kevin J. Bowens
Village Administrator, Village of Libertyville
Property Owner Printed Name

118 W. Cook Avenue
Libertyville, IL 60048
Address

(847) 362-2430
Phone and Fax Number



TICOR TITLE INSURANCE

Commitment for Title Insurance

American Land
Title Association
Commitment - 1966

TICOR TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, a California corporation, herein called the Company, for a valuable consideration, hereby commits to issue its policy or policies of title insurance, as identified in Schedule A, in favor of the proposed Insured named in Schedule A, as owner or mortgagee of the estate or interest covered hereby in the land described or referred to in Schedule A, upon payment of the premiums and charges therefor; all subject to the provisions of Schedule A and B and to the Conditions and Stipulations hereby incorporated by reference.

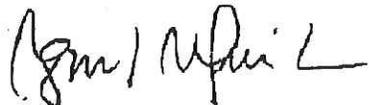
either at the time of the issuance of this Commitment or by subsequent endorsement.

This Commitment is preliminary to the issuance of such policy or policies of title insurance and all liability and obligations hereunder shall cease and terminate 180 days after the effective date hereof or when the policy or policies committed for shall issue, whichever first occurs, provided that the failure to issue such policy or policies is not the fault of the Company.

This Commitment shall be effective only when the identity of the proposed Insured and the amount of the policy or policies committed for have been inserted in Schedule A hereof by the Company,

This Commitment shall not be valid or binding until countersigned below by an authorized signatory of the Company.

TICOR TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY

By  President

Attest  Secretary

TICOR TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY
COMMITMENT FOR TITLE INSURANCE

ORDER NO.: 2000 M99038396 N

SCHEDULE A

EFFECTIVE DATE: FEBRUARY 9, 2009

PREPARED FOR:
KLEIN THORPE & JENKINS
20 N. WACKER DR. STE 1660
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60606

PLEASE DIRECT TITLE INQUIRIES TO:
James Shaw
203 N. LASALLE SUITE 2200
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60601

ATTN: DEANNA MARIE
YOUR REFERENCE: M99038396/413 NORTH MILWAUKEE

MAIN NO.: (312)621-5000
FAX: (312)621-5062
E-MAIL: TICOR-NCS@TICORTITLE.COM

1. POLICY OR POLICIES TO BE ISSUED:

OWNER'S POLICY:	ALTA OWNERS 2006
AMOUNT:	TO COME
PROPOSED INSURED:	THE VILLAGE OF LIBERTYVILLE, AN ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

2. THE ESTATE OR INTEREST IN THE LAND DESCRIBED OR REFERRED TO IN THIS COMMITMENT AND COVERED HEREIN IS A FEE SIMPLE UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

3. TITLE TO SAID ESTATE OR INTEREST IN SAID LAND IS AT THE EFFECTIVE DATE VESTED IN:
THE VILLAGE OF LIBERTYVILLE, AN ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

4. MORTGAGE OR TRUST DEED TO BE INSURED:

NONE

TICOR TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY
COMMITMENT FOR TITLE INSURANCE

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SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)

5. THE LAND REFERRED TO IN THIS COMMITMENT IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

LOTS 1, 2 AND 3 IN BLOCK 3 IN THE PROPERTY OWNER'S RESUBDIVISION OF ANSEL B. COOK'S SUBDIVISION OF LOTS 1, 2, 24 AND 25 OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES' SUBDIVISION OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 44 NORTH, RANGE 11 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED MARCH 11, 1904 AS DOCUMENT NO. 93900 IN BOOK F OF PLATS, PAGE 62, IN LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

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SCHEDULE B

1. IF EXTENDED COVERAGE OVER THE FIVE GENERAL EXCEPTIONS IS REQUESTED, WE SHOULD BE FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING:

- A. A CURRENT ALTA/ACSM OR ILLINOIS LAND TITLE SURVEY CERTIFIED TO TICOR TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY;
- B. A PROPERLY EXECUTED ALTA STATEMENT;

MATTERS DISCLOSED BY THE ABOVE DOCUMENTATION WILL BE SHOWN SPECIFICALLY.

NOTE: THERE WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE FOR THIS COVERAGE.

2. NOTE FOR INFORMATION: THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THIS COMMITMENT AND ANY POLICY ISSUED PURSUANT HERETO SHALL NOT COMMENCE PRIOR TO THE DATE ON WHICH ALL CHARGES PROPERLY BILLED BY THE COMPANY HAVE BEEN FULLY PAID.

B 3. TAXES FOR THE YEAR(S) 2008 AND 2009

NOTE: 2009 TAXES NOT YET DUE AND PAYABLE.

PERMANENT INDEX NUMBER(S):

11-16-308-001 = LOT 1
11-16-308-002 = LOT 2
11-16-308-003 = LOT 3

NOTE: 2008 FIRST INSTALLMENT NOT YET BILLED.
NOTE: 2008 FINAL INSTALLMENT NOT YET BILLED.

C 4. THE GENERAL TAXES AS SHOWN BELOW ARE MARKED EXEMPT ON THE COLLECTOR'S WARRANTS. UNLESS SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE IS SUBMITTED TO SUBSTANTIATE SAID EXEMPTION, OUR POLICY, IF AND WHEN ISSUED, WILL BE SUBJECT TO SAID TAXES: TAXES FOR 2007 AND PRIOR YEARS.

AFFECTS ALL

A 5. CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN THE DEED FROM CHARLES B. VER NOOY AND KATHARINE C. VER NOOY, HIS WIFE, TO THE VILLAGE OF LIBERTYVILLE DATED JULY 13, 1920 AND RECORDED AUGUST 10, 1920 AS DOCUMENT NO. 195013 IN BOOK 233 OF DEEDS, PAGE 220, AS FOLLOWS:

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SCHEDULE B (CONTINUED)

"WITNESSETH, THAT THE SAID PARTIES OF THE FIRST PART... FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FOR A FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY SITE AND PUBLIC PARK HAVE AND BY THESE PRESENTS DO REMISE, RELEASE, ALIEN AND CONVEY UNTO THE SAID PARTY OF THE SECOND PART FOREVER, SO LONG AS IT SHALL USE OR PERMIT THE SAME TO BE USED AND APPROPRIATED FOR A FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY SITE AND PUBLIC PARK, AND PURPOSE OR PURPOSES OF NO OTHER; THIS BEING THE WHOLE OBJECT AND INTENT IN THIS CONVEYANCE UPON THIS CONDITION SUBSEQUENT, THAT IF THE SAID VILLAGE OF LIBERTYVILLE SHALL CEASE TO USE THIS PROPERTY FOR A FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY SITE AND PUBLIC PARK, OR SHALL SELL, MORTGAGE OR ALIEN SAME, OR SHALL ATTEMPT OR PERMIT OR CAUSE SAME TO BE USED FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE OR PURPOSES OTHER THAN AS A FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY SITE AND PUBLIC PARK OR SHALL PERMIT THE SAME TO BE SOLD OR FORFEITED FOR TAXES OF FOR JUDGMENT RENDERED AGAINST SAID VILLAGE OF LIBERTYVILLE, THEN THIS DEED SHALL BE VOID, AND SHALL REVERT TO THE GRANTOR, CHARLES B. VER NOOY OR IN CASE OF THE DEATH OF CHARLES B. VER NOOY THEN SAID PROPERTY SHALL REVERT TO THE HEIRS OF EMILY BARROWS COOK AND IN CASE OF REVERSION, THE GRANTOR, CHARLES B. VER NOOY OR THE HEIRS OF EMILY BARROWS COOK, SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO RE-ENTER AND TAKE POSSESSION OF ALL OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LOTS, ... PAGE 62. SAID LIBRARY AND PARK SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE ANSEL B. COOK AND EMILY BARROWS COOK MEMORIAL LIBRARY AND PARK AND SHALL ALWAYS BE MAINTAINED AS SUCH."

AFFECTS LOT 3

- D 6. EASEMENT IN FAVOR OF ILLINOIS BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, AND ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, TO INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN ALL EQUIPMENT NECESSARY FOR THE PURPOSE OF SERVING THE LAND AND OTHER PROPERTY, TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT OF ACCESS TO SAID EQUIPMENT, AND THE PROVISIONS RELATING THERETO CONTAINED IN THE GRANT RECORDED SEPTEMBER 4, 1970 AS DOCUMENT NO. 1472551, AFFECTING THE FOLLOWING PORTIONS OF THE LAND.

AFFECTS THE NORTH 20 FEET AND THE WEST 10 FEET OF THE EAST 22 FEET OF LOT 3

- E 7. SINCE A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY HOLDS TITLE TO THE LAND, ANY CONVEYANCE OR MORTGAGE OF THE LAND IS SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS AND CONDITIONS IMPOSED BY LAW, PROOF OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE SAME SHOULD BE FURNISHED.
- F 8. EXISTING UNRECORDED LEASES AND ALL RIGHTS THEREUNDER OF THE LESSEES AND OF ANY PERSON OR PARTY CLAIMING BY, THROUGH OR UNDER THE LESSEES.

NOTE: IT APPEARS THAT THE SUBJECT LAND IS OCCUPIED BY THE COOK MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT AND BY THE LIBERTYVILLE-MUNDELEIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

- G 9. THIS PRODUCT (SEARCH/COMMITMENT) HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO THE CUSTOMER AT THEIR

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SCHEDULE B (CONTINUED)

REQUEST FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY RATHER THAN IN ANTICIPATION OF A PARTICULAR TRANSACTION. IF THERE IS TO BE A TRANSACTION WHICH THE COMPANY WILL BE ASKED TO INSURE, THIS COMMITMENT WILL NEED TO BE SUITABLY AMENDED. THE LIABILITY OF THE COMPANY HEREUNDER FOR ANY ERRORS OR OMISSIONS IS HEREBY LIMITED TO THE ACTUAL DOLLAR AMOUNT PAID BY THE CUSTOMER TO THE COMPANY FOR THIS PRODUCT.

H 10.

THE FOLLOWING IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND NOT PART OF THIS COMMITMENT:

THIS COMMITMENT RELATES TO ESCROW NO. M99038396

PLEASE CALL YOUR ESCROW CLOSER JIM SHAW AT 312-621-5004 TO REVIEW YOUR COMMITMENT AND SCHEDULE A CLOSING.

END

In the name of God, Amen. _____

I, Ansel B. Cook, of Libertyville, Lake County and State of Illinois, being of sound mind and memory, but mindful of the uncertainty of human life, do hereby make, publish and declare this to be my Last Will and Testament, as follows:-

FIRST. I direct that all my just debts, including those of my last sickness and funeral expenses, be paid in full out of my ready money, or if there be no ready money, then out of the proceeds of property most readily converted into money.

SECOND: I direct that at my decease my body be buried in Graceland Cemetery, where my two wives and daughter are buried, and where I have three lots and a monument free from incumbrances for the purpose indicated.

THIRD: I give and bequeath absolutely to my beloved wife, Emily Barrows Cook, all moneys which may come from the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company, in which my life is insured, for the sum of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars.

FOURTH: Such of my personal property as consists of Stocks, bonds or money on hand, (except the sum of Five Hundred (\$500.) Dollars, the interest of which is to be expended yearly in keeping my lots in Graceland Cemetery in perfect order, and which sum must be set apart from such stocks, bonds or moneys for that purpose, by my executors at once after my death) I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Emily Barrows Cook for her sole use, so long as she shall remain my widow. But in case of her remarriage or death without issue of her body, her surviving, said personal property shall be equally divided between Ralph, Walter, Edward and Richard Strong, sons of Dr. Albert B. Strong and Ida C. Strong, of Chicago, Illinois.

FIFTH: I give and bequeath absolutely to my beloved wife, Emily Barrows Cook, all my household furniture, including my piano, pictures, library, books, utensils, and all my personal property, in and about my house at Libertyville, Lake County, and State of Illinois, together with carriages, horses and harnesses.

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SIXTH: All my real estate in the City of Chicago, and in the town of Libertyville, State of Illinois, I give and bequeath to my wife, Emily Barrows Cook, for her sole use, so long as she shall remain my widow. In case of her remarriage or upon her death, without issue of her body her surviving, my house and lot, known at 380 West Adams Street, City of Chicago, and State of Illinois, I give, grant, devise and bequeath to the Kimball Union Academy, situated in the Village of Meridan, town of Plainfield, County of Sullivan and State of New Hampshire, the result of the rental of said property, or in case of its sale and investure in any good security, the interest derived therefrom, shall be used as an endowment fund for a permanent professorship of said institution, to be known as the A. B. Cook professorship. In case the said Kimball Union Academy shall cease to become an institution of learning, the bequest hereby made to it shall revert to the library fund of the village of Libertyville, Lake County, and State of Illinois. Upon the remarriage or upon the death of my wife, Emily Barrows Cook, without issue of her body her surviving, my real estate situated in the Village of Libertyville, Lake County and State of Illinois, I give, grant, devise and bequeath to D. V. Purington, Charles B. Ver Nooy, Warren M. Heath and Mason B. Golby and their successors, as Trustees, for the following purpose: to wit: The building of a Memorial Hall in the village of Libertyville, Lake County, Illinois, to be known as the A. B. Cook Memorial Hall, with a free library connected therewith. Both to forever be held in trust for the use of the said village by the Trustees herein named and their successors. As soon as practicable after my death and the death of my wife Emily Barrows Cook, or her remarriage, the said property (except a piece of land in the rear of the lot of Ida C. Strong, of the width of her said lot and running north twenty-five (25) feet, which I request shall be deeded to her. And the land on Milwaukee Avenue large enough to be suitable for the Memorial Hall building and grounds) must be sold by said Trustees to the best advantage and the proceeds of the sale used for the building of said Memorial Hall and said library. The Hall must be a neat

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substantial building of brick or stone and nicely finished, and to cost not less than Ten Thousand (\$10,000.) Dollars. The said Trustees are requested to purchase a library to cost not over Two Thousand (\$2,000.) Dollars. The books and periodicals of said Library, must be selected with great care, and none must be placed in the library, except those that will give a healthy moral and christian sentiment in the community. The moneys remaining after the building of the aforesaid Hall and the purchasing of the books of said library, shall be invested as a permanent fund for the replenishing the Library. The rentals of the Hall shall be devoted to the repairs of same, the janitors and Librarian's salaries. The Hall may be used for concerts, lectures and innocent amusements and none other.

SEVENTH: I give and bequeath to Lydia C. Barrows, Emily B. Cook and Tamson L. Monroe all interest I may have acquired by virtue of my marriage with Annie E. Barrows, my deceased wife, and Emily B. Barrows, my present wife, in any stocks, bonds or other personal property belonging to the said Annie B. Cook at the time of their death, or which would have come to them at any time from her father's or mother's estate.

EIGHTH: I hereby nominate and appoint D. V. Furlington and Charles B. Van Nooy, both of the City of Chicago and State of Illinois, and Emily B. Cook, of Libertyville, Lake County, and State of Illinois, to be my executors of this my Last Will and Testament hereby revoking all other wills heretofore made by me, and request that they qualify without bonds.

Witness my hand and seal this the fifteenth day of December, A. D. (1894.) Eighteen Hundred and ninety four.

Ansel B. Cook (SEAL)

The foregoing, signed by the said testator as for his last will and Testament in the presence of us, who at his request, in his presence and in his sight, and in the presence of each other, have subscribed our names as attesting witnesses, this the fifteenth day of December, A. D., Eighteen Hundred and ninety four.

Spencer S. Kimball
1527 Kimball Ave., Chicago, Ill.

H. L. Draper
219 South Grove Ave, Oak Park, Ill.

Walter J. Melick,
Chicago, Ill.

CODICIL TO MY LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

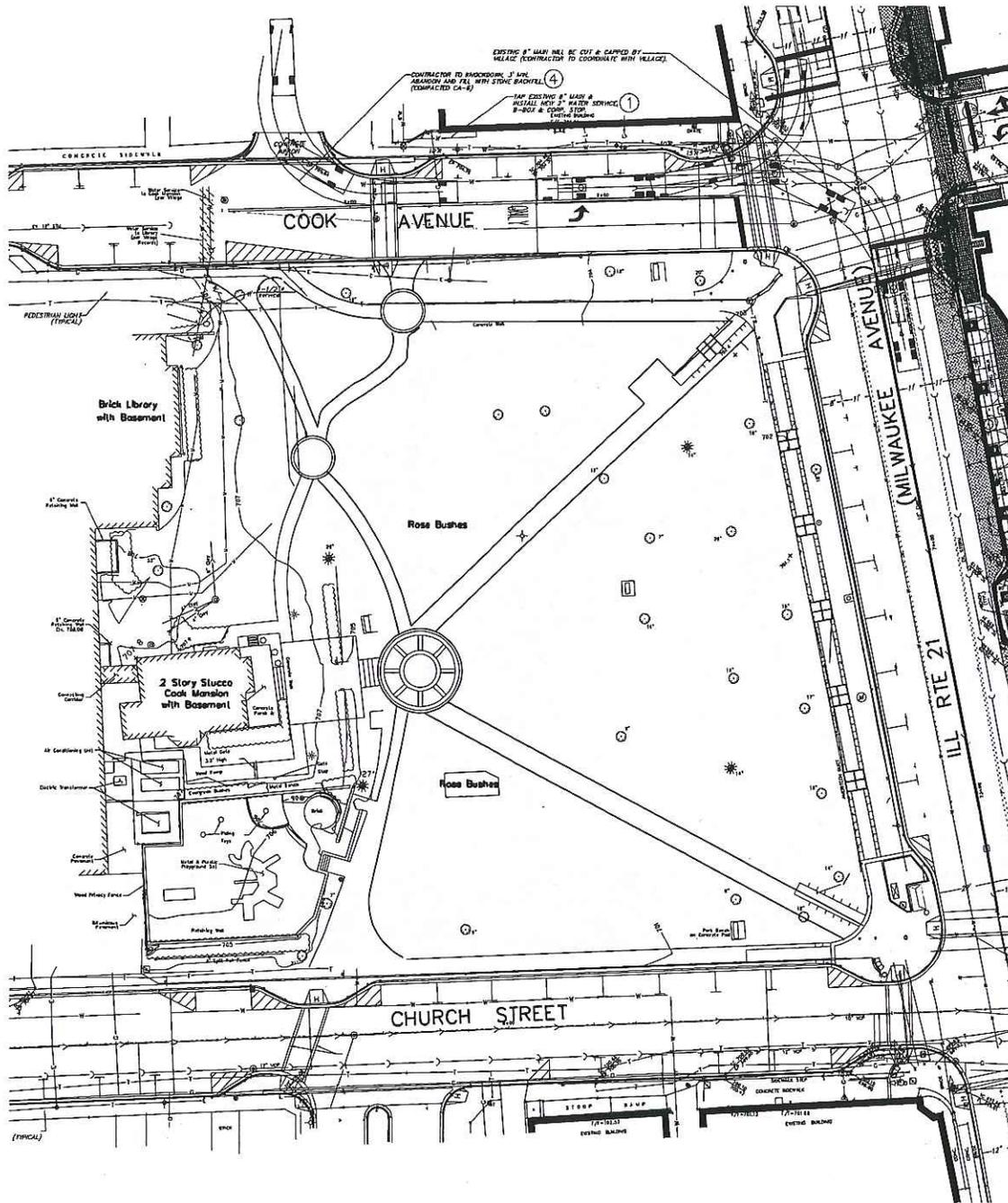
This Codicil (to my Last Will and Testament, dated December 15th, A. D. 1894, said will being signed by myself, and attested by Spencer S. Kimball, H. L. Draper, and Walter J. Kulick as witnesses, all of Chicago, Illinois) is made and executed for the following purpose, To Wit: In Article Sixth (6) of said will whereby I bequeath to the Village of Libertyville, Illinois all my real estate therein situated, for the purposes therein named, there is no provision made as to who shall be the successors of the Trustees therein named, in case of their death, removal from the Village of any other disqualification for holding said Trust. Therefore: It is my will, that in case a vacancy occurs in said Trusteeship the Judge of the County Court of the County of Lake, and State of Illinois shall in perpetuity appoint some prominent, and respected resident of said Village of Libertyville to fill the vacancy caused by said death removal, or disqualification. This codicil attached to my said "Last Will and Testament" is simply to provide in perpetuity a full board of Trustees to carry out the provisions of said Trust.

Witness my hand and seal this the seventh day of December, 1897.
Eighteen Hundred Ninety Seven.

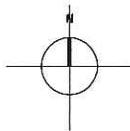
Ansel B. Cook (SEAL)

The foregoing codicil signed by said testator in the presence of us, who at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses this the seventh day of December A. D. 1897, Eighteen Hundred Ninety Seven.

Names of Witnesses	Byron Colby	Libertyville, Ill.
	Isabon S. Clowson	" "
	Jay B. Horne	" "



**AB Cook House
 Site Area Plan**



VILLAGE OF LIBERTYVILLE HISTORIC PRESERVATION

LANDMARK DESIGNATION APPLICATION



PROPERTY:	ANSEL B COOK HOUSE	DATE:	MARCH 1, 2016
ADDRESS:	413 N MILWAUKEE AVENUE	YEAR BUILT:	1878 - UPDATED 1921
STYLE:	CLASSICAL REVIVAL	OWNER:	VILLAGE OF LIBERTYVILLE
NRHP:	YES - 2001	APPLICANT:	TOM WILKINSON

Interior



413 N Milwaukee Ave

The Ansel B. Cook House was built in 1878 by its namesake on the site of the first permanent dwelling in Libertyville. In 1835, early settlers found the George Vardin family occupying a one-room log cabin on the site. The Vardins moved out of the area the following year, and, in 1837, the log cabin became Libertyville's first post office.

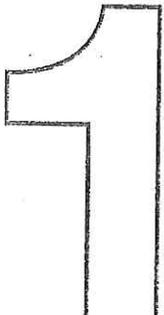
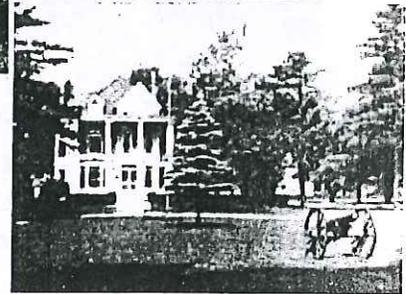
In 1870, Ansel Brainerd Cook purchased the property from his father-in-law for a country residence, and work began on the home, outbuildings, and formal gardens. The present building was constructed in 1878, and William W. Boyington was thought to have been the architect. Eventually, most of his West property was subdivided and sold after Cook and Brainerd Avenues were opened. Brainerd

Avenue was named for Mr. Cook's mother's family.

In 1894, Cook was chairman of the Building Committee and worked again with Boyington to plan the new Libertyville Town Hall, which is now the Libertyville American Legion Hall. Four years later, in 1898 Ansel B. Cook died.

His will instructed that at the death of Mrs. Emily Barrows Cook, the property should go to the Village of Libertyville for library and park purposes.

In 1920, the property was turned over to the Village and the upper floor was converted into living quarters for the librarian of the Cook Memorial Library which opened there in 1921. Exterior alterations at the time included stucco application, removal of the front porch, and the addition of pillars to reflect the idea popular in the 1920's of how a library should look, with a classical Colonial Portico. The interior remains in its original style with authentic Victorian furnishings, many of them gifts from Libertyville area families. Today it serves as headquarters of the Libertyville/Mundelein Historical Society and is open to the public on Sundays during June, July, and August from 2 to 4 p.m.



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OCTOBER 25, 1960 – SENATOR JOHN F KENNEDY REMARKS AT LIBERTY MALL, LIBERTYVILLE ILLINOIS (YOUTUBE.COM)

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

SENT TO D.C.

6-29-01

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name COOK MEMORIAL LIBRARY

other names/site number ANSEL B. COOK HOME - VICTORIAN MUSEUM

2. Location

street & number 413 NORTH MILWAUKEE AVENUE not for publication

city or town LIBERTYVILLE vicinity

state ILLINOIS code IL county LAKE code 097 zip code 60048

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

William L. ...
Signature of certifying official/Title

6-21-01
Date

State of Federal agency and bureau _____

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau _____

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register
 See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain): _____

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

COOK MEMORIAL LIBRARY
Name of Property

LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply) **Category of Property** (Check only one box)

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> private | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-local | <input type="checkbox"/> district |
| <input type="checkbox"/> public-State | <input type="checkbox"/> site |
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Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
1	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

EDUCATION / LIBRARY

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

RECREATION AND CULTURE/MUSEUM

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

CLASSICAL REVIVAL

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation LIMESTONE

walls WOOD

STUCCO

roof ASPHALT

other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

COOK MEMORIAL LIBRARY
Name of Property

LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
County and State

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

EDUCATION

Period of Significance

1921 - 1951

Significant Dates

1921

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

ANSEL B. COOK, BUILDER

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
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- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
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Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY & COOK MEMORIAL LIBRARY

COOK MEMORIAL LIBRARY

LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
County and State

Name of Property

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property LESS THAN ONE ACRE

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	1, 6	4, 2, 1, 2, 4, 0	4, 6, 8, 1, 9, 0, 0
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	Zone	Easting	Northing
4			

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

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Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

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A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

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COOK MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Narrative Description

The Cook Memorial Library was originally constructed in 1878 at 413 North Milwaukee Avenue, Libertyville, Illinois, as the residence of Ansel B. Cook.

LOCATION

Cook Memorial Library is located in Cook Memorial Park, which is the historical center of the Village of Libertyville in Lake County, Illinois.

To the east is Milwaukee Avenue, Illinois Route 21, which originally was an Indian trail called "Milwaukee Trace" between Chicago and Green Bay.

South of the property is Church Street, which was a part of a secondary Indian trail to the west and south of Butler Lake.

On July 20, 1897, the Village of Libertyville approved subdivision of the land west of the property extending 1,351 feet west to the east edge of Butler Lake. 1

The new street was called Brainerd Court and now is called Brainerd Avenue and extends north to Lake Street and the Metra Railroad Station. When Brainerd Court was plotted in 1896, it joined at the south with Church Street and the old Indian trail, which was known as Mechanics Grove Road, before it became Brainerd Avenue and then joined west bound Park Avenue, Illinois Route 176.

On the north of the property is Cook Avenue, which was extended through in 1897. At Milwaukee Avenue Cook Avenue joined Sprague Street, which extends east to the 1880 Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad Depot. Sprague Street is now East Cook Avenue.

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Elevations of the 1960 U.S. Geological Survey for the Libertyville, Illinois Quadrangle, which was photo revised in 1972 and 1980, provide the following data for Cook Memorial Library. The first floor elevation is 710.20 feet above sea level, 58.20 feet above the DesPlaines River, 131.20 feet above Lake Michigan, and 18.20 feet above Butler Lake to the west of said property. When the present structure was build in 1878, the undeveloped land then owned extended to Butler Lake.

The first floor is 7.7 feet above the northeast corner of the front lawn at Milwaukee Avenue and Cook Street and is 8.2 feet above the southeast corner of Cook Memorial Park. The new Cook Memorial Library, which sets to the west was built in 1968 and has a first floor elevation of 708 feet above sea level, which is 2.2 feet lower than the original library which opened in 1921.

Front Elevations of the 1921 Cook Memorial Library indicate a rise of 24 feet to gutter level, a rise of 15.5 feet to the peak of the roof, for a total rise above grade of 39.5 feet.

The main hip roof of the structure is 31 by 46.5 feet with a north-south pitch of 12:12 and East-West slope of 12:20. To the front (east) an extension 13.5 by 4 feet starts 4 feet south of the North Wall of the building and extends from the basement to the attic; at the roof level it becomes a gable with a 12:12 pitch with 2 double hung windows and is covered with wood shingles. The exterior of the house is clad with Portland cement stucco with a stippled finish.

To the south of the Main Gable on the front (east roof) is a 6.5 feet gable with two double hung windows and a band sawed decoration in the pediment above.

On the south of the building an octagonal bay structure extends from the basement to the attic. The bay is 14.5 feet in width and extends 5 feet from the south wall and 18 feet from the east and 17.5 feet from the west. The bay extends 1.5 feet to the south before making the 45 degree turn. A fireplace is in the center of the bay on the first and second floor and is within the bay space. On either side in the basement are two windows. On the first and second floors are double hung windows on either side on 45 degree angles.

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At the roof level above the octagonal bay is a dormer which has 5 segments with 12:20 pitches which join the main hip roof which has a 12:12 north-south pitch. The fireplace locations in the bays, the window locations, and the steep roof pitch are elements of the Chateau Revival Style.

On the back of the building (west elevation) there is an extension 14 by 8.5 feet from the basement to the attic. At the roof level there is a 12:12 pitch gable facing west and the pediment is covered with original wood shingles.

The front porch (east elevation) is 12 x 31 feet less the 13.5 x 4 feet extension of the front entry vestibule. The flat roof porch is supported by four stucco clad 20 inch columns, tapered to 17 inches at the top; the columns have concrete bases and decorative caps. An analysis of windows and doors will follow for each elevation.

Evidence of quality control for the building of the country residence may be seen in the basement. The stamping of A.B. COOK may be seen on the bottoms and the end of floor joist in the basement. Ansel Cook probably made the selection of the best material for his new home. Also, this may have provided identification of ownership enroute.

There are two fireplaces in the octagon bays, one on each floor. Angled windows bring in abundant light from their positions on either side of the fireplaces in the first floor sitting room and the second floor bedroom. Such a detail is shown by Blumenson in his analysis of Chateau 1860-1890 architecture. 2

The original one story front porch had elements of Eastlake 1870-1890 design which also is reflected by one corner of the interior staircase at the first floor level. 3

2 Blumenson, John J. G., Identifying American Architecture, New York: W.W. Norton & Co., Inc., 1971, p. 50

3 Ibid., p. 58

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Classical Revival elements are original to the house on all four sides. A frieze has dentils at the top and below are mounted flower-like rounded hexagonal rosettes. 4

In 1921 when the one story porch was replaced by the Classical Revival four columned portico, the frieze and dentils were extended. However, the rosettes are circular so a harmonizing, but unique, character is maintained.

The original chimneys were two-thirds the height of the present chimneys and had a horizontal cap across two flues. After the first good down draft or roof fire, the chimneys were extended up and separated caps put on each chimney by 1897. 5

In 1998, when the chimneys were re-built with the same materials as the originals in place in 1897, seven of the original caps were in good condition and were re-used. However, two caps needed to be replaced and Superior Clay Corp. still had them in stock. 6

In 1998 the black asphalt roof was replaced with a slate green roof. The asbestos siding was removed from the side walls of the roof gables and wood shingles installed to restore the original appearance. 11

After a study of paint options in 1999 a "low contrast harmony" plan was adopted. Sand color for the stucco walls, colonial white for trim, white storm windows and medium stained doors and wood shingles. 8

⁴ Blumenson, John J. G., Identifying American Architecture, New York: W.W. Norton & Co., Inc., 1971, p. 88

⁵ Libertyville Illustrated, 1897, p. 13.

⁶ Superior Clay Corp., Box 35, Uhrichsville, Ohio

⁷ "Raising the roof", Daily Herald, November 11, 1998, p. 1.
(See I-1, I-2, and I-3)

⁸ APX-99 and I-3 Photo of Re-Dedication of Rennovated Cook Memorial Park, May 13, 2000.

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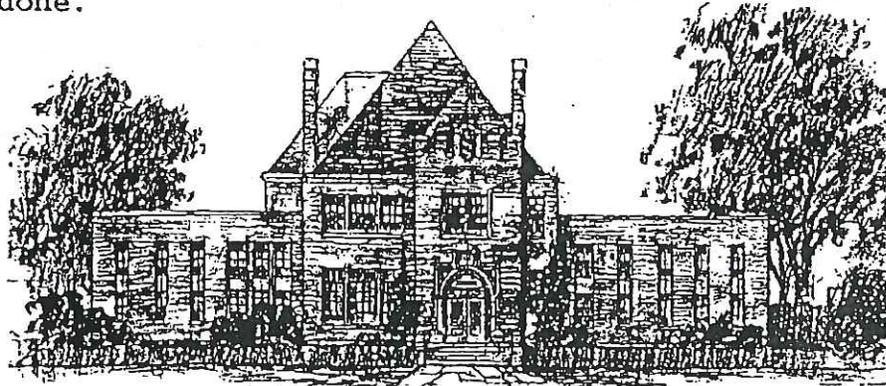
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ADDITION PLANS

In 1939, plans for additions to the Library were prepared by J. E. O. Pridmore, architect. The classical revival portico was removed and a rectangular two story flat roof additions proposed to the north and the south. New windows and doors were proposed and the south front dormer would be removed. The interior would have been gutted and the existing portion would have been changed to a Tudor revival collegiate style. ⁹ Fortunately, this work was not done.



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- ADDITIONS TO LIBRARY -
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In 1963, Cone and Dornbusch proposed plans for an addition to the Library which was like an "L" shaped glass box. The addition was attached to the north side of the existing Cook Memorial Library and extended out to the existing front wall. And to the west, the old and new were joined. It looked like they were just waiting to tear down the old historic structure. The plan was considered to be economical by the Library Board. However, the voters turned down the referendum. Many said they didn't like the stark modern design and what looked like a future threat to retaining the historic Cook Memorial Library structure.

In 1967, Cone and Dornbusch developed the present plan which was approved by the voters and was completed in 1968. With the connecting link at the back and the set back of the new structure to the north, the integrity of the historic Cook Memorial Library structure was well maintained. The 1968 addition is non contributing.

⁹ "Proposed 1939 remodeling and additions," Ansel B. Cook Victorian Museum, Libertyville; Libertyville-Mundelein Historical Society, p. 7

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BASEMENT

The basement walls are random limestone blocks. The foundation extends two feet below the present cement floor. Drawings of the house found in the Cook Family Bible were made by John F. Mendsen, Ansel B. Cook's brother-in-law, and show a dumb waiter from the kitchen to the basement.¹⁰ Today the framing for the opening for the dumb waiter still may be seen from the basement and the fill-in is visible in the maple floor of the kitchen. Below the floor of the furnace room, the base of cistern was found when work was done to install a sprinkler system for Cook Memorial Park.

In 1950 there was still a dirt floor in the basement, which was often damp; however, back issues on magazines were stored there. When Frank K. Underbrink worked as a library page, when he was in high school, his job included work to access the collections in the basement. He is now Vice-President of the Libertyville-Mundelein Historical Society.

The basement windows are original to the house and stand within the top of the stone basement foundation. The floor joist framing make a dormer rise for the windows which set above the grade line. This design conserves the rise in height for the first floor above grade, but avoids the use of window wells, and provides an excellent view of the world outside from the basement.¹¹

In 1994, the two basement stairways were replaced due to their poor condition and to improve safety. One stairway goes up to the kitchen and the other direct to the outside. The stairways are separated by a fire wall and door. Structural reinforcements were made. The space, which had been all open, was divided by fire walls and doors into four areas: two archival work spaces, a mechanical room, and a stair room to the kitchen.

¹⁰ DWG.-3 and DWG.-4

¹¹ Windows 81" x 39"
DWG.-4, 1994

Dormers 10" h, 25" d, 63" w

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STRUCTURAL DETAILS

The basement stone walls are 15 inches thick. The floor joists are 1 $\frac{7}{8}$ " x 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ " and set 16" O.C. The floor joist are set into the stone wall and the space between is filled with masonry. In the center of the basement there are 8 inch brick pier walls with three 8 foot 8" x 8" timber spans.

The front stairway is Stick Style. It has one vertical turning for each step and two horizontal turnings between it and the next step, with a short vertical turning between the two horizontal turnings. The newel posts have English diaper carvings which rise from the base to just below the diamond shaped oak relief carvings and at the top are classical urn turnings. The posts and railings are oak. The stairs are hard maple.

The interior doors are five panel. They have two short lower vertical panels. A single horizontal panel at the wainscot - lock level and two long upper vertical panels. Most of the doors have their original hardware.

The seven marble fireplaces are original to the house and were the state of the art when they were installed as they were designed to burn hard coal. Heat was also provided by a cook stove in the kitchen and a small stove in the maid's room on the second floor.

The interior trim for windows and doors have bulls-eye plinth blocks at the top, bulls-eye "corner" blocks at the wainscot (door knob) level, and plain plinth blocks at the bottom. For the kitchen, maid's room, back stairway and attic stairway, the door and window trim is plain and the hardware less elaborate.

Cook had a private water tower with a windmill, which sat north of the house. When the library opened, the water tank was moved to Central Park and was made into a band stand. In 1887, Cook added a private generator for electric lights. It was not until 1896 that the first public electric light plant in the village was built. It was not until 1897 that Libertyville had the first electric street lights in Lake County.

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EXTERIOR

In 1921, the front classical revival portical had steps on all three sides. By 1949, wrought iron railings were added to improve safety. Center and north steps serve the porch. To provide access for the disabled, a double center rail has been added to the front porch and the terrace steps. A ramp to the south of the house provided entry into the dining room, which at one time had a porte cochere.

The front doors have a transom. Above the front doors and the dining room doors are transoms. The first and second floor front windows are double hung. The top sash has a transom section. The parlor, the children's room, and the museum room have triple windows with the center one being larger than the two side windows.

The entrance hall has a single window with the transom section as part of the upper sash. All other windows are double hung, except for two fixed single pane windows in the south wall of the parlor and the five single windows in the basement. The basement window in the mechanical room has been replaced with stone to match the existing wall.

After 1897, two windows were added to the south walls of the parlor on the first floor and the children's room above on the second floor. The windows were double hung on each side of the fireplaces. The two windows in the parlor had the lower sashes removed and trim mitered to make room for bookshelves by the library. The windows in the children's room each retain the original two sash design.

There is a pair of doors at the front entry. Single doors provide entry to the dining room and the basement from outside. The back door entry to the kitchen was widened to provide access for the bookmobile in 1950 and was removed in 1968 when the link was built to connect to the new addition.

The original exterior was wood siding. In 1921 to fulfill the terms of the idea of Ansel B. Cook's will of 1894 to build a memorial hall of brick or stone, the house was stuccoed and the one story porch was replaced by the "Colonial Pillared Porch" (a four column Classical Revival porch.)

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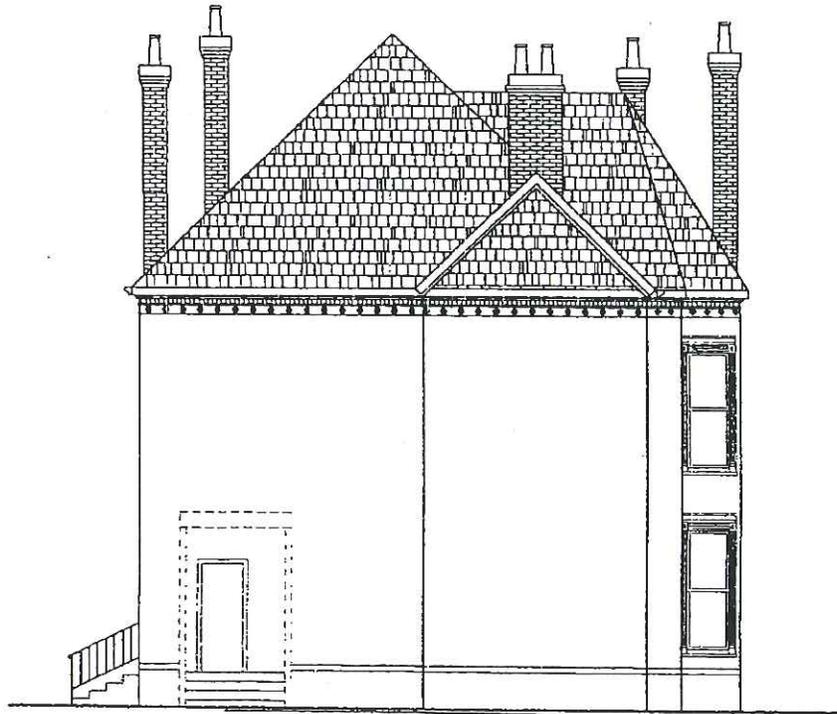
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INTERIOR

The front door entry vestibule has wainscoting. At top there is a row of sea shells and below there is geometric floral lattice pattern. The original interior pair of Queen Anne doors, have clear beveled glass in the center and are surrounded with 20 squares of clean textured colored glass each.

The entrance hall, parlor, sitting room and dining room have large plaster ceiling covers, which are original to the house. Also in each of the four main rooms there are elaborate plaster ceiling rosettes. In the entry hall the rectilinear design has half round extensions at each end with flower motifs and also four corner squares with flowers and floral lattice centers. The other three rooms have elaborate circles with floral motifs and two large acanthurs leaf.

The floor joists are doubled if there is an opening. The cross members are doubled and a mortice and tenon joint made.

Floors are 1"x 8" heart pine and are double laid in the same direction. The kitchen has a hard maple floor.

The exterior south wall is 7 $\frac{7}{8}$ " thick. The kitchen wall by the butler's pantry is 5 $\frac{7}{8}$ " however, the wall between the entrance hall and the parlor is 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". The width of the walls between the parlor, sitting room and dining room is 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Each wall is 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " and a 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " space is provided for the pocket doors.

In the attic the 2"x 6" studs rise 6" above the attic floor before they are capped to support the roof rafters. This would help provide air circulation cooling, when the attic stair window and the attic gable windows were open. Also there is an attic roof hatch.

The structure has a high-hip roof design.¹² At the front of the house there are two dormers. One which rises above the front entry, has two double hung windows. The other, to the south is smaller, has a band sawed pediment decoration and two double hung windows. To the south above the octagonal bay, there is a steep back-sloped Chateau Revival dormer. From the west, a dormer with a wood shingle pediment joins the main roof the with same slope.

¹² The peak of the attic roof is 16 feet above the floor.

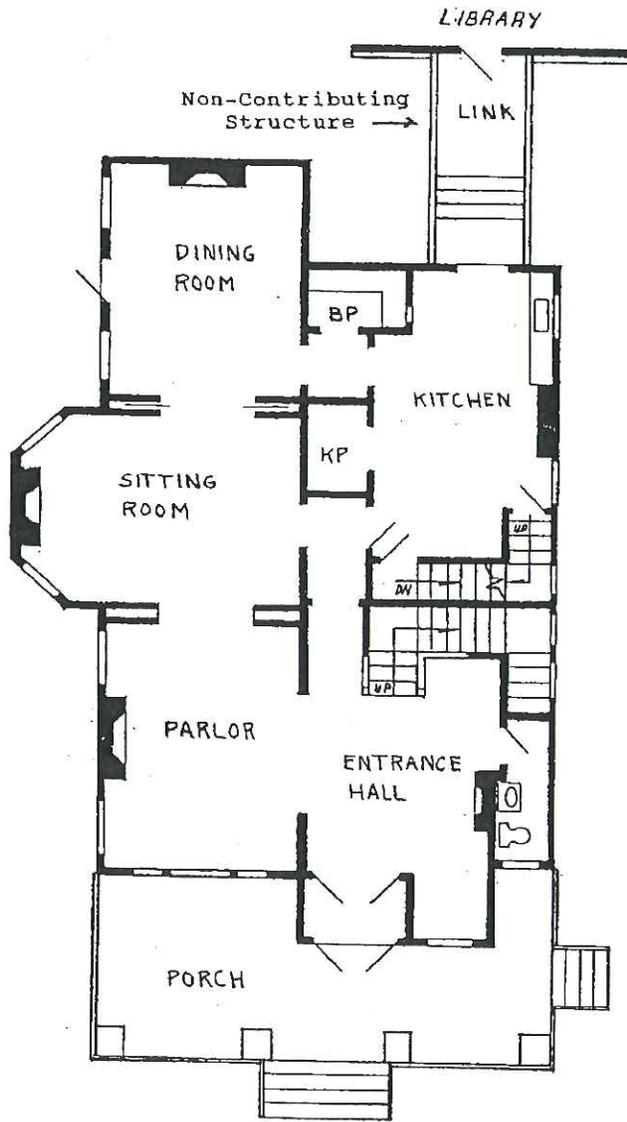
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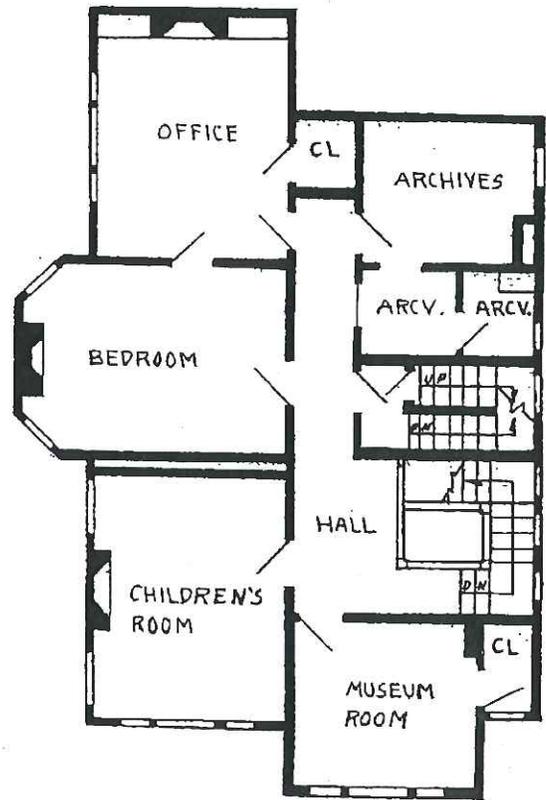
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Present Use as a Victorian Home Museum



FIRST FLOOR PLAN

G. ROJEWSKI
B. LATEK



SECOND FLOOR PLAN

Second Floor was the apartment
for the Librarian 1921-51
and Library use 1951-68

First Floor was Library 1921-68

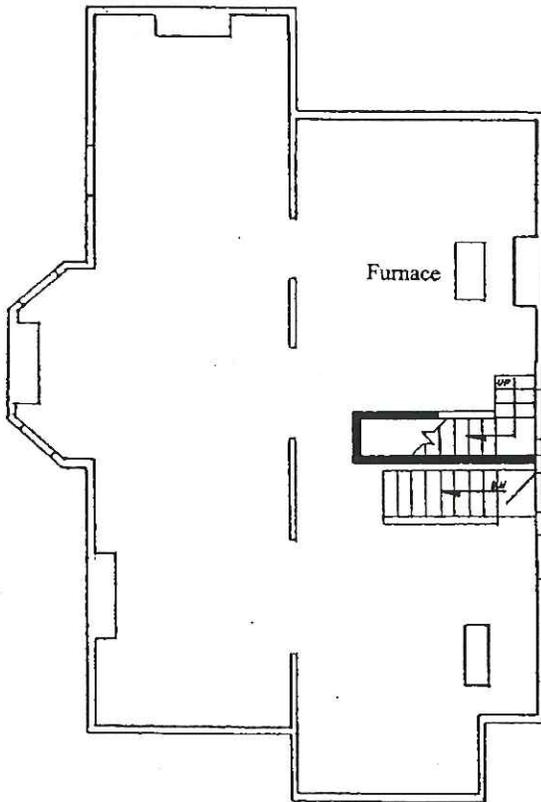
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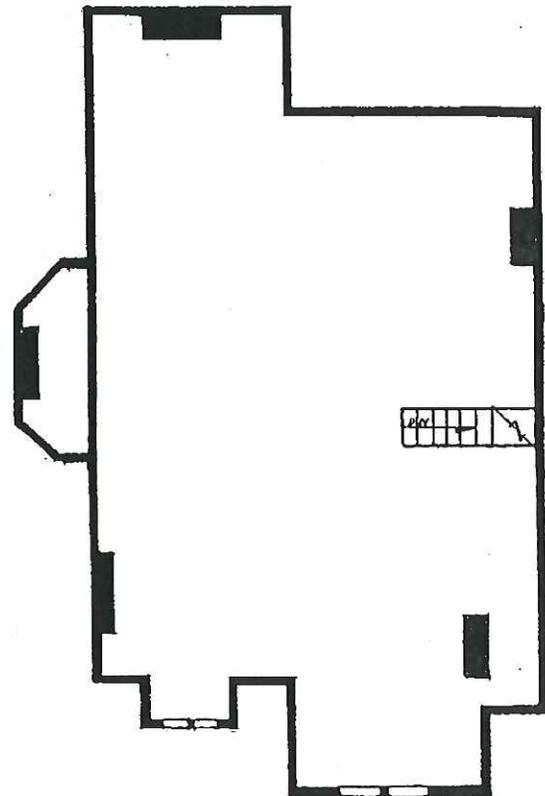
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Library Use of Basement and Attic



BASEMENT PLAN

G. ROJEWSKI
B. LATEK



ATTIC PLAN

Basement with dirt floor
housed back issues of
periodicals 1921-51
was paved in 1951
and served until 1968

Attic housed the
War of the Rebellion
and other special
collections 1921-68

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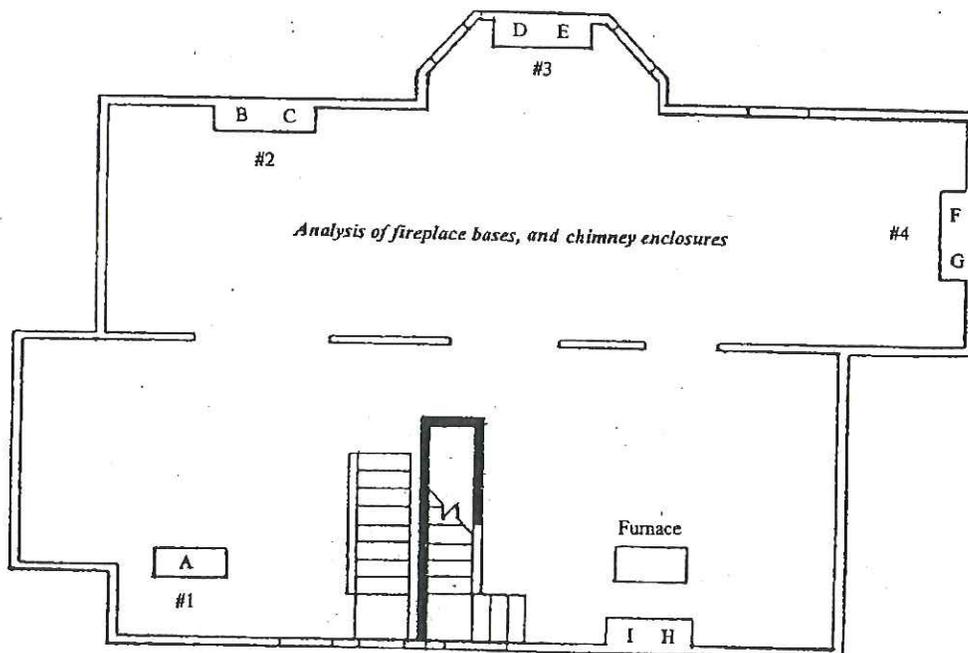
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Ansel B. Cook Memorial Library
1921-1950

Analysis of fireplace bases, chimney enclosures and mantels

CHIMNEY POTS	COOK HOUSE USE	LIBRARY USE	BASEMENT	FIRST & SECOND FLOORS	MANTEL	ATTIC
#1 A	Entry Hall	Card Catalogue	17" x 49"	19" x 48"	12" x 52"	17" x 26"
#2	B	Parlor	13" x 61"	17" x 60 1/4"	12 1/4" x 60 1/4"	17" x 38"
	C	Child's Room		17" x 61"	11" x 61"	
#3	D	Sitting Room	13" x 60"	17" x 61"	11" x 61"	17" x 38"
	E	Bedroom		17" x 61"	11" x 61"	
#4	F	Dining Room	13" x 56"	17" x 61"	12 1/4" x 61"	17" x 38"
	G	Office		17" x 61"	12 1/4" x 61"	
#5	H	Furnace*	17" x 46"	n/a	n/a	17" x 38"
	I	Kitchen Archives		21 1/2" x 64"	n/a	
				20 1/2" x 48"	n/a	
				(20 1/2" x 42" plus walk)		

* original use was the room on the second floor - now the archive room 12/30/00 Dean Larson



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COOK MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Narrative Statement of Significance

NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Cook Memorial Library is locally significant for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. It meets Criterion A for education for its role in providing educational services to the citizens of the Libertyville area. The period of significance is 1921 when the library moved into the house and added the stucco and the two-story Classical Revival styled porch to 1951, the fifty year cutoff for significance to the National Register. The Library continued operation in the structure until 1968 when the new Library opened.

HISTORIC LIBERTYVILLE SITE

Cook Memorial Library is located on the site of the first permanent dwelling in Libertyville. In 1834, early settlers found the George Vardin family occupying a one room log cabin on the site. The Vardins moved out of the area the following year, and in 1837, the log cabin became Libertyville's first post office. A replica of the building can be seen at the Lake County Museum near Wauconda.

On the site in 1836 the first dedicated school house, in what was to become Lake County in 1839, was erected with squared timbers by the bachelors living in the settlement then called Independence Grove. When the post office was established in 1837, the name was changed to Libertyville. In 1839 when Libertyville became the first county seat, the name was changed to Burlington, then the name of the township. When the court house was removed to Little Fort, now Waukegan in 1841, the name of Libertyville returned.

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The first log school house was located at the northeast corner of the site. In 1854 a new two story frame school with a front porch was constructed to the northwest of the old school. 5 The school continued to operate until 1882 when a new Central School opened on School Street, and it was replaced in 1939 with the present Central School, now the Y.M.C.A.

After the Great Fire of 1895 a photograph still shows the 1854 Central School Building. However, in Libertyville Illustrated of 1897, the school building is gone and Cook Avenue of Ansel B. Cook's sub-division goes through a barn on the property. The barn may be the one in which the first meeting was held to organize Lake County in June 1839.

In June 1839 a meeting was held in the barn of Dr. J. H. Foster to determine candidates for the organization of Lake County. The barn was the largest building in town or perhaps the county. Dr. Jesse H. Foster, Phys., was born in 1808 in Sutton, New Hampshire. He came to Libertyville, Illinois, in August 1837. He was the first practicing physician in Lake County; he kept the first hotel in Libertyville, he kept a pharmacy, and was granted a grocer's license in 1840. In 1849 his daughter, Helen, married Ansel B. Cook.

In 1870 Ansel Cook purchased the property from his father-in-law for a country residence and work began on the home, outbuildings, and formal gardens. The present building was built in 1878, and William W. Boyington is thought to have been the architect. In 1868 he designed the Union Church, which sat to the south of the site where Cook built his home. 13 Unfortunately the church burned in 1917 and now St. Lawrence Episcopal Church sits on the site. Ansel Cook and his father, Willard Cook, were the contractors for the Old Chicago Water Works designed by Boyington and built in 1869. In 1876 Boyington was Mayor of Highland Park and Ansel Cook was on the Chicago City Council. In 1894 Cook was the chairman for the Libertyville Township Hall Building Committee and Boyington was the architect. The Town Hall has the same roof pitch as Cook's house.

13 Libertyville Illustrated, 1897, p. 17.

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A BRIEF HISTORY ANSEL B. COOK AND HIS HOME IN LIBERTYVILLE

Ansel B. Cook was born in 1823 in Haddam, Connecticut, a son of Willard C. And Abigail (Brainerd) Cook. He attended schools in his native state, was graduated from Brainerd Academy, and learned the stonemasons's trade prior to coming with his family to Illinois in 1845. The Cooks claimed some four hundred acres of land in the Libertyville-Fremont area and for a few years, Ansel B. Cook pursued farming. In 1849 Mr. Cook married Helen Maria Foster, daughter of Dr. Jesse H. Foster, Libertyville's first physician.

After his marriage, Mr. Cook taught school in Waukegan and various area schools and also pursued his trade of stonemasonry. In 1853 the Cooks moved to Chicago, and for several years maintained homes in both Chicago and Libertyville. Mr. Cook was elected to the state legislature from Cook County for two terms, and for an additional term from Lake County after his return in 1867. He also served as a country supervisor in 1867. During his Chicago years he contracted many of the flagstone walks in the city, as well as the masonry on the Old Chicago Water Works, which survived the Great Fire of 1871.

In 1870 the present Cook property was purchased from Dr. Foster and the home, outbuildings and formal gardens were begun. Ansel B. and Helen (Foster) Cook were parents of two children, both of whom died in childhood. An adopted daughter, Ida F. Cook, was educated at Lake Geneva Seminary. By 1877 Mr. Cook was back in Chicago serving as an alderman and president of the City Council. Following the Chicago Fire, Mr. Cook came out of retirement to help rebuild the city. Several of the buildings he helped to build are still in use. His country residence in Libertyville was constructed in 1878 and William W. Boyington is thought to have been the architect.

Mrs. Helen Cook died in 1881 as a result of a railroad accident occurring as she and Mr. Cook were returning from Chicago to their home in Libertyville. In 1882 Mr. Cook married Annie Barrows of Connecticut. Following her death in 1891, Mr. Cook married her sister, Emily Barrows.

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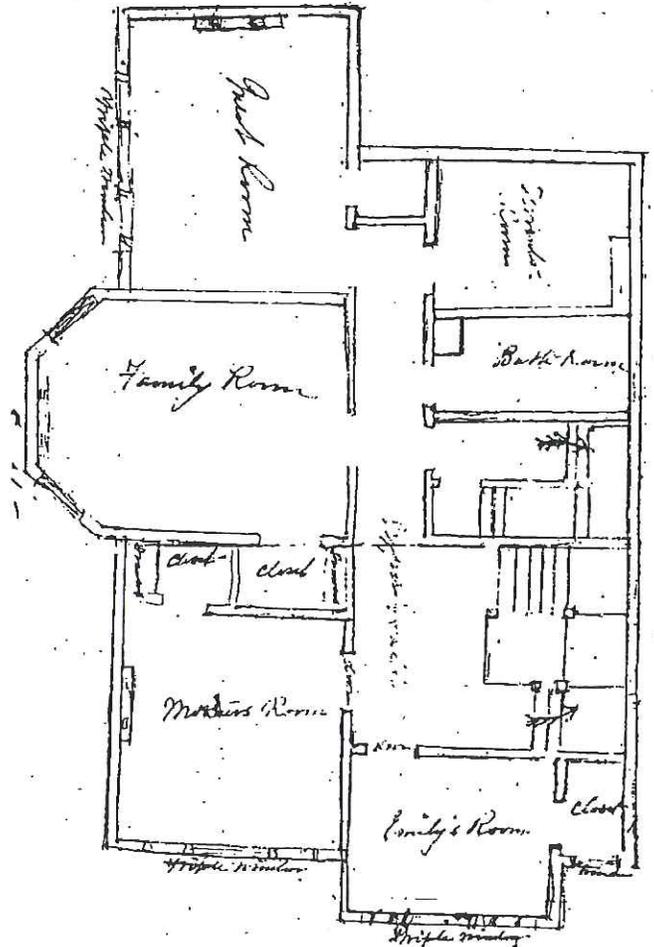
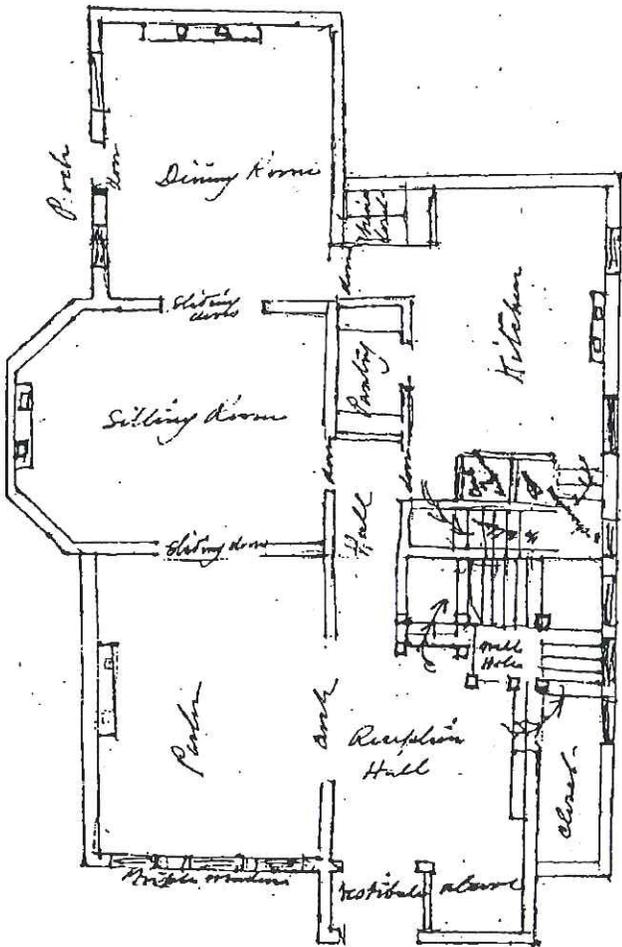
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Found in Cook Family Bible

June 1999

c.a. 1900



Drawn by John F. Mendson *
Brother-in-law
of Ansel B. Cook

*My brother Mendson
house at Washington & P
Chicago Ill.*

* See p. 10

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Emily Barrows Cook died in 1920, having survived her husband (who died in 1898) by twenty-two years. Through her efforts, Cook willed his residence to the Village of Libertyville for use as a library and as a memorial hall.

In 1910 a local womens's groups, the Alpha Club, later to become the Libertyville Woman's Club, had begun a circulating library, the books and periodicals housed first in Lovell's Drug Store and later in the Village Hall. Following Emily Cook's death, the Woman's Club contributed its library of several hundred volumes to the Cook Memorial Library. Through fund-raising efforts of local civic groups over a period of several months, sufficient funds were raised to refurbish the building. The one story porch was removed, the exterior stuccoed, and the two story colonial portical was added. The Cook Memorial Library was opened to the public and dedicated in November, 1921.

Following completion of the present Cook Memorial Library in 1968, the Cook Home became the headquarters of the Libertyville-Mundelein Historical Society. The interior of the Cook Home has been restored -- painted, papered, and refinished -- in keeping with the goals of the Society. Most of the original Cook Home furnishings were dispersed following Emily Cook's death. As suitable items and collections become available, they are acquired to upgrade the furnishings of the museum. Some of the rooms in the Cook Home are reserved for museum-type displays; others depict rooms of the Victorian period. Offices contain records of the Society and records of early events, organizations, businesses, churches, schools, etc.

The Ansel B. Cook Home is open to the public at designated times throughout the summer months, and by appointment throughout the year. 14

- 14 Ansel B. Cook Victorian Museum. Libertyville, Illinois: Libertyville-Mundelein Historical Society, 1994, pp. 5 - 7.

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HISTORIES OF LIBRARIES IN LIBERTYVILLE AND MUNDELEIN

In 1894 the idea of a subscription library was proposed to operate out of the office of the Lake County Independent weekly newspaper. Also in 1894, Ansel B. Cook wrote his will which was the basis for the establishment of Cook Memorial Library which opened in 1921.

In 1895 a private lending library was set up in Lovell's Drug Store. In 1903 the Alpha Club was organized in Libertyville, and in 1917 it became the Libertyville Womens Club. In 1906, Mrs. Laura Schanck Taylor, one of the twenty-five charter members of the Alpha Club, conceived the idea of starting a circulating library among the members of the club. Each member was asked to donate one book. In 1909 Mrs. Taylor's idea was enlarged upon by starting a subscription library; one hundred persons were invited to contribute one dollar per year, this dollar to entitle the subscriber to library privileges. One hundred eighty books were purchased that first year and in November of 1910 quarters were obtained in Decker and Bonds's Drugstore. The library, though small, was evidently very popular for by the end of the year the average circulation was twenty-four books a day.

In November 1914, the Village Board granted the club permission to use a room in the Village Hall for library purposes. The library was open two afternoons and evenings each week with members of the Alpha Club giving their time to operate it. When Cook Memorial Library opened in 1921, the Womens Club donated 1,858 volumes and copies of many leading magazines from the collection they had started in 1906.

The building occupied by the library in 1921 was bequeathed to the Village of Libertyville by the Honorable Ansel Brainard Cook in 1894 and was turned over to the Village in 1920 upon the death of his widow, Emily Barrows Cook. The grounds surrounding the house were to be kept as a park and site for this library. Nearly thirty lots on East Cook Avenue were also given to the Village at this time.

The first Village Library Board was elected in 1921, consisting of Dr. E. H. Smith, Dr. Charles R. Galloway, Benjamin Miller, Mrs. Augusta Lovell, Mrs. Paul MacGuffin and Mrs. E. W. Colby.

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There being no money available to condition the Cook residence for library use, a meeting of the leading organizations was called and solicitation of funds suggested. Everyone cooperated in this financing and by means of entertainments, plays, minstrel shows and direct solicitation from interested citizens, only a few months elapsed before there were sufficient funds to stucco the building, build the colonial pillared porch, and make other necessary improvements. The building was opened to the public and dedicated as the Cook Memorial Library in November 1921.

By 1924 the demands upon the library by the Township High School became so great that it was impossible to supply its needs with the limited tax funds received from the Village tax alone; therefore, it seemed necessary to increase the revenue. At a regular election in 1924 the Town electors voted the establishment and maintenance of a Township Public Library. Following the election of a Township Library Board, the building and contents were leased to that body by the Village Library Board for a nominal annual consideration. 15

The Mundelein branch of the Cook Memorial Library was opened in January of 1930. It was located in one corner of Mr. McBride's Hardware Store until June of that year. At that time the store was sold and the Library found new quarters in the rear or northwest room of Mr. Rouse's building on Lake and Park Streets. The room was attractively decorated with suitable furniture and new shelving, and in 1934, four additional sets of shelves were added. In May 1945 the Library was moved into the front of the same building.

In 1946, Cook Memorial Library in Libertyville had more than 19,000 accessioned volumes and many thousands of magazines. From 1921 to 1951, only two head librarians served Cook Memorial Library. The first, Mrs. Charles Jarrett, served from June 1921 to December 1922. Mrs. John T. Mitchell became librarian in January 1923 and served until her death in 1951. 16

- 15 Twenty-fifth Anniversary, Cook Memorial Library, November Tenth, 1946.
- 16 Written by Blanche Mitchell - Librarian, Cook Memorial Library, 1945.

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Mrs. Mitchell lived upstairs in the library; her husband was a traveling salesman. During World War II, when rooms were in short supply, she even rented out a room. On Sunday, October 7, 1951, she died in the upstairs hallway from a heart attack and is buried in Lake Villa, Illinois. 17

In 1967 the new library (non contributing addition) was constructed with a setback and lower profile which does not detract from the character of the historic library (Cook Home). A link with large glass windows was built to provide access from the new structure to the historic building.

In 1950 the first bookmobile was purchased. The bookmobile loading dock was located at the back door which is now the "link" to the new library started in 1967 and opened on November 10, 1968. Frederick Byergo was named head librarian and still serves in that position. 18

In 1924 the Libertyville Township Library Board was organized in addition to the Libertyville Village Library Board elected in 1921. In 1973 Cook Memorial Library District replaced the operation of the other two Library Boards and allowed expansion into Vernon Township and granted detachment of property in the Village of Mundelein to the Fremont Library District. 19

The ownership of the property is retained by the Village of Libertyville.

17 Biog. 18, News Article, Independent Register, Oct. 11, 1951.

18 75th Commemorative Anniversary Book, Cook Memorial Library, 1921-1996.

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COOK MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Geographical Data

Verbal Boundary Description

Village of Libertyville, Lake County Illinois, Libertyville Township 11,
Section 16, Block 308, Lot 003 (Plat Map - 1/2000)

Or

Lake County Illinois, Libertyville Township, SW1/4 of Section 16 of
Block 3 of Owner's, Re-Sub-division of Ansel B. Cook's Sub-Division
bounded by Cook Avenue, Milwaukee Avenue, Church Street and lots 1
and 2 on Brainerd Avenue in the Village of Libertyville, T44N, R11E of
the 3rd PM 41-11-168 (Plat Map 1965)

Boundary Justification

The nominated property includes the entire parcel historically
associated with the library.



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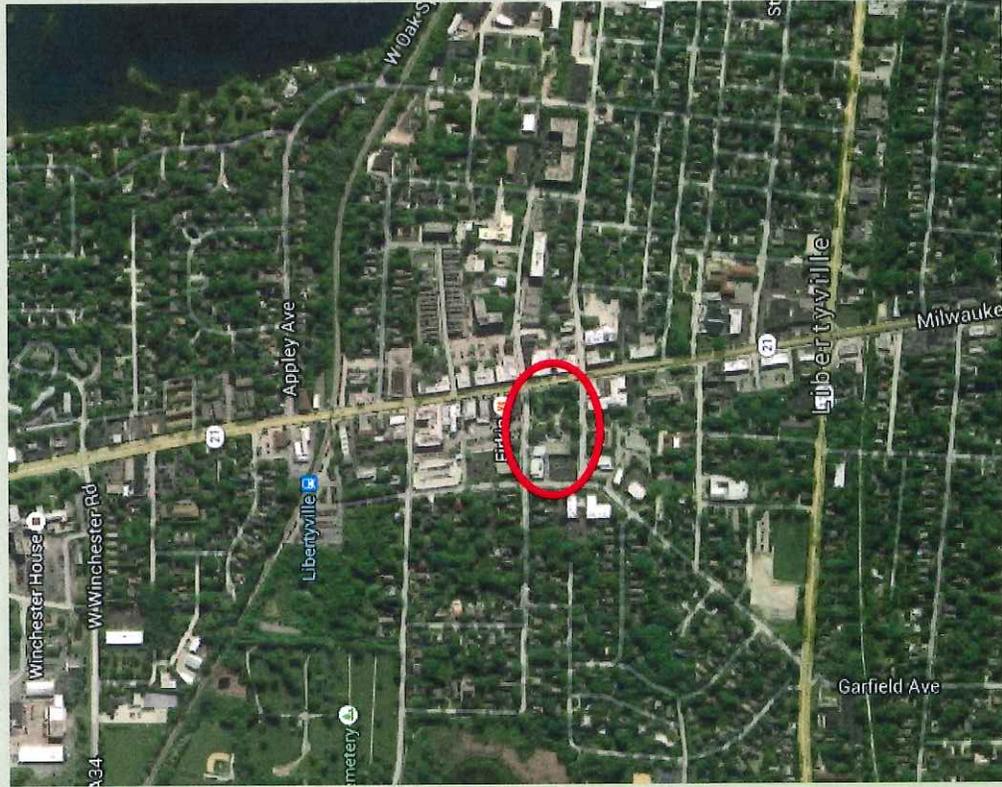
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**LOCAL LANDMARK
APPLICATION: ANSEL B.
COOK HOUSE**

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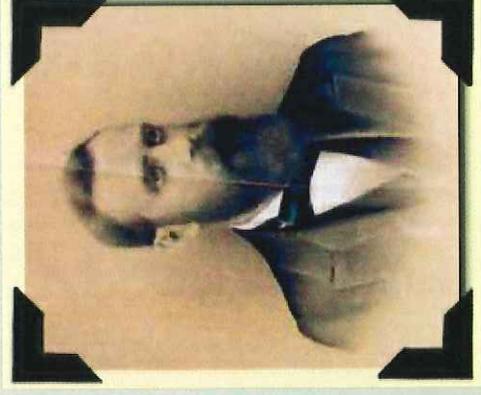
ANSEL B. COOK HOUSE

■ Located in the heart of downtown Libertyville



HISTORY

- Built in **1878** by Ansel B. Cook
- Thought to be designed by architect **William W. Boyington**
- Cook died in 1898; his will instructed that at the death of his wife, Emily Barrows Cook, the **property should go to the Village of Libertyville** for library and park purposes
- The property was turned over to the village in **1920**



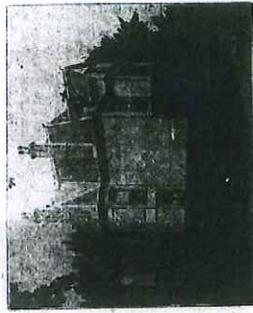
HISTORY

- The house underwent a renovation in 1920; the one story porch was removed, the exterior stuccoed, and the two story colonial portico added
- Opened as a library in 1921
- Non-contributing library addition in 1968; at this time the Cook House became the headquarters of the Libertyville-Mundelein Historical Society

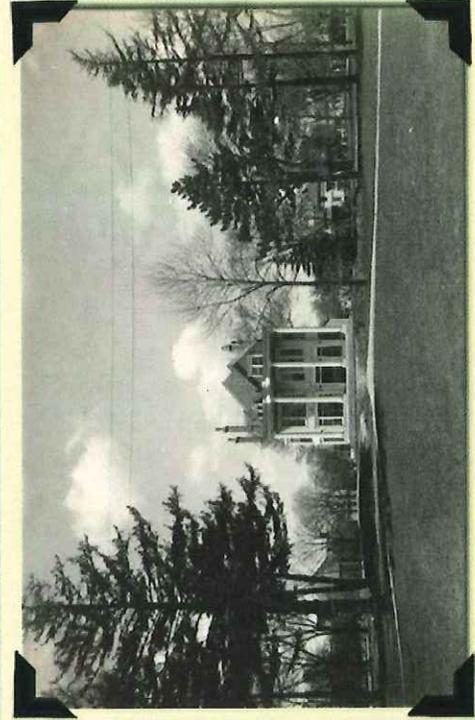
LIBERTYVILLE, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 1920.

Ansel B. Cook Property Is Presented to the Village

At a meeting of the Libertyville village board last night, Mr. Charles H. Van Dong of Chicago presented to the village a beautiful property which he had recently acquired for a public library and for park purposes. The property is situated on Milwaukee avenue, in the business section of the village, and is improved with a well built two-story house. The house is a fine example of the style of architecture with a large number of fine old maple and other trees. A few months since the village is really reborn for this beautiful property. The village board has decided to acquire the property and to build a library on the site. The property was to go to the village after the death of Ansel B. Cook. The entire property was acquired by



Beautiful Property in the Business Section of Libertyville, Now Belonging to the Village, to be Used as a Library.



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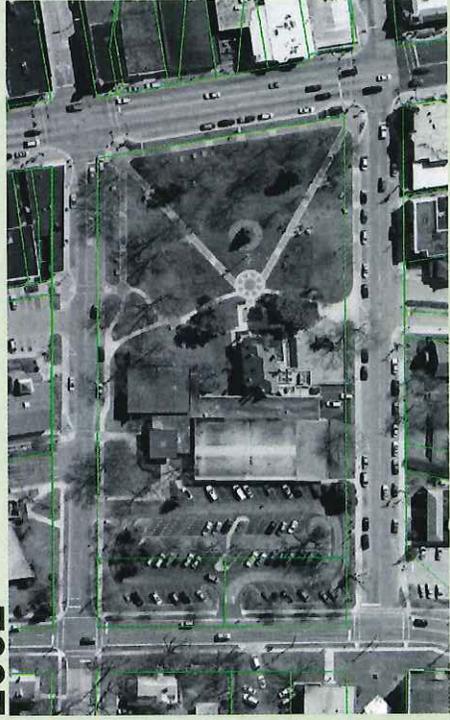
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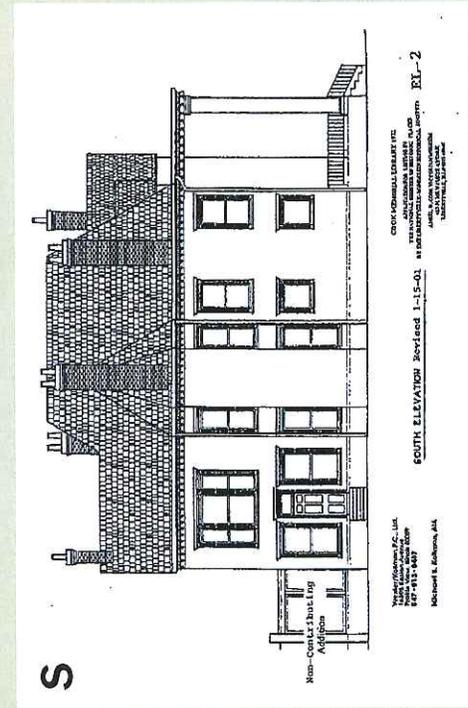
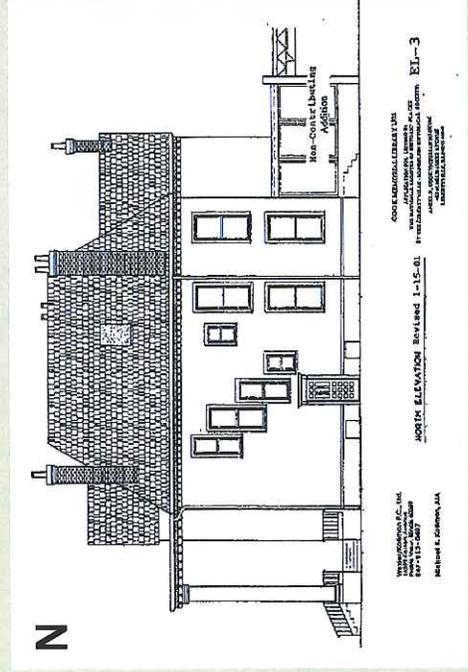
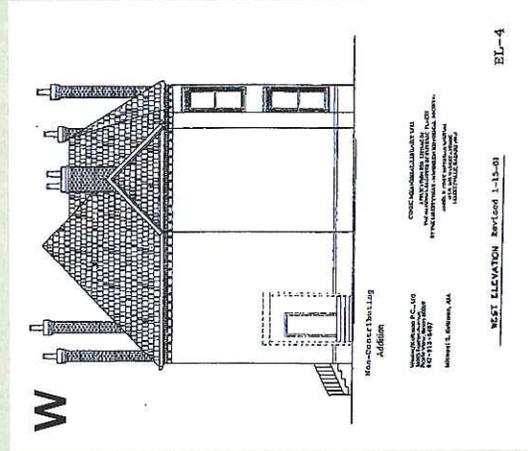
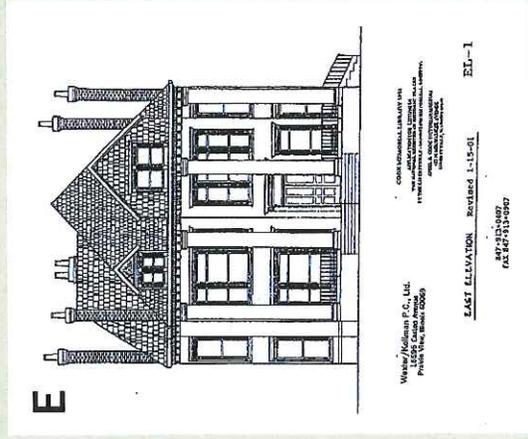


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ELEVATIONS

- Classical Revival style
- Wood and stucco walls
- 1 story porch replaced by 4 columned portico in 1921
- Asphalt roof replaced by slate roof in 1998



SITE OF 1960 JFK SPEECH

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John F. Kennedy's 1960 speech in Libertyville lives on — thanks to YouTube



President John F. Kennedy speaks at press conference. (Tribune File Photo / Associated Press)



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When Abraham Lincoln brought his presidential campaign to Waukegan in 1860, his speech was interrupted by a nearby fire and he heroically pitched in with the bucket brigade to put out the flames.

Or maybe he just watched the show from the sidelines. We'll never know for sure, because the wonder of YouTube was 45 years away.

But when it comes to John F. Kennedy's visit to Libertyville 55 years ago this autumn, we know that the sound system wasn't up to par because a film crew was there to record his speech in front of the Ansel B.

Cook House — and putting yourself into that moment of Lake County history is just a few clicks away thanks to YouTube, which brings Kennedy's visit to life, warts and all.

Kennedy's Libertyville campaign stop shortly before his election-day showdown with Richard Nixon was brought up to me last weekend while covering an event at the Cook House, and my interest was piqued. A viewing of the YouTube post (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TaeVjuygW34>) from that apparently mild Oct. 25, 1960, proved to be both educational and entertaining, delivering insights both large and small.

At the start of the nearly seven-minute clip, the 43-year-old Kennedy introduces local dignitaries that include his sister, Eunice Shriver of Chicago, prompting the future president to joke that "I have sisters living in all the key electoral states in preparation for this campaign."

At about the 1:40 mark, Kennedy departs from his stump speech to ask the crowd — which, it must be noted, had been a little noisy — if "maybe we can put all the signs down. Can we all put the signs down? Then we'd get a chance to see everything."

"Even that Kennedy sign," he says to laughter. "If the Nixon signs would drop also, then we can get in touch with everybody."

There then appears to be some kind of distraction off to his right, and he ends up saying "can anybody hear anything over this microphone? You can't hear anything? Well, I'd like you to hear what I have to say, so we'll try to get this fixed."

And this is where the future 35th President of the United States, with no techie rushing to help, manipulates the rack of microphones in front of him, blowing into one or two, tapping another, trying to see what works and what doesn't. It's an interesting glimpse of human awkwardness for a man often hailed as the first telegenic and image-conscious president.

When he finally gets his speech on track, Kennedy's now-famous voice rises as he mentions issues like the economy and education and America's prestige around the world. With the Cook House pillars clearly visible in the background, he makes sure to mention "this community of Libertyville" more than once, and brings up that it is "the home of a distinguished American, Mr. (Adlai) Stevenson."

That was life on the campaign trail more than a half-century ago, when Illinois was considered a swing state — and would truly prove to be so less than two weeks later.

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NOTABLE FEATURES

- Thought to be designed by **William W. Boyington**, one of the most prolific architects in Chicago in the late 1800s
- Located in **Cook Memorial Park** which is the **historical center of Libertyville**
- Built on the **site of the first permanent dwelling in Libertyville** (Vardin family log cabin)
- Cook served as **President of the Chicago City Council** and was elected to the **state legislator**
- In Chicago, Cook contracted many of the **flagstone walks** as well as the masonry on the **Old Chicago Water Works**; he helped to rebuild the city after the **Chicago Fire**
- Cook House the site of a **1960 John F. Kennedy speech**

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