

APPLICATION FOR LANDMARK OR HISTORIC DISTRICT

QUINCY PRESERVATION COMMISSION

200 North 8th Suite 102

Quincy, Illinois 62301 Telephone 228-4515

Applicant's name George M. Irwin

Mailing address 126 North 8th Street

Telephone number 224-2006

Address of Landmark or boundaries of proposed Historic District 126 North 8th Street (Ernest M. Wood Office & Studio)

Name of property owner(s), if different from applicant _____

Description and physical appearance of Landmark or Historic District. Include photograph of front exterior of Landmark or photographs of the group of structures for Historic District. Please include map for Historic District. Feel free to provide additional documentation on separate sheet(s). Prairie Style stucco and wood one story office building built by the Quincy architect Ernest Michael Wood in 1911-12 for his own use, where he practiced until retiring in 1938. As a structure designed by Wood for his personal use,

Why do you think this property merits designation? Check appropriate items:
x Architecture x Person(s) _____ Event _____ Activities _____
_____ Unusual use x Prominent Landmark _____ Other _____

Is owner aware of this application? x Yes _____ No

Is owner willing to consent to designation of property? x Yes _____ No _____ Don't know

George M. Irwin
Signature

8/31/87
Date filed at Preservation Office

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Quincy Preservation Commission preliminary review Approved Date 9-1-87

Disapproved _____ Date _____

Quincy Preservation Commission decision on designating Ordinance Approved Date 10-6-87

Disapproved _____ Date _____

Decision of Quincy City Council on Ordinance Approved Date 12-26-99

Disapproved _____ Date _____

Other _____

2- Ernest Michael Wood Office & Studio

it is of special interest because it is indicative of the architect's stylistic preferences when free of client pressures. Prairie Style characteristics are to be seen in the rectilinear massing of the building, the subdivision of exterior and interior surfaces by flat strips of dark stained wood, the simple geometry of the wooden screens on either side at the front of the building, of the fireplace and the stained glass in the windows, and the overhanging horizontal edges of the roof. The structure was unlike anything in Quincy at the time with its creme-colored stucco over cypress walls and straightforward references to Frank Lloyd Wright. The building was purchased by the present owner in 1979, and has been carefully and authentically restored inside and outside. The Magnesite floor has been restored in the front office and original colors of paint have been used on the walls and ceilings. Skylights have been restored and all additions to the original have been removed. Built-in bookcases have also been restored, and two original light fixtures have been preserved inside along with the front porch light. The interior woodwork is quarter-sawed oak, preserved in natural wood finish. The private back yard has been somewhat relandscaped, keeping the builder's flowering shrubs, iris and tulips. Also, an additional five feet of property have been added to the south, to provide a landscape buffer to the adjoining parking lot.

The Ernest M. Wood Office & Studio, 126 North 8th Street, was placed on the National Register of Historic Places on August 12, 1982.



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Mr. George M. Irwin
126 N. 8th Street
Quincy, Illinois 62301

Ernest M. Wood
Office & Studio
~~1911-1912~~

Re: ~~Appraisal~~
126 N. 8th St.
Quincy, Ill.

Dear Mr. Irwin:

For the purpose of estimating fair market value, I have appraised the historic property as renovated, known as 126 N. 8th Street, Quincy, Illinois and legally described as:

Lot number Seventeen (17) and all of Lot number Eighteen (18) excepting the South twenty-seven (27) feet of said Lot Eighteen (18), all in Block number One (1) in Samuel P. Church's Addition to the Town, now City of Quincy, together with and subject to any and all privileges and appurtenances and alley rights pertaining and appurtenant thereto, as more fully set forth in deeds from Samuel P. Church and Margaretta E. Church recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds in and for Adams County, Illinois in Book J of Deeds, at page 607, in Book K of Deeds at page 115, and in Book Q of Deeds, at page 530, and

The North Five (5) feet of the South Twenty-seven (27) feet of Lot Eighteen (18) in Block one (1) in Church's Addition to the City of Quincy, situated in the County of Adams, in the State of Illinois.