

Register of Old Buildings
Macon County Historical Coordinating Council

Address: 361 N. College St., (South half of College Square)

Date of original construction: 1873.

Name of original owner: Wm. J. Quinlan - 1873.

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(See reverse side)

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Summary of owners of the residence at 361 N. College Street.

1. Wm. J. Quinlan - 1873
2. Wm. Ennis - 1889 \$25,000 cost.
Louie Ennis, widow
3. A. E. Staley, Sr. - 1913 \$20,000 cost
Emma Staley, Widow - 1940 \$125,000 cost of remodeling
in 1917.
4. Decatur Y. M. C. A. - 1951
5. Roy Phillips - 1955
6. Wayne Phillips - 1968
7. Anne Phillips - 1973

South Half of College Square

by

Janice Moore

7th Grade Student - Johns Hill School

(12 years of age)

1972-1973 School Year

Home Room 208

Section 7² English

Mr. Ned Freeman, Teacher

There is a piece of land in the Western Addition of Decatur that is called "College Square". The whole piece of land is 240 feet by 240 feet. However, on the east side, a piece of land 13 feet by 240 feet is to be used only as a boulevard. North and south of this piece of land is College Street. Bounding the east and west sides is North Street. Although the land is gently sloping, the hill was much higher till it was cut down in height so it could be built upon.

In early times this piece of land was referred to as "The Mound". Back then it was considered public property, so the public used it. Civil War companies met there, the circus staked their tents there when they came to town, and of course it was a convenient playground for restless children.

On March 21, 1829, the United States of America entered the aforementioned piece of land in the name of William Hanks Jr. It was adopted (or platted) by the city council on February 2, 1891.

After Mr. Hanks had the property entered, he sold the land to William T. Cressey on November 14, 1836.

Apparently Mr. Cressey's name was misspelled somewhere because a William T. Crissey sold the land to Peter Akers and William Stoddard Crissey, August 25, 1841. William T. Crissey wasn't the only owner, though. The Davises, Allens, and Gridleys all owned 1/5, and Mr. Crissey owned the rest. All of them sold their shares for a total amount of ten dollars. You may think they got gypped. They didn't. Mr. Akers and Mr. W. S. Crissey were trustees or "in trust". They had to build or cause someone to build an "academy or seminary of learning" with three thousand dollars by the year 1850. It was to be "free to all persons without restrictions from any difference of Religious Sentiments". It was in the deed that the Methodist Episcopal Church was to be in charge of the school, also that the church could increase the trustees up to fifteen. If the school was not built, the trustees were to sell the

property, giving the proceeds to the church's Missionary Society.

Well, Mr. Akers and Mr. Crissey didn't come though and the academy or seminary wasn't built. All that trouble did have one good outcome, though. "College" was a nice sounding word, and after what happened it seemed a proper name for this land (besides, not everybody can pronounce seminary, and who ever heard of "Academy Square"?). So it was unofficially dubbed "College Square" or "College Hill". Don't think for a moment that the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church was going to let Akers and Crissey have that land. No way! The Society filed a suit against trustees Akers and Crissey in Circuit Court of Macon County, case 3977. They filed July 18, 1862, and Akers and Crissey gave the deed to the Society on March 11, 1864.

The Society sold the south half (227 feet by 120 feet) to William J. Quinlan and wife. It was executed in New York on August 16, 1864. The cost was two thousand dollars. In 1873, Mr. Quinlan built a house on his property. Mr. Quinlan's house was very dark on the inside because there were almost no windows in the house at all. There were nine fireplaces, one in every room except one.

Mr. and Mrs. Quinlan (Mr. Quinlan worked at the C.B.&Q.) sold their house and property to Mr. William H. Ennis on a June day in 1889. Mr. Ennis paid twenty-five thousand dollars for it.

On April 21, 1897, Mr. Ennis sold his property to Louie, his wife.

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he started remodelling in 1917. In February of 1919, The Staleys' got a marginal release on the mortgage they had owed Guy P. Lewis, trustee of the Millikin National Bank. They paid him two \$5,000 notes.

Mr. Staley died December 26, 1940 in Miami, Florida; where the Staleys went every winter. Old Augustus Eugene willed everything to his widow, Emma.

Emma L. Staley gave a half of the property to the Young Mens Christian Association on September 10, 1951. Later, she gave the other half to the same association.

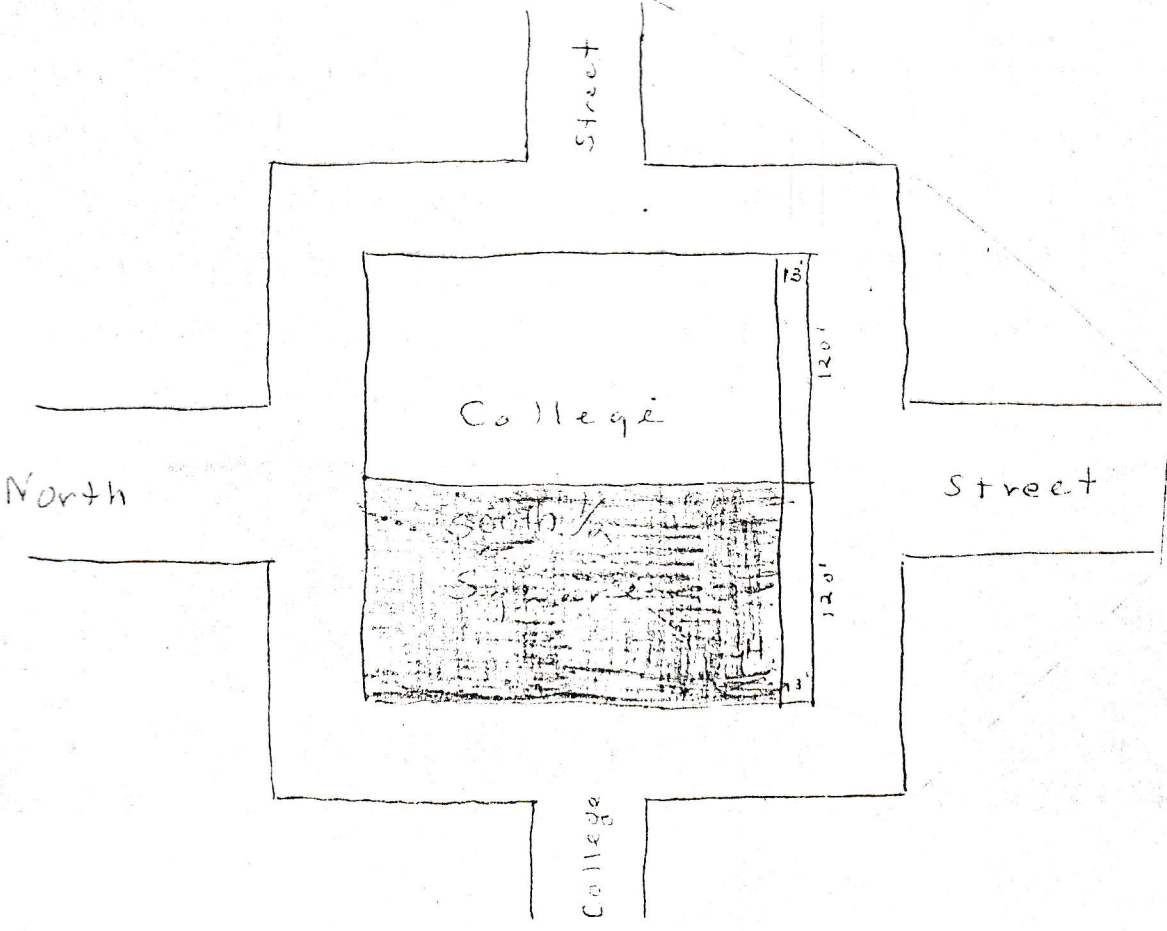
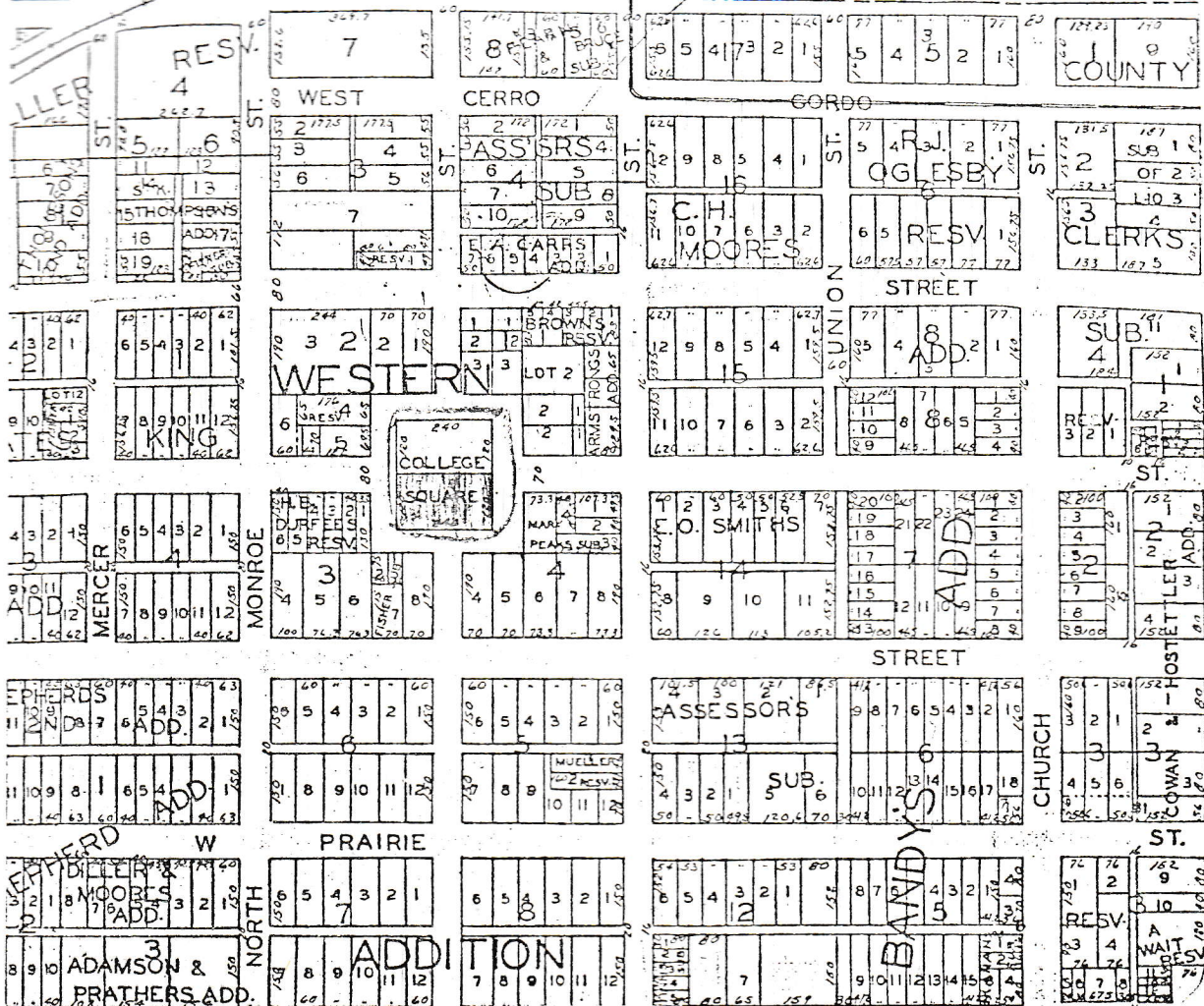
The Y.M.C.A. sold the property to Roy and Minnie Phillips on April 25, 1952. The Phillips deeded it to Eina Dongoski on December 1, 1955. Edna Dongoski deeded it back to Roy Phillips on the same day. If that baffles you, listen carefully. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips wanted that property in Roy's name only. At that time, two deeds were used to do it, for they weren't sure if they could convey it straight to Roy or not. So they got Mrs. Dongoski to accept and give a deed. On August 10, 1968, Roy Phillips died. Sometime during this period the property was conveyed from father to son, Wayne Phillips. Anne and Wayne Phillips now live there. By this time the house had been converted into apartments.

In January 1973, Wayne and Anne Phillips conveyed the property in Mrs. Phillip's name.

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Soon this building will be torn down to make room for glimmering steel skyscrapers as progress progresses. Aren't buildings made to be torn down? I just want to say, "I won't forget you, dear old graceful mansion!"





QUEST

August 1968

By Maryjo Payne

Several times I have heard people refer to the square at the intersection of North College and West North streets as College Hill.

I was wondering how it got that name. Was there a college there at one time or what? — T. B., Decatur

In the early days of Decatur that hill, commonly known as The Mound, was used as public property. Civil War companies met there to organize, children used it for a playground and when the circus came, that's where it set up.

In the mid-1800s, Rev. William Crissey laid out the western addition to Decatur and platted the square with the object of establishing a Methodist college there.

His attempt to secure the college, however, failed. Provision was made in his offer that buildings be erected on the site within 10 years. No one was particularly interested in the college idea and the ground at that time was not considered to be very desirable so the offer went unheeded.

Rev. Crissey bequeathed the property to the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Illinois. There was no such society,

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and the property reverted to the heirs.

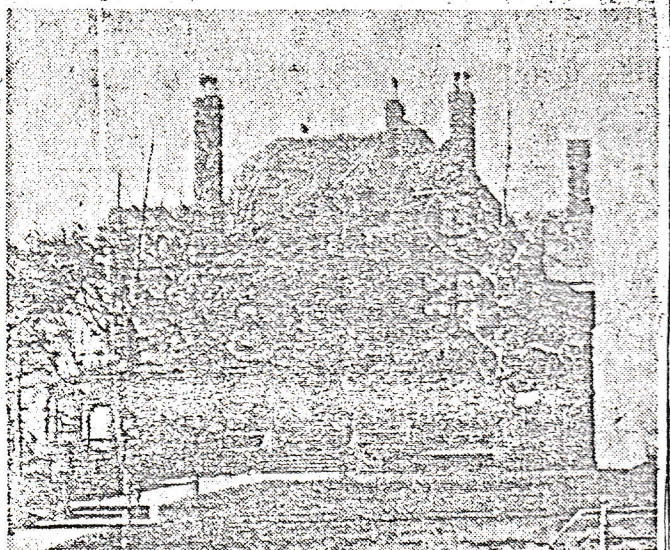
His effort to start the college is the apparent source of the name College Hill.

Before the houses were built on the hill, it was much higher than it is today. Considerable ground was taken off when the houses were erected in the early 1880s.

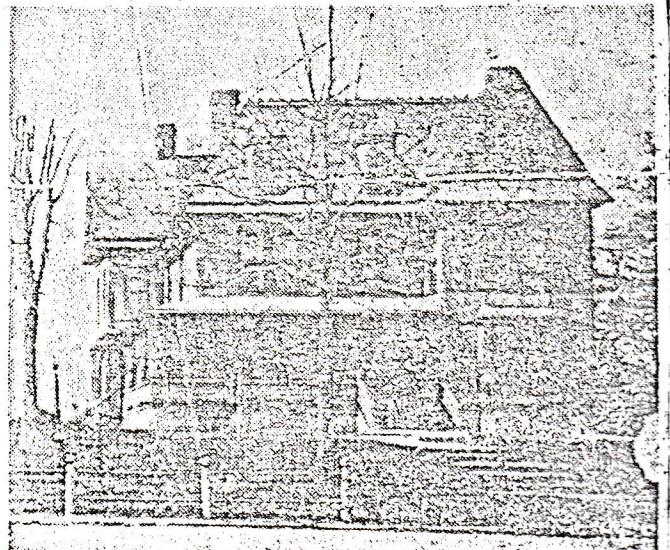
The two large houses which now are divided into apartments were built by William B. Chambers and William J. Quinlan, both members of the firm of Chambers, Bering & Quinlan.

The houses then looked much different than they do today as both were extensively remodeled by later owners. A. E. Staley purchased the south house — originally Quinlan's — in 1913 and altered the structure. The north house was remodeled by C. E. England who purchased it in 1915.

The England house was converted into apartments after it was sold in 1947, and the Staley house was converted in 1953.



The Quinlan house before A. E. Staley altered it.



The Chambers residence shown about the early 1900s.

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*Entries 2 & 3 are from the Records Office.

Unsolicited Comments of the Author's Father

1. Western Addition was actually platted March 19, 1839, recorded in Book H. Page 103. The February 2, 1891 date referred to by Janice was the date of the City Council meeting at which the Resurvey of College Square, creating the 13 foot boulevard, was adopted. That plat was recorded June 6, 1893.
2. College Square was not just an unofficial name given the block after the college attempt failed. It was the official designation of the area on the 1839 Plat of Western Addition.
3. "Soon" where used to describe when the old mansion will be torn down to make way for a new sky-scraper is, according to the author, only a relative term, and apparently based upon no present fact other than the example of other old architectural features which have been accepted into oblivion by the bulldozer's blade.

Daniel M. Moore, Jr.

This dwelling, which is on College Square and faces the Italian Villa style home, is to some degree an example of the "Stick" Style. The diagonal timbering which denotes the style is in the upper sections of the gables, and is somewhat hidden in the photograph by the trees. This style also appeared in the post-Civil War years and lingered into the last quarter of the nineteenth century. This structure is presently being preserved as an apartment house; representing an adaptive use which makes this landmark economically self-sustaining.



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As built by Quinlan, 1873

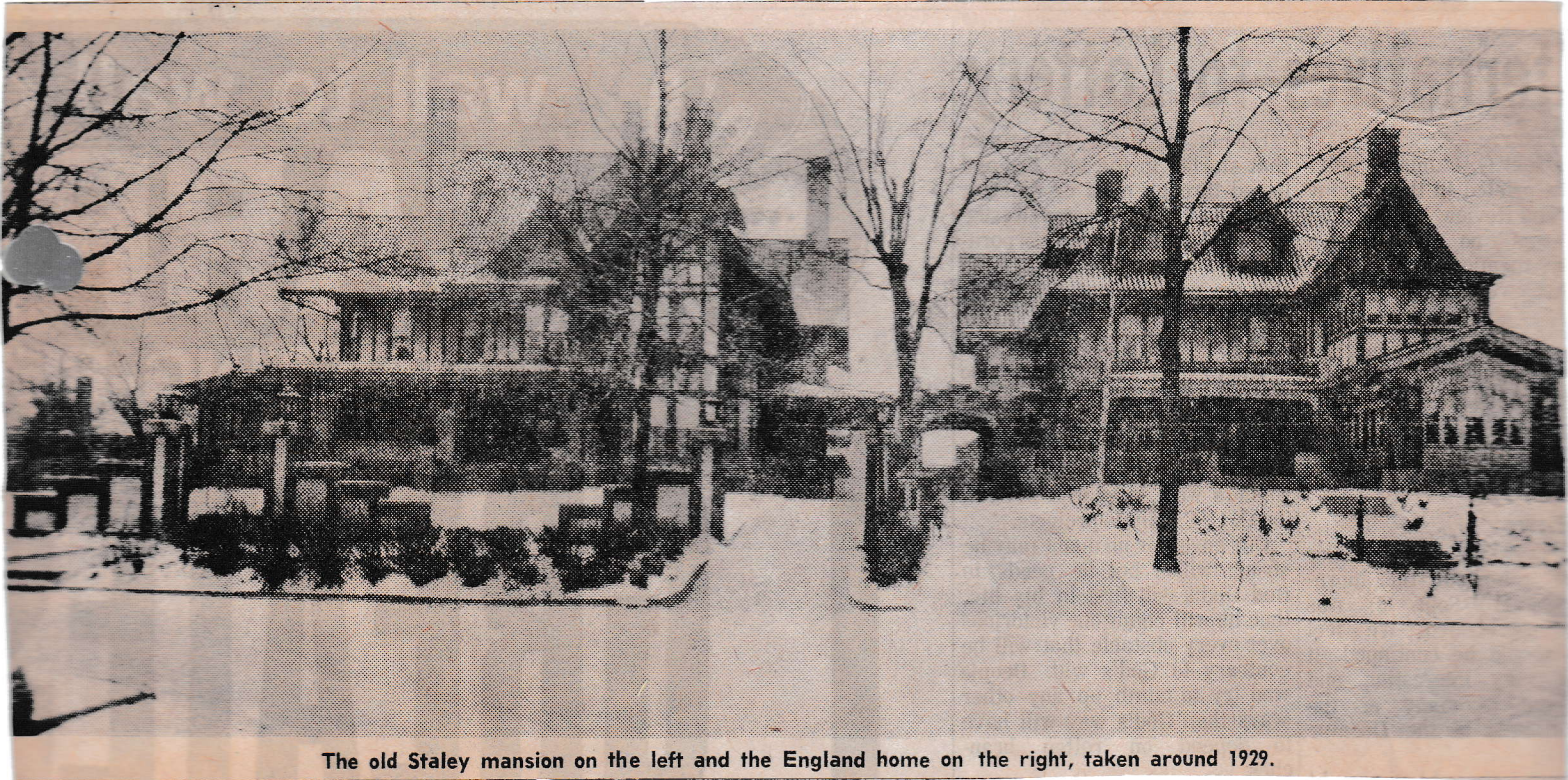


As remodelled by Staley in 1913

Decatur, Illinois, Sunday, September 8, 1974

2 Mansions Have Undergone Several Transformations

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The old Staley mansion on the left and the England home on the right, taken around 1929.

A. E. Staley Home on College Hill Given to Y. M. C. A. Building Fund



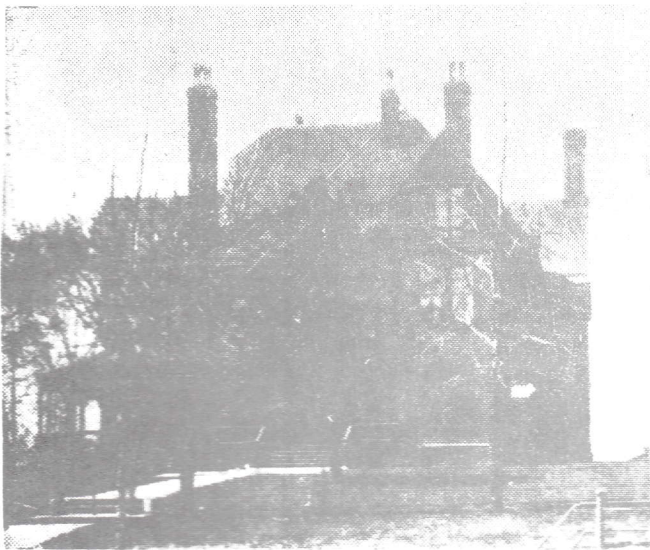
Mrs. Emma L. Staley has donated her College Hill mansion to the Y.M.C.A. building fund. 9/9/51



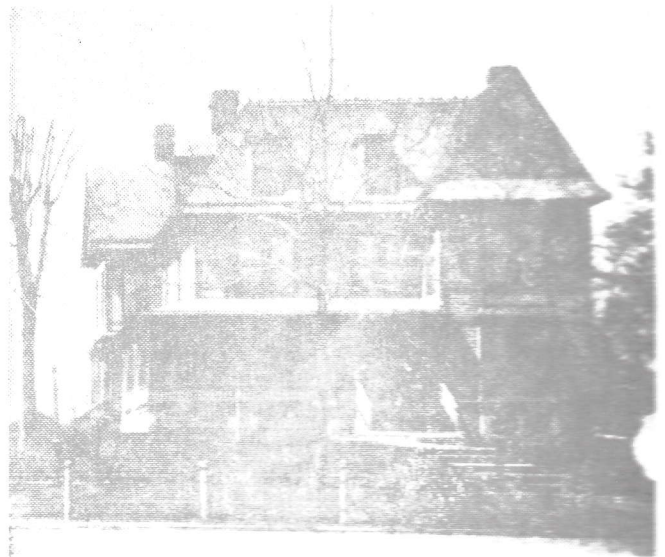
The 30-room A. E. Staley family home on College Hill, has been given by Mrs. Emma L.

Staley to the Decatur Y.M.C.A. Building fund. The property, with an estimated value of \$150,

000 will be offered for sale. (Herald and Review photo)

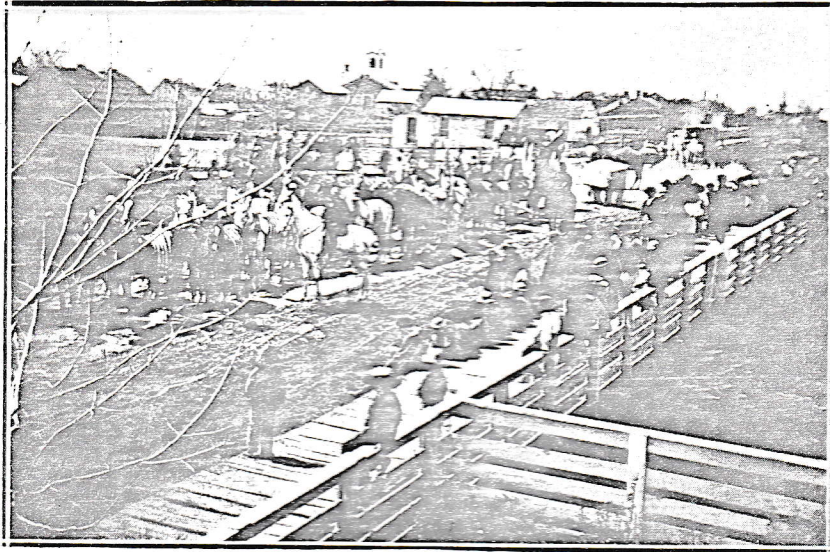


The Quinlan house before A. E. Staley altered it. 1/10/72



The Chambers residence shown about the early 1900s. 1/10/72

today, but they haven't forgotten the thrills of circus days in their boyhood. College hill was the circus grounds in those days. Circuses traveled altogether by wagon and teams, moving from one stand to another in the night.



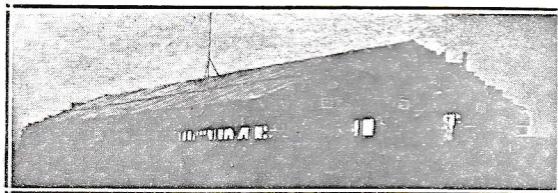
CIRCUS SCENE IN 1866

This picture was taken June 27, 1866, by Barnwell and Pitner, photographers.

The first state religious meeting in Decatur was in June, 1867, when the Illinois Sunday School association convention was held on College hill, as College square was then known.

Decatur had no hall big enough to accommodate such a gathering, so a tabernacle—the first of its kind in Decatur—was erected. It was made out of rough lumber, and seats were constructed by placing boards on wood blocks. The ground was covered with straw. The tabernacle was not enclosed at the sides.

This convention meant a great deal to the city. It was largely attended, people coming from all over the state. William Reynolds, the president of the association, was present, as was also B.



TABERNACLE ON COLLEGE HILL

*From Centennial History of Decatur and
Macon County, 1829-1929 by
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Publishing Company, Decatur, Ill. 1930*



DIGNITARIES WHO attended the first game played at Fans Field in 1927 included, from left, Judge Kenesaw

"Mountain" Landis, commissioner of baseball; A. E. Staley, L. J. Wylie and Clyde Foster, president of the Fans

Association. The other two men were presidents of Three I teams.

Fans Field Dedication Recalled

By Judy Tatham

The dedication of Fans Field on opening day, May 5, 1927 before 7,000 cheering spectators was the realization of a long dream for Decatur baseball fans.

The new \$50,000 park was the result of a successful subscription drive of a local citizens group, the Fans Association, which had organized in 1922 to support the Decatur Three I baseball team, the Commodores.

The formal dedication of the ball park was a truly festive occasion with bands playing, flags draping the box seats and prominent figures on hand.

Leading the guest list was the colorful commissioner of baseball, Judge Kenesaw "Mountain" Landis.

Landis, a former federal judge in Chicago, praised Decatur citizens for their support of the new park in a luncheon speaking engagement at the Hotel Orlean-

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do before the 3 p.m. game.

His appearance at the game was greeted by the largest ovation given guests during the day.

Other baseball figures on hand included William Veeck, president of the Chicago Cubs; Michael Sexton, president of the National Association of Minor Leagues; and L. J. Wylie, president of the Three I League.

A well known local figure was on hand and received the plaudits of the crowd. A. E. Staley was given a life-time pass to Commodore games because of his support of the team in the past five years.

It was Staley who made it possible for Decatur to enter the Three I League by providing a field near his plant for the games.

In 1925 Staley had agreed to delay expansion of plant facilities by not dismantling his ball park until a new one could be provided by the Fans Association.

Staley also pledged \$2500 to the new ball park's subscription drive.

Early controversy in the drive arose over which agency would be the governing body of the stadium after its completion.

A group of nine Decatur men not directly related to the Fans Association was selected to determine the location of a new ball park and its future management.

The group was headed by Wilson Bering and included A. E. Staley, J. A. Meriweather, George Flint, Dr. Mark E. Penney, J. D. Johnson, R. E. Henry, C. M. Borchers and Edward Powers.

After meeting with the Decatur Park Board, the group expressed a fear that politics might become involved with baseball if the Fans Association did not maintain its autonomous authority.

Various sites throughout the city were considered for construction of the new ball park. Support for a field near Nelson Park was strong, but this area was rejected due to its hilly terrain.

In August, 1926, the Fans Association authorized its president, Fred G. C. Knickerbocker to sign a lease for a tract of ground from the Powers family at the corner of Woodford Street and Garfield Avenue.

The land which was one summer sporting a crop of soybeans would within the next year be the site of the new \$50,000 ball park.

Dedication day was on a Thursday and many local merchants in an effort to assist the Fans Association draw a good crowd, closed their stores for the opening game.

Clouds threatened to rain out the big game, but the enthusiastic fans were not to be disappointed by a rain-out.

Basket of American beauty roses were given to each of the managers of the opposing teams. The Commodores' opponent for the day was Evansville.

Both teams marched to center field with the dignitaries to watch the unfurling of Old Glory and the playing of the national anthem by two local Decatur bands.

The Decatur High School band in its bright red jackets added to the color of the festivities.

There were only two oversights which marred the opening day ceremonies. The first was the fact that someone forgot to remind Judge Landis to throw out the first ball of the game. This had been the purpose in bringing the commissioner to the new ball park.

The second miscue was the failure of the Evansville team to play the role of patsys. The final score was Evansville 5, Decatur 3.

Another milestone in Decatur sport's history was reached in 1930 when the first night baseball game in Illinois was played at Fans Field.

Sportswriters from all over the state were at the park and proclaimed that night baseball would save minor league baseball.

Fans Field was sold for \$10,000 to a local baseball committee working in conjunction with the Association of Commerce. The park district was given the authority to operate the park at this time.

By Sally Burcham

One of the stately old mansions is being given a fresh coat of paint. The other has a "For Sale" sign in the yard.

Both, which are located at West North and North College streets, were once family dwellings for Decatur's socially prominent. Now, they have been divided into apartment houses for college students, young marrieds, and singles.

Long before either house stood on the North College Street location, the site was called the "Mound."

It was so known because its height was considerably greater than it is at present, and was visible for a long distance across the prairie.

For this reason, it was a famous rendezvous and general meeting place. If there was to be a wolf or a deer hunt, the "Mound" was the appointed spot of meeting.

Around 1829, however, an early Decatur minister, Rev. William Truman Crissey, wanted to have a Methodist college for young women built on the site.

The plot was first transferred from the government to William Hanks Jr. in 1829. Hanks in turn sold it to Crissey.

Crissey laid out the entire western addition to Decatur, and platted "College Square" with the object of establishing his Methodist college there.

The dream was never fulfilled, and when he died, he bequeathed the plot to the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Illinois.

There was no such society.

The dream of Rev. Crissey, to devote this property to the church, failed, and the land went to his heirs.

A temporary tabernacle was built on the site in June of 1867, and the Illinois Sunday School Association convention was held there.

It was the first state religious gathering in the city, and there was no building large enough to accommodate the crowds, hence the temporary building.

It was constructed of rough lumber. The sides were not enclosed and the ground was covered with straw. People from all over the state reportedly came to the meeting.

Then, for many years, the plot called "College Hill" was unoccupied, except for an occasional circus tent that dropped anchor there.

The property changed hands many times during this period, and was finally sold to W. J. Goulan and W. B. Chambers, who built the mansions that still occupy the hill.

When those houses were built, part of the mound was sliced off, and the site of much merry-making from the old days was gone from the Decatur scene.

The 20-room mansion that stands to the south at 361 N. College St. was built in the early 1880's at a cost of \$28,000.

It was sold first to W. H. Ennis in 1891. Then, in January of 1913, A. E. Staley bought the house from Mrs. Louise Ennis for about \$20,000.

Staley reportedly spent several thousand dollars remodeling the house that stands on a 240-by-120 foot lot.

In September, 1951, Mrs. Emma L. Staley donated the house and property to the Decatur YMCA. In turn, the Y sold the property to Roy Phillips, using the \$25,000 it received for their new YMCA building.

J. J. Swartz Co. purchased the home from Phillips in July, 1953, and converted it into 16 apartments. Ownership went back to Phillips in May, 1957.

The apartment house-mansion that stands beside it on the north was first owned by Silas Packard, according to records.

It was sold in 1916 to C. E. England, who practically rebuilt the house.

A sun parlor, music room,

living room, dining room, breakfast room and kitchen were located on the first floor.

The second floor boasted five bedrooms, three of which had their own sleeping porches. There was a bathroom to accompany each of the bedrooms.

The ballroom and a maid's apartment was located on the third floor, with an individual bath connected to the maid's bedroom.

At the rear of the house was added a three-car garage. The garage was made of rough-faced brick and stands at the right of the concrete drive which leads from the street.

The house was sold after Mrs. England's death to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stalain, who remodeled it into six apartments in 1947.

The cost of remodeling at the time was between \$20,000 and \$25,000. The house was appraised in excess of \$75,000.

The mansion is again for sale, and now has nine apartments. The asking price is \$119,000.

9/8/1974

DECATUR SUNDAY

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Widow of Founder

2/25/67

Mrs. Staley Sr. Dies in Florida

Mrs. A. E. (Emma Louise) Staley Sr., 91, widow of the founder of the A. E. Staley Mfg. Co., died at 2:20 a. m. today in Miami Beach, Fla.

Since the death of Mr. Staley in 1940, Mrs. Staley lived most of the time in their home in Miami Beach, Fla. For several years before that time, Mr. and Mrs. Staley lived in Florida during the winter months.

Mrs. Staley, the former Emma Louise Tressler, was a native of Bryan, Ohio. She attended the Chicago Conservatory of Music and later continued the study of piano at Peabody College, Baltimore, Md.

The special interests of Mrs. Staley, who shunned publicity, were in her home, her family and her music and writing. Until Mr. Staley's death, she was a constant companion and confidant of her husband, who, during the years of their marriage built one of the nation's largest corn and soybean processing businesses.

Mrs. Staley's favorite hobby was writing poetry. In 1939 members of the family had a book of her poems printed for close friends. Several of these poems have been published in Miami and other newspapers. One of her poems, entitled, "The Mountain," achieved prominence after it was used in a publication at Bryson City, N.C., in the heart of the Smoky Mountains. Continued interest in Mrs. Staley's book of poems required that a second edition be printed.

Paid Tribute

Mr. Staley often paid tribute to his wife for being instrumental in his success, and he valued her judgment.

In 1914 when Mr. Staley seemed faced with failure and his Decatur plant was closed, he seriously considered giving up his business and working for someone else. Mrs. Staley encouraged him to continue efforts to build the company which has his name.

Another decision of major importance had been made previously when Miss Tressler told the young baking powder and starch salesman that she would not marry him until he established a home.



Mrs. A. E. Staley Sr.

In 1909, he learned of the financial difficulties of the Wellington Starch Works in Decatur, and he bought the plant and developed plans for remodeling and expansion.

In 1914, at the outbreak of World War I, the business nearly failed, and the plant was shut down 14 months.

Although the family faced a financial crisis, Mrs. Staley agreed with him that he should keep trying. Refinancing brought the business from near ruin, and the plant was modernized and expanded. It continued to grow into the multimillion dollar business that is known today throughout the world.

His belief in the future of the soybean was backed by Mrs. Staley, and he became known throughout the world as "the father of the soybean industry."

Of this dream and its final outcome, Mrs. Staley composed a poem especially for her husband, who told friends that nothing had made him prouder of his accomplishments than the simple words:

He dreamed, and they laughed,
but their laugh he bore;

He built, and they laughed,

then he builded more.

But they do not laugh since
they know he made

Will o' the wisps become
staunch and true,

Since they know that a corner-
stone was laid

Without their wise, and with-
out their aid.

He dreamed, and his dreams
took goodly form,

And out of the mist a dream
child was born.

'Tis thus that some visions
from Heaven sent

Take shape as a living monu-
ment

When the heart is strong, and
the will is bent

On using the gifts that God
has lent.

Mrs. Staley loved the home
where her family grew up, but
her love of the simple things is
reflected in another poem she
wrote:

All through the years the sim-
ple things have clung

Close to my heart. A little
room whose eaves

Sloped low above my head.
From rafters hung

Sweet smelling herbs with
pungent, spicy leaves.

At night within my old four-
poster bed

I dreamed of days to come
when I might be

The mistress of a place where
life was led

Amid highpanelled walls and
luxury.

The ceaseless turning of Fate's
silent wheels

Has made those glamorous
dreams of youth come true,

Enshrined in steel and gran-
ite. Fortune wields

Her Midas touch. But when
the day is through,

I want that little room where
sweet herbs hung

Above my head—the simple
things I knew."

Mrs. Staley was born Aug. 26,
1875 in Bryan, Ohio, the daugh-
ter of Andrew J. and Emeline
Richardson Tressler.

She was married to A. E. Sta-
ley Sr. on Dec. 14, 1898 in Bry-
an, Ohio. Mr. Staley died Dec.
26, 1940.

Mrs. Staley is survived by
two sons, A. E. Staley Jr. of
Decatur and A. Rollin Staley of
Naples, Fla.; three daughters,
Ione Staley of New York City
and Miami Beach, Fla., Mary
Annan of Delray Beach, Fla.,
and Ruth Howell of Palm
Beach, Fla.; 11 grandchildren
and 3 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mrs.
Staley are incomplete at the
Dawson & Wikoff Funeral
Home. Burial will be in the
Fairlawn Mausoleum.

The family request no flowers.
Contributions may be made to
Decatur and Macon County Hos-
pital.

1229 Edward Stovall*
 1230 George C Norman
 1239 Wm Robinson
 1240 Frank M Cook*
 1244 Albert Norman
 1248 Philip Auwbrey
 1253 Reuben Murrell*
 1254 Wm H Norman jr
 1302 Wm H Norman
 1305 Jerry Covey
 1319 Roy E Lyons
 1351 Asa T Cottrell*
 1369 H Frank Duvall
 1370 Chelsea E Logue
 1375 Coll Carter*
 1385 Joseph Jackson
 1386 Louis W Moyer*
 1402 Joseph Fox*
 1403 L Franklin Boliard
 1410 Vacant
 1426 Arthur M Lozier*
 1433 Jesse O Chappell*
 1434 George E Hathaway
 1442 Francis L Hilton*
 1457 Heck Hayes*
 (rear) Alphonso M Sanders

COLLEGE—NORTH

North from 500 West Main

(Take West Main Cars 100 to 400; Edward
 Cars all north of 400)

139 Daniel H Bonus
 147 Fred M Dickinson
 240 Wm L Milne*
 245 John F Schroll*
 250 Owen Scott*
 259 Davis B Folrath*
 314 James A Garrison
 320 Allerton S Freeman*
 328 Mrs Mary L Freeman*
 355 J Arthur Keith
 361 August E Staley*
 401 Vacant
 421 Dr Melvin P Parrish*
 450 Vacant
 460 Wm H Dale*
 463 Wm H Wehrly
 505 Scott Gulliford
 515 Vacant
 519 Wilmor M Bright*
 Wm M Bullard
 531 J Wilson Morrison*
 543 Charles W Keyes*
 544 Thomas E Delaney*
 548 Mrs Marian Cuthbertson
 553 Mrs Fannie Lynch*
 Adam J Lynch
 Edgar N Six
 Edgar N Six**

735 Thomas F Byrne*
 738 Joseph H Myers*
 745 John L Van Dolah
 746 Nison Harrington
 C A Harshbarger
 756 Richard A Crouch
 759 George W Lyons*
 805 Dewitt C Corley*
 811 Mrs Almyra V McClure
 812 John P Drennan*
 819 Thomas M Silkwood
 825 James E Stumpf*
 826 Alfred A Thatcher*
 Mrs Pearl Hendricks
 835 Daniel Foran
 842 Miss Elva McCall*
 Miss Sallie J McCall
 845 Elias H Shimer*
 852 Mrs Mary J McGrue
 855 James O Henry
 869 Mrs Mary E Houck*
 875 Michael P Hayes*
 904 Emmett C Simpson
 905 George E Tolladay*
 Lester R Carder
 909 Louis H Billington*
 916 Elza Patterson
 Thomas Patterson
 919 Mrs Margaret Becker*
 925 Frank M Kile*
 926 Mrs Elizabeth P Gillis*
 933 Vacant
 938 Aaron Keller*
 944 Mrs Susan Westhafer*
 949 Heber H Caudill
 956 George E Johnson*
 959 Rex L Rees
 961 Robert T Priddy*
 968 Ralph F Whitehead
 977 John Priest*
 978 Albert L Jacobson*
 1004 H A Bridges*
 1005 Joshua J Collier*
 1013 Mrs Annie M Mettlen
 1014 Benton H Fonner
 1020 Mrs Callie N Russell*
 1025 Edgar K Kilpatrick*
 1034 Trusten Adams*
 1035 Charles H Pollock*
 1043 Charles E Edie*
 1045 Oscar B Cross
 1046 Walter A Drew
 1060 John E Freeland
 James A Butt*
 1064 G Roy Campbell
 1065 George A Sharrock
 Carl J Sharrock
 1068 Mrs Emma B Huskey*
 1075 Seventh Day Adventist Church
 1103 J F Shockey
 1104 Vacant

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Place with material on
421 N. College

The Herald.

THURSDAY, September 27, 1893.

ABOUT TOWN. 1893

New City Map—Ebel & Co. 274t

Order coal and stove wood by telephone No. 139. a5tf

The female mastedons will be the next attraction at the opera house.

Caldwell has the best sugar loaf Lehigh hard coal. Try it. s 26tf

V. Barber has a herd of fifteen Jersey cattle at the state fair in Chicago.

Chapped hands, face pimples, and rough skin cured by using Juniper Tar Soap by Cassell & Co. *Water, Dr. Will Barnes*

For stylish, well-made, well-trimmed and perfect-fitting clothing visit CHEAP CHARLEY.

China, Majolica, and glassware given away to purchasers of teas and coffees at Ban's Tea and Coffee Store. s27 lw

Cook stoves and heating stoves at cost and carriage for 30 days. Cash only. BACHMAN BROS.

Wedding was
Sept. 26, 1893

as reported
by Eleanor Barnes McMullen

(Mrs. C. A.)
Surv. Jan. 13, 1970
Mrs. McMullen
is a daughter

of Annie Chambers Barnes and Albert Barnes

of Annie Chambers Barnes and Albert Barnes

The Decatur Ice Co's telephone is No. 170. Orders either by mail or by telephone for the delivery of ice at your door will receive prompt attention. jy12tf

"Means and in corporate sense." "A sound mind in a sound body" is the trade mark of Almond's Brain Food, and we assure our readers of this it is counteracted with either weakness of the brain or bodily powers, this remedy will immediately strengthen both. At druggists.

I. D. Bensch, No. 744 East Eldorado Street, has a new line of boots and shoes for fall and winter. The best quality and prices available. s26 2w

A NOTEWORTHY WEDDING.

Marriage of Miss Annie Chambers, Eldest Daughter of Mayor and Mrs. W. B. Chambers, to Mr. Albert Barnes.

Miss Annie Chambers, eldest daughter of Mayor and Mrs. W. B. Chambers, was married at 8 o'clock last evening to Mr. Albert Barnes, junior member of the abstract and real estate firm of W. A. Barnes & Son. The ceremony was performed at St. John's Episcopal church.

THE MARRIAGE.

To the strains of the wedding march from Lohengrin, performed upon the organ by Prof. Albert Condell, the wedding party, preceded by the ushers, Messrs Otto E. Curtis and J. B. Dinges, marched down the central aisle of the church in the following order:

Mr. Will Barnes, the youngest brother of the groom and Miss Cora Chambers, the younger sister of the bride; John W. Clugston and Miss Mollie Barnes, the only sister of the groom; Ben. Z. Taylor and Miss Helen Andrews of Chicago, a-cousin of the bride, and Master Linn Barnes, a youthful cousin of the groom and little Jennie Chambers the youngest sister of the bride. On nearing the chancel the couples separated, the ladies passing to the right and the gentlemen to the left, forming two lines facing each other, between which the groom, accompanied by Mrs. W. B. Chambers, followed by the bride, Miss Annie Adele Chambers on the arm of her father, passed to the altar, where the groom received his bride, her parents standing on either side. The Rector of St. John's, the Rev. Walter H. Moore, celebrated the marriage, using the impressive ritual

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the organ pealed forth the inspiring strains of the Mendelssohn wedding march, and the bridal pair, moving between the lines of the attendants, passed out of the church, preceded by the ushers, and Linn Barnes and Jennie Chambers, who strewed flowers along their pathway. The attendants followed in the order in which they entered. The bridal party were then driven to the home of the bride's parents, on College Hill.

The party entered the parlors to the wedding march, discoursed by Goodman's orchestra, where they were speedily followed by the invited guests. The reception which followed was one of the most brilliant society events of the year.

The residence, which is one of the largest and handsomest in the city, was ablaze with light, and the artistic interior was rendered more lovely by the wealth of flowers on every hand. The east end of the north parlor was transformed into a bower of flowers, from the center of which hung a large horseshoe of white flowers, symbolic of "Good Luck." From this depended a floral cornucopia, emblematic of the peace and plenty of which good-luck is a necessary accompaniment. Under this bower of beauty, the bridal party stood to receive the congratulations of the assembled guests, who were afterward greeted by their host and hostess in the south parlor. Over the handsome cabinet mantle, in the same room, was a monogram of the families thus united, at either side of which was a heart of flowers. The other rooms of the house were lavishly decorated with plants and cut flowers, banks, vases, baskets and suitable signs.

THE TOILETTES.

The bride wore a fitted costume of the latest fashion, the color of the

Chicago, Mrs. Wm. Louty, Philadelphia, Pa., and Mrs. Robert M. Hamilton, Toledo, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes left last night for the east and north.

PERSONALIA.

H. Crea, esq., was in Sullivan yesterday.

Capt. T. J. Abel is in Chicago on business.

Will Roberts made Mattoon a flying visit yesterday.

Harry Bernard, agent of the Triality company, is in the city.

Harry Moore has returned from a trip to Washington City.

Al. Morgan has been wrestling with a violent attack of sickness.

Jas. Hawkins, of Lincoln, was visiting Decatur friends yesterday.

Mrs. Kathburn, of Washington, D. C., is the guest of Mrs. Nellie Brady.

City Attorney Mills was called to Mt. Zion yesterday, on legal business.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Downing, of Bethany, are guests at the St. Nicholas.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beall, on Tuesday, Sept. 25, '93, a son; weight, eleven pounds.

Patrick Graham, superintendent of the Niantic Coal Mining company, was in the city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hill have returned from a pleasant trip to Kansas City and other western points.

Geo. A. Brown, of this city, is in Mattoon, for the purpose of starting a

Mrs. Emma Mourie, of Mt. Pulaski, has been visiting friends here. She left yesterday for Harper, Kansas, where in future she will reside.

Mrs. J. M. Brown, of Romney, Ind., is visiting John A. Barnes and family. Their daughter, Maude, who has been spending the summer in Indiana, accompanied Mrs. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Ransom, of Springfield, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Al. Morgan, have gone to Mt. Pulaski to visit a week or longer, before returning to their home.

Mrs. Thos. H. Wingate, jr., accompanied by her sister Miss Rowe, will stay this morning for Quincy, where they will reside in future. Mr. Wingate is now messenger between Quincy and Chicago.

Charlie Dickenson, formerly Central yardmaster here, is visiting his old Decatur friends. Charlie, who now resides at Clinton, had a battle with foot ache while visiting in Centralia a few weeks ago, from which he emerged with a broken leg. The roughs escaped.

Excursion

to Southeastern Kansas and Southwestern Missouri, Tuesday, Oct. 2nd, over the W. St. L. & P. Ry to Kansas City, and from there over the Kansas City, Ft. Scott and Gulf Railroad to Baxter Springs, where, on the 4th, 5th, and 6th of October, will be mounted 1,500 Indians, of the following tribes: The Modoc, Seneca, Quapaw, Shawnee, Miami and Delaware, and the people of Col. D. B. Dyer, the Indian agent. They will give an exhibition of their various war dances, and exhibit their skill in riding. It is to be a grand Army of the Republic Re-union and Camp Fair and some

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THE REVIEW

THURSDAY, SEPT. 27, 1883.

Paragraphs

Work on the new City Directory commenced to-day.

State fair at Chicago has given and travel a boom this week.

Chain gang has succeeded in clearing the old square pretty clean.

New city map will be issued in connection with the city directory.

New postoffice has been established at Zenobia, Sangamon county.

Burnstead is putting grates in use and preparing for winter.

St. corn and other fresh vegetables are rapidly disappearing from market.

Female Mastodon Minstrels appear at the opera house Saturday evening.

New coat of paint has made a difference in the appearance of new Deming.

Book Demis was fined \$10 and by Squire Curtis yesterday.

... conduct.

... village this evening.

... not damage the

Chicago train has an hour

... for a place in the

... up the ghost.

... prevent the prisoners from

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... members of the Universalist

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field. The mine is in good trim, and expects to visit several neighboring towns before the season ends.

The Majiltons played their engagement at the opera house last evening to a good audience. It afforded all a good laugh, because it was "ludicrously funny," and all who have a good laugh in them, and enjoy a comedy burlesque, can be pardoned for letting it out when they witness "The Frolics of a Day," as presented by the Majiltons.

A quiet wedding occurred in colored circles last evening, the contracting parties being Mr. Lewis Steward and Miss Bertie Merrill, both of this city. The ceremony was performed at the residence of the bride's parents, in the presence of a number of friends and relatives of the couple. A delicious supper was served, and the guests showed their appreciation of it by partaking heartily.

The Taylorville papers boast of a business boom in that city, and assert that "dwellings and business houses are in demand—scarcely an empty house in town." After five years of prohibition, and a dullness in trade that drove a number of the leading business men to other places, a "rum mayor and council" was elected last spring, and saloon licenses were granted. Can it be possible that the change has anything to do with the prosperity that Taylorville is now enjoying, or is it only the result of good crops?

Mr. M. J. Malone, a clerk in the dry goods establishment of Messrs. Linn & Sprague, met with a quite

He was engaged in putting goods on a high shelf, when he either lost his footing, or he would have given way, and he fell, spraining his leg. He will be laid up for a few days.

P. D. & E. will run a line of passenger cars, Nebraska, on the 11th of next month. People will be particular to notice that these cars will run on Thursday instead of Tuesday.

The result is crowded trains and poor accommodations, and go on the same dates, October 4th and 11th, and have plenty of room and good solid comfort. Any one by inquiring of Mr. Thos. Peniwell by mail or in person, will receive full particulars in regard to rates, etc.

A sad accident occurred on the C. T. & St. L. railroad, near Stewartson, Shelby county, on Sunday night. Three freight trains pulled out from

WEDDING BELLS

Marriage of Mr. Albert Barnes and Miss Annie Adele Chambers, at St. John's church last evening.

BARNES-CHAMBERS.—On Wednesday evening, September 26th, at St. John's Episcopal church, by Rev. Walter H. Moore, Mr. Albert Barnes and Miss Annie Adele Chambers, both of this city.

The ceremony took place at 7 o'clock p. m. The church was tastefully and beautifully decorated with flowers, and the altar appropriately garlanded for the occasion.

While the music of the Wedding March, from Lohengrin, was performed upon the organ by Mr. Albert Condell, the wedding party marched down the aisle, preceded by the ushers, Messrs. A. E. Curtis and J. B. Dingess.

Mr. William Barnes, the youngest brother of the groom, and Miss Cora Chambers, sister of the bride, led the procession. They were followed by Mr. John W. Clingston and Miss Mollie Barnes, sister of the groom; Mr. Ben. Z. Taylor and Miss Helen Andrews, of Chicago, a cousin of the bride; and Master Linn Barnes, a cousin of the groom, and Miss Jennie Chambers, the youngest sister of the bride; Mr. Albert Barnes, the groom, with the mother of the bride, and the bride, Miss Annie Adele Chambers, on the arm of her father. As the party approached the altar the couples separated, the ladies passing to the right and the gentlemen to the left. The groom received the bride from her father at the altar—the parents standing on either side. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Walter H. Moore, rector of St. John's parish, with his usual impressiveness.

Mr. Barnes and wife left the church to the inspiring strains of the Mendelsohn Wedding March, passing between the lines of attendants, preceded by the ushers and Jennie Chambers and Linn Barnes, who scattered flowers in their pathway. They were followed by the attendants in the order of their entering, and all drove to the residence of the bride's parents, on College Hill, where they were quickly joined by a large number of invited guests, and held a brilliant reception.

Mr. Chambers' house, one of the finest in the city, was brilliant with hospitable lights, and the interior was beautifully and elegantly decorated with flowers of all kinds. At the east end of the north parlor was a bower of autumn flowers and evergreens, from the center of which hung a large horse shoe of white flowers, emblematic of the good luck to follow this goodly pair. From this depended a cornucopia, the emblem of peace and plenty, without which there is no wedded bliss. Under this bower of beauty stood the entire bride party to receive the congratulations of their friends, who were afterward

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The unfinished first floor of Mr. W. J. Quinlan's large house, so closely adjoining the Chambers' residence, was utilized as supper rooms, and tables beautifully set and decorated, were spread for the entire large company. A firm of caterers from St. Louis, Messrs. Preiss & Brooker had the entire charge of this portion of the entertainment, and furnished a very elaborate supper most beautifully served.

The guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chambers from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Gilles, of Mendota; Mr. and Mrs. S. E. King, Miss Gertrude King and Mr. Wm. W. Nash, of Ottawa, Ill.; Mrs. M. S. Andrews, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Wm. Lowry, Philadelphia, Pa.; and Mrs. Robt. M. Hamilton, Toledo, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnes left last night for points east and north.

SAD ACCIDENT.

The Falling of a Bridge Kills One Man and Seriously Injures Another.

While workmen were engaged in repairing what is known as the Cow Ford bridge, which spans the Sangamon river about two miles southeast of this city, yesterday afternoon, one of the spans or bents gave way and fell into the river below, carrying down with it two of the men employed. Wm. Ross, one of the workmen, had his leg badly fractured, and was otherwise very seriously injured. He was placed in a passing wagon soon after the accident, and conveyed to his home some two miles north of Decatur, where Drs. Chenoweth were called and rendered the necessary surgical aid.

John Hemming, who lives near the scene of the disaster, was carried down by the falling bridge, or knocked from his position by it, and being precipitated in the river below, the bridge fell upon him, and his body has not been recovered. That he is under the bridge seems to admit of no doubt, and it is so sunken in the water that it will have to be taken apart or in pieces and removed before the body of the missing man can be recovered.

When word reached the city that the fatal catastrophe had occurred, Coroner Bendure with a number of men proceeded to the scene, arriving there about seven o'clock, only to learn that they could do nothing looking toward a recovery of the unfortunate victims remain until Monday, when a heavy force of workmen will institute the search in the best and most speedy manner that can be devised. Has it not been for the assistance of several men, Ross would also have been drowned. He is nearly overcome when

See reverse side for evidence of incorrectness of date of construction of this house at 361 N. College

1883 not 1876.

...the books from Washington were not received.

O. B. FARRINGTON is always on the move. He is the *deus ex machina*—sleepless because he is busy making sales of those celebrated Haines Bros. pianos that the people will have.

FINE roast beef lunch every day, from 9 to 12, at Dan's Bank. *Sept 11th*

Mr. OAKES of this city, has been awarded the contract for repairing the Platt county jail, at Monticello. His bid was \$1,275, while that of the Hoffman Bros., of Monticello, was \$1,150, but Oakes got the job, at which the *Herald* of Monticello, raises a howl of dissatisfaction. Probably the committee of the county board knew what they were doing.

THE ladies of the First M. E. church will give one of their monthly sociables and festivals in the parlors of their church on next Thursday evening, Sept. 27th. Oysters, coffee and other refreshments of the season served at 5 o'clock and during the evening. Everybody go and help to give their new minister a grand reception. Admission 10 cents. *24th*

GENUINE SUGAR loaf Lehigh hard coal at F. D. Caldwell's. *Sept 25-th*

Mrs. A. M. BLACK, residing at the corner of West Eldorado and Union streets, received an unexpected call from about forty of her friends Tuesday night. It was a "pound" surprise party. Mrs. Black was presented with an elegant hanging lamp and various useful articles. All passed a pleasant evening at the home.

Go to Prescott's at once if you wish to rest as organ. *25-th*

A talent audience greeted Prof. Rowbury at the tab. last night, when he delivered his second free lecture, the subject of which was "Thomas Paine." To-night he will talk of "The Church."

When symptoms of malaria appear in any form, take Ayer's Ague Cure at once. It prevents the development of the disease, and restores and builds up the system, as it surely will be by the use of this remedy. It is a safe and warranted in every instance. It is a cure for the Ague.

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city, were displayed in an upper room. Solid silverware, bric-a-brac, pictures and rare books, included in addition to articles more absolutely indispensable.

The costumes worn by the ladies were unusually elegant, many of them being prepared especially for this occasion. The interest, however, centres with the dresses worn by the bride and her attendants, and which were about as follows:

The bride wore a dress of rich white Ottoman silk. The trained Princess back was quite plain except for a triple ruche, which finished it around the bottom. The sides and front of the skirt were covered with flounces of exquisite Spanish Guipure lace of a rare quality, and the front of the corsage cut *a la Modjeska* was trimmed with lace matching the flounces, and the long, close sleeves were made of this same lace. She wore the conventional veil and orange blossoms, her only jewelry being solitaire diamond earrings, the gift of the groom. The simple elegance of this costume added to the delicate beauty of the bride.

Miss Cora Chambers wore a demi-trained dress of pale pink silk, the front of the skirt and the square corsage being trimmed with Oriental lace. Tinted crushed roses, white gloves and fan, and small basket of macchade completed this ensemble, the simplicity of which was so befitting a debutante.

Miss Mollie Barnes wore a demi-trained dress of cream colored satin, welling, very elaborately made, and trimmed with gilt embroidered tulle, cascade of lace and satin ribbons. She wore the "Prince Albert" cluster of white ostrich feathers at the square corsage and a smaller cluster in her hair, and carried a basket of crimson rosebuds.

Miss Helen Andress' costume was of pale blue satin welling, demi-trained, and was trimmed with gilt open-work embroidery of the same color. The embroidery outlined a waist on the waist, under which was a full ruche of Oriental lace. Jaquemart roses were at her belt, and she carried a basket of them in her hand.

Miss Jennie Chambers wore a little cream-colored silk dress and sash. Spanish lace ruffles were on the skirt, and the long puffed and short sleeves were of the same. Cream-colored silk hose and satin slippers and white kid gloves finished the costume, and this small maid carried a basket of cream white rose buds.

The bride's mother was attired in a trained dress of royal purple satin mermaid-cut, combined with brocaded velvet of the same shade and satin of a delicate texture. She wore purple dahlias at her square corsage which was trimmed with silk lace.

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company of North America, for which Boyd Braden is the local agent. His benefits while disabled will be at the rate of \$7.50 each week. In case of his death, his family will receive \$500.

A Uniform Degree Camp.

The Decatur Odd Fellows will be unusually agitated to-morrow because of a purposed "addition" to the order locally. It is the purpose to organize a Uniform Degree Camp of twenty members, which will be the highest rank it is possible to attain by any of the members in the degrees in Decatur. The work will be done in Celestial Lodge to-morrow night, by Mr. George Akins, of Nashville, Ill., grand patriarch of the state, assisted by Gen. J. C. Smith, grand scribe, A. Orendorf, grand representative, and by about twenty-five members of Uniform Degree Camp No. 14, who will come here from Danville. None of the local Odd Fellows are eligible to receive this degree except those who have passed to the top of the ladder. The uniforms for the new degree are at Ehrman's, and they are very handsome. Visiting brethren from Monticello and Paris are expected to arrive to-morrow.

More Standard Bred Trotting Horses for Decatur.

Mr. R. R. Montgomery has purchased of Mr. A. M. Stader of Peoria, who is one of the most noted breeders of trotting stock in the West, "Durango King," a fine large brown colt sired by "Durango," a horse that is better known than any horse of his age in this country. His owner, Mr. Stader, values him at \$25,000. The dam of "Durango King" was the great road and trotting mare, "Gulnare," that sold for \$2,700, and which is also a standard bred mare. Also one other colt which Mr. Montgomery has christened "Decatur Chief." He is also sired by Durango; his dam, Lady Lightland, was by Ashland; he by Mambrino Chief. His grand-dam was Maria Wood, by Rysdyk's Hambletonian; great-grand-dam a daughter of old Abdallah, the sire of Rysdyk's Hambletonian. These colts are pronounced by competent judges to be as fine in breeding, form and color as anything in this country. In other words, they are strictly *gilt-edged*. Mr. Montgomery would like his friends and those interested to call and see him.

TUESDAY night late, Mrs. Thomas Truxell, living in the third story apartments on Merchant street, took an overdose of morphine, and came near dying. Her husband, greatly alarmed, hunted about for a physician, but failed to find one. He went to the home of Overseer Newell, who told Truxell to give his wife coffee and walk her about. He did so, but it took several hours to get the woman out of danger.

The burglars are getting desperate. Last night the room occupied by W. Keker, a rag-picker, in the rear of W. J. Myers' grocery store, corner of Broadway and Mason streets, was broken into, and \$3.75, all the money the man had, was taken away, together with a supply of bread for breakfast.

MISS MOLLY CHIU, at No. 159 North Water street, is home from Chicago with a magnificent line of new millinery goods, and all the latest novelties so pleasing to the eyes of the ladies. Call and see the display and learn low prices. *26th St*

... J. Allen Whyte, of Slayton Lyceum Bureau, is in the city to friends. His business here is to organize a Decatur branch of the Musical College.

Geo. W. Downing is in the city this noon. Geo. has been in the city with the chills during the past week but he will fill his engagement at Decaturville Oct. 2, just the same.

Lincoln Journal: Gov. and family are in Chicago visiting. Returning, Mrs. Oglesby will attend eastern trip, visiting principal cities.

D. L. Bunn and I. Baldwin, Decatur delegates to the 46th convention of Illinois Universalists at Springfield, this week. J. B. Gibb, pastor of the church, present.

The Frank Majilton comedienne appeared at the opera house before a fair-sized audience. Her laughable entertainment. Five situations were quite ridiculous. Comedy is of the early English (whatever that is), and seen by the audience hugely, particularly gallery gods.

Lehigh Coal. I have a few cars of gen coal. It is dry, bright, and from slate. *R. McCarty Sept. 22, dtl*

MARRIAGE. In this city, on Sept. 25, 1883, by Rev. J. H. Lewis Steward and Miss M. B. Hill, both of Decatur.

A company of invited guests attended the ceremony, which took place at the residence of the bride's parents, Decatur street, and all parties did wedding repast. They reside on South Broadway.

Just Received. New and handsome carpet elegant assortment of carpets. LINN & SCRIBBERS. *Jan 1884*

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH

Closing quotations at Chicago Commission Rooms at 2 p. m.

	Opening.	Highest.
WHEAT—		
October	95 1/4	91 1/4
November	97 1/2	97 1/2
December	99 1/4	99 1/4
CORN—		
September	49 1/4	49 1/4
October	49 1/2	49 1/2
November	48 1/4	48 1/4
OATS—		
September	27 1/4	27 1/4
October	27 1/2	27 1/2
November	26 1/4	26 1/4
POKE—		
October	10.25	10.25
November	10.25	10.25
LARD—		
October	7.50	7.50
November	7.50	7.50
UNION		
HOGS— Estimated		
—: light hogs, \$4.00		
\$4.25; heavy, \$4.00		
CAR LOTS— Winter		
157: Corn, 50; Oats, 40		
WHEAT— <i>Sept 25</i>		
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1876!!



A. E. Staley Home on College Hill Given to Y. M. C. A. Building Fund

Value Placed At \$55,000 9/9/51

The A.E. Staley family home on College Hill has been given by Mrs. Emma L. Staley to the Decatur Y.M.C.A. building fund.

Announcement of the gift was made yesterday by Mrs. Staley's son, A.E. Staley, Jr., president of the A.E. Staley Mfg. Co.

"My mother has decided to give the old family home on College Hill to the 'Y' campaign," Mr. Staley said, "because it may help those running the fund campaign to reach the goal necessary for the building's completion."

MRS. STALEY'S gift also will include the furnishings of the 30-room house.

O. A. Sanks, president of the Y.M.C.A. board of directors, said the house and furnishings will be sold as soon as possible to provide cash for the "Y" building now under construction at the corner of Church street and Prairie avenue. Mr. Sanks said the value of the Staley gift has been estimated at \$55,000.

The transaction with Mrs. Staley for the gift of her home to the "Y" was handled by P. H. Sproat, Decatur realtor. Mr. Sproat also will be the agent for the sale of the Staley property.

"IT IS DIFFICULT to adequately express the feeling of appreciation and gratitude of everyone interested in the future of the Y.M.C.A. for the generous gift received from Mrs. Staley," Mr. Sanks said.

"The money derived from the gift will be of tremendous help in raising the additional money needed to complete the building free of debt.

"Another factor in Mrs. Staley's gift is the encouragement and challenge it gives to the men and women who have been working so hard on this community project. It is our sincere hope that others will be encouraged to follow the leadership of Mrs. Staley, the Staley company, the James Millikin estate and others who have made contributions of large amounts, and give proportionately to assure the completion of a modern Y.M.C.A. building for Decatur.

"EVERY MEMBER of the Y.M.C.A. board joins me in expressing our sincere thanks to Mrs. Staley and members of her family who made this gift possible."

The Staley residence is on a 240 by 120-foot lot—half of a squared area occupied by two large homes at the intersection of West North and North College streets.

The Staley home with its 30 rooms has 13 fireplaces, five baths and is heated either by its own hot water stoker unit or by city heat mains.

Also on the lot, behind the residence, is a large garage with a complete apartment above the auto storage room.

THE RESIDENCE has a 100-foot-long sunroom that circles across the south side of the first floor. A butler's pantry, located off the kitchen, is tiled. There is a room-service system throughout the house that registers on a call-box in the kitchen.

Two studies, a living room, a dining room and a bath surround a large entrance hall on the first floor.

There are six bedrooms on the second floor and five bedrooms on the third floor. The third floor also has a ballroom. There are numerous built-in closets and special-purpose rooms throughout the building.

While the house is completely furnished, it has been occupied only infrequently during the last 10 years. Mrs. Staley has been living most of the time in Florida. A.E. Staley, Sr., died in December of 1940.

Staley Purchased Home, Remodeled It in 1913

The A.E. Staley family home on College Hill, donated yesterday to the Y.M.C.A. building fund, was purchased by the late A.E. Staley Sr., and extensively remodeled in 1913.

At the time Mr. Staley bought the house from the William Ennis estate, he described it as the answer to a dream.

Mr. Staley, before the turn of the century, had been coming to Decatur as a salesman for the Royal Baking Powder Co. He stayed at the St. Nicholas hotel and frequently went for walks around town.

THESE WALKS, he recounted, often took him to the College Hill vicinity and around the "Mound." He admired the Ennis home and thought that someday he would like to live in a place like that.

A 1921 newspaper clipping quotes Mr. Staley concerning these Decatur selling trips:

"Very frequently I spent Sunday here and I liked to walk about the town after having read my Sunday morning paper and my favorite walk was out West North street to College hill where I would walk around the big house there, then occupied by the Ennis family."

"I would go around to the stable and watch the men curry and

brush up the horses and wash the carriages and I would often look at the house, admiring its setting and wondering if I could ever own a home like that.

"I WAS A YOUNG salesman who could not then have bought the shingles on the roof."

"The Mound" on which the Staley house is located was owned 100 years ago by Rev. William S. Crissey, a Methodist minister, who came to Decatur from the East in 1834.

Mr. Crissey, in platting his land, set aside the top of a hill for the site of a college. He intended to give it to the Methodist church if the church would provide money for a building. Nothing came of the intention but the name, "College Hill," remained.



Jan. 12, 1972
By Maryjo Payne

Several times I have heard people refer to the square at the intersection of North College and West North streets as College Hill.

I was wondering how it got that name. Was there a college there at one time or what? — T. B., Decatur

In the early days of Decatur that hill, commonly known as The Mound, was used as public property. Civil War companies met there to organize, children used it for a playground and when the circus came, that's where it set up.

In the mid-1800s, Rev. William Crissey laid out the western addition to Decatur and platted the square with the object of establishing a Methodist college there.

His attempt to secure the college, however, failed. Provision was made in his offer that buildings be erected on the site within 10 years. No one was particularly interested in the college idea and the ground at that time was not considered to be very desirable so the offer went unheeded.

Rev. Crissey bequeathed the property to the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Illinois. There was no such society,

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and the property reverted to the heirs.

His effort to start the college is the apparent source of the name College Hill.

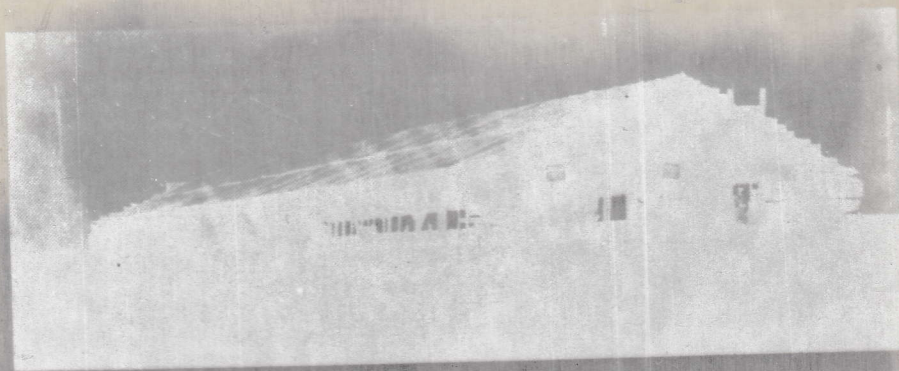
Before the houses were built on the hill, it was much higher than it is today. Considerable ground was taken off when the houses were erected in the early 1880s.

The two large houses which now are divided into apartments were built by William B. Chambers and William J. Quinlan, both members of the firm of Chambers, Bering & Quinlan.

The houses then looked much different than they do today as both were extensively remodeled by later owners. A. E. Staley purchased the south house — originally Quinlan's — in 1913 and altered the structure. The north house was remodeled by C. E. England who purchased it in 1915.

The England house was converted into apartments after it was sold in 1947, and the Staley house was converted in 1953.

Decatur, Illinois, Sunday, April 26, 1964.



College Hill Tabernacle: sermons on the Mound

Decatur Diary

Our First Convention Hall

By Michael K. Burns
Of the Herald and Review Staff

Recent efforts to build a convention center for Decatur brought to mind the city's first convention hall, hastily erected in 1867 to accommodate the Illinois Sunday School Association.

Since there was no structure large enough to hold the crowds at the convention, a tabernacle or pavilion had to be constructed. It was built of rough lumber with straw covering the dirt floor. The sides were not enclosed and seats were formed by placing boards between blocks of wood.

The make-shift surroundings did not deter the association from having a successful meeting, according to the recollections of those who attended. Hundreds of laymen from all over the state came to the four-day event but no actual attendance figures were reported. It was the first state religious meeting held in Decatur.

The Mound had always been a popular meeting place and continued to be, although the convention hall was torn down after the Sunday School meeting. Children used the spot as a playground. Several Civil War companies had organized on the hill. Deer or wolf hunts frequently had their start on that prominent bump of ground.

Traveling circuses held their opening shows there and later drew as many spectators as attended the convention.

Today it is known as College Hill or College Square as the result of an attempt to establish a Methodist college for women there. Rev. William S. Crissey, who founded the First Meth-

odist Church in Decatur, offered the land for the college if buildings were erected in 10 years.

No one thought much of the offer and when the Rev. Mr. Crissey died he willed the property to the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

However, there was no organization of that name and the property reverted to the heirs. After the minister's death, the Mound began to be called College Hill.

The hill was apparently much higher then than it is today. When William B. Chambers and William J. Quinlan purchased the land in the 1880's, they leveled

off a great deal of the land.

With its top chopped off, College Hill lost its prominent place on the Decatur horizon and was surrounded by a one-way street complex. And the Sunday School never did grow into a college.

August 2, 1975. Charlotte Meyer talked with Mrs

Anne Phillips, owner of 361 North College, on this date, regarding the date of construction of her house, and how the date given in Janice Moore's paper on the house was arrived at. She indicated that Janice Moore's father, Attorney Dan Moore secured the data from their abstract. (Janice Moore's paper was used as one resource in writing up the Jordan - Ennis - Starup house.)

August 9, 1975 - In telephone conversation with Mrs. Helen England Penhalligan, there was discussion of the extensiveness of remodeling of the house at 401 N. College done by her father, C. E. England, in 1916. The paragraph from the Dec. 31, 1916 Decatur Review was read to her: "The house has practically been rebuilt, only the foundation and basement showing traces of the older residence which formerly stood there. The grounds themselves have been transformed. The lawn has been planted with shrubbery, a formal garden has been built in the rear of the house and the lawn has been terraced." ... She indicated this to be a correct statement, that her father had spent \$75,000 on the house after purchasing it. Although the lines of the house are the same, even the foundation was re-done. He added three sleeping porches, a sunroom and a breakfast room to the area ^{occupied} by the previous house.