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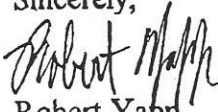
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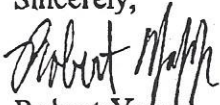
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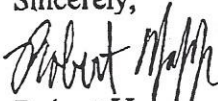
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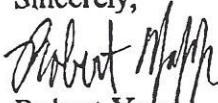
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March 31, 1994

Mr. Robert Yapp, Jr.
605 - 23rd Street
Rock Island, IL 61201

Dear Mr. Yapp,

I am writing to you in regards to a statement George Irwin is quoting you as saying about the Colonel Edward Prince House at 1680 Maine Street. I am enclosing a copy of the letter Mr. Irwin sent to Quincy Preservation Commission members in which he refers to your opinion.

I am very disappointed that you would take a position against this nomination without first studying the application, and talking with me or Kirby Eber, Local Landmark Chairman. Enclosed are copies of the Prince House Application, the March 1 minutes highlighting Mr. Irwin's comments and responses, and an Agenda for our meeting of April 5.

My sense of this is that you are not aware that Mr. Irwin is using your comment in a negative campaign against this nomination. I would appreciate hearing from you regarding this matter as soon as possible and before our meeting on Tuesday, April 5, when the final vote to recommend or not recommend designation to the City Council takes place.

On a brighter note, your talk at the Quincy Preserves annual dinner was outstanding and we were very pleased that you joined us for the Preservation Commission luncheon on March 16 to discuss issues regarding the North End.

I will look forward to hearing from you regarding this matter. My home telephone number is 217/222-8465, and the City Hall FAX number is 217-228-4546.

Yours truly,

Janet Conover,
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cc: Paul Geers, Quincy Preserves
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George M. Irwin • 1651 Maine Street • Quincy, Illinois 62301 • (217) 222-1799

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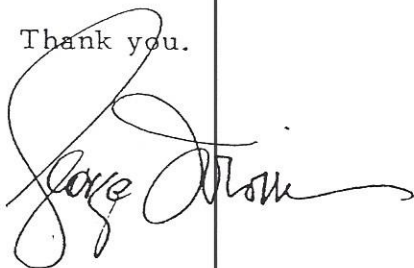
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The other non-qualifying structure is the house at 437 North 9th Street, listed as the Albert and Amelia Evers house. Even though this was designed by Frank Tubessing, one of Quincy's lesser architects, its solid but lack-of-style appearance is characteristic of this architect, who didn't even do well in designing his own house. He seemed to do better with public or commercial buildings- the original Madison School or the commercial block at the northwest corner of 8th & Maine. No amount of cosmetic or modern "fix-up" outside can make this one a landmark - the blue paint on the woodwork (wrong!), the portion of picket fence in the front yard, the railroad ties set into the bank.

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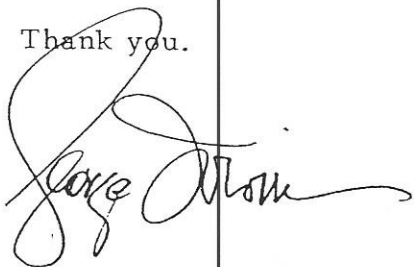
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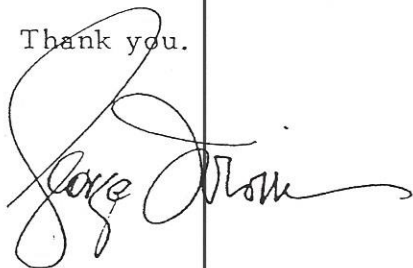
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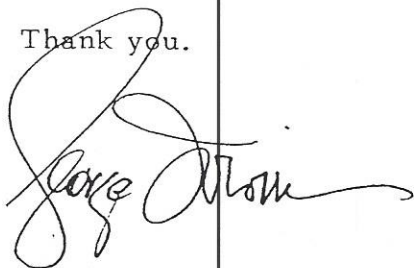
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