

# VILLAGE OF LOMBARD HISTORICAL COMMISSION

## --- APPLICATION FOR LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION ---

LANDMARK SITE

LANDMARK DISTRICT

### PROPERTY INFORMATION

Address of Subject Property: 215 SOUTH STEWART, LOMBARD

P.I.N. No(s): 06-08-125-004 Area of Property (in acres): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Construction: 1907 Architect: UNKNOWN Builder: HARRY LEFFINGWELL

### OWNER INFORMATION

Owner(s) of Property: BRIAN & EILEEN ANDERSON Phone No.: 630-268-1830

Mailing Address: 215 S. STEWART, LOMBARD Fax No.: 630-893-4901

City: LOMBARD State: IL Zip Code: 60148 Email: BANDER9989@AOL.COM

### APPLICANT INFORMATION (IF DIFFERENT FROM PROPERTY OWNER)

Applicant Name: SAME Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax No.: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship of applicant to property: \_\_\_\_\_

I request that the property for which this application is submitted be considered for recognition as a local landmark based upon the following criteria, as set forth in Section 32.079 of the Village Code (check all that apply):

The character, interest, or value as part of the development, heritage, or cultural characteristics of the village.

The identification with a person or persons who significantly contributed to the cultural, economic, social, or historical development of the village.

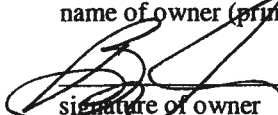
The architectural significance of a building which is at least 50 years of age and is a good example of a specific architectural style containing distinctive elements of design, detail, materials, or craftsmanship, or is an example of a style which had an impact on the community. Such a building must retain much of its original architectural integrity.

The archeological importance of a site which has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in pre-history or history.

ALL INFORMATION ON THIS APPLICATION, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, IS TRUE AND CORRECT:

BRIAN ANDERSON  
name of owner (printed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
name of applicant (printed)

  
signature of owner

1-5-12  
date

\_\_\_\_\_  
signature of applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
date

# VILLAGE OF LOMBARD

## HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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#### APPLICATION PROCESS

The Historical Commission meets on the third Tuesday of January, April, July, and October. **Applications for local landmarks (including all supporting documentation) must be submitted to the Community Development Department at least three weeks in advance of the meeting date.** After receiving an application, the Commission will make a preliminary conclusion if a site meets one or more of the criteria for designation. If one or more criteria are deemed to be met, the Commission will schedule a public hearing. This public hearing will generally be conducted within three to five weeks following the preliminary conclusion. Following the public hearing, the Historical Commission will then have a follow-up meeting and forward its recommendation to the Village Board. The Village Board has the final authority to approve or disapprove local landmark applications. Due to the four necessary public meetings, the entire process can be expected to take approximately three to five months (depending on when the application is submitted).

#### SAMPLE APPROVAL TIMELINES

<b>Application submitted:</b>	<b>September - December</b>	<b>December - March</b>	<b>March - June</b>	<b>June - September</b>
Historical Commission meeting (for preliminary conclusion):	3rd Tuesday in January	3rd Tuesday in April	3rd Tuesday in July	3rd Tuesday in October
Public hearing:	February	May	August	November
Historical Commission meeting (for recommendation):	February	May	August	November
Village Board consideration:	March	June	September	December

#### SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

The following documentation must be completed and submitted to the Community Development Department a minimum of **three weeks prior** to the initial Historical Commission meeting:

- Completed Application for Local Landmark Designation, signed and including all requested information.
- One copy of a *PLAT OF SURVEY* and *LEGAL DESCRIPTION* for the subject property.
- Narrative information explaining the property's historical significance and architectural features, as well as specific details on how the property meets one or more of the following criteria:
  - The character, interest, or value as part of the development, heritage, or cultural characteristics of the village.
  - The identification with a person or persons who significantly contributed to the cultural, economic, social, or historical development of the village.
  - The architectural significance of a building which is at least 50 years of age and is a good example of a specific architectural style containing distinctive elements of design, detail, materials, or craftsmanship, or is an example of a style which had an impact on the community. Such a building must retain much of its original architectural integrity.
  - The archeological importance of a site which has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in pre-history or history.
- Additional documentation, plans, or photographs.

#### AFTER APPROVAL

The Historical Commission will assist the property owner in scheduling the installation of the bronze "Local Landmark" plaque. Prior to undertaking any alterations to a landmark site (regardless of whether or not the alterations require a building permit), the property owner must receive a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Historical Commission. The Certificate of Appropriateness must be requested in writing at least three weeks in advance of the desired Historical Commission meeting date and must be accompanied by a detailed description and/or building plans for the proposed alterations.

When we first moved to Lombard we wanted to learn as much as we could about the local history. One of the first books we bought was *Footsteps On The Tall Grass Prairie*. One of the homes written about was Harold Gray's house on 215 S. Stewart Ave. Prior to buying the home, my wife and I lived 5 doors away on the 100 block of Stewart Ave. Whenever friends or family would come over we would always point to the little known house and tell them who lived there.

In 2001, we were lucky enough to be able to purchase the home. We bought it the day it was listed on the market. We loved the arts and crafts style and the historic value of the home.

Preserving an older home is not for the faint of heart; it is a labor of love. Our goal upon buying the home was to restore it back to its original glory and create a home for our four daughters, both of which we were able to do.

As soon as we bought the house we started researching additional information about the past owners. Harold Gray, being the most famous, lived here between 1922 and 1927. Another interesting find was a Christmas card from Doris and Harold Gray; we believe is from 1922. It was a hand drawn picture of their home at 215 S Stewart titled "The Little Gray Home in the West". The inside of the card contained a song written about the house and even mentions our town by name, Lombard.

Our home continues to offer up bits and pieces of history. During an interview for a local home walk in 2009 we discovered another Christmas card drawn and sent by Harold and Doris Gray. It is a copy of their 1924 Christmas card, which is the year that Little Orphan Annie was born. To our surprise it was a drawing of Annie crawling out of our fireplace in the front room of the Stewart Ave. house! She says "I just dropped in to say that Doris and Harold Gray in Lombard hope you have a Merry Christmas". It was a thrilling find and we proudly display a copy right next to Annie's fireplace today.

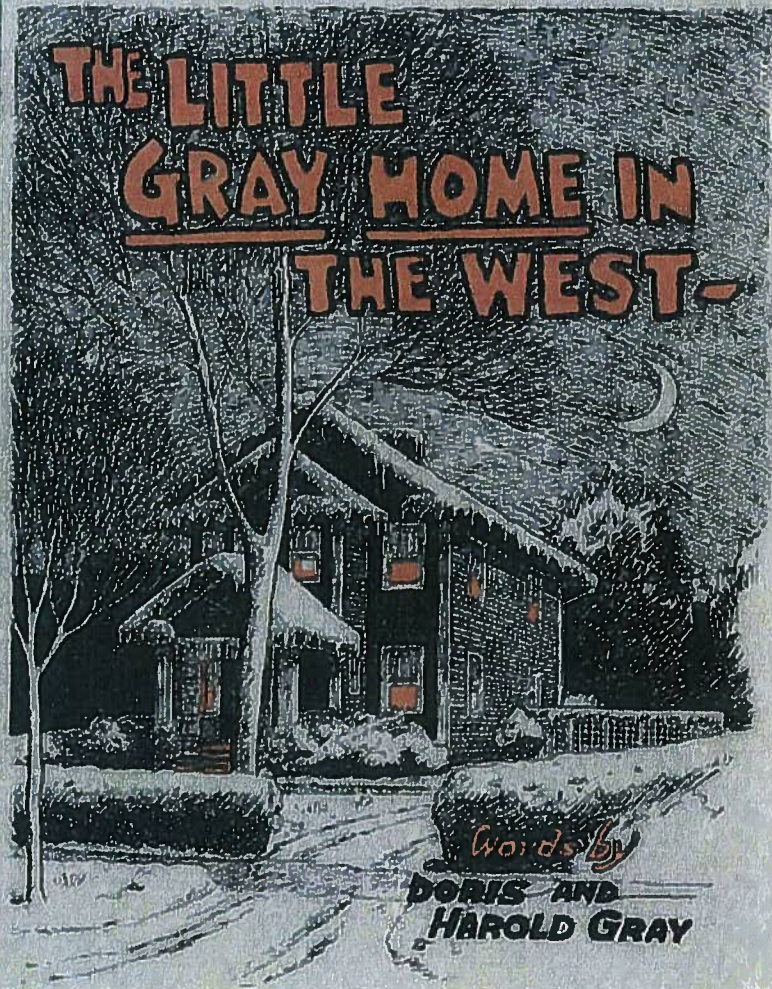
I hope that the additional information contained in this packet is helpful in supporting the details of the history of our home. My family and I have loved the house even before we owned it. Little Orphan Annie is a cultural icon and part of our American history. We hope that if the home is designated a local landmark it will add another reason for others to visit Lombard as well.

HAROLD & DORIS  
GRAY

PURCHASING 215 S.  
STEWART AVE



**THE LITTLE  
GRAY HOME IN  
THE WEST-**



*Words by*  
**DORIS AND  
HAROLD GRAY**

WHEN THE GLAD YULE-TIDE SPREE BOOSTS OUR BILLS— BEAT ON  
 BOY IN LOMBARD WERE THINKING OF YOU — AND

BE FLAT ON OUR BACKS— AS IT IS ON THE FIRST OF THE MONTH— THEY  
 TREAT YOU BOUNTIFULLY, FRIEND— AND WHENEVER YOU'RE WANDERING

TOP OF THE DEAR IN-COME TAX — WHILE WE  
 HERE IS THE MESSAGE WE SEND — MAY YOUR

WILL STRIP US CLEAR DOWN TO THE BUST; THEN THE BUG-HOUSE, THE SAD-HOUSE  
 NEAR HERE AND FEEL THAT YOU NEED A GOOD REST— WAY, YOU'RE WELCOME

LOVE EVERY FRIEND, STILL OUR SPENDING MUST END; IF IT DON'T WELL  
 CHRISTMAS BE BRIGHT AND THE NEW YEAR JUST RIGHT, AND THE WORLD

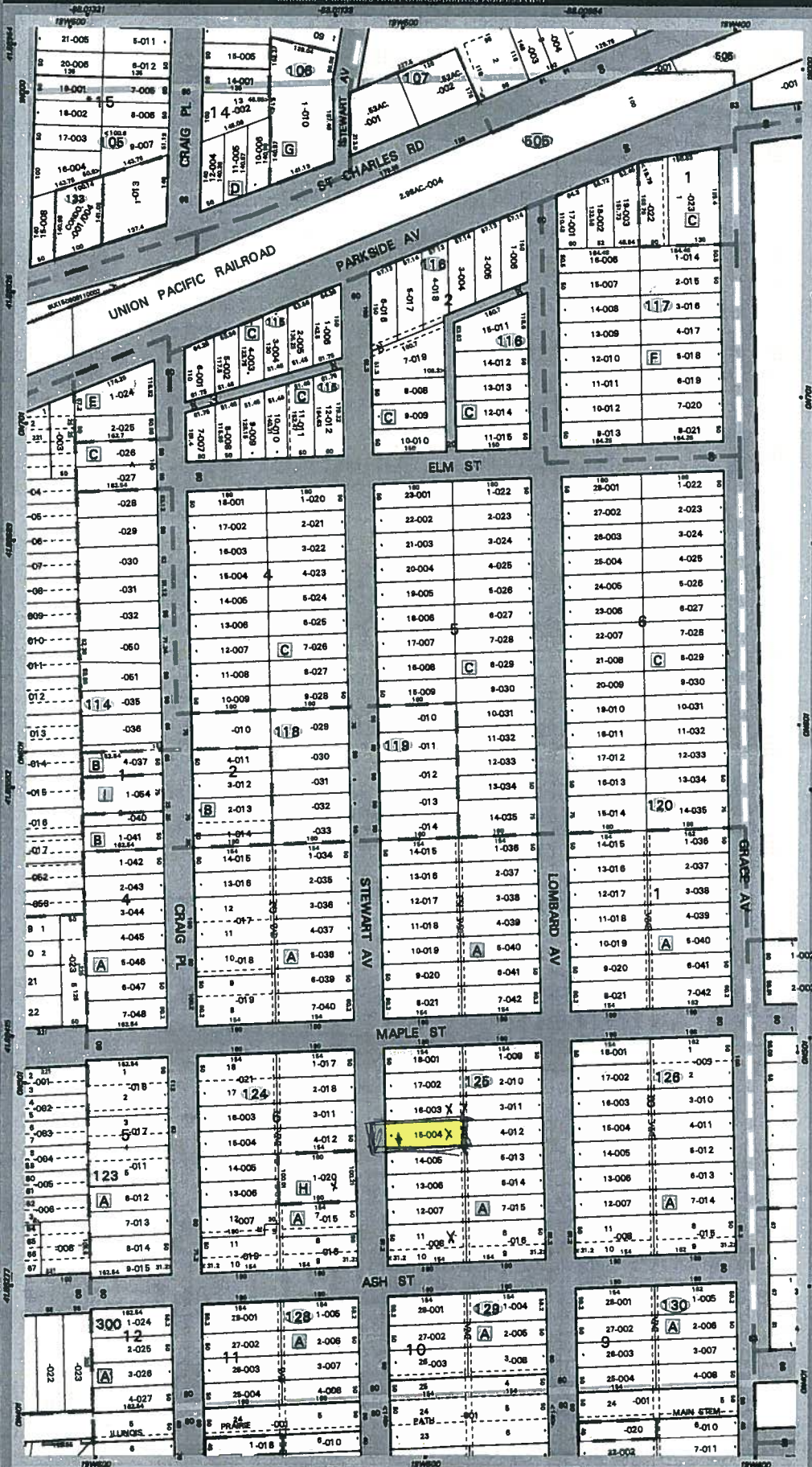
THE POOR-HOUSE AND MAD-HOUSE— WELL BE GRAYS' LITTLE HOME IN THE WEST—  
 YOU BET, IN THE SLOWEST TOWN YET— AT THE LITTLE  
 GRAY HOME IN THE WEST





Latitude - Longitude Grid / Unincorporated Address Grid

Subdivision Key Index



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D	STONE, H.D. & CO.'S ADD. TO LOMBARD-PT. VAC. 178483
E	JOHNSON'S. SUB. 194724
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Township 39 North, Range 11 East of the 3rd P.M.

Map Name and Adjacent Maps

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# Home & Garden

## Houses reveal history

### Annie's birthplace on Lombard house walk

By DEBORAH DONOVAN  
ddonovan@dailyherald.com

Harold Gray and his comic strip creation, Little Orphan Annie, are among Lombard's most famous historic residents.

Brian and Eileen Anderson started collecting Gray memorabilia only after 2001 when they purchased one of the Lombard homes where the cartoonist lived. But the couple had lived four doors away for years, and as fans of history and antiques, always pointed out the residence to visitors.

Now the home — a shingled two-story close to downtown, not Gray's other Lombard house, the famous Queen Anne with a belvedere tower on Main Street — will be open June 20 for the Kiwanis Club of Lombard's housewalk.

"We bought it for its historical value," Brian said.

"And it's hard to find five bedrooms in an old house," added Eileen. The couple has four daughters.

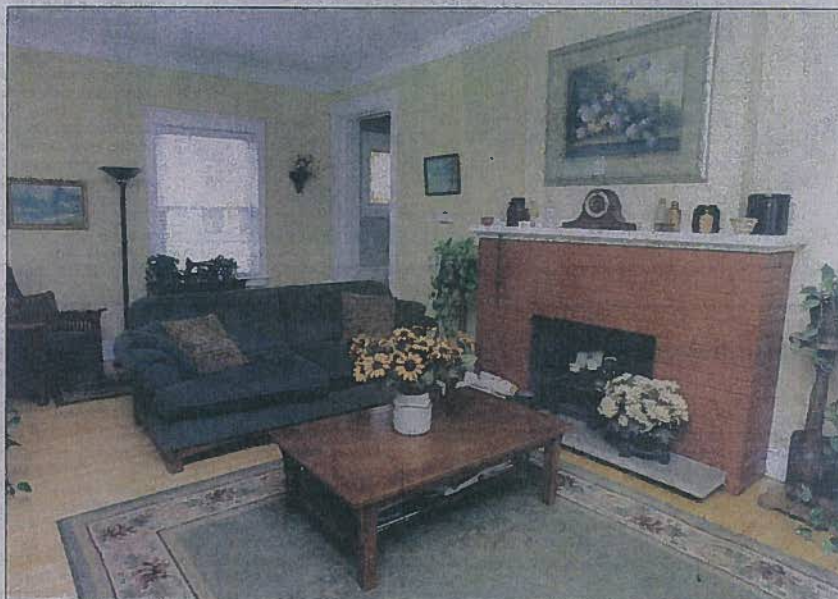
One thing about studying historic figures, there are always surprises.

Brian Anderson proudly showed off a picture of the Grays' 1921 Christmas card with a drawing of their home in wintertime and "The Little Gray Home in the West" as a headline.

Inside is a song written by newlyweds Harold and Doris Gray, complaining about bills and taxes brought by Christmas and the end of the year. On a more cheerful note the song closes, "And whenever you're wand'ring near here and feel that you need a good rest — why you're welcome you bet in the slowest town yet — at the little gray home in the West!"

But then Brian took time to view a Web site Eileen had found that features Christmas cards with a Little Orphan Annie theme sent out over the years by Gray and his wives, Doris, who died in 1925, and Winifred.

The one for 1924 — the first year the cartoon that eventually inspired a radio show, a 1977 Broadway musical and 1981 and 1999 movies appeared in the Chicago Tribune — shows Annie popping out of a red brick



Brian and Eileen Anderson's living room features the red fireplace that Little Orphan Annie pops out of on the Christmas card sent out by Annie creator Harold Gray and his wife Doris in 1924.

fireplace. Brian was thrilled to realize it was the fireplace in their living room.

But knowing this duo, it's easy to see another home improvement project brewing as Eileen points out that the trim around the fireplace is no longer there.

The Andersons believe Gray lived in the home at least from 1921 until 1927. He died in 1968.

The home, built in 1907 by Gray's aunt and uncle, was also at one time the home of Ed Leffringwell, Gray's cousin and a collaborator on comic strips.

The Andersons remodeled the 1975 kitchen and family room addition before moving in.

"I told Eileen it would take a couple long weekends to get it in shape," said Brian. "Six or eight months later we moved in."

They also found some original woodwork in the living room — most had been removed by a previous owner after an attic fire — and had a carpenter copy the trim for the first floor, including crown molding by the 10-foot-tall ceilings.

"He put trim up in the living room, and when we saw how good it looked we said, 'Just do it all,'" reports Brian,



Brian and Eileen Anderson's home on Stewart Avenue in Lombard will be open Saturday, June 20.

who is director of purchasing for an area company.

The home's interior still boasts some original touches besides the fireplace. The oversized oak door from the entry to the living room, French doors to the dining room, a pocket door and maple flooring stand out.

The Little Orphan Annie collection is in the dining room china cabinet. Mostly the Andersons own paper



The Andersons started collecting Little Orphan Annie memorabilia after they purchased the home. Below, Annie creator Harold Gray and his wife in 1921 sent this Christmas card depicting the home.



Brian and Eileen Anderson had maple cabinets and dark granite countertops installed before they moved into the home in 2001.



SCOTT SANDERS/sanders@dailyherald.com

This foursquare with wraparound porch on Lincoln Avenue will be on Lombard's house walk.

#### If you go

What: Over the Threshold, a tour of five Lombard homes

Who: Kiwanis Club of Lombard

When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 20

Tickets: \$25 in advance at local businesses and on the day of the walk at Mr. Z's Super Market, 401 S. Main St.

Call: (630) 656-7172 or visit lombard-housewalk.com

Reception: With homeowners and designers at Liliacia Park, 150 S. Park St., from 5 to 6 p.m.

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**M E M O R A N D U M**

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**DATE:** January 8, 2003  
**TO:** Board of Management of the Lombard Historical Society  
**FROM:** Stephen Flint, Chairman of Historical Sites and Markers Committee  
**RE:** Historical Marker Request at 215 S. Stewart Avenue

The owners, Brian and Eileen Anderson, are requesting the house located at 215 S. Stewart Avenue be plaqued with a historical marker.

Attached is the research information provided by the owner. The attached information indicates a jump in taxes as well as the assessed value in the year 1908. Therefore, the assumption can be made that a home was built at that time by Harry J. and Eleanore S. R. Leffingwell. The records show two famous cartoonists, Ed Leffingwell and Harold Grey lived in the house at one time.

I personally reviewed the information with the owners on November 15, 2002 and had the pleasure of personally seeing the outside and inside of the house. The original character of the house is still maintained with no major changes.

The Sites and Markers Committee met on December 17, 2002 to review the attached information. The Historical Sites and Markers Committee unanimously nominates to the Board of Management the house at 215 S. Stewart Avenue be plaqued with a historical marker based on Historical Significance where a famous person lived in the home. The historical marker shall read "1907, Harry J. Leffingwell. Home of Cartoonists Ed Leffingwell and Harold Grey.

# Application Form

Date of Application 10/25/02

Current Resident/Owner Brian & Eileen Anderson

Permanent Parcel Number 06-08-125-004

Street Address 215 S. Stewart Ave.

Applicant Same

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Description of Property Lot 15 in Block 7 in Tower Park  
Subdivision of Lombard, Du Page County,  
Illinois.

First Owner Harry & Eleanore Lettingwell

Builder (optional) unknown

Subsequent Owners and Dates of Ownership

See Attachment A

(also attached are

copies of all deeds)

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Subsequent Owners and Dates of Ownership (Continued)


Basis for establishing the year of construction. Refer to **Property Tax Worksheet**.

The year of construction in 1907 based on the tax jump from \$3.57 in 1907 to \$30.54 in 1908. See Attachment B.

### **Information of interest about owners of house:**

- Harold Lincoln Gray was born 1/20/1894 to Ira Lincoln and Estella M. (Rosencrans) in Kankakee, IL.
- He joined the Chicago Tribune as an artist in 1917.
- He entered the U.S. Army in May of 1918, was honorably discharged in December of 1918, and then returned to the Chicago Tribune.
- He left the Chicago Tribune in January of 1920 to freelance and start his own studio of commercial art. He signed on as an assistant to Sid Smith, creator of "The Gumps".
- He married Doris C. Platt 10/22/1921. She died of tuberculosis 11/22/1925.
- The comic strip he created, "Little Orphan Annie", first appeared in the Chicago Tribune 8/5/1924.
- He married Winifred Frost 7/17/1929. She died in 1974.
- He died 5/9/1968.
- He was a Freemason member of Lombard Lodge No. 1098.

The original owners of the home were Harry and Eleanore Leffingwell, Harold Gray's aunt and uncle. We were able to make this determination because his assistant and cousin was Ed Leffingwell, who created the "Little Joe" comic strip. Ed was shown to live in the house with his parents in the 1910 Census.

Eda Rosencrans, (Gray's maternal aunt) bought the home in 1922 from the Leffingwells who were, at the time, living in New York. In the attached interview with George Platt (brother of Gray's first wife), he refers to Harold Gray buying the home from Ms. Rosencrans. On Ms. Rosencrans' deeds, both buying and selling, it states that her residence was Niles, Michigan. This coincides with Mr. Platt stating that she did indeed live there. It is believed that Harold Gray lived in the house owned by Ms. Rosencrans (his aunt) from 1922 until 1927, when there are deeds showing that he bought it from Eda Rosencrans and sold it two months later to the Webbs (who he incidentally bought his N. Main St. home from). The Webbs sold the home one month later to the Brophys.

### **Additions/changes to the property:**

- 1926 - Harold Gray added a sunroom on the first floor and a bedroom on the second.
- 1975 - The Bilbees replaced the former addition with a 1500 sq. ft. addition on the back of the home, doubling the home's size.
- 1975 - The garage was replaced.
- 1991 - A rear deck was added.

Photographs of house/building (include date of each photo)



4/12/02

~ The Lombard Historical Society ~

This Indenture Witnesseth, That the Grantor Arthur E. Havens and Anna R. Havens husband and wife of the City of Chicago in the County of Cook and State of Illinois for and in consideration of the sum of two hundred & ninety (290.00) DOLLARS, in hand paid, CONVEY and WARRANT to Harry J. Eleasore R. Leffingwell of the City of Chicago County of Cook and State of Illinois

the following described Real Estate, to wit:  
Lot fifteen (15) Block seven (7) Dorris Park Subdivision at Lombard in New 4 - 110 1/4 of Section Eight (8) Township thirty nine (39) North Range Eleven (11) East of the 3rd E. M.

The grantee hereunto, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, hereby covenant and agree that no building or structure of any kind whatsoever shall be erected on the above described premises within thirty (30) feet of the front line of said lot. The width of any line hereby established being thirty (30) feet from the front line of the lot on Stewart Ave.

located in the Village of Oakland in the County of DeWitt in the State of Illinois, hereby releasing and waiving all rights under and by virtue of the Homestead Exemption Laws of this State.

Dated this seventeenth day of April A. D. 1907

Arthur E. Havens  
Anna R. Havens

State of Illinois,  
Cook COUNTY.

Joseph J. Rudelmann, Notary Public



I, Joseph J. Rudelmann, Notary Public in and for the said County, in the State aforesaid, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that Arthur E. Havens and Anna R. Havens husband and wife personally known to me to be the same persons whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person, and acknowledged that they signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as their free and voluntary act, for the uses and purposes therein set forth, including the release and waiver of the right of homestead.

Given under my hand and notarial seal this seventeenth day of April A. D. 1907.  
Joseph J. Rudelmann  
 Notary Public

for said sum of money, the said premises, and did thereupon sign, seal and deliver to said *Arthur C. Havens*

the usual Master's certificate therefor.

AND WHEREAS, said premises have not been redeemed from said sale, NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises the said party of the first part doth hereby convey unto the said party of the second part, *his* heirs and assigns, the said premises, which are situated in *County of Du Page, and State of Illinois*, and described as follows, to-wit:

*Part of the North West quarter and North West quarter of section Eight (8) in Township 39 North Range Eleven (11) East of the third Principal Meridian commencing at the center part of said section Eight (8) thence South along quarter section line sixteen and  $2\frac{3}{100}$  (16  $\frac{3}{100}$ ) chains to a stake thence West parallel with Government line twenty and  $1\frac{1}{100}$  (20  $\frac{1}{100}$ ) chains to division line thence North on division line thirty-three and  $2\frac{7}{100}$  (33  $\frac{27}{100}$ ) chains to a stake thence East twenty and  $1\frac{1}{100}$  (20  $\frac{1}{100}$ ) chains to quarter section line thence South on said line seventeen and  $2\frac{1}{100}$  (17  $\frac{1}{100}$ ) chains to the place of Beginning, containing sixty seven and  $1\frac{7}{100}$  acres more or less. Excepting and reserving therefrom Lots six (6) seven (7) eight (8) nine (9) and ten (10) of Block Three (3) Lots one (1) two (2) three (3) four (4) five (5) and six (6) in Block Five (5) Lots one (1) two (2) seventeen (17) and eighteen (18) in Block six (6) Lots three (3) in Block ten (10) Lots one (1) and eighteen (18) in Block eight (8) of Lower Park Subdivision at Lombard a subdivision of above described premises*

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same, with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging, unto the said party of the second part, heirs and assigns, forever.

WITNESS the hand and seal of the said party of the first part, the day and year first above written.

*Howard H. Goodrich* Master in Chancery of Du Page County, Ill.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, )  
COUNTY OF *Du Page* )

*Joseph A. Reuss*

Notary Public in and for the said County, in the State aforesaid, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that *Howard H. Goodrich* Master in Chancery of said Du Page County, who is personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person, and acknowledged that he signed, sealed, and delivered the said instrument as his free and voluntary act, as such Master in Chancery, for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

*Joseph A. Reuss*

GIVEN under my hand and Notarial Seal, this *17th* day of *August*, A. D. 18*96*.

*Joseph A. Reuss* Notary Public.

*No 62224*

*18th/20th Original A.D. 1896*



WARRANTY DEED.

THIS INDENTURE made this twenty-fifth day of June 1927 between Ella M. Webb and Lewis H. Webb, her husband of the Village of Glen Ellyn, in the County of DuPage and State of Illinois, parties of the first part and William E. Brophy, Minnie C. Brophy, his wife, and Ella M. Brophy, of the City of Chicago, in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, parties of the second part.

WITNESSETH, That the parties of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars and other good and valuable considerations in hand paid, convey and warrant to the said parties of the second part, not in tenancy in common, but in joint tenancy, the following described real estate, to-wit:

Lot fifteen (15) in block seven (7) in Tower Park Subdivision at Lombard, in the west half of section eight (8) Township thirty-nine (39) North, Range eleven (11) East of the third Principal Meridian; situated in the County of DuPage in the State of Illinois, hereby releasing and waiving all rights under and by virtue of the Homestead Exemption Laws of the State of Illinois.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above granted premises unto the said parties of the second part forever, not in tenancy in common, but in joint tenancy.

Subject to building line of record. Zoning and building ordinances and unpaid instalments of special assessments.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Ella M. Webb (Seal)

Lewis H. Webb (Seal)

STATE OF ILLINOIS)

COUNTY OF COOK ) ss

I, Arthur G. Stanton, a Notary Public in and for said County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Ella M. Webb and Lewis H. Webb, her husband, who are personally known to me to be the same persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that they signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as their free and voluntary act, for the uses and purposes

36/61 173960 LP

DuPage County Form No. 1

Document No. filed for Record in Recorder's office of DuPage County, Illinois. at o'clock M. BOOK 701 PAGE 417 WARRANTY DEED--Joint Tenancy Recorder of Deeds

This Indenture Made this twenty-fifth day of April, 1953 between Wayne Collins and Mary Anderson Collins, his wife

Village of Lombard in the County of DuPage and State of Illinois parties of the first part and Robert E. Boddorff and Marjorie J. Boddorff, his wife Village of Lombard in the County of DuPage and State of Illinois Parties of the second part

Witnesseth, That the parties of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars and other good and valuable considerations,

in hand paid, convey and warrant to the said parties of the second part, not as tenants in common, but as joint tenants, so that upon the death of one the entire fee simple title shall vest in the survivor the following described real estate to-wit:

Lot 15 in Block 7 in Tower Park Subdivision at Lombard in the West half of Section 8, Township 39 North, Range 11, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in DuPage County, Illinois,

ALSO

do hereby convey and quit-claim the East one-half (1/2) of the vacated alley adjoining said Lot fifteen (15) to the East, and it is understood and agreed that the covenants herein do not and shall not apply to the portion of the vacated alley herein conveyed,

Village of Lombard County of DuPage, in the State of Illinois, hereby releasing and waiving all rights under and by virtue of the Homestead Exemption Laws of the State of Illinois.

To have and to hold, the above granted premises unto the said parties of the second part forever, not in tenancy in common, but in joint tenancy, so that upon the death of one, the entire fee simple title shall vest in the survivor

Subject to covenants and restrictions, zoning and building ordinances and general taxes for the years 1952 and 1953.

In witness whereof, The said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

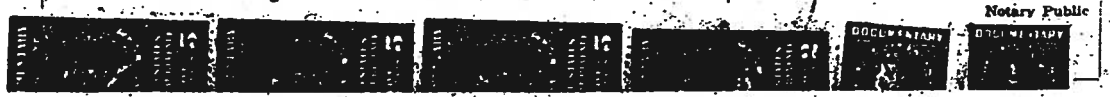
Wayne Collins (SEAL) and Mary Anderson Collins (SEAL) MAY 18 1953 3:00 PM (SEAL)

STATE OF ILLINOIS DuPage County I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in, and for said County and State aforesaid, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that Wayne Collins and Mary Anderson Collins, his wife



personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that they signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as their free and voluntary act, for the uses and purposes therein set forth, including the release and waiver of the right of homestead.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal this 16th day of May A. D. 1953 Notary Public



<u>DATE</u>	<u>BUYER</u>	<u>DUPAGE CO. RECORD #</u>
12/7/1893	Thomas W. Stewart	62164
8/17/1896	Authur E. & Anna R. Havens	62224
4/25/1907	Harry J. & Eleanore S. R. Leffingwell	90530
2/2/1922	Eda E. Rosencrans	153601
3/14/1927	Harold L. Gray	233557
5/26/1927	Ella M. & Lewis H. Webb	236376
6/25/1927	William E. & Minnie C. Brophy	238515
(break in time that County contributes to most likely a will they don't have record of - William Brophy died in 1944 and Minnie Brophy in 1948) The next deed shows:		
	Wayne Collins & Mary Anderson Collins TO	
4/25/1953	Robert E. & Marjorie J. Boddorff	682678
2/20/1961	Harold F. & Edith G. Lake	999010
4/25/1965	Charles A. & Carol S. Rietz, Jr.	R65-19020
6/26/1967	Ronald F. & Barbara C. Bilbee	R67-20902
5/15/2001	Brian L. & Eileen T. Anderson	01-108213

This Indenture, Made this 17th day of August A. D. 1896  
BETWEEN Howard H. Goodrich Master in Chancery of the Circuit Court  
of Du Page County, in the State of Illinois, party of the first part, and Arthur E. Havens

of Chicago County of Cook and State of Illinois  
party of the second part, Witnesseth:  
WHEREAS, In pursuance of a decree entered on the 20th day of December A. D. 1894

by the Circuit Court of said Du Page County, in a certain case then pending therein, on the Chancery side thereof, wherein  
Arthur E. Havens and Union B. Jenks were

Complainant and Thomas W. Steward, Charles Louny Jenks  
successor in Trust and A. R. M. Donald were

Defendant the said Master in Chancery duly advertised, according to law, the premises hereinafter described, for sale at public auction to the  
highest and best bidder for cash at the hour of two o'clock, in the afternoon, on  
the 17th day of May A. D. 1895

Front Door of the Court House in the City of Wheaton

in said Du Page County,

AND, WHEREAS, at the time and place so as aforesaid appointed for said sale, the said Master in Chancery attempted to make the premises  
and offered and exposed said premises for sale at public auction, to the highest and best bidder  
and thereupon Arthur E. Havens

offered and bid therefor the sum of Seventeen thousand seven hundred  
and seven and 4/100 Dollars \$17,707 48

and that being the highest and best bid offered, said  
Master in Chancery accordingly struck off and sold to said Arthur E. Havens

WARRANTY DEED

Joint Tenants

BOOK 1018 pg 465

THE GRANTOR, ROBERT E. BODDORFF and MARJORIE J. BODDORFF, his wife, of the Village of Lombard in the County of DuPage in the State of Illinois for and in consideration of the sum of \$ 10.00 and other good and valuable considerations in hand paid, CONVEY AND WARRANT TO HAROLD F. LAKE and EDITH G. LAKE, his wife, of Ogden Dunes in the County of Lake in the State of Indiana not as tenants in common, but as joint tenants the following described real estate to-wit:

Lot 15 in Block 7 in Tower Park Subdivision at Lombard, in the West half of Section 8, Township 39 North, Range 11, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in DuPage County, Illinois.

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situated in the County of DuPage, in the State of Illinois, hereby releasing and waiving all rights under and by virtue of the Homestead Exemption Laws of the State of Illinois.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, the above granted premises, unto the said Grantees forever, not in tenancy in common, but in joint tenancy. Subject to general real estate taxes for 1960 and subsequent years, conditions and covenants of record.

Dated this 20th day of February A.D. 19 61

Robert E. Boddorff (SEAL)      Marjorie J. Boddorff (SEAL)  
Robert E. Boddorff (SEAL)      Marjorie J. Boddorff (SEAL)

NOTE: 68 320 approved, 7/23/59 requires that the names of persons signing deed be typed or printed below or to side of all signatures including Notary Public.

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
COUNTY OF DU PAGE

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that Robert E. Boddorff and Marjorie J. Boddorff, his wife,



personally known to me to be the same person whose name subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that they signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as their free and voluntary act, for the uses and purposes herein set forth, including the release and waiver of the right of homestead.

Given under my hand and Notarial Seal, this 3rd day of March A.D. 1961

Victor A. Bell  
Victor A. Bell, Notary Public

NAME: F. C. PILGRIM & CO.  
ADDRESS: 5637 West Lake Street

MAIL SUBSEQUENT TAX BILLS TO:  
15 South Stewart  
Lombard, Illinois

WARRANTY DEED  
Joint Tenancy

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OFFICE OF DUPAGE COUNTY ILLINOIS

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*Charles A. Rietz*  
RECORDER

THE ABOVE SPACE FOR RECORDER'S USE ONLY

THE GRANTOR HAROLD F. LAKE and EDITH C. LAKE,  
his wife  
of LOMBARD in the County of DUPAGE  
in the State of ILLINOIS for and in consideration  
of the sum of \$ TEN DOLLARS and other good and valuable  
considerations  
CONVEY AND WARRANT TO CHARLES A. RIETZ, Jr. and  
CAROL S. RIETZ, his wife

of OAK PARK in the County of COOK in the  
State of ILLINOIS not as tenants in common, but as joint tenants  
the following described real estate to-wit: Lot Fifteen (15) in Block

Seven (7) in Tower Park Subdivision at Lombard in the  
West half of Section Eight (8), Township Thirty Nine  
(39) North, Range Eleven (11), East of the Third  
Principal Meridian, in DuPage County, Illinois \* \*

situated in the County of DuPage, in the State of Illinois, hereby releasing and waiving  
all rights under and by virtue of the Homestead Exemption Laws of the State of Illinois.  
TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, the above granted premises, unto the said Grantees  
forever, not in tenancy in common, but in joint tenancy.

Subject to Real Estate taxes for the year 1964 and  
subsequent years.

Dated this 22nd day of APRIL A.D. 1965

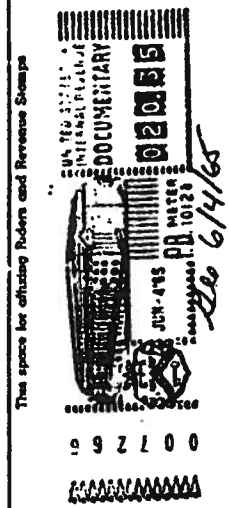
*Edith G. Lake* (SEAL) *Harold F. Lake* (SEAL)  
Edith G. Lake Harold F. Lake  
(SEAL) (SEAL)

NOTE: SB 920 approved 7/23/59 requires that the names of persons signing deed be typed or printed below or to side of all signatures including Notary Public.

STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
COUNTY OF DU PAGE ) ss. I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid,  
DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that Harold F. Lake and Edith  
G. Lake, his wife

personally known to me to be the same person S whose name S are  
subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and  
acknowledged that they signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as  
their free and voluntary act, for the uses and purposes  
herein set forth, including the release and waiver of the right of homestead.  
Given under my hand and Notarial Seal, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day  
of June A.D. 19 65

*Charles A. Rietz*  
Notary Public



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OAK PARK FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASS'N.  
1001 LAKE ST., - OAK PARK, ILLINOIS

MAIL SUBSEQUENT TAX BILLS TO:  
\_\_\_\_\_

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WARRANTY DEED—Joint Tenancy  
(INDIVIDUAL TO INDIVIDUAL)  
Approved By [Chicago Title and Trust Co. Chicago Real Estate Board]

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(The Above Space For Recorder's Use Only) *Single A. Baker*  
RECORDER

**THE GRANTORS** CHARLES A. RIETZ, JR AND CAROL S. RIETZ, his wife  
of the Village of Lombard County of DuPage State of Illinois  
for and in consideration of ten (\$10.00) ~~in hand paid~~ **DOLLARS**  
and other good and valuable consideration in hand paid  
**CONVEY and WARRANT to**  
RONALD F. BILBEE AND BARBARA C. BILBEE, his wife  
of the Town of Speedway, Ind County of Marion State of Indiana  
not in Tenancy in Common, out in **JOINT TENANCY**, the following described Real Estate situated in  
the County of DuPage in the State of Illinois, to wit:

Lot 15 in Block 7 in Tower Park Subdivision at Lombard,  
in the West Half of Section 8, Township 39 North, Range 11,  
East of the Third Principal Meridian, in DuPage County,  
Illinois except the 12 foot alley and 10 foot easement on the property  
on the east line thereof. *CLC CLR*

hereby releasing and waiving all rights under and by virtue of the Homestead Exemption Laws of  
the State of Illinois. **TO HAVE AND TO HOLD** said premises not in tenancy in common, but in joint  
tenancy forever. Subject to taxes for 1966 and subsequent years,  
covenants and restrictions of record.

DATED this 6th day of June 1967

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE NAMES BELOW SIGNATURES)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Seal) CHARLES A. RIETZ, JR. (Seal) CAROL S. RIETZ,  
*Charles A. Rietz, Jr.* (Seal) *Carol S. Rietz* (Seal)

State of Illinois, County of Cook DuPage ss., I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in  
and for said County, in the State aforesaid, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that  
CHARLES A. RIETZ, JR. AND CAROL S. RIETZ, his wife  
are personally known to me to be the same person s whose name s are  
subscribed to the foregoing instrument appeared before me this day in  
person, and acknowledged that they signed, sealed and delivered the said  
instrument as their free and voluntary act, for the uses and purposes  
therein set forth, including the release and waiver of the right of homestead.

Given under my hand and official seal, this 22nd day of July 1967  
Commission expires Jan 113 1970 *Victor A. Bell*  
NOTARY PUBLIC

ADDRESS OF PROPERTY:  
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THE ABOVE ADDRESS IS FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES ONLY AND IS NOT A PART OF THIS DEED.  
SEND SUBSEQUENT TAX BILLS TO:  
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(NAME)  
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(ADDRESS)

MAIL TO: NAME the Northern Trust Company  
ADDRESS 608 La Salle St  
CITY AND STATE Chicago, Ill 60690  
RECORDER'S OFFICE BOX NO. 361



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STATE OF ILLINOIS)  
                              ) SS  
COUNTY OF DU PAGE)

I, GARY A. KING, COUNTY CLERK AND KEEPER OF THE RECORDS  
PERTAINING TO ASSESSED VALUATIONS AND TAXES, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT  
THE FOLLOWING APPEARS ON THE TAX COLLECTOR'S BOOKS IN MY  
POSSESSION:

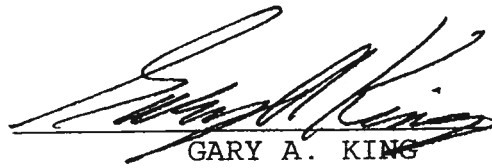
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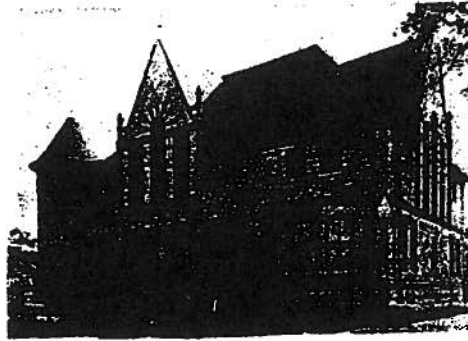
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1901	\$1.17
1907	\$3.57
1908	\$30.54
1909	\$34.62
1910	\$32.78
1911	\$34.39
1912	\$32.10

ALL OF WHICH APPEARS FROM THE RECORDS NOW IN MY OFFICE  
REMAINING.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL AT WHEATON, ILLINOIS  
THIS 8TH DAY OF AUGUST A.D., 2002.

  
 GARY A. KING  
 DU PAGE COUNTY CLERK





102 E. Wesley Street, Wheaton, Illinois 60187  
October 11, 1980

Mrs. R. Schneider, President  
Lombard Historical Society  
23 West Maple Street  
Lombard, Illinois 60148

Dear Rita:

Enclosed is a copy of the interview which I had with Mr. George W. Platt, brother-in-law of Mr. Harold Gray, here at the Museum.

Arrangements have been made with Mr. Platt to meet at the Lombard Museum on Monday, October 13, at which time he will present, as a donation, a letter from Harold Gray. I have also arranged for Gerry Watts and Sena Krieg to be on hand for the presentation and am hopeful that you will be able to join them.

Mr. Platt is a delightful gentleman and I know he will enjoy meeting members of the Society.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Pat".

Patricia A. Wallace  
Assistant Curator

INTERVIEW

Subject: Mr. George W. Platt  
253 E. Delaware, Apt. 6 F  
Chicago, Ill. 60611  
Phone: 642-1725

October 8, 1980

Mr. Platt, brother-in-law of Harold Gray, visited the DuPage County Historical Museum, Wheaton, and shared his reminiscences relating to Harold Gray. His sister, Doris Platt, was the first wife of Harold Gray, the marriage taking place in the fall of 1923. The Platt family lived in Niles, Michigan, where the young couple also visited during their Michigan wedding trip.

Doris Platt was introduced to Harold Gray through the efforts of his aunt, Miss Edith Rosencranzs, who commuted on the inter-urban line between Niles and South Bend, Indiana, where she became acquainted with Doris, who was also commuting. Miss Rosencranzs was so favorably impressed by Doris that she communicated her enthusiasm to her nephew who, after a period of courtship, asked her to be his bride.

The newly married couple purchased the Stewart Avenue house in Lombard, where the comic strip "Little Orphan Annie" was born, from his aunt, Miss Rosencranzs. The new Mrs. Gray suffered from tuberculosis and eventually, pneumonia, dying in the fall of 1925. She and Harold Gray, his parents, and Miss Rosencranzs are all buried in a Chicago area mausoleum. Mr. Platt will provide further details when he visits in the area again.

Mr. Platt recalled living with Doris and Harold at the Stewart Avenue house. An addition was added to the house which included a sunroom on the first floor and a bedroom on the second floor. It was Col. McCormick of the TRIBUNE newspaper who urged Harold Gray to create a comic strip which would focus on a young girl. After some resistance on the part of Mr. Gray, he finally came up with a character which he named "Little Orphan Annie", in 1924. The comic strip enjoyed much success over the years and provided a comfortable life-style for the Grays.

Mr. Gray was acquainted with the father of Winifred Frost, as he too was employed by the TRIBUNE. Several years later, he and Winifred Frost were to be married and the Stewart Avenue house sold. He then purchased the North Main Street house, inviting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira L. Gray to move from their Spencer, Indiana, home to Lombard. Mr. Platt recalls visiting with Harold and his parents often at the North Main Street house. Tragedy once again struck when Ira Gray was killed by the Northwestern train in Lombard. Mrs. Gray would often travel to Chicago via the train and her husband, Ira, would meet her at the station upon her return to Lombard. It was late in December when he either stepped or fell into the path of the train, perhaps a little icy patch or hearing

loss being responsible for the accident.

Shortly after the accidental death of his father, Harold Gray sold the North Main Street house and moved to New York, where he purchased <sup>at</sup> Croton-on-Hudson. His mother also moved east. Feeling that the property taxes were exorbitant in the State of New York, Harold and Winifred Frost Gray moved to Greens Farms, Connecticut, where they lived for several years. Later, they moved to LaHoya, California. The second Mrs. Gray is buried in California, along with her mother.

Mr. Platt remembered that Harold Gray was born in Kankakee, Illinois, later moving to Indiana with his family. He was educated at Purdue University.

When asked to describe the character of Harold Gray, Mr. Platt said he was firm, but compassionate. He expected people to perform well. "Daddy Warbucks" was an example of his creator's personal philosophy. Harold inherited his father's fine sense of humor which sometimes ran to the coy side. An extremely generous gentleman, many individuals were the recipients of his financial kindness, quietly given. A good correspondent, Mr. Platt had saved the many letters received from Harold Gray. His major regret was not saving the well-known Gray Christmas cards, each one with a very distinctive message. When the topic of hobbies came up, travel within the United States and overseas appeared to interest the Grays as they traveled extensively.

Physically, Harold Gray was a tall, about six feet, lean man, wearing glasses. His hair was brown and his complexion was light. He was athletically inclined and especially enjoyed a little boxing match in the back yard of the Stewart Avenue home with Mr. Platt.

Mr. Gray was an only child and did not have children of his own.

I invited Mr. Platt to visit the Lombard Museum by special appointment, at which time he will very generously donate a letter which he received from Harold Gray. Arrangements have been made for a tour of the Museum and a luncheon meeting with Rita Schneider, Gerri Watts and Sena Krieg. Sena will arrange for publicity with the LOMBARDIAN. Time permitting, I hope to join the group at lunch.

Submitted by:

Patricia A. Wallace  
Assistant Curator  
DU PAGE COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM  
Wheaton, Illinois

Leffingwell, Harry J. 35 Agent, Express Co.

, Eleanore R. 37

, Harry L. 8

, Edwin W. 5

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# Harold Gray

(20/1/1894 - 9/6/1968, USA)



Harold Gray got his first newspaper job in 1913. He served in World War I as a bayonet instructor. After his discharge, he was employed by the Chicago Tribune. Between 1921 and 1924, he did the lettering on Sidney Smiths's 'The Gumps'. In 1924, he came up with a strip of his own: 'Little Orphan Otto' - soon altered to 'Little Orphan Annie', after a poem by James Whitcomb Riley that was being reprinted in the paper at that time. The strip's popularity grew during the 1920s.

Gray experimented with other strips on the Sunday page, such as 'Private Lives', which gave humorous social commentary; and 'Maw Green', a 'Little Orphan Annie' spin-off. Then he was involved for a while with the strip of his only assistant and cousin, Ed Leffingwell's 'Little Joe'. Gray was very devoted to his comics work, working hard and diligently. When he died in 1968, he had worked on 'Little Orphan Annie' for 45 years.

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# Ed Leffingwell

(USA)



Ed Leffingwell, a cousin of Harold Gray, started his comics career assisting his uncle on 'Little Orphan Annie'. In 1933, with his own newspaper strip, 'Little Joe', about a teenager on a cattle ranch. It was also named 'Little Joe & Ze General'. When Ed Leffingwell died in 1936, the strip was taken over by his brother Robert and continued until 1972.

Little Joe page

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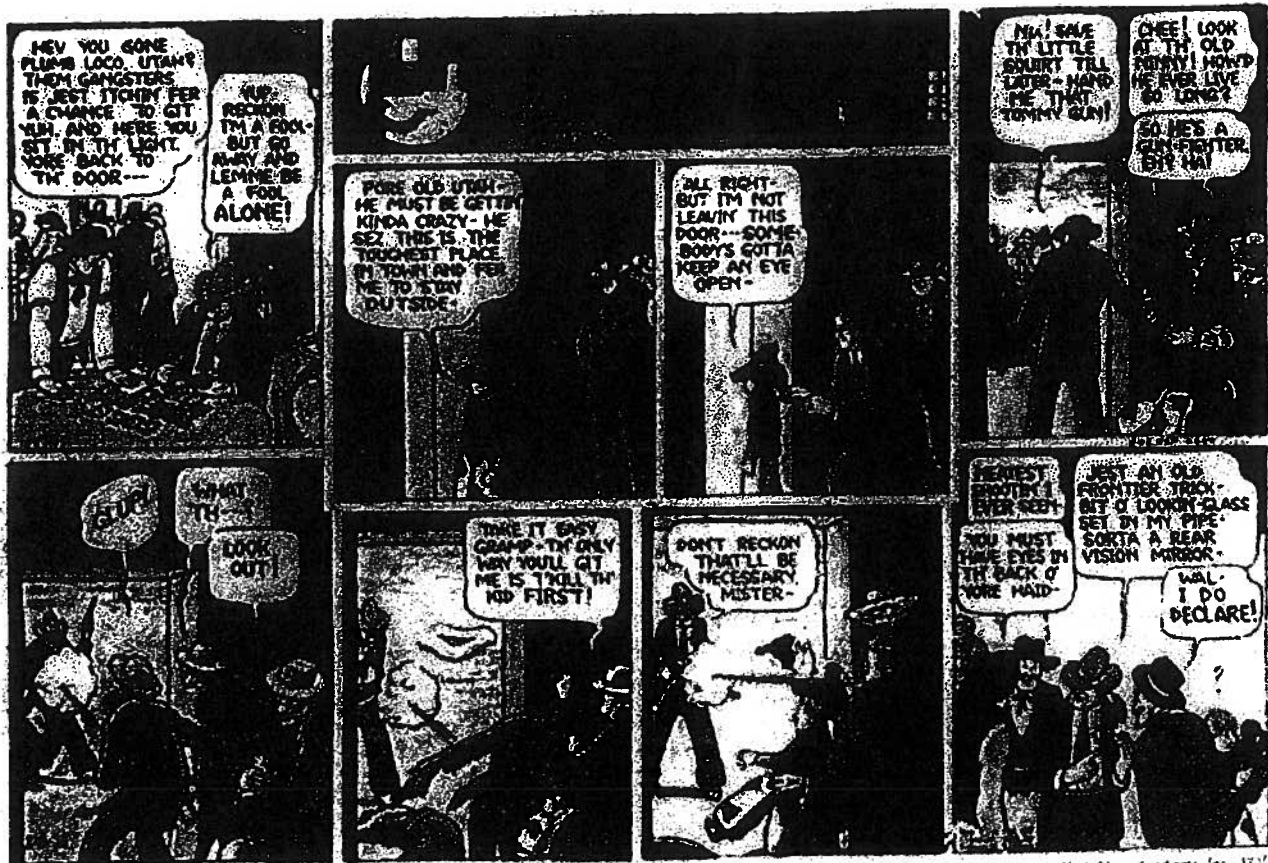
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Last updated 16/03/02



# Little Joe

from *The Smithsonian Collection of Newspaper Comics*  
Edited by Bill Blackbeard and Martin Williams  
(The Smithsonian Institution Press, Washington, DC, 1977)

*Little Joe* was a Sunday feature by Ed Leffingwell, Harold Gray's cousin, assistant, and letterer on *Little Orphan Annie*. The story concerned a thirteen-year old on a modern cattle ranch owned by his widowed mother and managed by Utah, a cowhand with a shady past. Gray himself wrote and drew much of the strip. When Ed Leffingwell died, his brother, Robert, who also assisted Gray, took over as *Joe's* nominal author. The strip continued into the late 1950's in both the *Chicago Tribune* and *New York Sunday News* comic sections.



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WARRANTY DEED

THE GRANTOR, Eda E. Rosencrans, single and of adult age, of the township of Niles, in the County of Berrien, and State of Michigan for and in consideration of the sum of ten dollars and other good and valuable considerations, in hand paid, conveys and warrants to Harold L. Gray, of the city of Lombard, County of DuPage and State of Illinois, the following described real estate to-wit: Lot 15 (fifteen) in block 7 (seven) in Power Park Subdivision at Lombard in NW $\frac{1}{4}$  and SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of section 8, township 39 North Range eleven (11) East of the Third Principal Meridian, being in the County of DuPage, State of Illinois; with all rights and appurtenances thereunto pertaining or belonging; and subject only to building line restrictions as imposed on this grantor and her grantors, situated in the city of Lombard, in the County of DuPage in the State of Illinois; hereby releasing and waiving all rights under and by virtue of the Homestead Exemption Laws of the State of Illinois.

Dated this fourteenth day of March, A. D. 1927.

Witnesses: Herman Ackerman (SEAL)  
Beatrice Ackerman (SEAL)

Eda E. Rosencrans (SEAL)

STATE OF INDIANA }  
COUNTY OF ST. JOSEPH } SS.

I, Norman Blenler, a Notary Public, in and for said County, in the State aforesaid do hereby certify that Eda E. Rosencrans, a single woman, personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that she signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as her free and voluntary act, for the uses and purposes therein set forth, including the release and waiver of the right of homestead.

Given under my hand and notarial seal this fourteenth day of March, A. D. 1927.

.....  
• ST. JOSEPH COUNTY •  
• NOTARY PUBLIC •  
• INDIANA •  
.....

Commission expires  
Oct. 7, A. D. 1928

Norman Blenler  
Notary Public

NO. 233557. Filed for Record April 14th A.D. 1927 at 8 o'clock A.M. Lewis Ellsworth, Recorder.



WARRANTY DEED

THIS INDENTURE, made this 23d day of May, 1927, between Harold L. Gray, widower, of the village of Lombard in the County of DuPage and State of Illinois, party of the first part and Ella H. Webb and Lewis H. Webb, her husband, of the village of Lombard, in the County of DuPage and State of Illinois, parties of the second part:

WITNESSETH, that the party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Ten (\$10) Dollars, and other valuable considerations, in hand paid, conveys and warrants to the said parties of the second part, not in tenancy in common, but in joint tenancy, the following described Real Estate, to-wit: Lot Fifteen (15), Block Seven (7), in Lower Park Sub-division of Lombard, situated in the village of Lombard County of DuPage, in the State of Illinois, together with releasing and waiving all rights under and by virtue of the Homestead Exemption Act of the State of Illinois.

AND TO HOLD the above granted premises unto the said parties of the second part, their heirs, assigns and assigns forever, not in tenancy in common, but in joint tenancy.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said party of the first part has hereunto set his hand and seal of office, this 23rd day of May, 1927.

Harold L. Gray (Seal)

STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
COUNTY OF COOK ) ss.

I, Walter Skon, a Notary Public in and for said County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Harold L. Gray, widower, personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person, and acknowledged that he signed, sealed and delivered the said Instru-

BOOK 138 OF DEEDS

Subject to all State and municipal taxes or assessments against said real estate, which the Grantee assumes and agrees to pay.

Subject also to a mortgage for \$2250. given by these grantors to the above-named grantee, recorded in Book 84 at page 148 of the Records of Mortgages for said County and State.

Dated, this 5th day of February, A.D. 1921.

\$2.00 Rev. Stamps Attached.

Harry J. Leffingwell, ( Seal )

Eleanore S. R. Leffingwell, ( Seal )

STATE OF NEW YORK, )  
COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ) SS.

I, Lewis S. Rough, in and for said County, in the State aforesaid, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that Harry J. Leffingwell, and Eleanore S. R. Leffingwell, husband and wife, personally known to me to be the same persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person, and acknowledged that they signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as their free and voluntary act, for the uses and purposes therein set forth, including the release and waiver of the right of homestead.

Given under my hand and official seal, this fifth day of February, A.D. 1921.

Lewis S. Rough,

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• LEWIS S. ROUGH, •  
• NOTARY PUBLIC, •  
• NEW YORK COUNTY •  
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My Commission Expires

Notary Public, New York.  
Co., No. 166, Reg. No., 2031.  
Certificate filed in Kings Co., No. 169,  
Reg. No. 2052.  
Certificate filed in Bronx Co. No. 8,  
Reg. No. 2222.  
Certificate filed in Westchester Co.

Term expires March 30, 1922.

No. 153601. Filed for Record February 2nd, A.D. 1922. 8 o'clock A.M. - Lewis Ellsworth,

Recorder.

WARRANTY DEED

THE GRANTORS, Harry J. Leffingwell and Eleanore S. R. Leffingwell, husband and wife, of the City of New York, in the County of          and State of New York, for and in consideration of the sum of Four thousand Dollars, in hand paid, Convey and Warrant to Eda E. Rosencrans, of the Township of Niles, County of Berrien, and State of Michigan, the following described

Real Estate to-wit:  
Lot Fifteen (15) in Block Seven (7) in Tower Park Subdivision of Lombard, situated in the Town of Lombard, in the County of DuPage, in the State of Illinois, hereby releasing and waiving all rights under and by virtue of the Homestead Exemption Laws of the State

