

APPLICATION

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ROCK ISLAND  
PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Nomination for Landmark Designation

Common Street Address of Property: 848 20th Street, 1931 9th Avenue

Legal Description of Property (available from abstract or County Recorder of Deeds office): The East 116.25 feet of Lot Five (5) and the

East 116.25 feet of the South 10 feet of Lot Six (6) in that part  
of the City of Rock Island known as and called John W. Spencer's

Subdivision of Out Lot 6 of John W. Spencer's Third Addition to  
the City of Rock Island, situated in the County of Rock Island and the  
Name and Address of Property Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ /State of Illinois

Joseph A. and Diane Rose Dalling, 620 Grove St., Rockford, IL 61108

Please provide the following information:

1. A written statement describing the property and setting forth reasons for requesting designation (attach information and sources to this application form).
2. Map indicating location of property proposed for designation (assistance available from Planning Division).
3. Recent photograph (copies of old photographs or drawings may also be included).
4. Indicate whether or not the owner is aware of the proposed designation.

Please refer to the criteria listed on the reverse side when preparing the landmark designation (These are excerpted from the Rock Island Preservation Ordinance).

Name(s) and Address(es) of Applicant(s):

Diane Rose Dalling  
Joseph A. Dalling  
Signature

JOSEPH A. DALLING  
Name

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Case # 85-2

Date 3-27-85

To: Rock Island Preservation Commission  
Re: Hansgen/Dailing House, 848 20th Street

1. Description and History of the Property: The Hansgen/Dailing house, located at 848 20th Street, is a two story brick Victorian home that was originally built as a single family residence in 1874. Since early in this century the house has been divided into two separate living units with separate addresses. The rear apartment address is 1931 9th Avenue.

The style of the house is Italianate or Anglo-Italian. Some of the characteristics of the style that can be seen in the house include an asymmetrical floor plan, overhanging eaves, tall windows and doors with rounded arches, off-set small porches which, in this case, were originally topped by iron balconies. As with most vernacular architecture the form is not pure and the Italianate description denotes more influence than pure style. Non-Italianate features include a steeply pitched roof and decorative finials which were removed some time ago.

The house is largely unchanged on the exterior from the time of its building. As mentioned, finials have been removed, a rear porch altered but little else has been done. The home was built by a local contractor by the name of ~~Voght~~ <sup>JOHN VOLK</sup>. Several other examples of his houses exist in the City, serving as a continuing testimony to his workmanship. All of the recognizable houses are two story brick homes with steeply pitched roofs and variously ornamented attic windows. The most interesting facet of Mr. Voght's homes, however, was the interior air circulation system that he built. This circulation system was thought to be more healthful for the occupants. This system still exists in the Hansgen/Dailing house although some of the vents have been since used as part of the heating system.

The floor plan of the interior of the house is also largely unchanged with the exception of changes required by the addition of indoor plumbing and more modern kitchens. Electricity was added around 1906 and central heating by coal furnace soon thereafter.

During the 1920s the interior of the house was "modernized" and wainscoting was removed from the present dining room and possibly the present living room. Sliding doors were removed from between the parlors but preserved in the attic. The front double doors at the entrance were also removed and stored and replaced with a side glass and a large single front door. Either during this modernization or earlier, the door leading to the family parlor was closed off and the back parlor became the living room for the rear apartment.

The interior trim is pine but in the front hallway the wood has been grained to resemble bird's eye maple. Almost all of the other woodwork is painted and has been painted from the beginning.

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The only place in which the woodwork was possibly grained before and then painted over is in the present dining room. This would tend to support the fact that this room originally had wainscoting in it. The floors on the first floor are oak and the flooring on the second floor is pine.

Two fireplaces remain in the house, both on the first floor. The fireplace in the living room is slate that has been painted to resemble marble in black, green and gold. The fireplace in the present dining room was painted for many years and during removal of that paint, it became apparent that that fireplace had also once been painted to resemble marble but the colors were red, black and gold.

The original lot on which the house was built extended much deeper than it does now. In 1918 and 1919 two lots were sold off to other people and homes were built on them. These homes still exist at 1923 and 1929 9th Avenue. As a result of this unfortunate sale, the house is cramped on its lot.

Hansgen Family: Charles Hansgen who built the house in 1874 was an early settler in the City, arriving in Rock Island in 1854. He worked for the Rock Island Railroad for approximately twelve years, eventually becoming a conductor. He then ran the Union Hotel for two years and began in the grocery business in either 1868 or 1870. His first grocery was at 221 20th Street for twenty-eight years and for another three years he ran a grocery in the Hurst Block. He retired from that business around the turn of the century.

In 1858, Charles Hansgen had married another German immigrant, Sophie Marg Baumgaertel in Rock Island. They had nine children, only five of whom were alive at the time of Mrs. Hansgen's death in 1905 at the age of 71. The children alive at that time included three sons, August, Fred and William and two daughters, Mrs. H.O. Teuscher of Rock Island and Mrs. V. H. Teuscher of Vincennes, Indiana. By the time of Mr. Hansgen's death in 1920 at the age of 86, another son, August, was also dead. The obituary in 1920 lists Charles Hansgen's address as 1931 9th Avenue. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hansgen were active in the German Lutheran Church, later Immanuel Lutheran Church. During his life, Mr. Hansgen apparently ran unsuccessfully for Alderman and Township Supervisor.

Charles and Sophie Hansgen's youngest son, William F. Hansgen eventually assumed control of the family home. In fact, according to later reports, William Hansgen never lived anywhere else but the family home.

William F. Hansgen was born in the house at 848 20th Street on September 18, 1876 and he died there on December 19, 1955. He married Maude Ann Rice on Christmas Day, 1899 in Rock Island. In

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1902 he began work as a gas meter reader with Peoples Power Company and continued to work with them for almost forty-four years, retiring in 1946.

William and Maude Hansgen had four children, two sons and two daughters. One daughter, Madeline Edwards, has continued to reside in Rock Island all of her life and has been very active in historical and preservation efforts in Rock Island. James R. Hansgen became a lawyer and eventually a judge in Jo Daviess County, retiring in 1978. The second daughter, Audrey, later Mrs. E. G. Mason lived in Louisville, Kentucky.

William Hansgen was very active in the community, serving as president of the Rock Island Rotary Club, president of the former Rock Island Manufacturers Club, President of the Rock Island Community Fund, predecessor of the United Way and a director of the Rock Island Chamber of Commerce. He held various church offices at Broadway Presbyterian Church and served as an assistant supervisor for Rock Island Township for twelve years.

Maude Hansgen was similarly active in the community. She was a charter member of the Rock Island Woman's Club; a member of the Fort Armstrong Chapter of the DAR; a member of the King's Daughters and one of the first members of the Rock Island YWCA. She was also active in the Broadway Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Hansgen outlived her husband of almost fifty-six years, dying on September 11, 1973.

In June of 1976, the property was sold to its present owners, Joseph and Diane Dailing. Since they moved to Rockford in early 1978, the property has been used as rental property.

Reasons for Requesting the Designation: Designation is sought for this property in order to protect its integrity. For any resident of the City of Rock Island, the house at 848 20th Street is a clear landmark on 20th Street. The Hansgen Family took care to preserve it for 102 years and designation as an historical landmark by the Preservation Commission will go far to ensure that this important landmark will be preserved. Additionally, in any planned restoration of the 20th Street area, this house is clearly as key. Designation will preserve it and provide economic incentives to begin a systematic plan of restoration, particularly of the exterior which requires extensive and immediate attention.

Attachments: Through the courtesy of Mrs. Madeline Hansgen Edwards, copies of the following documents are provided:

1. Marriage license of Charles and Sophie Baumgaertel Hansgen;
2. 1885 Biography of Charles Hansgen;
3. May 22, 1905 obituary of Sophie Hansgen;

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4. Obituary of Charles Hansgen, February 3, 1920;
5. October, 1945 picture of the house (Note ironwork over the front porch and side bay);
6. August 15, 1946 "The Town Crier" article about W.F. Hansgen;
7. Obituary of W.F. Hansgen, December 20, 1955;
8. Obituary of Maude Hansgen, September 12, 1973;
9. Pioneer Home Certificate, Bicentennial, 1976;
10. Current pictures of the structure.

Owners: The present owners are applying for the designation of this structure as an historic structure.

Joseph A. Dailing

*Diane Rose Dailing*

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seminary at Cazenovia, N. Y., and has two brothers still living in New York, both prominent lawyers. Two of her uncles were Members of Congress, and one; Abrana Olin, was Judge of the District Court of Columbia at Washington, D. C., which position he filled until death.

When the War of the Rebellion broke out, Mrs. Reed came forward with helpful hands and tireless loyalty to help the Union cause; and when the rebel prison camp was established upon the island of Rock Island she labored with heartfelt energy to cheer the despondent and help the sick of both armies, at the same time raising supplies for the loyal sick and wounded in the field. She was President of the local Aid Society and a most potent and valuable aid to the Sanitary Commission. She not only toiled nobly for the cause herself, but by precept and example, and with an energetic ardor which nothing could cool, she prevailed upon others also to sustain and labor and give.

In grateful memory of our noble and tireless efforts for the boys in battle, bivouac, march and hospital, the soldiers of the Grand Army of the Republic caused her name to be carved upon the granite monument which they have erected in Riverside Cemetery, Moline, to perpetuate the names of those who fell in battle or have since died. Mrs. Reed's portrait appears on another page.

**Samuel Devinney**, farmer, residing on section 22, Hampton Township, was born in Indiana Co., Pa., March 8, 1835, and came with his parents in a very early day to Hampton Township. They located on section 12, and were prominent pioneers of Rock Island County. His parents, Andrew and Edith (Wainwright) Devinney, were natives of Pennsylvania and England, respectively. They reared a family of five children, the subject of this sketch being the third in order of birth. He remained under the parental roof until 22 years of age, receiving a good common-school education, and devoting much of his time to assisting his father on the farm, and at lumbering on Hampton Bluff. After leaving home, and going out into the world to mould his own fortune, he followed the occupation of engineer, miller and farmer. He

worked at engineering for 25 years, but since 1878 he has devoted his time to farming. He now has a well-equipped and improved farm of 240 acres, and is one of the substantial and leading men of Hampton Township. He breeds a high grade of stock, and at present has a splendid herd of Durham cattle. At present he rents out his farm to a son-in-law, George Turner.

In 1856 Mr. Devinney formed a matrimonial alliance with Miss Sarah Wixel, a native of Sweden. Two children have blessed this union, Edith and Inez; the former is the wife of Lewis Colgrove; they were married Sept. 5, 1878, and have two children: Samuel C., born Oct. 21, 1879; and Olive E., born April 19, 1884. On the 5th of September, 1883, Inez was united in marriage with George Turner. Lucy Elizabeth, their only child, was born Dec. 5, 1884.

Mr. Devinney is a strong supporter of the principles of the Republican party, and has held the office of Supervisor of his township and that of School Director. He belongs to the Masonic Order, and is a member in good standing of the Port Byron Lodge.

**Charles Hansgen**, a grocer residing in Rock Island, is a son of Jacob and Dorothea (Kirciner) Hansgen, who were natives of Saxony, Germany, where they were married, and where their five sons and four daughters were born and reared. Their third son now forms the subject of this sketch. He was born in Saxony, May 18, 1834, and came to America in 1852. After a season of two years in the city of Buffalo, N. Y., he pushed on to St. Louis, and from there in a short time to Rock Island. Here he procured employment from the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway as freight-house man, from which position he was gradually advanced to a first-class conductorship. He was with the railway company 12 years; then kept the Union Hotel at Rock Island two years, and in 1868 embarked in the retail grocery business. To this he has since devoted his time, and at this writing (June, 1885) he has the satisfaction of knowing that his manner of doing business has been appreciated by those with whom he has dealt. In all his transactions he has faithfully adhered to the traditions of a Christian parentage, and the conclusion

of his life will be but a verification of the poetic line, "Honest employment brings pleasure and gain."

Mr. Hansgen has had no ambition for office-holding, though in response to the importunities of his friends he has twice allowed the use of his name at the polls, once as Alderman and again as Supervisor. April 26, 1858, he was married at Rock Island to Miss Sophia Baumgaertel, a native of Germany, and of the nine children born to them six are living.—August, Freddie, Harman, Amelia, Matilda and Willie. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hansgen are consistent members of the Lutheran Church, and Mr. H. has been the Church's Treasurer since the year 1863.



**M**ilemon L. Mitchell, son of Isaac and Martha (Libby) Mitchell, natives of the State of Maine, and of North Ireland ancestry, was born at Limington, Me., Oct. 16, 1812. He was brought up almost from infancy in a country store—in fact he began at the age of 13 years to earn his own livelihood. His opportunities for education were limited to a few weeks' attendance at the common schools of his native State. His parents reared four sons and three daughters, but at this writing the subject of this sketch and a sister living in Maine are the only survivors. The elder Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell spent their lives in their native State. The father dying at Limington Jan. 26, 1853, aged 82 years, and Mrs. Mitchell Jan. 3, 1877, aged 94 years.

At the age of 25 years P. L. Mitchell removed to Georgetown, Ky., and was there engaged in mercantile business up to 1850. In that year he was made cashier of the Farmers' Bank of Kentucky, an institution familiar in those days to every business man south of Mason and Dixon's Line. In fact, for years an old "Farmers' Bank" note was equivalent to gold in any State in the Union. Mr. Mitchell remained cashier up to 1856, the spring of which year he came to Rock Island, in company with Mr. P. L. Cable, and engaged in the banking business. They bought out Cook, Sargent & Parker, now the banking house of Mitchell and Lynde, and were in partner-

ship up to 1860. In that year Mr. Cable was succeeded by Judge Lynde, and the house has since been designated by the names of the two principal owners.

In 1858 Mr. Mitchell and his partner purchased the building and other assets of the first banking house established (the old Rock Island Bank) at this place, and closed up its business affairs, thus placing themselves for a few years almost without competition in the field of banking in Rock Island. At the outbreak of the war Mr. Mitchell was the best known and probably the most successful banker and financier in this city, and this fact gained him the agency for Jay Cooke & Co., for which concern he placed \$1,000,000 worth of United States bonds in Rock Island County. Mr. Mitchell has truly been the architect of his own fortune. He began life in the business world without a penny, but from the beginning of the struggle down to the time of which we write, the mercury in his financial thermometer has steadily risen. Slowly, surely, when, as a country merchant's clerk his monthly stipend was but little in excess of the demands of a most economical life, he managed to save something, but more rapidly he accumulated as a merchant and still faster as a banker, until finally in the zenith of a ripe age the indicator points to him as one of the most solid and successful capitalists in a community distinguished for men of financial genius.

Mr. Mitchell organized the First National Bank of Rock Island in 1862, and has since been its President. Until recently he was President of the Rock Island Plow Company. He is Secretary of the Chipiannock Cemetery Association, and a large stockholder in the Moline & Rock Island Street Railway. He is the head of the banking house of Mitchell & Lynde, and largely interested in the Rock Island Glass Works and Rock Island Stove Company. The two last named establishments are controlled by his son Phil. Mitchell, but were organized by Mr. Mitchell himself. A record of his donations and losses, and debts, etc., show the two sums to be about equal, viz.: \$100,000 each. For the past ten years he has past his summers at the sea-shore and his winters in Florida. Naturally possessed of a robust constitution, in the enjoyment of perfect health, fully conversant with the laws of hygiene, Mr. Mitchell bids fair to live yet many years of usefulness in a community that owes much of its prosperity to the

## PERSONAL POINTS.

Bramley has returned from  
to Cedar Rapids.

Miller has returned from  
visit at Kewanee, Ill.

Conner, Jr., of Indianapoli  
at the home of her broth  
C. Berry.

Margaret Patterson Jones, of  
is a guest of Mrs. Charles  
the Harper.

Edward Hardin of Peoria is  
the home of her parents,  
S. J. Woodin.

Platt of Aurora, Ill., sis-  
I. F. Fink, 413 Twentieth  
to spend a week.

Mrs. William Gray of Chi-  
guests over Sunday at the  
uncle, F. L. Yerbury.

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her parents, Mr. and Mrs.  
der, of South Rock Island.

son, of Spokane, Wash., ar-  
morning from St. Louis and  
wife who has been visiting  
Mr. and Mrs. Gordon  
for their home.

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Harper, has resigned and  
left for Bloomington, his  
He will be succeeded  
by Howard Warkel, of  
at Peoria.

## GRATE ANNIVERSARY

Hive, L. O. T. M., is Five  
Years Old Today.

bers of Queen Bee Hive,  
the Maccabees, will cele-  
fifth anniversary of the or-  
this evening at Maccabee's  
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Commander, Lady Louise  
of Chicago, who organized  
Bee hive, is expected to be  
his evening's celebration.  
ate program has been ar-  
the committee of arrange-  
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man. Members of the or-  
Rock Island, Moline and Day  
been invited to attend, and  
will be one of the most im-  
portant of the hive.

## DS COMMENCEMENT

Annual of High School Next

Wednesday, May 24.—Forenoon, busi-  
ness session of the encampment.

Afternoon, grand parade at 1:30, in  
which all comrades able to march will  
participate. Delegates to the national  
convention will be nominated in dis-  
trict gatherings at the close of the af-  
ternoon session.

Evening, campfires at Memorial hall  
and Armory hall, reception to Com-  
mander-in-Chief Wilmon D. Blackmar;  
speeches by distinguished guests, in-  
cluding Gov. Deneen.

Thursday, May 25.—Business session  
and election of officers.

## THE OBITUARY RECORD.

### Hansgen.

Mrs. Charles Hansgen, one of the  
best known residents of the city, pass-  
ed away this afternoon at 1 o'clock at  
the home, 848 Twentieth street. Death  
was due to the infirmities of old age.  
Mrs. Hansgen was 71 years of age, and  
had resided in Rock Island for many  
years. Besides her husband she leaves  
two sons and two daughters.

The funeral will be held at 1:30  
o'clock Wednesday afternoon from the  
late home. Services will be held also  
at 2 o'clock from the German Lutheran  
church.

### McKeever.

The funeral of Mrs. Anna McKeever,  
who died at the Watertown hospital  
Saturday morning at 11 o'clock, was  
held this morning from the home of  
her niece, Mrs. Joseph Reichart, 2621  
Eighth-and-a-half avenue, and at 9  
o'clock from St. Joseph's church. Bur-  
ial was made at Chippianock.

Mrs. McKeever, who had been a resi-  
dent of Rock Island over 27 years, had  
been at the hospital a little over a  
year. She had been sick for about a  
year, when the death of her daughter,  
Katherine McKeever, a year ago, caus-  
ed mental derangement. She had been  
practically cured at the hospital, and  
was soon to be discharged. Death was  
due to heart failure. She was a native  
of county Donegal, Ireland, and was  
72 years of age last January. She is  
survived by her son, Patrick McKe-  
ever, a sister, Mrs. Margaret Kane, a  
brother, William McCarthy, all of Rock  
Island, and a sister in Ireland.

### Rogers.

Elijah Rogers, who formerly lived  
in the vicinity of Milan, died Friday at  
his home at Lewisburg, near Kansas  
City, Mo. Rogers was a native of Mar-  
ion, Ind., where he was born Oct. 24,  
1829. He came with his wife



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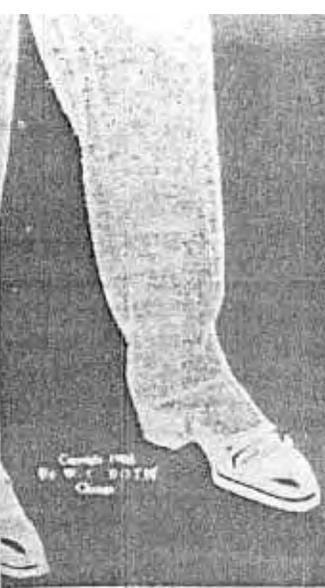
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**THE OBITUARY RECORD.**

**Hansgen.**

Mrs. Charles Hansgen, whose death yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the home, 818 Twentieth street, was briefly mentioned in yesterday's Argus, was born March 12, 1834, at Helmbrechts, Bavaria, Germany. Her maiden name was Sophia Baumgaertel. In 1854 she came to Rock Island from Germany, in

company with her brother. Here she met Mr. Hansgen, and in 1858 they were married in this city, April 26. There were nine children born to the couple, five of them surviving, August, Fred, William and Mrs. H. O. Teuscher, of this city, and Mrs. V. H. Teuscher, of Vincennes, Ind. Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Teuscher arrived in the city yesterday morning and will remain for some time.

The funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from the home, and at 2 o'clock from the

German Lutheran church. Mrs. Hansgen was a member. Services will be conducted by A. Mennicke, pastor of the church.

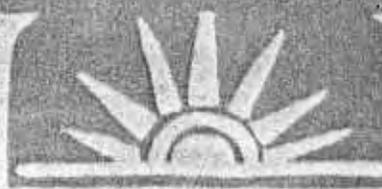
**Shannon.**

Mrs. Henry Bostock, of Rock Island, yesterday received word of the death of her granddaughter, Alice Shannon, at her home in Burg, Pa. Death was due to pneumonia from which the girl had been suffering for some time. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank



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## RAN GROCERY FOR 31 YEARS; IS SUMMONED

Charles Hansgen, Aged 86, Taken  
to Rest After Years of Active  
Business Life.

Charles Hansgen, aged 86 years, one of the oldest grocers in this city and known to all old settlers of Rock Island, died at 12:40 this noon at his home, 1931 Ninth avenue. Mr. Hansgen had been ill for the last month, death being due to infirmities of age.

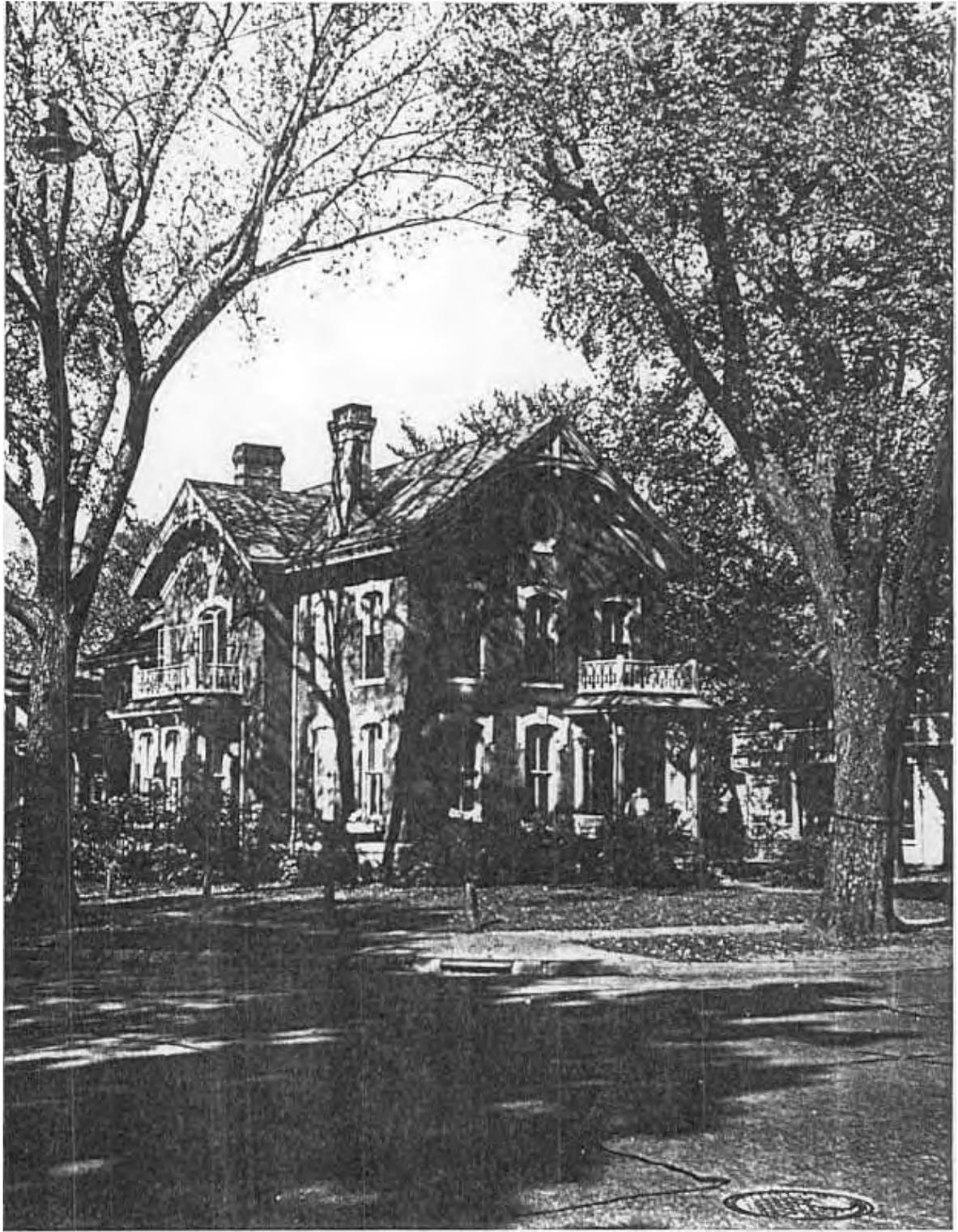
Mr. Hansgen resided in this city for 62 years, coming here almost directly after his arrival in this country. Born in Saxoby, Germany, May 13, 1834, Charles Hansgen left his native land for America when he was 18 years of age. He came to Buffalo, N. Y., where he resided for one year, and in 1853 came to Rock Island. He had always made his home in this city since that time with the exception of six years from 1912 to 1918 when he lived in Vincennes, Ind.

Mr. Hansgen started in working as a conductor on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railway, where he was employed until 1870, when he entered the grocery business. For 31 years he conducted a grocery store, being located for 28 years at 221 Twentieth street and later for three years in the Hurst block. Twenty years ago he retired from work.

Mr. Hansgen was well known, both because of his business and social activities. His work brought him in touch with the old settlers of the city and his affiliation with the Immanuel Lutheran church made him popular in those circles.

On April 26, 1858, Mr. Hansgen was united in marriage to Miss Sophia Baumgartel in this city. Mrs. Hansgen preceded her husband in death 15 years. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Amelia Teuscher of Rock Island and Mrs. H. O. Teuscher of Illinois City, and two sons, Fred and W. F. Hansgen, both of Rock Island.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later.



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# W. F. Hansgen Former Utility Firm Official Dies; Rites Set Thursday

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Funeral services for William F. Hansgen, 79, of 848 20th St., Rock Island, a retired sales engineer for the Illinois District of the Iowa-Illinois Gas & Electric Co., who died yesterday afternoon in his home, will be held at 2 Thursday afternoon in the Wheelan Funeral Home. The Rev. Dan Gold Long, pastor of Broadway Presbyterian Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Chippiannock Cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home after 10 tomorrow morning. Those wishing may send memorials to the polio fund or to their favorite charity.

Mr. Hansgen in his earlier years was active in civic, industrial and church affairs of the city.

He had served as president of the Rock Island Rotary Club, president of the former Rock Island Manufacturers Club, President of the Rock Island Community Fund, and as a director of the Rock Island Chamber of Commerce. He had been treasurer of the Electrical Institute of the Tri-Cities and was an assistant supervisor of Rock Island township 12 years.

He took an active part in activities of Broadway Presbyterian Church and had served as a deacon, elder and trustee. In many civic affairs he also took an active part some years ago.

He entered the employ of the Peoples Power Co., predecessor of the Iowa-Illinois Gas & Electric Co., on Dec. 15, 1902, as a gas meter reader. He continued with that utility and its successor until July 31, 1946, when he retired.

### Assistant to Manager

Although he was known as an industrial power engineer his duties with the utility firms had been extremely varied. He served for 25 years as assistant to the general manager of the Peoples



W. F. HANSGEN

Power Co., the late R. B. MacDonald.

Among the other duties he had performed were the arranging of franchises with cities, the signing of towns for electrical installations, the obtaining of right-of-way and preparing special contracts.

He was born Sept. 18, 1876, in the large brick house at 848 20th St., where he resided until he died. He was a son of Charles and Sophia Hansgen. He attended Rock Island schools. He married Maude Ann Rice on Christmas Day in 1899 in Rock Island. He was a member of Rock Island lodge No. 658, AF & AM.

Surviving are the widow; two daughters, Mrs. W. G. Isaacson, Rock Island, Mrs. E. G. Mason, Louisville, Ky.; a son, James R. Hansgen, Galena, and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, three brothers and two sisters.

## Mrs. Hansgen funeral rites to be Thursday

Funeral services for Mrs. Maude A. Hansgen, 93, formerly of 848 20th St., Rock Island, who died yesterday morning in Oak Glen Home, Coal Valley, will be at 3 p.m. tomorrow in the Knox-Larson Funeral Home, Rock Island, with the Rev. Donald L. Gibson, pastor of Broadway Presbyterian Church, Rock Island officiating.

Burial will be in Chippianock Cemetery, Rock Island. Friends may call at the funeral home this evening.

The former Maude Ann Rice, a daughter of Captain William Edgar and Delphia Patrick Rice, was born Sept. 4, 1880, in Metz, Mo. She lived in Nevada, Mo. for 16 years and has resided in Rock Island since 1896. She received her education in Nevada and attended Cotney College in Neosho, Mo. She was married to William F. Hansgen Dec. 25, 1899, in Rock Island. He died Dec. 19, 1955.

She was a member of Broadway Presbyterian Church, Rock Island, and of a church circle. She was a charter member of the Rock Island Woman's Club; a member of Fort Armstrong Chapter of DAR; a member of Olive C. Cleaveland Circle of King's Daughters, and a member of the first group of the Rock Island YWCA following its charter.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Earl G. Mason of Louis-

ville, Ky. and Mrs. Willard G. Isaacson of Rock Island; a son, James R. Hansgen of Galena; six grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, three sisters and two brothers.

Rock Island County, Illinois, American Revolution Bi-Centennial Commission

# Pioneer Home Certificate

The Pioneer Home Committee takes pleasure in honoring the following Rock Island County

Pioneer Home owner whose home was built about 1874...  
848 - 20th St., R. 1, Charles A. Hansgen Home

THIS CERTIFICATE IS AWARDED IN SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph A. Dalling

Awarded this Third day of July  
Nineteen Hundred Seventy Six at Rock Island, Illinois.

Otto W. Schwenberger, Chairman  
Rock Island County Bicentennial Commission

Madeline R. Leason  
Madeline R. Leason, Committee Chairperson

Robert H. Hestelroth  
Robert Hestelroth, Associate

Jesse Forfel, Associate



Marcel "Bud" DeBeger, Chairman  
Rock Island County Board of Supervisors

Joseph Deaborough, Associate

Suzanne Tilla, Associate

is a true and correct copy of the record or  
Marrage, filed in my office under number  
# 3057. Given under my hand and seal  
of my office this 4th day of May A.D. 1971.

*Wm. J. Foley*

WM. J. FOLEY  
County Clerk

THE PEOPLE

OF THE

STATE OF ILLINOIS;

TO

Any regular Minister of the Gospel, authorized to marry by the Church  
or Society to which he belongs; Any Justice of the Supreme Court;  
Any Judge of any inferior Court, or any Justice of the Peace:

You are hereby licensed and permitted to celebrate and certify the

RITES OF MARRIAGE

BETWEEN

*Mr. Charles Hansen* and *Mrs. Sophia Baumgardner*

according to the usual forms and customs of the State of Illinois;  
and for so doing, this shall be your sufficient Warrant.

Witness, *Joseph Lemke* Clerk of  
the County Court of *Rock Island* County, and

the seal of said County being hereto affixed, at *Rock  
Island* this *26th*

day of *April* A.D. 18*87*.

*Joseph Lemke* Clerk.  
*Reuben A. McLaughlin Dep.*

STATE OF ILLINOIS, }  
*Rock Island* County, } SS.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That on the *26th* day of

*April* 18*87*, I joined in the holy state of MATRIMONY, Mr. *Chas. Hansen*  
and *Mrs. Sophia Baumgardner* according to the usual customs and laws of the State of  
Illinois. Given under my hand and seal, this *26th* day of *April* 18*87*.

*Augustus Lelle* Minister 