

**VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE**  
**Report for the Village Council Meeting**  
**11/15/2016**

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| <b>SUBJECT:</b>                      | <b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>                                     |
| Historic Landmark - 710 Maple Avenue | Stan Popovich, AICP<br>Director of Community Development |

**SYNOPSIS**

A Historic Landmark Designation Resolution has been prepared to designate the house at 710 Maple Avenue a historic landmark.

**STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT**

The goals for 2015-2017 include *Steward of Financial, Environmental, and Neighborhood Sustainability*.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

N/A

**UPDATE & RECOMMENDATION**

This item was discussed at the November 1, 2016 Village Council meeting. Staff recommends approval on the November 15, 2016 Active Agenda.

**BACKGROUND**

The petitioners are seeking a Historic Landmark Designation for their property at 710 Maple Avenue under criteria 12.302.B.2 of the Historic Preservation Ordinance: the property was owned by a person of historic significance to the community. The house was constructed in 1856 by Jordan James Cole.

Notable Person

Jordan James Cole (1833-1901) purchased land from the Curtiss family in the Curtiss Subdivision and completed the construction of the family residence at 710 Maple Avenue circa 1856. J.J. Cole was a captain of the semi-regular military organization called the Downers Grove Plow Boys who actively campaigned for Abraham Lincoln. They helped raise an official company of troops from DuPage County once news was received that Fort Sumter had fallen on April 21, 1861.

J.J. Cole, referred to as a great organizer and drill master, rose through the ranks and when the head of the company, Captain Blanchard, succumbed to his wounds received at Ringgold Gap, J.J. Cole became captain of Company K. He was with his men in almost every engagement over the course of three years except for the time when he was captured at Chicksaw Bayou in 1862 at the beginning of the Vicksburg Campaign. He was held as prisoner-of-war for four months and immediately returned to his company on the battlefield when exchanged. The *1874 Atlas and History of DuPage County, Illinois* states the following regarding

Captain Cole's Military Record: "Here we find an instance of patriotism and devotion to the stars and stripes that has few parallels."

J.J. Cole held important local political positions as well. From 1866-1869 he served as the Supervisor (Mayor) of what was then unincorporated Downers Grove. He then served as DuPage County Clerk from 1869 to 1876 and in that role had the honor to attest to the incorporation of Downers Grove in 1873. He later served as the Mayor of Wheaton. Another quote on J.J. Cole's political career from the 1874 Atlas states: "There is no servant of the people who is more courteous and obliging to all alike in his official and social relations than he. Such are the men that people honor."

#### Analysis of Significance

The proposal complies with the following criteria for Landmark Designation: Section 12.302.A and 12.302.B.2. The house was constructed around 1856 and is thus over 50 years of age as required by Section 12.302.A. The property must meet one of the criteria noted in 12.302.B and does meet criteria 12.302.B.2 as the house was owned by a person of historic significance to the community.

#### Public Comment

Three members of the public spoke in support of the petition at the October 19, 2016 ADRB meeting.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Resolution

Aerial Map

Staff Report with attachments dated October 19, 2016

Minutes of the Architectural Design Review Board Hearing dated October 19, 2016

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE  
COUNCIL ACTION SUMMARY

INITIATED: Petitioner DATE: November 15, 2016  
(Name)

RECOMMENDATION FROM: \_\_\_\_\_ FILE REF: 16-ADR-0009  
(Board or Department)

**NATURE OF ACTION:**

**STEPS NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT ACTION:**

- Ordinance
- Resolution
- Motion
- Other

Motion to Adopt "A RESOLUTION GRANTING HISTORIC LANDMARK DESIGNATION FOR 710 MAPLE AVENUE", as presented.



**SUMMARY OF ITEM:**

Adoption of the attached resolution shall grant historic landmark designation for 710 Maple Avenue.

**RECORD OF ACTION TAKEN:**

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**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_****A RESOLUTION GRANTING HISTORIC LANDMARK DESIGNATION  
FOR 710 MAPLE AVENUE**

WHEREAS, the Village of Downers Grove has adopted an Ordinance entitled the "Historic Preservation Ordinance"; and

WHEREAS, Section 12-301 of the Municipal Code sets forth landmark designation procedures for areas, properties, buildings, structures, objects and sites; and

WHEREAS, James and Maren Huber ("Applicant") are the owners of certain property legally described as follows:

The Easterly 50 feet of the Westerly 100 feet of that part of Lot 5 in Assessor's Subdivision of Section 8, Township 38 North, Range 11 East of the Third Principal Meridian, described as follows: Commencing in the center of Maple Avenue and in the South line of said Lot at a point, 1.51 ½ Chains North 65 ½ Degrees East of the Southwest corner of said Lot 5 and running thence North 23 ¼ degrees West 4.71 Chains to Cossett's Northeast corner; thence North 64 degrees East 2.29 ½ Chains to William Edward's Northwest corner; thence South 23 ½ degrees East 4.79 Chains to the center of said Maple Avenue; thence South 65 ½ degrees West 2.29 ½ Chains to the place of beginning, in Du Page County, Illinois.

Commonly known as 710 Maple Avenue, Downers Grove, IL 60515  
(PIN 09-08-401-008)

WHEREAS, there is an 1856 structure on the property; and

WHEREAS, on October 19, 2016, the Architectural Design Review Board conducted a public hearing in connection with the aforesaid application, after notice of said hearing was duly given; and

WHEREAS, the Board rendered its decision on the aforesaid application, recommending that the property located at 710 Maple Avenue, Downers Grove, Illinois, be granted Historic Landmark Designation; and

WHEREAS, certain applicable requirements of Section 12-302, Landmark Designation Criteria, of the Historic Preservation Ordinance relating to the granting of Historic Landmark Designation have been met.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Council of the Village of Downers Grove, DuPage County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. That the recitals contained in the Preamble hereto are incorporated as part of this Resolution.

Section 2. That the structure located on the property located at 710 Maple Avenue is hereby granted Historic Landmark Designation.

Section 3. That the Village Clerk is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution in the Office of the DuPage County Recorder of Deeds and is further directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Downers Grove Historical Society and the Applicant.

Section 4. That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed.

Section 5. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage as provided by law.

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Mayor

Passed:  
Published:

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Village Clerk





0 30 60 Feet

**710 Maple Avenue**

**Legend**  
Subject Property  
Public Hearing Sign



**VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE  
ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN REVIEW BOARD  
OCTOBER 19, 2016 AGENDA**

| <b>SUBJECT:</b>                 | <b>TYPE:</b>                       | <b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>      |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 16-ADR-0009<br>710 Maple Avenue | Designation of a Historic Landmark | Scott Williams<br>Planner |

**REQUEST**

The petitioners are seeking a Historic Landmark Designation for their home at 710 Maple Avenue based on the criteria that it was owned by a person of historic significance to the community.

**NOTICE**

The application has been filed in conformance with applicable procedural and public notice requirements.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**OWNER/  
APPLICANT** James and Maren Huber  
710 Maple Avenue  
Downers Grove, IL 60515

**PROPERTY INFORMATION**

**ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:** Queen Anne/Greek Revival  
**BUILDING DATE:** 1856  
**HISTORICAL BUILDING USE:** Single Family Residence  
**EXISTING BUILDING USE:** Single Family Residence  
**PROPERTY SIZE:** 14,000 square feet  
**PIN:** 09-08-401-008

**ANALYSIS****SUBMITTALS**

This report is based on the following documents, which are on file with the Department of Community Development:

1. Application/Petition for Public Hearing
2. Project Summary
3. Plat of Survey
4. Certificate of Acknowledgement Form
5. Historic Landmark Information Form
6. Photographs
7. Sanborn Map

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The petitioners are seeking a Historic Landmark Designation for their property at 710 Maple Avenue under criteria 12.302.B.2 of the Historic Preservation Ordinance: the property was owned and occupied by a person of historic significance to the community.

Jordan James Cole (1833-1901) purchased land from the Curtiss family in the Curtis Subdivision and completed the construction of the family residence circa 1856. J.J. Cole was a captain of the semi-regular military organization called the Downers Grove Plow Boys who actively campaigned for Abraham Lincoln. They helped raise an official company of troops from DuPage County once news was received that Fort Sumter had fallen on April 21, 1861. Company K was incorporated into the 13<sup>th</sup> Illinois regiment and J. J. Cole was elected to the position of second-lieutenant.

J.J. Cole, referred to as a great organizer and drill master, rose through the ranks and when the head of the company, Captain Blanchard, succumbed to his wounds received at Ringgold Gap, J.J. Cole became captain of Company K. He was with his men in almost every engagement over the course of three years except for the time when he was captured at Chicksaw Bayou in 1862 at the beginning of the Vicksburg Campaign. He was held as prisoner-of-war for four months and was eventually exchanged at the infamous Libby Prison in Richmond, Virginia and immediately rejoined his company. The *1874 Atlas and History of DuPage County, Illinois* states the following regarding Captain Cole's Military Record: "Here we find an instance of patriotism and devotion to the stars and stripes that has few parallels."

After his service, he had several commercial interests and sold the property to Austin Richards in 1865 who later sold to the Postmaster Henry Carpenter in 1871. J.J. Cole held important political positions. From 1866-1869 he served as the Supervisor (Mayor) of what was then unincorporated Downers Grove. He then served as DuPage County Clerk from 1869 to 1876 and in that role had the honor to attest to the incorporation of Downer Groves in 1873. He later served as the Mayor of Wheaton. Another quote on J.J.Cole's political career from the *1874 Atlas* states: "There is no servant of the people who is more courteous and obliging to all alike in his official and social relations than he. Such are the men that people honor."

The home itself has had several changes and additions made over the years. The upper western end of the home most closely resembles the contemporary drawing from the *1874 Atlas and History of Du Page* with the dormer and associated windows. The porch has been changed to run across the Maple Avenue side of the house with four Doric columns supporting the roof. The eastern section of the house has been significantly changed with internal layout modifications and the addition of two gables. A structure at the rear of the structure that is present in the Sandborn map was removed at some point and the Huber's added a rear porch in 1986. Other features include casement windows, an archway with a pass-through, and interior woodworking.

## COMPLIANCE WITH HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE

The petitioner has outlined the request in the attached narrative letter, excerpts from books, and photographs. The petitioner will further address the proposal and justification to support the requested landmark designation at the public hearing.

Landmark designations require evaluation based on Section 12.302 of the Historic Preservation Ordinance, *Landmark Designation Criteria*. Staff finds the request complies with Section 12.302A and Section 12.302.B, as described below.



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#### **Section 12.302.A.**

**The proposed landmark is either over fifty (50) years old, in whole or in part, or is under fifty (50) years of age and possesses exceptional importance such as might be recognized immediately for its reflection of an extraordinary political event or architectural innovation; and**

The house was constructed in 1856 and is one of the oldest remaining structures in Downers Grove. This standard is met.

#### **Section 12.302.B**

**That one or more of the following conditions exist:**

- 1. The property has significant value as part of the historic, heritage or cultural characteristics of the community, county, State or Nation;**

This criteria does not apply.

- 2. The property was owned by a person or persons of historic significance to the community, county, State or Nation;**

Staff finds the property was built and owned by a person of historic significance to the community. J.J. Cole's role in the Plow Boys and his exemplary military service as a leader in Company K during the Civil War preceded a political career that included Supervisor of unincorporated Downers Grove. He was also the county clerk who attested to the official incorporation of Downers Grove. This criteria has been met.

- 3. The property represents the distinguishing characteristics of an architectural period, style, type, method of construction or use of indigenous materials;**

This criteria does not apply.

- 4. The property represents notable work of a master builder, designer, architect or artist whose individual work has influenced the development of the community, county, State or Nation;**

This criteria does not apply.

- 5. An area that has yielded or may be likely to yield, information important in history or prehistory.**

This criteria does not apply.

- 6. A source of civic pride or identity for the community.**

This criteria does not apply.

- 7. The property is included in the National Register of Historic Places.**

This criteria does not apply.

#### **NEIGHBORHOOD COMMENT**

Staff has not received any neighborhood comments regarding the proposal at this time.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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Staff finds the petition complies with the criteria in Section 12.302 for Landmark Designation. Based on the findings above, staff recommends that the Architectural Design Review Board makes a positive recommendation to the Village Council for landmark status of 710 Maple Avenue.

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Staff Report Approved By:



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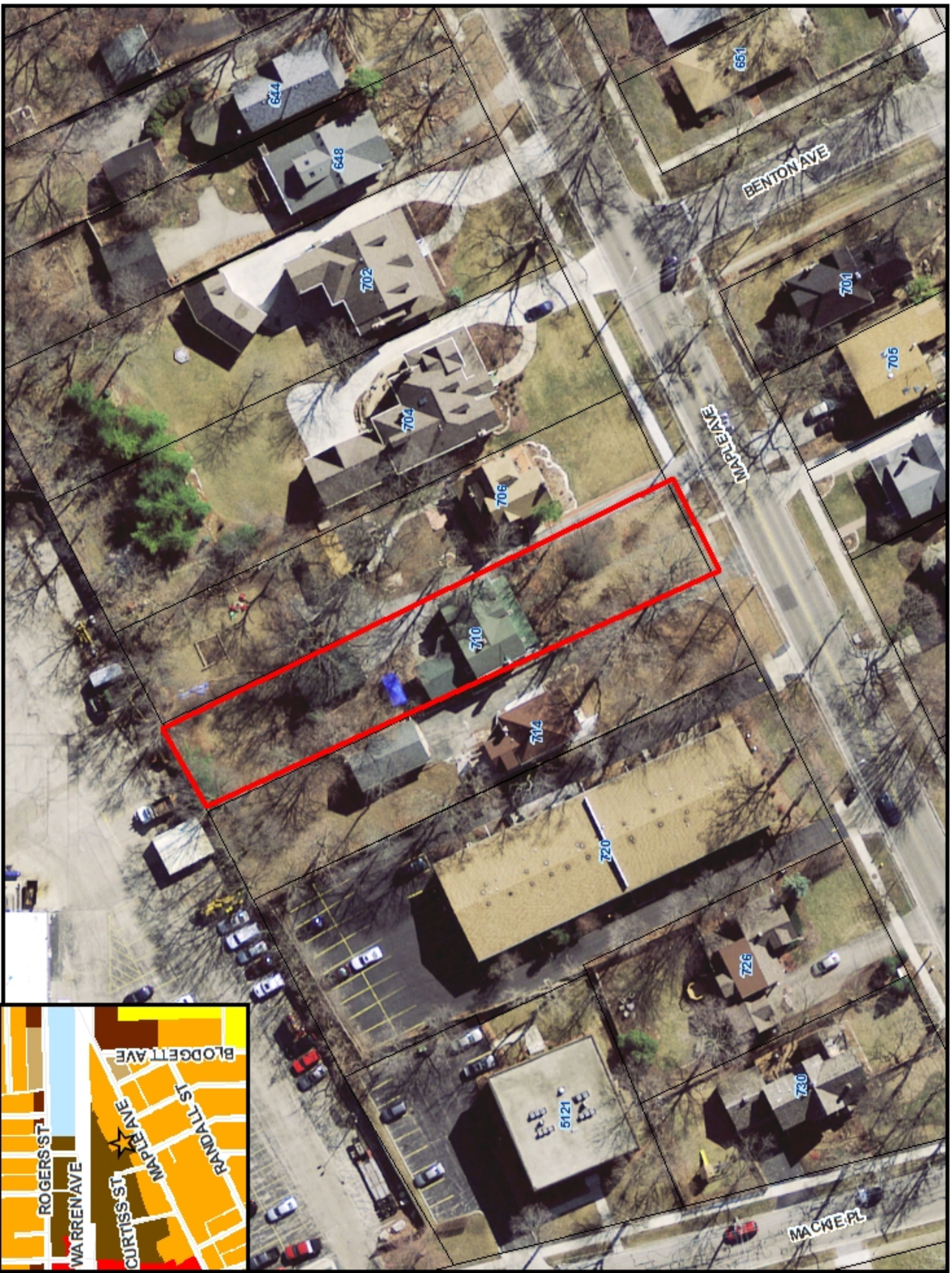
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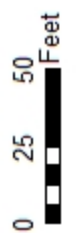
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**710 Maple Ave. - Location Map**





**JJ COLE HOUSE**  
**1833-1901**  
**184 E. Maple, 710 E. Maple**

1853 Comes to Naperville for one year.

1854 Arrives in Downers Grove with mother and brother and sister. Buys land from Curtiss 10846 20/25 in Curtis Subdivision on Maple

(1855 – Austin Richards arrives in Naperville)

**I will estimate the home being erected about 1856**

1860 Is in census as have a farm worth \$3000 and personal value of \$1000

(1860- Austin Richards is listed as having a farm of \$2000 and personal \$550)

1861 – Becomes a Plow Boy and enlists in Civil War as a LT in Company K-13. He is promoted to Capt. When Blanchard passes. He is captured. Was said to have stopped farming to join the war.

1863- States D. Cole dies  
JJ is mustered out of War

1864 Cole and Thatcher Messr. Is founded. A dry goods store

(1865 March 1- Austin Richards marries Elizabeth Cole, States' widow.)

1865 – March 28 JJ Cole sells land to Richards 6322 30/95 for \$2700

1866-1869 JJCole is listed as Supervisor (Mayor) of Downers Grove

1869-1876 JJ is County Clerk

1870 – Census has JJ living in Wheaton listed as a Merchant

(1870- Census has Richards listed as retired farmer \$4000 and \$1000)

1871 September 18 sells land to Henry Carpenter 14393 34/278

1872 JJ Cole Marries Susan Phylora Smith

1873 Agnes is born d. 1956

Elected to County Clerk

(1873- Richards helps incorporate Downers Grove)

1874 Sold his interest in Messrs. Cole and Thatcher in Downers Grove but kept a home there.

1878 – Reno Berry is born

1885-86 JJ Cole is Mayor of Wheaton

(1891-Carpenter dies willing land to Brian Carpenter)

House seems to be rented through 1918

1903 J. Haas

1905 Edward and Pearl Innes

1907 John and Mary Conn

1908 -1911 Mr and Mrs Oreal and Clara Elder

1919 Carpenter sells to JD Anthony 141984

1943 Anthony sells to Rutherford 458318 418/470

19 Rutherford sells to Swanson

1972 Swanson sells to Huber

Austin Richards 1819-1903

Henry Carpenter (Postmaster)1810-1891

There is a Cole Ave. in Wheaton

“There is no servant of the people who is more courteous and obliging to all alike in his official and social relations than he. Such are the men that people honor.”

1874 Atlas and History of Du Page

Dear Members of the Architectural Design Review Board,

We are James W. and Maren K. Huber, owners of 710 Maple Avenue. We are seeking Historic Landmark Designation for this home which is also known as the J. J. Cole house.

Captain Jordan James Cole was a farmer in the Downers Grove area before the town became incorporated; a soldier in the Civil War, wounded and a prisoner during his service; a local merchant; a land owner and businessman, a Supervisor (Mayor) of Downers Grove; and Clerk of DuPage County. He later became Mayor of Wheaton also. He was a prominent citizen of the Downers Grove Community and important in its history. When, in 1873, the Certificate of Incorporation for the Village of Downers Grove was issued in Naperville, it was J. J. Cole, Clerk of the County Court, who attested the document. The following quotation about Jordan James Cole was found in the *1874 Atlas and History of DuPage*.

There is no servant of the people who is more courteous and obliging to all alike in his official and social relations than he. Such are the men that people honor.

Efforts searching county records, *Downers Grove (history from) 1832-1982*, and the *1874 DuPage Atlas and History* resulted in determining the J. J. Cole house was built in 1856. Several changes and construction modifications did take place since 1856, but much of the original structure is plainly evident. Records show the following families have occupied this home.

J. J. Cole and family  
Haas family  
Edward and Pearl Innes  
John and Mary Conn  
Mr. and Mrs. Oreal and Clara Elder  
J. D. Anthony  
Rutherford Family  
Swanson Family  
James and Maren Huber family



The prominence of J. J. Cole in the community, his reputation in the surrounding area, and the age of this home – built in the 1850's – meet the requirements for seeking historic landmark designation. Included in this request for landmark status are the documents from the landmark packet, historical notes and observations, and photos – both old and new – for your review.

We hope you enjoy examining this information and conclude this home should receive the landmark designation.

Thank you for your time and effort in attending to this matter.

*James W. Huber*  
*Maren K. Huber*

James W. Huber

Maren K. Huber

**J. J. Cole House**  
**710 Maple Avenue**  
**(184 E. Maple Avenue)**

Records (10846 20/25) show Jordan James Cole (1833-1901) came to Downers Grove with his mother, brother, and sister and purchased land from Curtiss in the Curtis Subdivision on Maple Avenue in 1854. He built the family residence and began farming in Downers Grove. The estimated date of the home's construction is 1856, and the 1860 census shows the Cole farm worth \$3000 with personal items valued at \$1000.

During his life in Downers Grove, Cole became a noteworthy and distinguished citizen. He joined the Plowboys and enlisted to fight in the Civil War. Starting as Lieutenant, he was promoted to the rank of Captain when Captain Blanchard was wounded and later died. Captain Cole was wounded and taken prisoner at Chickasaw Bayou, Mississippi, in 1862, and was held in various locations until a prisoner exchange from Richmond, Virginia, in 1863.

Life experiences changed for Cole as he returned home, joined the civilian citizenry, and became well-known in the Downers Grove area. Farming responsibilities probably ended as he joined the War. Then returning to Downers Grove from military duty, Cole pursued a business opportunity and became a partner in the establishing of Messrs. Cole and Thatcher, a dry goods store. A political experience began for him and he was supervisor (equivalent to Mayor if Downers Grove had been incorporated at the time) of Downers Grove from 1866 to 1869. His tenure as supervisor ended when he served as DuPage County Clerk from 1869 to 1876. By 1870 he was living in Wheaton and listed as a merchant, although he still owned a residence in Downers Grove. Returning to public service, Cole was Mayor of Wheaton in 1885-1886. The town of Wheaton has a street named Cole Avenue.

Business ventures continued for Cole and his personal life began progressing also. In 1865 Cole's sister-in-law, Elizabeth Cole (widow of States Cole, J.J. Cole's late brother) married Austin Richards. At this time, J.J. Cole sold land to Austin Richards (6322 30/95) for \$2700. In September of 1871, Richards then sold the home and land to Downers Grove historical resident and postmaster, Henry Carpenter (14393 34/278). Cole married Susan Phylora Smith in 1872. The

couple had 2 children, Agnes (1873-1956) and Reno Berry (born 1878). After selling his interest in the dry goods store in 1874, Cole kept a Downers Grove home.

In addition, the structural history of the home is noteworthy. Interior foundation arrangement appears to show the house was built in 2 sections. One portion, shown in a drawing from the *1874 Du Page County Atlas and History* publication, looks somewhat the same as a current photo. This is the western section (left hand part) in the photo and drawing. The upstairs dormer and 2 windows correspond exactly to the current home. On the lower level, however, several changes can be noted. The original porch has been replaced by one which runs across the entire front of the house. There are four Greek columns which support this porch addition. The lower portion of the west front area showed 3 original double-hung windows, and there is now a set of two vertical casement windows. These windows have been modified from a double French door which opened to the porch. Later the French door was changed to the current vertical casement windows.

The eastern section (right hand part) now has two gables upstairs and a different front door arrangement on the lower level. It also appears that significant changes were made in the eastern side of the house – currently a dining room and kitchen on the lower level and bedroom on the upper level of the house. The make-over of the eastern portion of the house seems to be substantial. In comparing the Atlas drawing and a modern photo of the home, and looking at the foundation construction inside the house, one might assume the eastern portion of the house was once a kitchen arrangement (note chimney at the back on that side of the house) which may have been completely razed and a new eastern section erected. That may have been when the front porch was extended to the entire front of the house.

The Cole house is shown in section 13 of the Sandborn map. On that document a structure is visible on the north wall at the rear on the east. This is possibly a back porch which has long ago been removed. Now the kitchen, located on the north wall, looks immediately over the driveway at the rear of the house. Currently a large screened porch is located on the west side of the north wall of the house. The Huber family added this feature in 1986, and it is not visible from the front view of the home.

The home's interior has some unique historical features. The north wall of the current dining room has an archway in the middle with a pass-through to the kitchen. On each side of this archway, built-in storage exists with a swinging window/door arrangement fronting each storage area. There is a set of four swinging windows almost covering the east wall of the dining room, quite a change from the east view shown in the *1874 Atlas and History of DuPage*. Woodwork in the dining room and living room is old – it may or may not be original because of what appears to be the extensive remodel or reconstruction of the east portion of the house. The dining room has wooden beam configurations supporting the ceiling panels.

Open to the dining room is the living room and open to the living room is the family room. Both openings to and from the living room are rectangular and framed in old (may or may not be original) woodwork. An additional opening in the wall from the family room to the living room was created after a fireplace was added in 1954 by the Rutherford family. The new fireplace was so efficient it made the family room too warm; so by creating the large rectangular aperture, extra heat could then “escape” to the living room. This opening was later completed to the floor by the Hubers when a piano was placed in that location. Several upstairs rooms have cold air returns covered with the old iron grates.

The home's front door opens from the living room to the front porch. When Hubers purchased the home in 1972, the front door construction was wood with side glass panels covered with shutters. A change was made in 1986 where the wooden door assembly was removed and a swinging patio door was installed. The difference in appearance between the solid wood door and the open look of the glass is considerable.

Bedrooms at the east and west ends on the upper level have casement windows which swing open into the room. The older west wall windows in two bedrooms are small and very close to the floor. The side wall of the east bedroom also has casement windows; however these are larger and much farther from floor level.

In the below grade level of the house, past evidence is visible. One foundation wall adjacent to another foundation wall shows the place where the two sections of the house were constructed. The stone foundation wall is 16 inches thick. A

new fireplace exists now where an old octopus furnace once stood. A main beam with support posts has been installed in one part of the lower level and an old log/tree trunk support is visible under the staircase.

The home's history and prominent original owner and the structure's age with many of the original features still intact present good reasons for granting a landmark designation to this property.



KABAL ENGINEERING COMPANY  
Land Surveying and Civil Engineering

2411 HAWTHORNE AVENUE  
WESTCHESTER, ILLINOIS  
562-2652

# Plat of Survey

The Easterly 50 feet of the Westerly 100 feet of that part of Lot 5 in Assessor's Subdivision of Section 8, Township 38 North, Range 11 East of the Third Principal Meridian, described as follows: Commencing in the center of Maple Avenue and in the South line of said Lot at a point, 1.51<sup>+</sup> Chains North 65<sup>+</sup> Degrees East of the Southwest corner of said Lot 5 and running thence North 23<sup>+</sup> degrees West 4.71 Chains to Cossett's Northeast corner; thence North 6<sup>+</sup> degrees East 2.29<sup>+</sup> Chains to William Edward's Northwest corner; thence South 23<sup>+</sup> degrees East 4.79 Chains to the center of said Maple Avenue; thence South 65<sup>+</sup> degrees West 2.29<sup>+</sup> Chains to the place of beginning, in Du Page County, Illinois.



Please check Legal Description with Deed and report any discrepancy immediately.

Surveyed Jan. 30, 1968  
Building Located Jan. 30, 1968

Scale: 1 inch = 20 ft.  
Order No. 680105  
Ordered By: Realty Housing

STATE OF ILLINOIS }  
COUNTY OF COOK } s.s.

I, STEPHEN J. BALEK, an Illinois Registered Land Surveyor, hereby certify that I have surveyed the property described above and the plat hereon drawn is a correct representation of said survey.

Dimensions are in feet and decimal parts thereof and are corrected to a temperature of 62 degrees Fahrenheit.

*Stephen J. Balek*  
Illinois Registered Land Surveyor No. 1711

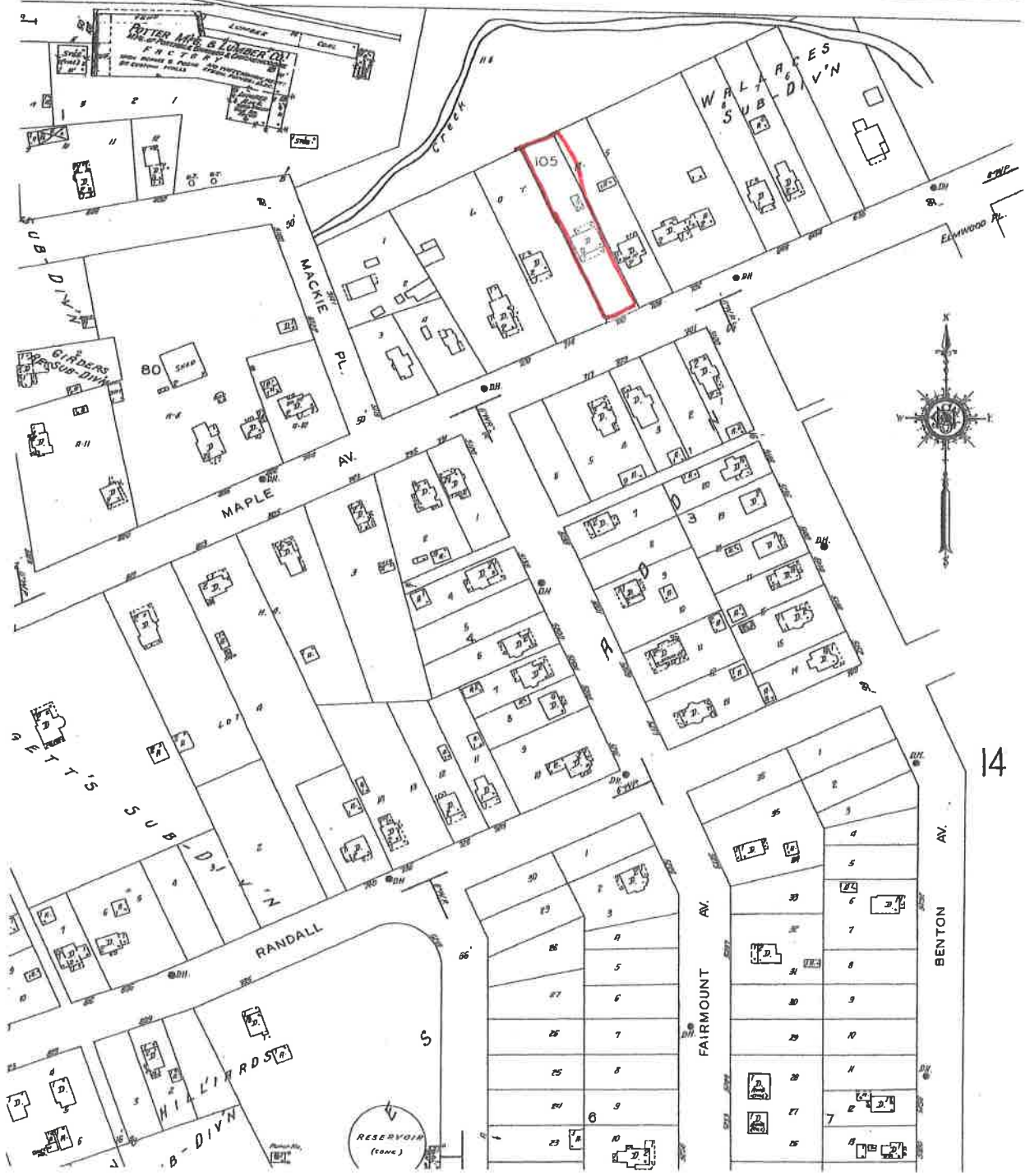


AV. 9 PROSPECT AV.

DOWNERS GROVE, ILL.  
MAR. 1933

SCALE 100 FT. TO AN INCH

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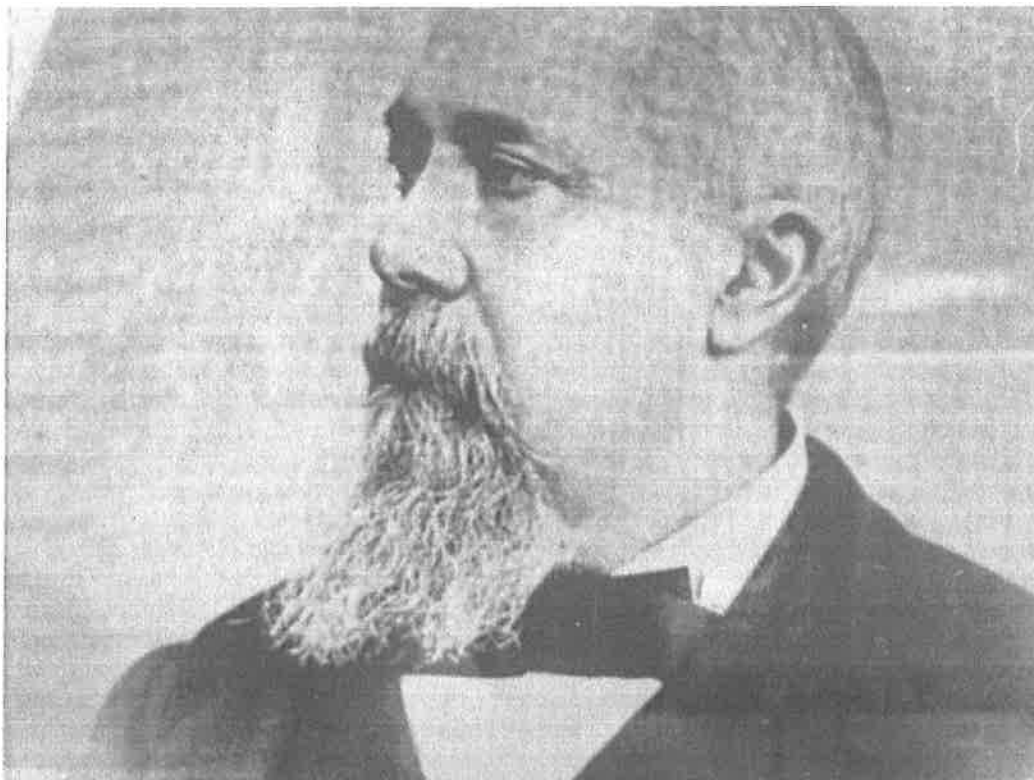


Photo #1: J.J. Cole

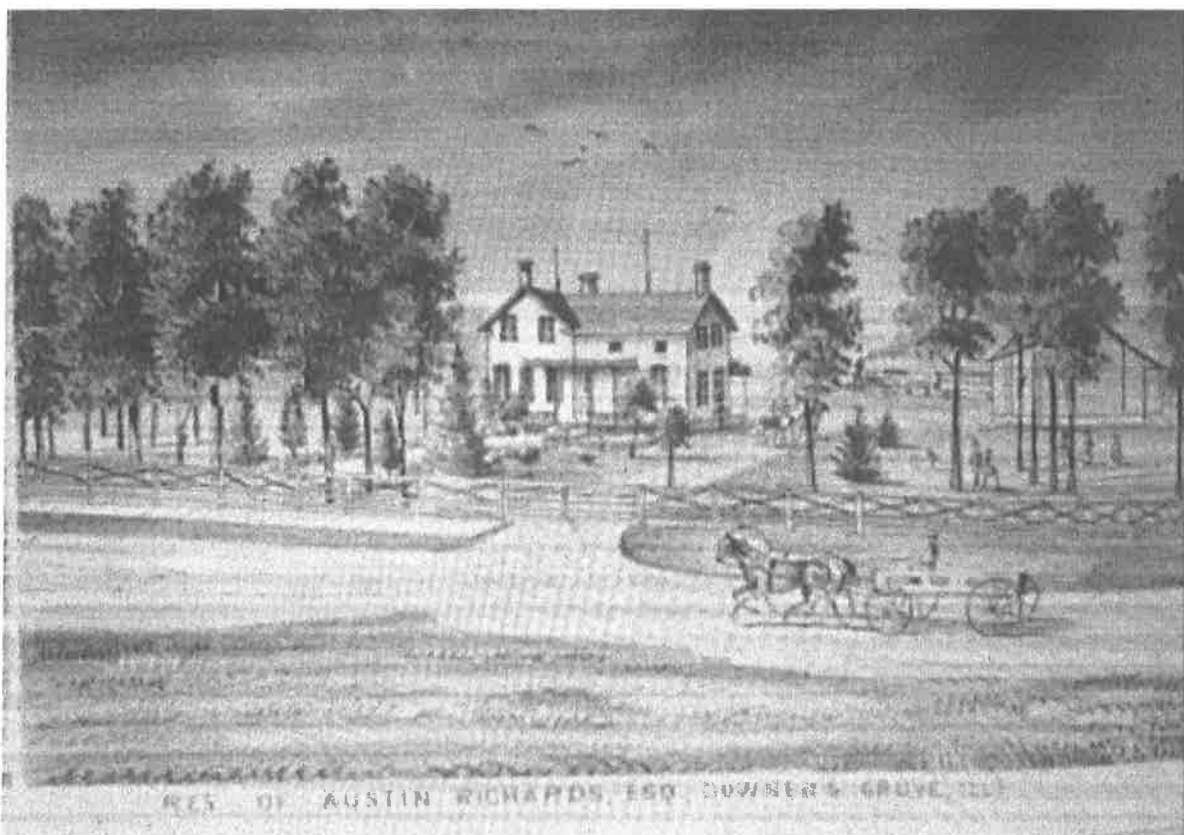


Photo #2: From the 1874 Atlas and History of DuPage



## Historic Landmark Information Form

Property Address 710 Maple Avenue Downers Grove, IL

Date of Construction 1856

Architectural Style Greek Revival

Architect (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Stories 2 Basement (Y/N) Y

Foundation Materials (Concrete, Concrete Block, Wood, Stone, Brick, N/A)

Stone

Exterior Wall Materials (Concrete, Wood, Stone, Brick, Vinyl, Other, N/A)

Siding

Roof Type (Gabled, Cross-Gabled, Hipped, Hipped-Gable, Shed, Gambrel, Flat, Other, N/A)

Cross-gabled

Roof Materials (Metal, Wood Shingle, Wood Shake, Composition, Slate, Tile, Other, N/A)

Asphalt Shingles

Window Type (Double-Hung, Awning, Casement, Hopper, Other, N/A)

Casement Double-hung

Window Materials (Wood, Aluminum, Vinyl, Other, N/A)

Wood with glass

Door Type (Panel, Flush, Transom, N/A) and Materials (Wood, Metal, Glass, N/A)

Wood with glass

Other significant exterior architectural features (Accessory Structures, Arches, Porches, Towers, Brick Course, etc.)

Front porch with Doric columns  
Second floor dormer windows





Photo #3: The western section of the house shows the same dormer and windows as the 1874 Atlas drawing (2016)



Photo #4: Current view of gables that were added to the east side of the house (2016)



Photo #5: Dining room arch and kitchen pass-through: side cabinets and ceiling beams partially visible (2016)



Photo #6: Casement windows on dining room east wall





Photo #7: Upstairs east bedroom casement windows are larger and not as close to floor as west bedroom casement windows are (2016)



Photo #8: Smaller casement windows are closer to the floor in west bedrooms (2016)





Photo #9: View of the log/tree trunk support for the main beam running east to west under the house (2016)



Photo #10: The J.J. Cole House as it looks today (2016)

10/10/2016

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Catherine, now  
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er, 1815, a farmer  
idow, Mrs. Albee,  
th day of August,  
n the 25th day of  
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CAPT. J. J. COLE was born on the 16th day of April, 1833, in Putnam county, New York, a son of Berry Cole, who was born in Putnam county, on the 24th day of June, 1769; was twice married, and the father of fourteen children, J. J. being the youngest. He was a farmer, and the principal proprietor of the first show or menagerie that ever traveled through the country. He died in Putnam county, New York, in 1835, at the age of sixty-six years. At the age of twenty-one, J. J. Cole came to Illinois in company with his mother, his youngest brother and sister. They went on to a farm in the Big Woods settlement in Naperville township, DuPage county. Here J. J. engaged in agriculture. After one year spent here, he went to Downer's Grove and purchased a farm, where he continued farming until April, 1861, when he enlisted in Company K, Thirteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. On the organization of this company he was elected to the second lieutenancy, afterwards promoted to first lieutenancy, and thence to captaincy of the same company. He was taken prisoner in the rear of Vicksburg in December, 1862, and was held by the Confederates over four months, when he was exchanged. He was held in Vicksburg a short time after his capture, then sent to Jackson, Mississippi, and from there to Libby Prison, Richmond, Virginia. It was from here he was exchanged in time to reach his regiment in May, 1863, the next day after the investment of Vicksburg. He was present at the surrender of that stronghold.

The Thirteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry was engaged in the battles of Lookout Mountain, Mission Ridge, Arkansas Post, and many others, and has left a glorious record of self-sacrifice and devotion to the cause of the Union, and of the deeds of bravery shown in every skirmish and battle that they were called upon to participate in. Capt. Cole was with his company in every battle that they were engaged in, except the battle of Arkansas Post. Here we find an instance of patriotism and devotion to the stars and stripes that has few parallels. For three years Capt. Cole was never absent from his company only when a prisoner, and then no sooner liberated in a depleted condition, than he hastens back to his regiment and joins it (within ten rods of the very spot where he was captured), to re-engage in the deadly strife against the enemies of his country. Evidently, Capt. Cole never acted on the motto, that "he who fights and runs away will live to fight another day." After the expiration of the term of his enlistment he returned to his home at Downer's Grove.

In 1865 he embarked with E. Thatcher in merchandising. In 1866 he was elected to the supervisorship of his town, and re-elected from year to year for four consecutive years. When he was elected to the office of County Clerk, and in the fall of 1873 was re-elected to this office and received a unanimous vote, deservedly so, for there is no servant of the people who is more courteous and obliging to all alike in his official and social relations than he. Such are the men that the people like to trust and honor.

Capt. J. J. Cole has been twice married, and has one child, a daughter, Agnes May, born on the 9th day of May, 1873. The mother to the subject of these remarks is now living, at the age of seventy-eight, enjoying medium health. For many years her home has been with her son, J. J.

Capt. Cole's first vote was cast for J. C. Fremont for President. He has been a Republican ever since, and is, strictly speaking, a progressive and rising man.

In January, 1874, he sold his interest in the store of Messrs. Cole & Thatcher, of Downer's Grove, to Mr. Thatcher, his former partner. He still retains his house and lot there, a view of which may be seen in this work.

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"To the Honorable M.C. Dudley  
County Judge of DuPage County, Illinois  
The undersigned legal voters in the county of  
DuPage and the State of Illinois, and residing  
upon and within the territory hereinafter  
described, being desirous of incorporating as a  
village under Article 11 of an act entitled *An Act  
For The Incorporation of Cities and Villages*,  
approved April 10, 1871, certain contiguous  
territory situated, lying and being in said Town-  
ship of Downers Grove, and known and described  
as follows—to wit:

All of section 8 and the east half of section 7,  
in Township 38, north range 11, east of the third  
principal meridian:

Would respectfully represent unto your Honor  
that the above territory is not now included  
within the limits of any incorporated town, vil-  
lage, or city, and that it has resident thereon a  
population of three hundred and fifty inhabi-  
tants.

Now therefore in view of the foregoing facts,  
and representations, your petitioners would  
respectfully petition your Honor to cause the  
question to be submitted to the legal voters  
resident upon and within the limits of said  
territory proposed to be incorporated as afore-  
said, whether they will organize under said act or  
not.

The said village to be incorporated shall be  
known and designated by the name of Downers  
Grove,"

Signed:

D.K. Foote  
D. Kimball  
Charles Curtiss  
E.S. Beardsley  
Lester Hunt  
E. Thatcher  
D.D. Escher  
J.W. Rogers  
L.H.L. Wilcox  
Thos. Lyman  
F.R. Rogers  
Thos. C. Marsh  
E.W. Farrar  
Charles Carpenter  
O.C. Gibbs  
T.S. Rogers  
I.N. Hobart  
J.H. Lyman  
John Stanley

D. Klein  
James M. Barr  
B. Randall  
T. Popenhausen  
A.B. Austin  
Austin Richards  
A.L. Loomis  
D.S. Richards  
L. Havens  
J. Wood  
A.E. Crittenden  
U. Balcom  
S.C. Schofield  
R.C. Bates  
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J.H. Hill  
Israel L. Blackburn  
Edward Goodenough

On Saturday, March 29, 1873, an order was  
issued by the court that an election be held at the  
office of Warren Rogers which was on the east  
side of Main Street, north of Railroad Street. "It  
seems safe to assume that nearly every voter in  
the proposed village registered his opinion at the  
election."

Harriet Strong wrote,

"Old settlers who remember the election say it was  
hotly contested for weeks and the result was not  
known until the ballots were counted.

The following votes were cast:

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| For organization     | 49 |
| Against organization | 38 |
| Majority             | 11 |

whereupon Judge M.C. Dudley issued a certificate  
of incorporation at Naperville, March 31, 1873.  
Attested by J.J. Cole, Clerk of the County Court.

The first ordinances were regulations for orderly  
behavior, forbidding unseemly nuisances and noisy  
disturbances of the peace. For example, one section  
'Forbade the annoyance of others on Sunday by  
dancing, fiddling, singing songs, jumping, drilling,  
skating, running foot races, racing horses, playing  
ball, ten pins, billiards, cards, marbles, or other  
games, wrestling, or boxing, pitching quoits, fishing,  
hunting, or any amusement of like nature' and  
provided for a fine of not less than ten dollars."

At an election for Officers in the Village of Downers  
Grove County of DuPage, and State of Illinois held  
in pursuance of an act entitled "An Act to provide for  
the incorporation of Cities and Villages" the several  
persons afterwards mentioned were certified by the  
Judges of said election as being duly elected which  
certificate of said Judges of said election is in words  
and figures as follows:

To Wit:

At an election held in the office of J.W. Rogers in  
the Village of Downers Grove County of DuPage



J. Warren Rogers Building — where village election of 1873  
was held



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Atlas of 1874  
Patron's Directory of DuPage County

| NAME                  | RESIDENCE       | DATE TO CO. | BIRTHPLACE | OCCUPATION  |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------|------------|---|
| David Kline           | D.G.            | 1854        | France     | Merchant  |
| O. Kinyon             | D.G.            | 1843        | New York   | Farmer  |
| Henry M. Lyman        | D.G.            | 1839        | New York   | Farmer  |
| Thos. Lyman           | D.G.            | 1839        | New York   | Real Estate   |
| John H. Lyman         | D.G.            | 1839        | Ohio       | Real Estate   |
| Philip Leonard        | (DG) Lyonsville | 1836        | France     | Farmer  |
| Hector Lyon           | D.G. Cass       | 1845        | New Jersey | Farmer  |
| Jacob B. Miller       | D.G.            | 1844        | Penn.      | Hotel & Saloon  |
| J.B. Mackie           | D.G. Cass       | 1857        | Scotland   | Farmer  |
| Christian Mihm        | D.G. Gower      | 1849        | Germany    | Stock Dealer & Farmer   |
| Chas. A. Mihm         | D.G. Gower      | 1849        | Ill. (?)   | Stock Dealer & Farmer   |
| Louis Marwitz         | D.G. Gower      | 1870        | Germany    | Farmer  |
| Wm. Oldfield          | D.G. Gower      | 1850        | England    | Farmer  |
| John Oldfield         | Lemont          | 1849        | England    | Cattle Broker   |
| Fred Papenhausen      | D.G.            | 1871        | Germany    | Merchant Tailor   |
| Isaac Pool            | D.G.            | 1865        | Virginia   | Farmer  |
| Frederick Peters      | D.G.            | 1844        | France     | Farmer  |
| G. Frederick Prescott | D.G.            | 1852        | Germany    | Farmer  |
| Henry Pantke          | D.G.            | 1860        | Germany    | Farmer  |
| Benjamin Prentiss     | D.G.            | 1837        | Canada     | Farmer  |
| J.W. Rogers           | D.G.            | 1844        | New York   | Hardware, Agricultural/<br>Implements, & Coal & Lbr.<br>Dir. in Provisions, Chicago |
| T.S. Rogers           | D.G.            | 1844        | New York   | Farmer  |
| F.A. Rogers           | D.G.            | 1844        | New York   | Farmer  |
| Austin Richards       | D.G.            | 1855        | New York   | Farmer  |
| F.M. Roe              | D.G.            | 1851        | Kentucky   | Physician & Surgeon   |
| Anthony Rohmer        | D.G. Cass       | 1843        | France     | Farmer  |
| Lewis Strouse         | D.G.            | 1846        | Penn.      | Hdwr. & Agri Implement  |
| J.W. Sucher           | D.G.            | 1847        | Kentucky   | Blacksmith  |
| Elisha Smart          | DG—Lemont       | 1838        | England    | Farmer  |
| John Schuster         | DG—Gower        | 1854        | Alsace     | Farmer  |
| Warren Smith          | D.G.            | ?           | Mass.      | Stock Dealer & Farmer   |
| D.C. Stanley          | D.G.            | 1835        | Penn.      | Farmer  |
| E. Thatcher           | D.G.            | 1840        | Penn.      | Postmaster & Merchant   |
| John A. Thatcher      | D.G.            | 1845        | Penn.      | Farmer  |
| Abraham Wells         | D.G. Cass       | 1860        | England    | Farmer  |

Rufus Blanchard in *The History of DuPage County* listed the following public officials from the Downers Grove area;

**Those who served the County  
in the State Legislature:**

1870-William M. Whitney  
1874-V. Fredenhagen

**County Clerks**

1869-76-J.J. Cole

**Sheriffs**

1860-61 T.S. Rogers

**County Judges**

1839-J.W. Walker  
1853-59-Walter Blanchard

**Co. Supt. of Schools**

1876-81-J.R. Haggard

**County Commissioners**

1839-J.W. Walker  
1840-J.W. Walker  
1841-J.W. Walker

**Supervisors Town of Downers Grove**

1850-Leonard K. Hatch  
1851-53-Walter Blanchard  
1854-G.W. Alderman  
1855-Walter Blanchard  
1856-Seth F. Daniels  
1857-Samuel DeGolyer  
1858-61-Leonard K. Hatch  
1862-L.D. Fuller

**Supervisors**

1864-J.A. Thatcher  
1865-T.S. Rogers  
1866-68-J.J. Cole  
1869-J.J. Cole  
1870-Alanson Ford  
1871-72-V. Fredenhagen

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VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE  
ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN REVIEW BOARD  
VILLAGE HALL - COMMITTEE ROOM  
801 BURLINGTON AVENUE

OCTOBER 19, 2016, 7:00 P.M.

**B. 16-ADR-0009: A petition seeking a Historic Landmark Designation for the property commonly known as 710 Maple Avenue, Downers Grove, IL (PIN 09-08-401-008). The property is located on the north side of Maple Avenue, approximately 80 feet west of the intersection of Maple Avenue and Benton Avenue. James and Maren Huber, Petitioners and Owners.**

Village Planner Scott Williams summarized that the owners were applying under the criteria of “owned or occupied by a person of historic significance in the community,” referencing the packet that was submitted with researched material. Mr. Williams located the site of the structure (constructed circa 1856) on the overhead (intersection of Maple and Benton), reviewed the Sanborn Map, noting the front and rear porches of the structure, and a photo of the structure currently. Architectural details and additions to the home were pointed out.

Mr. Williams reviewed a historic painting of the home approximately 20 years after it was constructed, pointing out some of the changes that had occurred at that time. He stated the original owner of the home was J. J. Cole. Of significance was the fact that Mr. Cole was a member and leader of the Plow Boys, a political/local organization, which formed Company K of the 13<sup>th</sup> Illinois regiment.

Historical facts of Mr. Cole’s military involvement followed, including the Chickasaw Bayou Assault, as part of the Vicksburg campaign. Details followed. Mr. Cole also served as supervisor for unincorporated Downers Grove and he was County Clerk whom attested to the incorporation of Downers Grove.

Staff recommended approval for landmark designation based on the fact that the home was over 50 years old and because of the material submitted by the applicant, specifically excerpts from the 1874 Atlas and History of DuPage County, the book, “Downers Grove, 1832 to 1982,” the Military History of the 13<sup>th</sup> Illinois, and other assorted documentation.

Owner, Ms. Maren Huber stated that she and her husband moved into the structure in 1972 and raised their family. She reviewed a Power Point of the home’s history, its interior structure, and Mr. Cole’s personal history as a civilian, followed by his involvement in the military, and then in the political arena. Ms. Huber reviewed the exterior details of the home as it changed through the years. She closed by thanking all those involved in the research of her home.

A short dialog followed on the length time of time it took to research the home and the various census records that were researched.

Mr. Lerner inquired as to how the presentation and the summary of information in tonight's minutes would be preserved and added to the historical records of the home, to which Planner Leitschuh explained the process for him. Mr. Lerner inquired whether there was consideration to refresh the survey as homes were landmarked, wherein Planner Leitschuh explained that yearly grants become available to Certified Local Governments, which the village was, and staff planned to apply for those funds to expand the survey. Details followed.

Mr. Dave Gassen, 5320 Benton Avenue strongly supported the landmarking designation.

Ms. Amy Gassen, 5320 Benton Avenue thanked the Hubers for bringing the application forward. She thanked Cindy Zaeske (phonetic spelling) for much of the research on the home. Personally, she enjoyed researching the home and remarked it was the first home where the petitioner was requesting landmark status because she was so passionate about the significance of the person that previously lived in the home and wanted to ensure the home did not get demolished. This was one of the reasons why she believed it was very valuable for people to research the history of their homes.

Ms. Cindy Zaeske, 1130 Franklin Street, referred to the home as a "diamond in the rough" and stated that if the owners had not researched the home, the village would have lost a gem. She reiterated the importance of the history the home held inside versus the outside, and the fact it was an important part of Downers Grove that no one would have known about before tonight.

Mr. Rich Kulovany, 6825 Camden congratulated the Hubers as chairman of the Friends of the Edwards House and acknowledged the work and research that went into the home. He understood that the owners were not saving the home for themselves, but preserving it for future generations, which took much determination and courage.

Hearing no further comments, the chairman pro tem entertained a motion.

**MS. ACKS MADE A MOTION THAT THE ADRB FORWARD A POSITIVE RECOMMENDATION TO THE VILLAGE COUNCIL TO RECOMMEND HISTORICAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION FOR 710 MAPLE AVENUE.**

**MR. LERNER SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL:**

**AYE: MS. ACKS, MR. LERNER, MS. CHALBERG, MR. LARSON, MR. RIEMER  
NAY: NONE**

**MOTION CARRIED. VOTE: 5-0**