

# West Eleventh Street Historic District Photographic Supplement

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Overview, bluffs, view northwest from West 8<sup>th</sup> and Bluff Streets, c.1940  
(Photo NGL 1680, Center For Dubuque History, Loras College)

In this view 490 Wilbur and 970 Grove Terrace are visible. To the west, a house along East Rock Street survives. Note the large stone wall to the south of Wilbur Street.



West 8<sup>th</sup> and Julien (University), view northwest, c.1868  
(FMP 3861, Center For Dubuque History, Loras College)

Spruce Street is clearly visible at upper center, 945 Spruce is obvious. Less clear are the houses along Walnut Street. No houses appear along either side of Walnut Street, north of Julien. Rock Street is not readily apparent and might not exist as of this time.



Detail, 1872 Birds Eye View, view northwest  
(Koch, Augustus, *Birds Eye View of the City of Dubuque, Iowa, 1872*. Dubuque: Center For Dubuque History, Loras College)

This is the same perspective but from a much higher vantage point. A string of buildings lines the future Wilbur Street, what might be Rock Street terminates at Wilbur and runs west to Spruce. 945 Spruce is the only house present on Spruce below Jefferson. There are no houses on Walnut below Jefferson Street. 970 Grove Terrace is visible in the right foreground. 970 Olive is shown above that house. 1209 Prairie is visible at the upper right. The long barracks building at West Third, west of Walnut is the infamous barracks, a frame tenement of poor reputation.





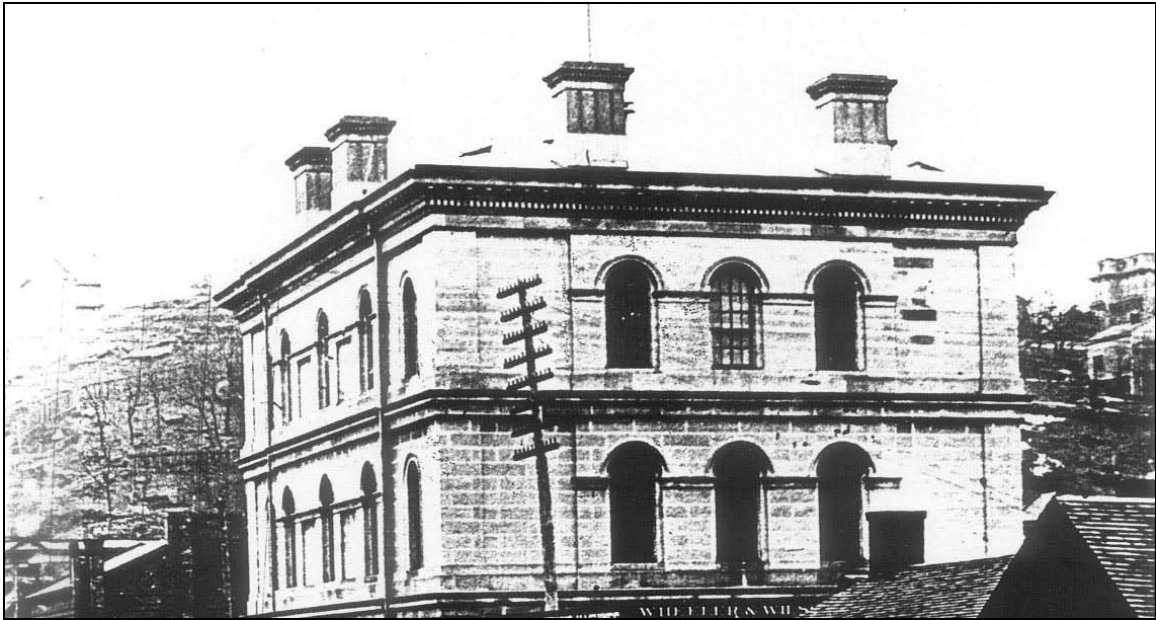
Hill Street, view northeast towards Julien, West 8<sup>th</sup>, c.1868  
(Photo LHH 4660, RM 1082, Center For Dubuque History, Loras College)

This is a downhill view along hill Street, the future site of the Hill Street Railway. The Congregational Church is visible at distant center of the image. Just two houses are visible on the bluffs to the left, a side gable two-story house that likely was located either on Wilbur or East Rock Street, and 970 Grove Terrace, barely visible.



View northwest from West 8<sup>th</sup> east of Bluff, c.1868  
(Photo #164, Center For Dubuque History, Loras College)

This is an excellent view of 970 Grove Terrace as well as the other house, barely visible to the left of center.



Detail, view from West 9<sup>th</sup> Street, viewing northwest, c.1868  
(RM1076, Center For Dubuque History, Loras College)

This is a poor image relative to the background. The Bell residence, 563 West 11<sup>th</sup> is clearly visible at the far right. An early Grove Terrace house, unidentified is visible just below it. At far left, the same side gable two-story plan, non-extant, is visible.



View north from West 5<sup>th</sup> Street Hill, c.1868  
(Photo #167, Center For Dubuque History, Loras College)

This is another early view of the south end of Grove Terrace. 970 Grove Terrace is shown in some detail with a square-cut bay window and clerestory being clearly distinct.





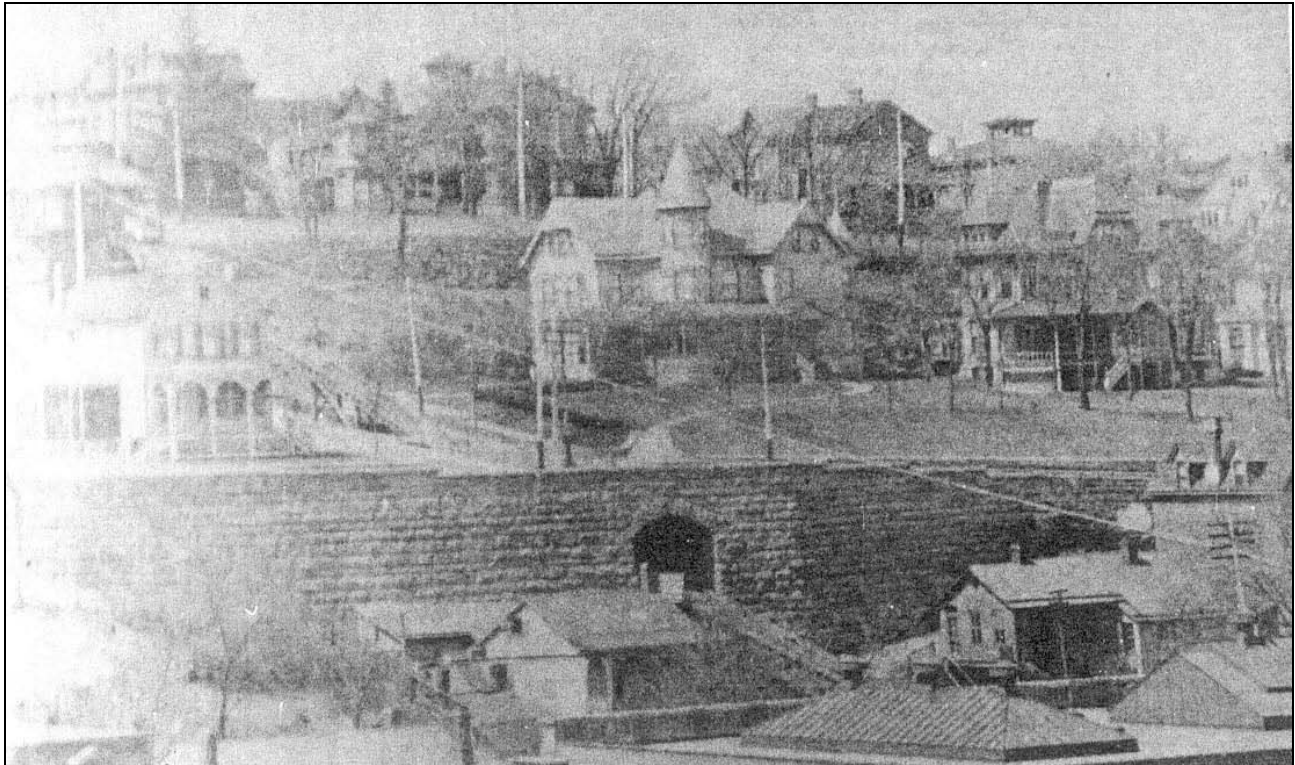
Grove Terrace, Highland Place, viewed northwest from West 10<sup>th</sup> and Main, c.1910  
(Photo HNK 3416, FBL 4779, Center For Dubuque History, Loras College)

This later perspective depicts a completely infilled Grove Terrace and Highland Place. It would appear that the west side of Grove Terrace, south of West 11<sup>th</sup> Street, is fully built up. Missing from this image is 1080 Grove Terrace. Note how extensively the bluff front is developed. It is walled, terraced and fenced.



Grove Terrace, viewed northwest, c.1910  
(Photo HOFF o1251, Center For Dubuque History, Loras College)

This is a more detailed similar perspective, depicting 970-72, 990, 1030 Grove Terrace. 975 Grove Terrace also appears to be visible.



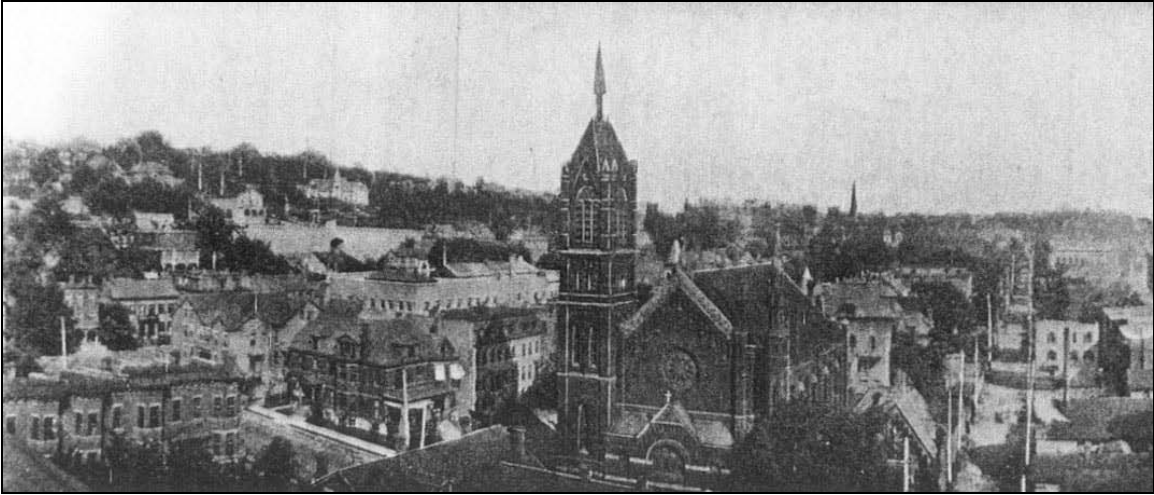
West 11<sup>th</sup> Street Elevator, viewed northwest from Locust, south of West 11<sup>th</sup>, c.1905  
(Photo FMP 3907, Center For Dubuque History, Loras College)

The Carnegie-Stout (1901) rooftop is visible in the right foreground. This is a good view of the elevator, as well as the houses along Grove Terrace and Highland Place.



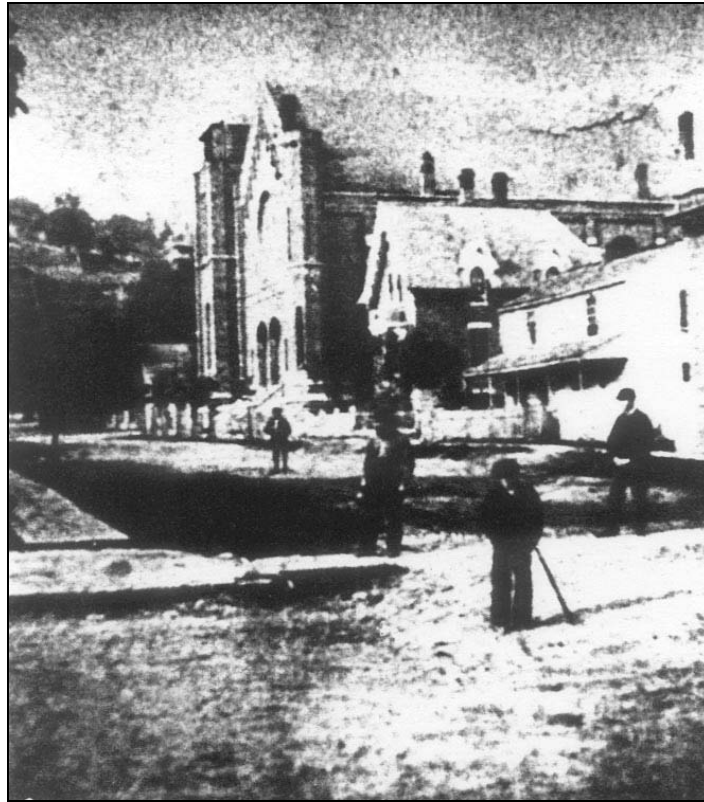
West 11<sup>th</sup> Street Elevator, viewed northwest from Locust, south of West 11<sup>th</sup>, c.1910  
(Photo FBL 3806, Center For Dubuque History, Loras College)

The viewpoint for this postcard image shifts southwards and the angle is more to the north. This is the best detailed view of the elevator pagoda.



View northwest from the Bank and Insurance Building, c.1900  
(Photo FBL, 4782, Center For Dubuque History, Loras College)

The same view shifts northward. The detail is poor, but the upper part of Grove Terrace is completely covered with a tree canopy, hiding the large houses along it.



Very early view of the First Congregational Church, c.1860  
(Photo, Center For Dubuque History, Loras College)

While a very poor view, this image shows a largely undeveloped bluff front, with just one house being visible above the church.





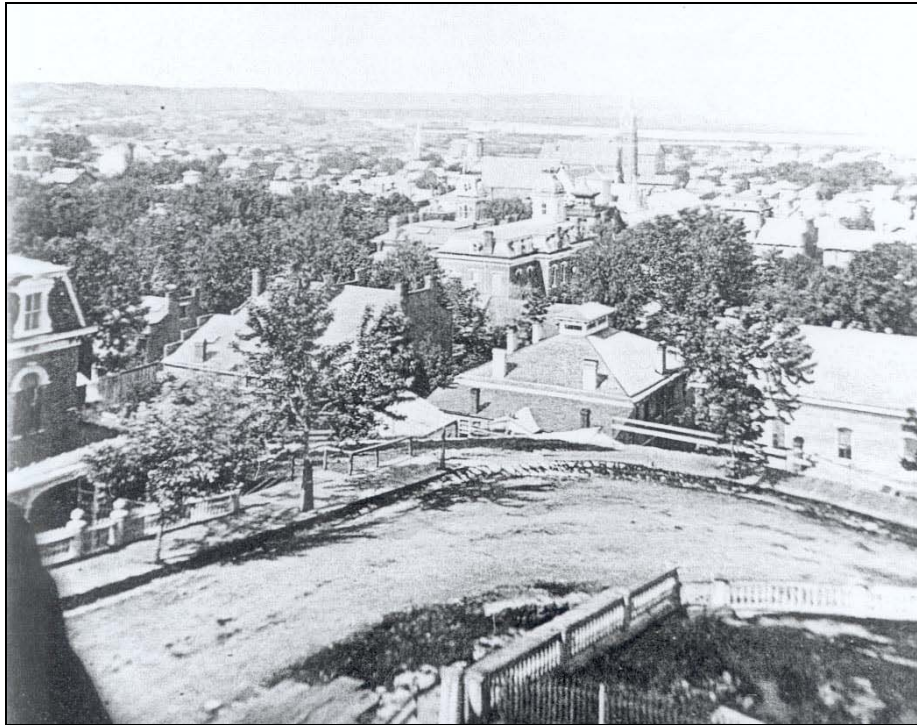
West 11<sup>th</sup> Street, view southwest from east of Locust Street, c.1890  
(Photo, Center For Dubuque History, Loras College)

In this early photo the early elevator buildings, the incomplete 11<sup>th</sup> Street wall, 1090 Grove Terrace, and 510 West 11<sup>th</sup> Street are clearly visible on the bluff.



Detail, stereoscopic view, east end of Arlington Street, view northeast, c.1880  
(Photo NGL 1528, Center For Dubuque History, Loras College)

This image documents William Drury's Second Empire house and a very interesting stepped rowhouse (left). None of these buildings survive. Originally, as of 1875, Grove Terrace continued north to West 14<sup>th</sup> Street. The latter is just visible at right of center.



Grove Terrace and Arlington (left), view northeast, c.1880  
(Photo HAM 850, Center For Dubuque History, Loras College)

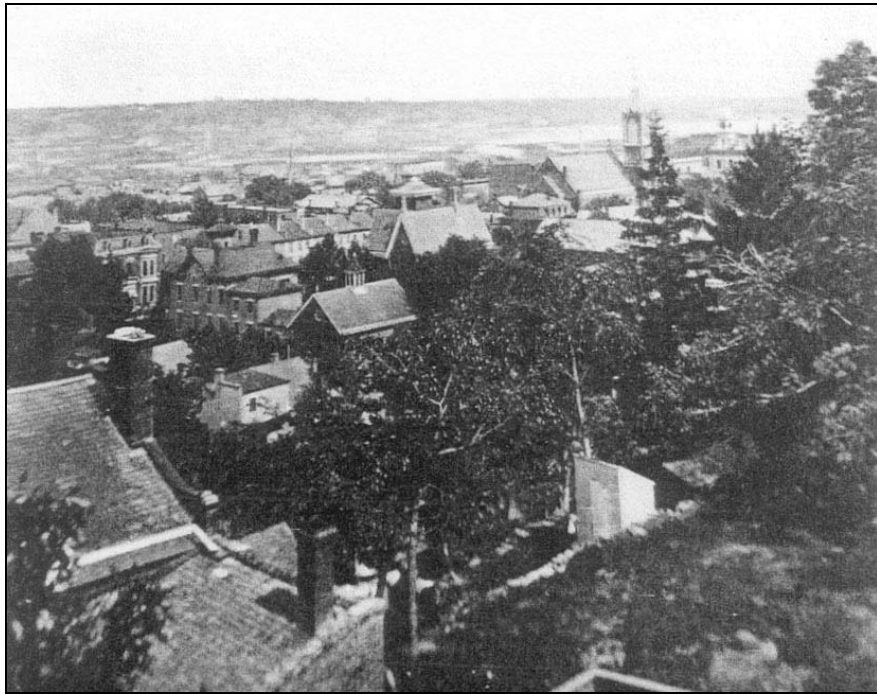
This view was taken at the same time as the previous one, the photographer standing atop 480 Arlington. The two Ryan houses are clearly visible. Of interest in the foreground are wooden sidewalks, newly planted trees, and wooden fences.



Highland Place, view north, c.1875  
(State Historical Society of Iowa, Iowa City, Photo Collection)

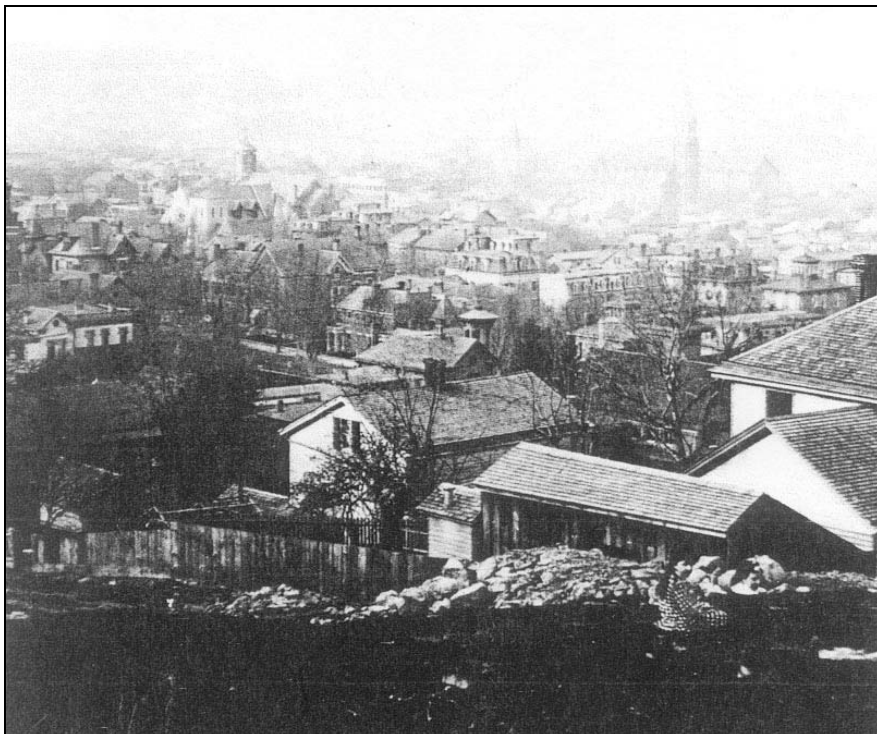
This very early image was taken from just south of 1245 Highland (left foreground), 1295 Highland is behind it. The Italianate house visible to the right of center is 480 Arlington (1875). Also visible at far right, center, is "Fort Rittenhouse." Note the undeveloped bluff front north of West 14<sup>th</sup>

Street. There are a few houses but for the most part the bluff front is fenced off and likely was planted in vineyards given its southern exposure.



Highland Place (?), view southeast, c.1875  
(Photo LHH 4644, Center For Dubuque History, Loras College)

Possibly taken at the same time and from the same vantage point as the preceding image, the house in the left foreground is probably on Grove Terrace and likely is 1207 Grove Terrace. This point is in line with West 13<sup>th</sup> Street.



West 11<sup>th</sup> Street, view northeast, c.1875  
(Photo LHH 4664, Center For Dubuque History, Loras College)



This is a very early photograph of this area. St. Patrick Catholic Church and St. John Episcopal Church are visible at left of center and Second Presbyterian Church is just visible at the extreme left. The mystery concerns the road in the foreground, which sharply descends to the north, given the next image, this one was taken at the head of West 11<sup>th</sup> Street.



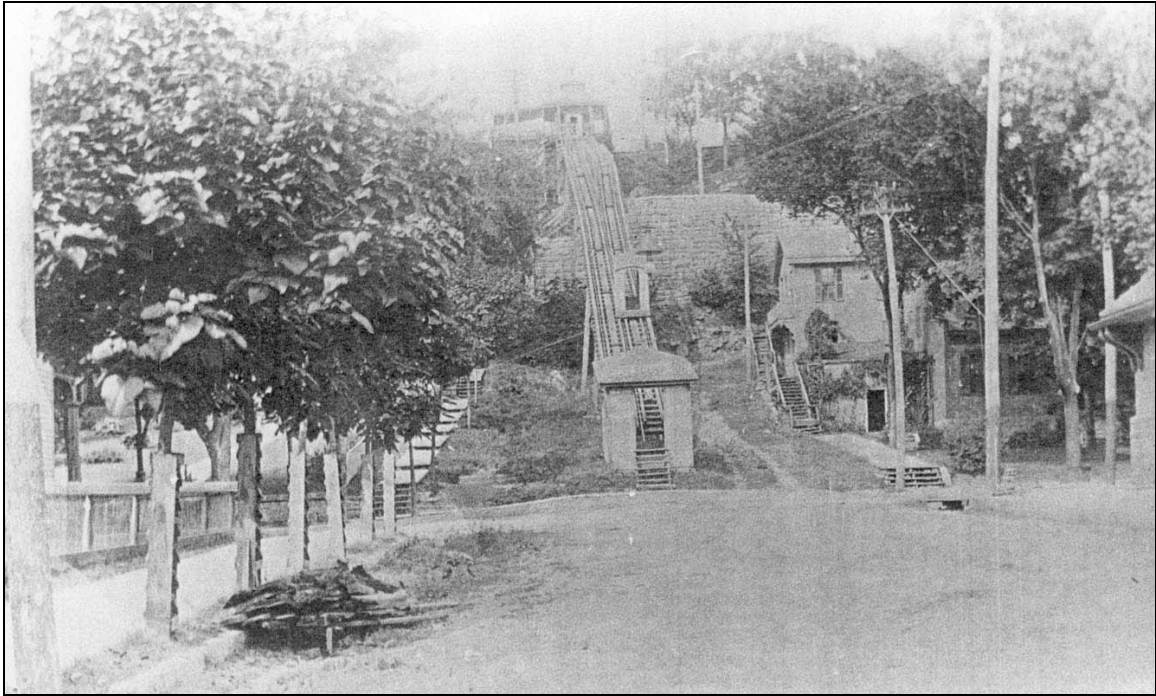
Grove Terrace and West 12<sup>th</sup> (left background), view northeast, c.1875  
(Photo LHH 4664, Center For Dubuque History, Loras College)

This view clearly depicts “Fort Rittenhouse” in the far left background and shows the junction of Grove Terrace and West 12<sup>th</sup> streets. Of interest is the developing stone retaining wall, completed only to this point by this time. Second Presbyterian Church (rear) is visible at the far right center.

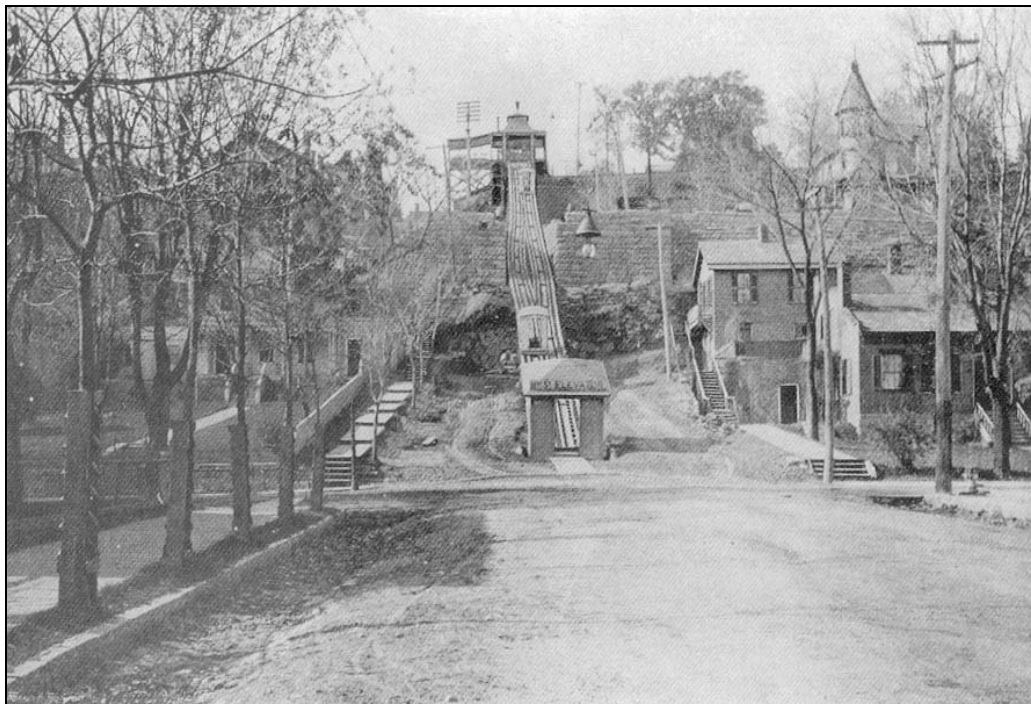


Earliest view, West 11<sup>th</sup> Street Elevator, c.1889-90, view southwest  
(Photo #167, Center For Dubuque History, Loras College)

This is an important early elevator view that nicely documents the raised elevator grade as well as the partially complete 11<sup>th</sup> Street retaining wall. As of this time the elevated railway had no arch to pass through. Note that West 11<sup>th</sup> does not continue west of Bluff in any formal form.

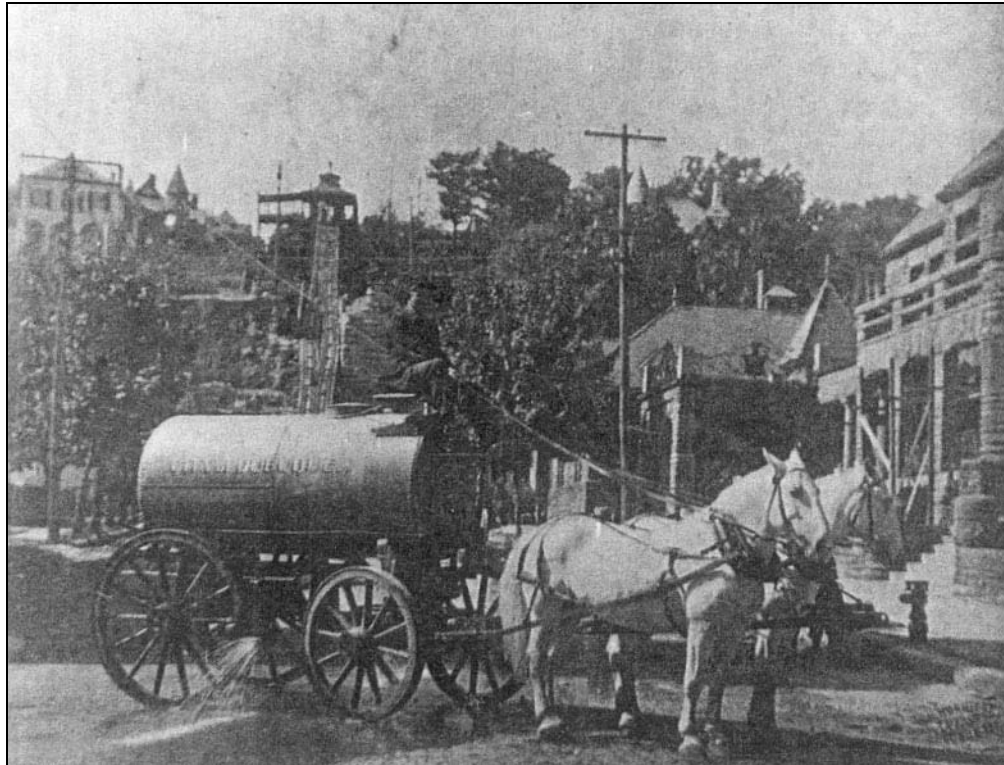


West 11<sup>th</sup> Street Elevator, c.1890, view northwest, summer view  
(Photo Ham 906, Center For Dubuque History, Loras College)



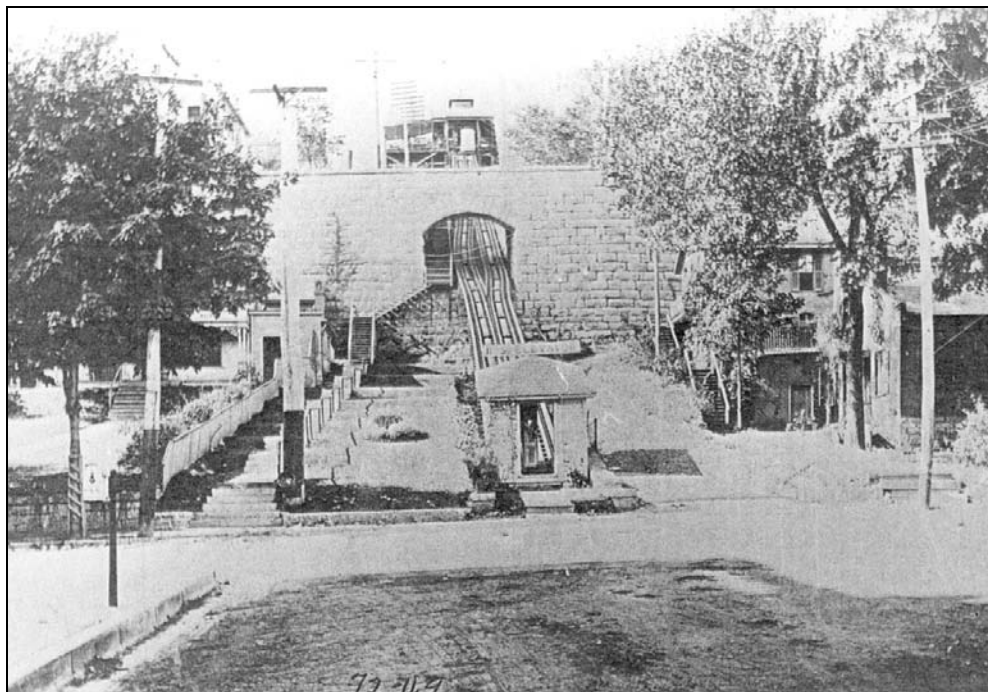
West 11<sup>th</sup> Street Elevator, c.1890, view west, winter view  
(Photo HAM 906, Center For Dubuque History, Loras College)

This image was taken a little late, the wall is being constructed and this view clearly shows West 11<sup>th</sup> Street ascending the bluff to the right of the elevator base.



Street cleaner at Locust and West 11<sup>th</sup> streets, c.1890, view west  
(Photo #6706, Center For Dubuque History, Loras College)

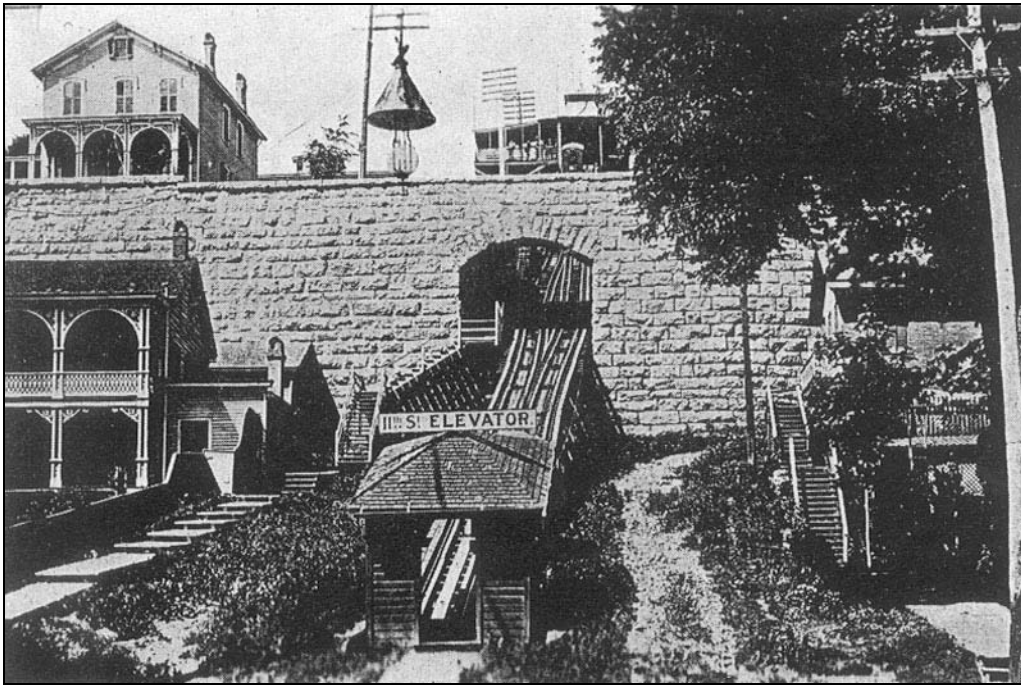
The Stout mansion at far right is being finished (built 1890). This image nicely captures additional progress on raising up the West 11<sup>th</sup> Street retaining wall and arch. This image was likely taken at the same time as the “summer shot” presented two images back.



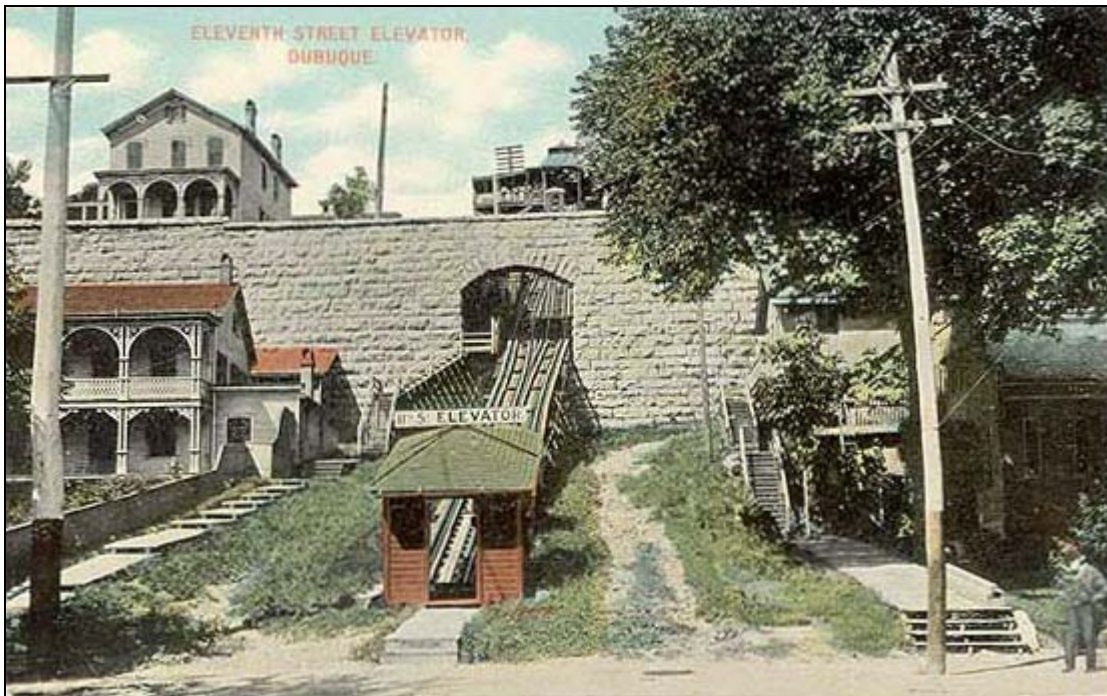
West 11<sup>th</sup> Street Elevator, c.1890, view southwest  
(Photo HAM 961, Center For Dubuque History, Loras College)

The stone wall is completed in this image of the elevator.





West 11<sup>th</sup> Street Elevator, c.1890, view west  
 (Photo NGL 1576, Center For Dubuque History, Loras College,  
 also *Greater Dubuque*, 1911)



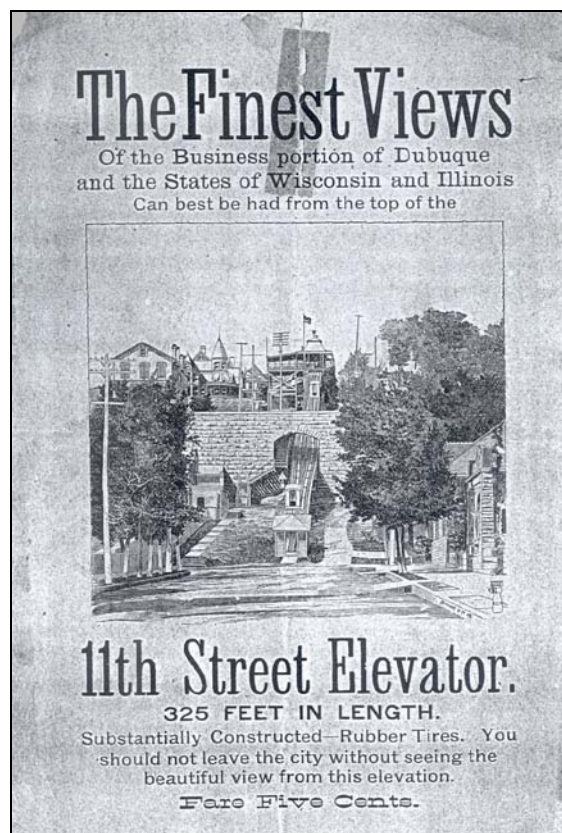
West 11<sup>th</sup> Street Elevator, c.1890, view west, same view as above, colorized postcard  
 (internet source)





West 11<sup>th</sup> Street Elevator, postcard view to the northwest, c.1910-15  
(website source)

This splendid colorized view depicts a park-like elevator base. Note that West 11<sup>th</sup> Street has been completely closed off between the tree line visible behind the Baptist Church (right) and Bluff Street in the foreground. Note the heavy tree canopy that was present by this time along the bluff front.



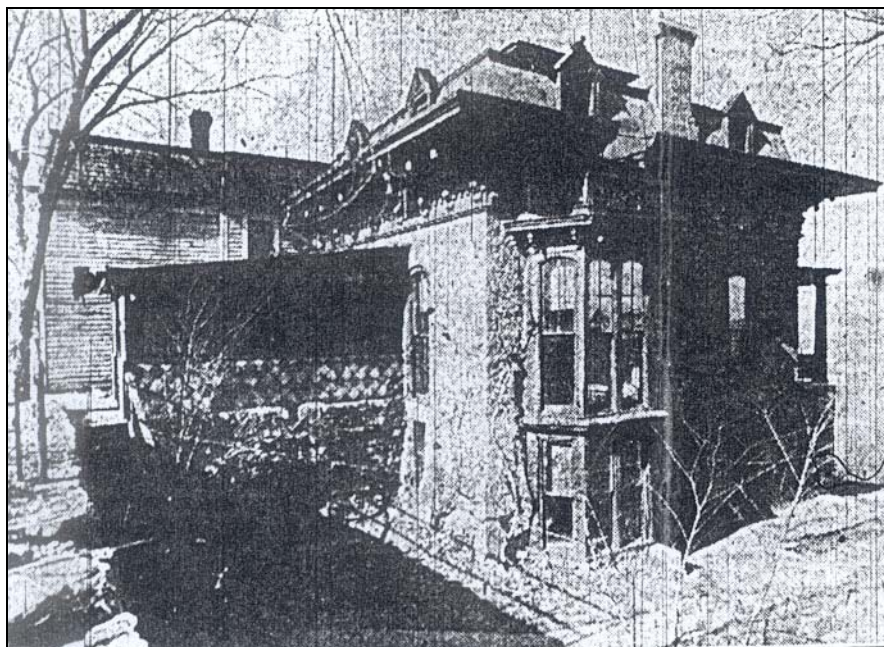
Elevator flyer, c.1899-92 (Center For Dubuque History, Street Elevators File)



West 11<sup>th</sup> Street Elevator, view northeast from Alice Street, c.1895  
(Photo EVM 7516, Center For Dubuque History, Loras College)

This is the best elevator detail shot. Note the base and truss work on the track way, also the landscaping to the north of the elevator. Note also the very low parapet wall cap along Grove Terrace. Second Presbyterian Church and the newly completed high school at Main and West 15<sup>th</sup> (1893-94) are visible left of center and far left of center background respectively.

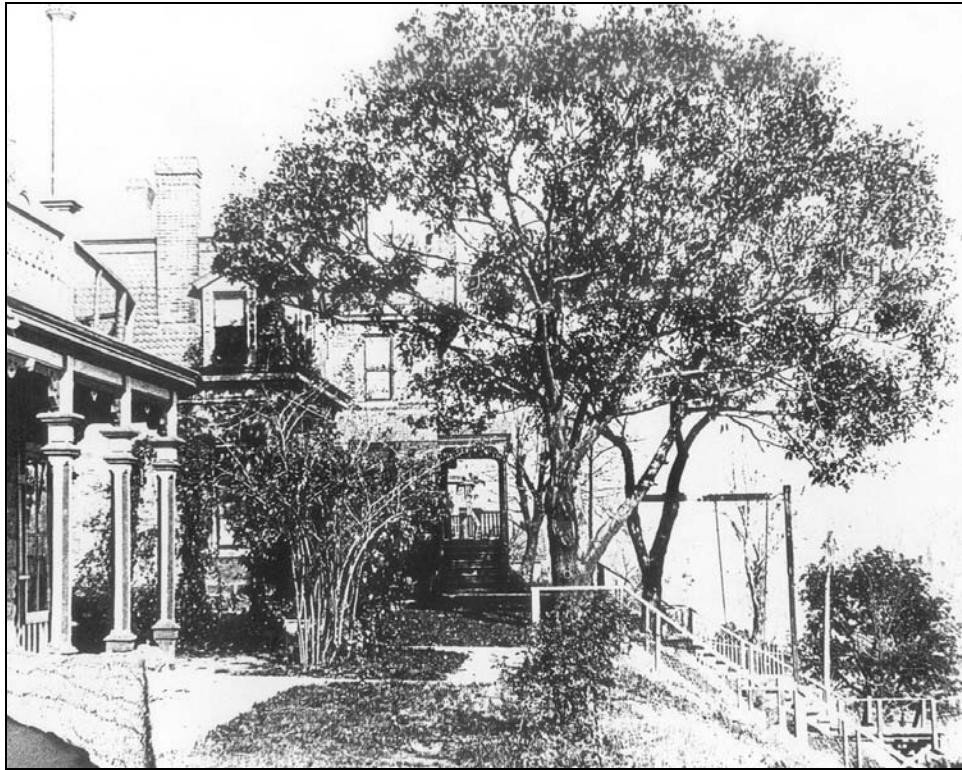
Grove Terrace Images:



970-72 Grove Terrace, view northeast  
(*Telegraph-Herald & Times-Journal*, April 1, 1934)

This is the most detailed depiction of this house, along with the two-story north wing. The image distorts the depth of the image.





South end of Grove Terrace, view north, c.1890  
(Photo RM 1065, Center For Dubuque History, Loras College)

This is a singular perspective taken from the east side of the houses which are on the east side of Grove Terrace. There is a road below to the right and stairways descend to it. From left to right are 970, 980 and 990 Grove Terrace.



View northeast from Grove Terrace, c.1890.  
(Photo RM 1065, Center For Dubuque History, Loras College)

This image was taken at the same time and place and the view shifted to the east. Of interest is the house that is alongside the roadway. Second Presbyterian Church is visible in the distant center.



975, 995, 1025, 1035 Grove Terrace, c.1925, view north  
(Photo HAM 948, #167, Center For Dubuque History, Loras College)

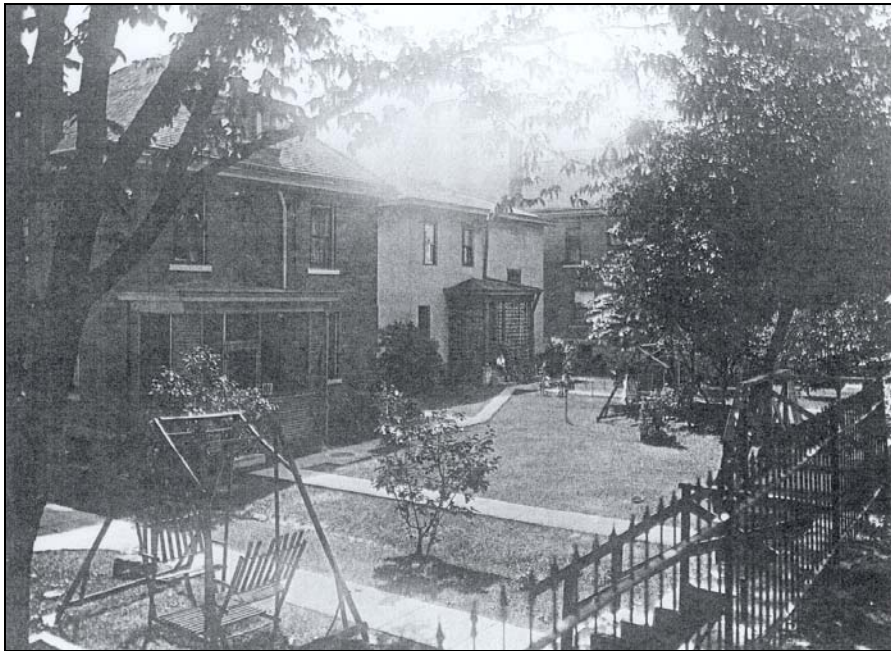
This image depicts a built-up west side of the south end of Grove Terrace. The West 11<sup>th</sup> Street Elevator is not visible at the end of the street and likely has been removed (1924).



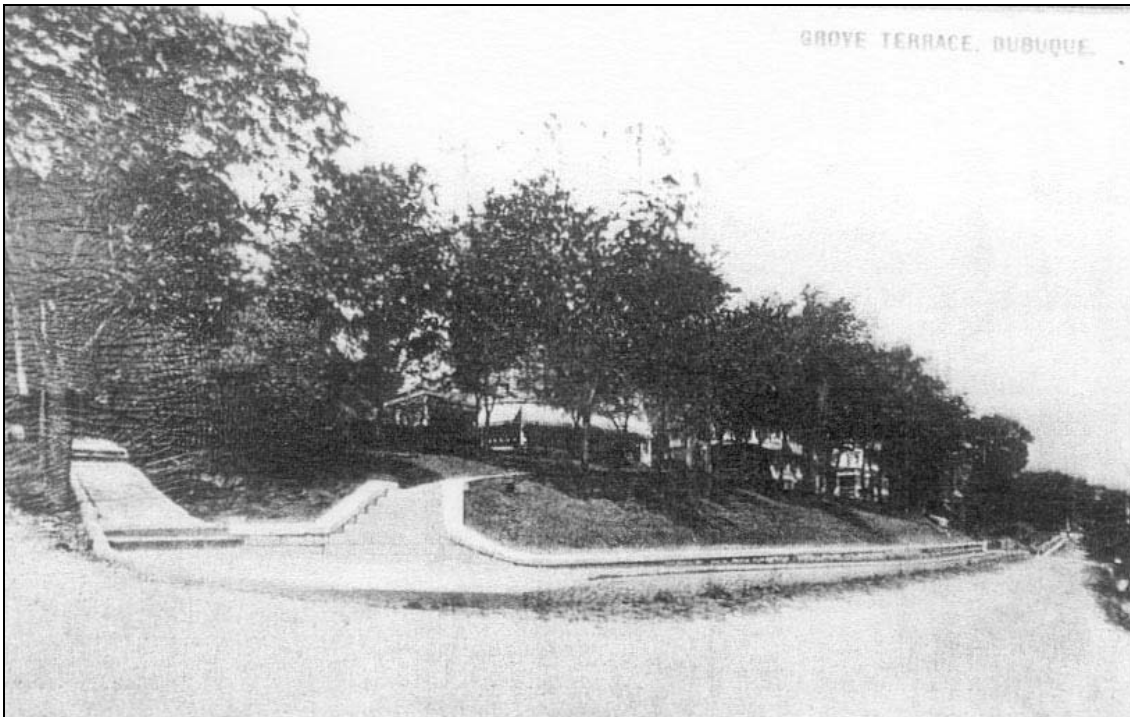
995, 1025, 1035 Grove Terrace, view southwest, c.1925.  
(Center For Dubuque History, Loras College, Photo HAM 949)



This image, the preceding one and the next one were certainly taken by the same photographer at the same time.

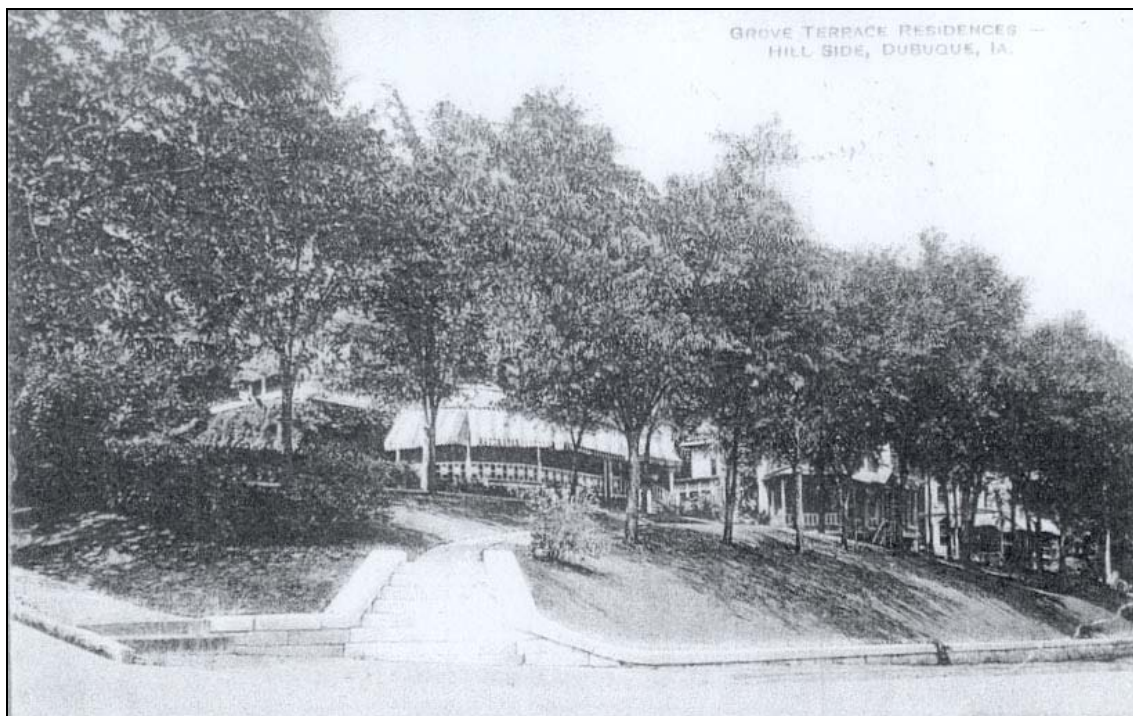


Backyards, 1025, 995, 975 Grove Terrace, left to right, view southeast, c.1925  
(Photo HAM 1923, Center For Dubuque History, Loras College)

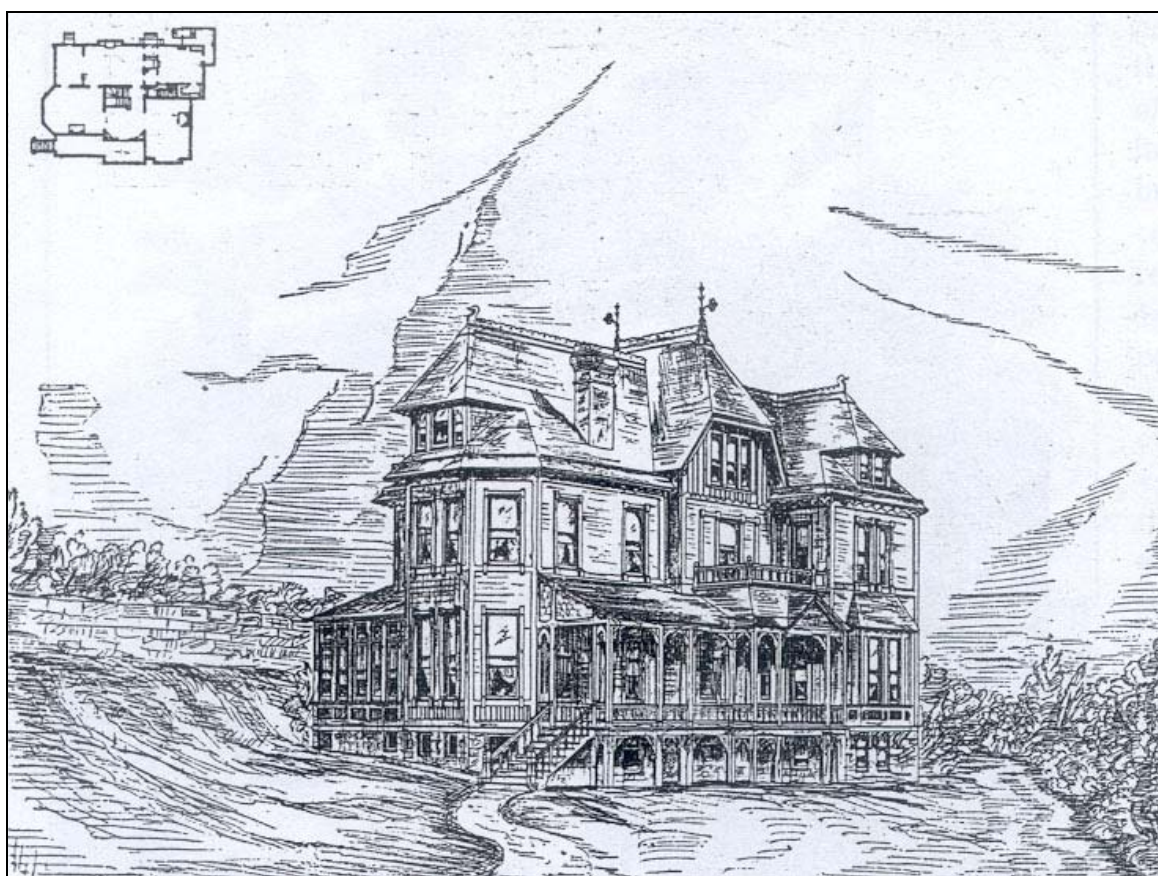


Grove Terrace at West 11<sup>th</sup>, view northwest, c.1905 (postcard)  
(Photo FBL 4712, 4713, Center For Dubuque History, Loras College)





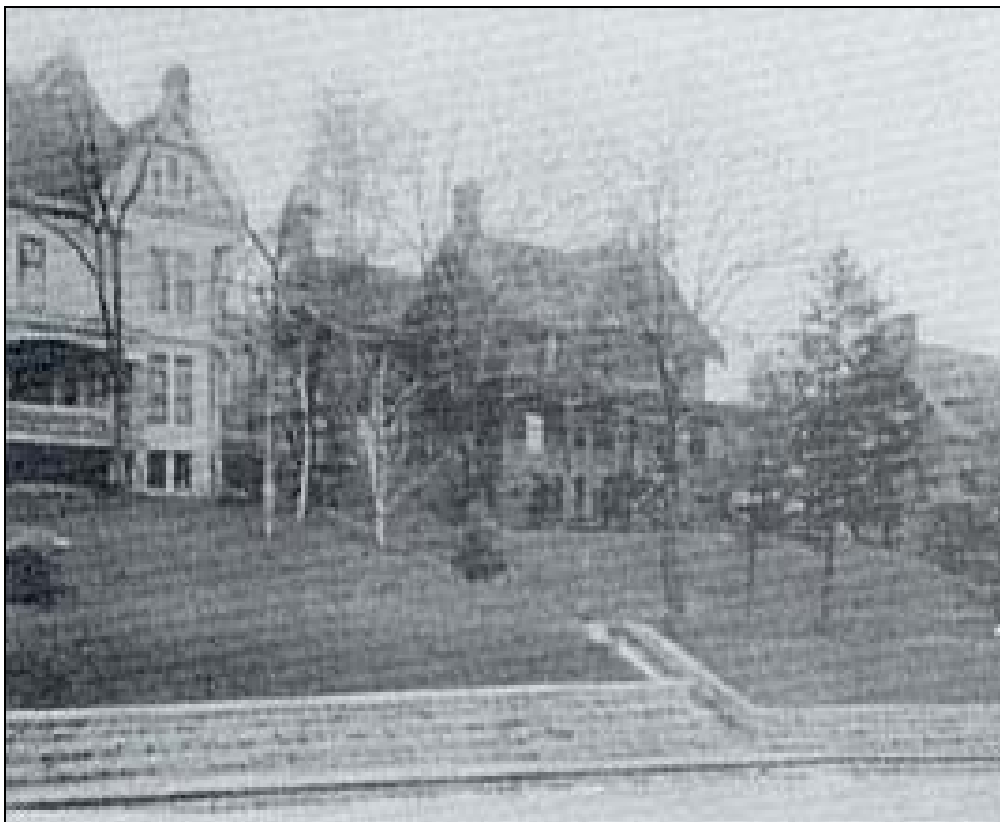
Grove Terrace at West 11<sup>th</sup>, view northwest, c.1905 (postcard)  
(Photo, Center For Dubuque History, Loras College)



1155 Grove Terrace (architect's elevation, floor plan) (*Dubuque Today*, c.1905-06)



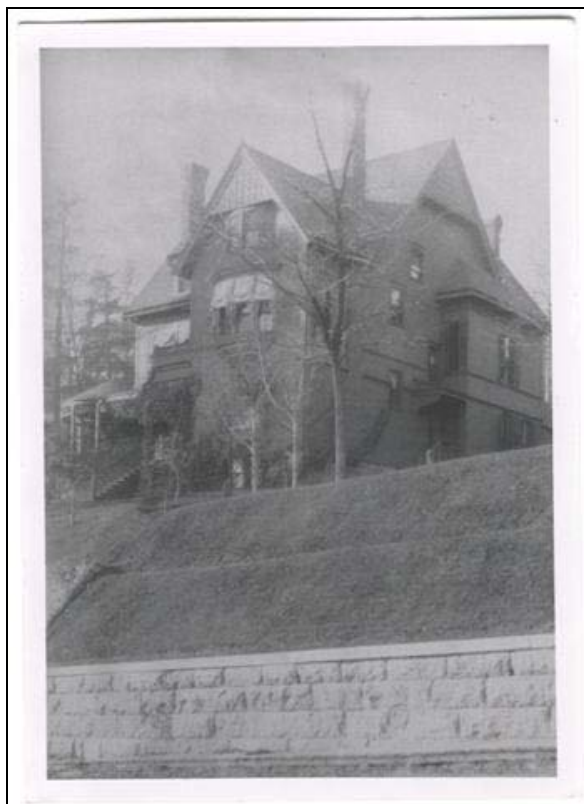
1203 Grove Terrace (*Souvenir Gems*, 1897)



1203, 1207 Grove Terrace (*Souvenir Gems*, 1897)



65 Grove Terrace (W. H. Day House, non-extant), view from Highland Place, northeast  
(*Souvenir Gems*, 1897)



1245 Grove Terrace  
(photo courtesy of owner David Noon)





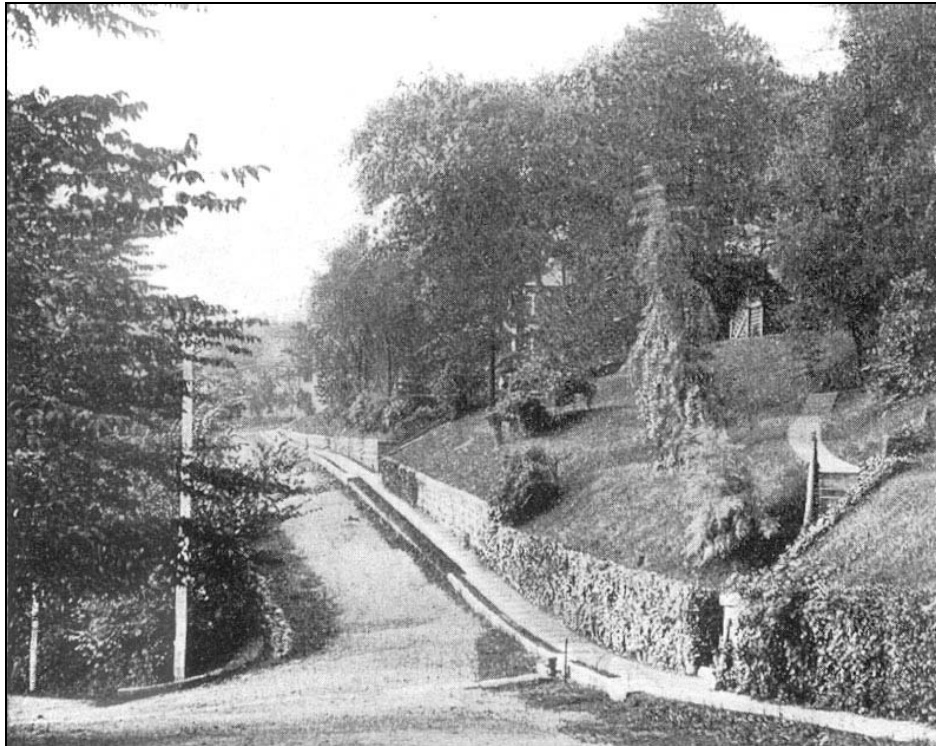
1245 Grove Terrace  
(photo courtesy of owner David Noon)



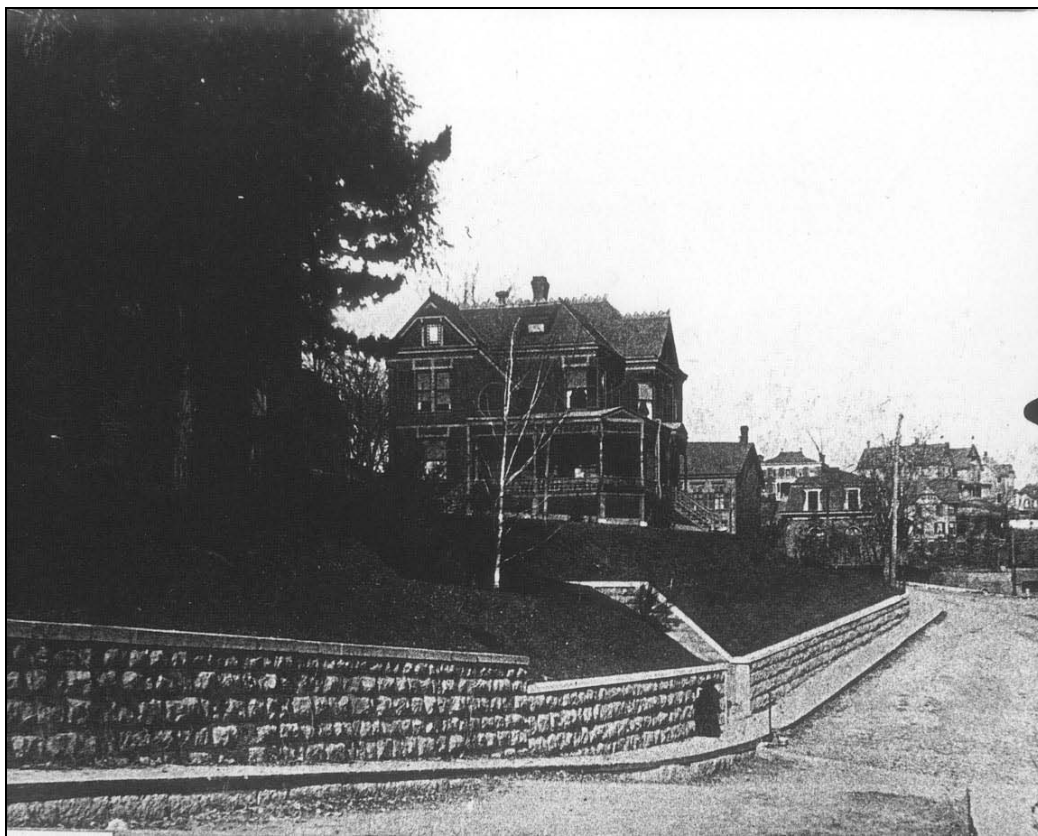
Southeast corner porch detail, 1245 Grove Terrace  
(photo courtesy of owner David Noon)



1295 Grove Terrace, view southwest  
(Realtor's Book, Center For Dubuque History, Loras College)



Junction of West 13<sup>th</sup> (left) and Grove Terrace, view southwest.  
(*Greater Dubuque*, 1911)



1295 Grove Terrace, view northwest from junction with West 12<sup>th</sup> Street, c.1890s  
(Photo RM 1160, Center For Dubuque History, Loras College)



1245, 1295 Grove Terrace, view northwest from junction with West 12<sup>th</sup> Street, c.1911  
(*Greater Dubuque*, 1911)

Highland Place Images:



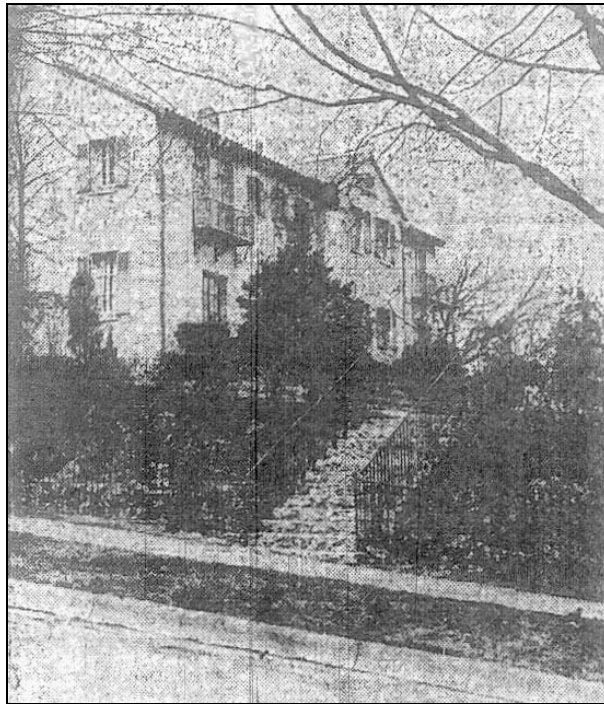
J. J. Hancock House, Highland and West 11<sup>th</sup> Street, view northwest  
(Center for Dubuque History, Loras College, Photo RM1066)

West 11<sup>th</sup> Street runs across the view, the foreground being lots on the west side of Grove Terrace. The Second Empire style house fronts on Highland (non-extant, replaced by 1105 Highland Place). The house in the background fronted on Dell Street and is non-extant.





1105 Highland Place, view northwest  
(Center for Dubuque History, Loras College, Photo #117)

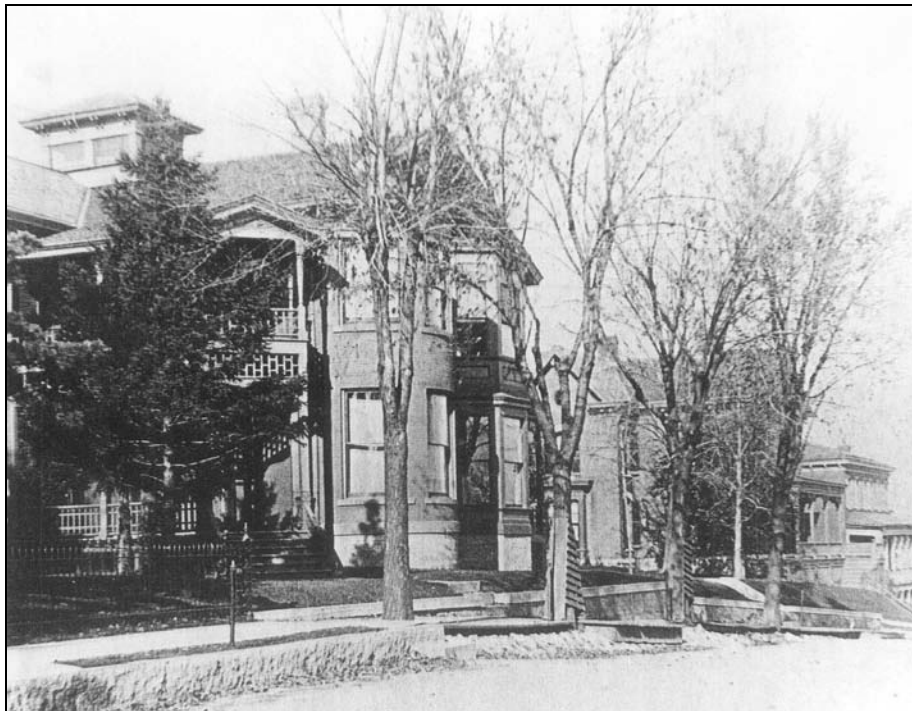


1105 Highland Place, view northwest, 1932  
(*Telegraph-Herald*, May 22, 1932)



George Burden Residence, 1125 Highland Place  
(Center for Dubuque History, Loras College, Photo RM1156)

Compare this image with the next one. Here the original Italianate duplex design remains intact, in the next, the east half has been remodeled in the Queen Anne style.



Highland Place, view northwest, from left to right,  
1125-33, 1163 and 1175-93 Highland Place, c.1895  
(Center for Dubuque History, Loras College, Photo RM1059)



1163 Highland, view northwest, c.1880  
(Center for Dubuque History, Loras College, Photo RM1157)

Arlington Street Images:



Arlington Street west, 1295 Highland Place at left, 485 Arlington is the tallest building on the right  
(Center for Dubuque History, Loras College, Photo RM 1165)





Arlington Street, west from Highland Place, 586-90 Arlington at the left,  
567 Arlington is the third building on the right  
(Center for Dubuque History, Loras College, Photo RM 1060)

Arlington Street can't be photographed in a single view as these two successive images illustrate. The photographer first stood at Grove Terrace, and then took a second view near Dell Street.

#### West 11<sup>th</sup> Street Images:



Same perspective as above, north side of the street, 584 West Eleventh to left, c.1890  
563 West Eleventh at right (Center for Dubuque History, Loras College, Photo RM 1113)



Foot of West Eleventh, view west, 510 and 584 West Eleventh, left to right. West 11<sup>th</sup> Street steps ascend in right foreground, c.1890. Note barn to the left of 510 West 11<sup>th</sup>.  
(Center for Dubuque History, Loras College, Photo RM1164)



510 West 11<sup>th</sup> Street, view southwest (note the barn to rear right)  
(*Souvenir Gems*, 1897)

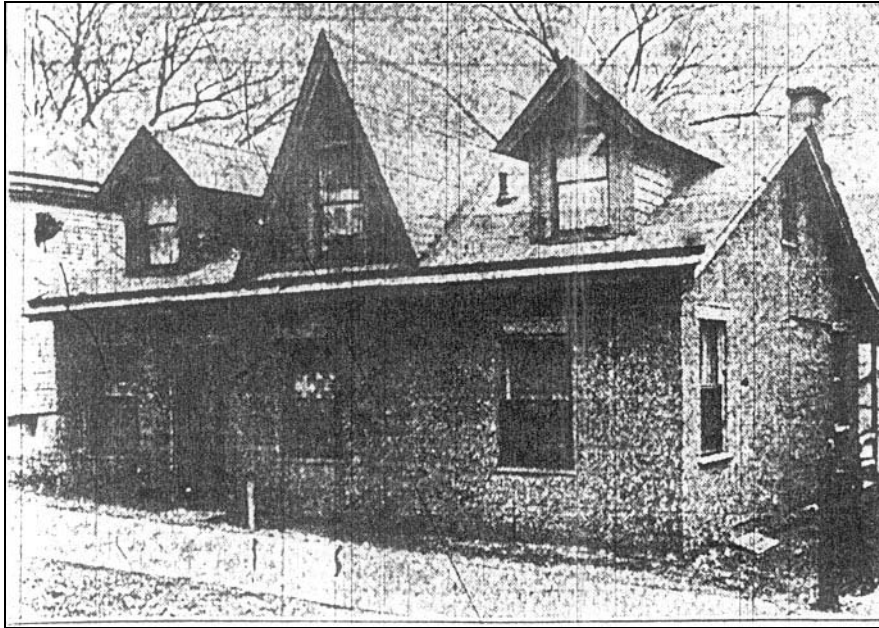


John Bell Residence, 563 West 11<sup>th</sup> Street, view northwest, c.1890  
 Note barn at rear of property and young trees along West 11<sup>th</sup> Street.  
 (Center for Dubuque History, Loras College, Photo RM 1163)



595 West 11<sup>th</sup> Street, view northwest, c.1970  
 (Realtor's Book, Center For Dubuque History, Loras College)





J. P. Farley House, 636 West 11<sup>th</sup> Street, view southeast  
(*Telegraph-Herald & Times-Journal*, April 15, 1934)

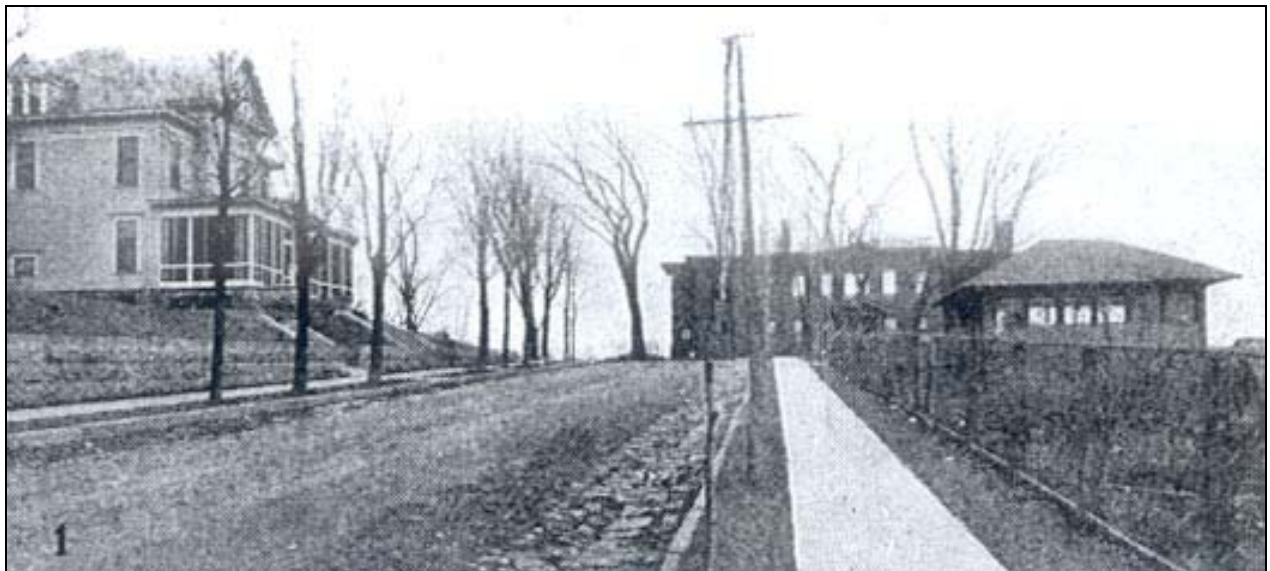
Olive/Jefferson streets Images:



James Forrester residence, 970 Olive, original appearance, west façade, c.1873,  
Samuel Root photographer, view southeast  
(Center For Dubuque History, Loras College, Photo RM 1037)



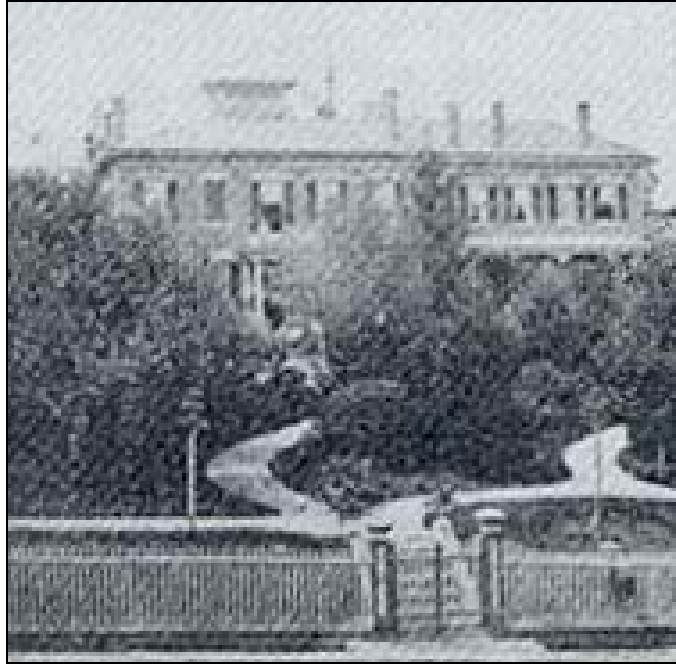
James Forrester residence , 970 Olive, original appearance, east façade, c.1873,  
 Samuel Root photographer, view northwest  
 (Center For Dubuque History, Loras College, Photo RM 1150)



Jefferson Street, view north towards Olive Street, c.1911  
 (*Greater Dubuque*, 1911).

This image depicts 561 Jefferson (left) and 560 Jefferson, a former hip roof garage (now an apartment) and 970 Olive in the background. Note the lack of buildings to the right foreground, this has not changed.

Prairie Street Images:



P. W. Crawford House, 1209 Prairie, view west from Prairie Street  
(*Souvenir Gems*, 1897)

This house pre-dates 1872 and first was addressed to Walnut Street to the west. Note the extensive landscaping.

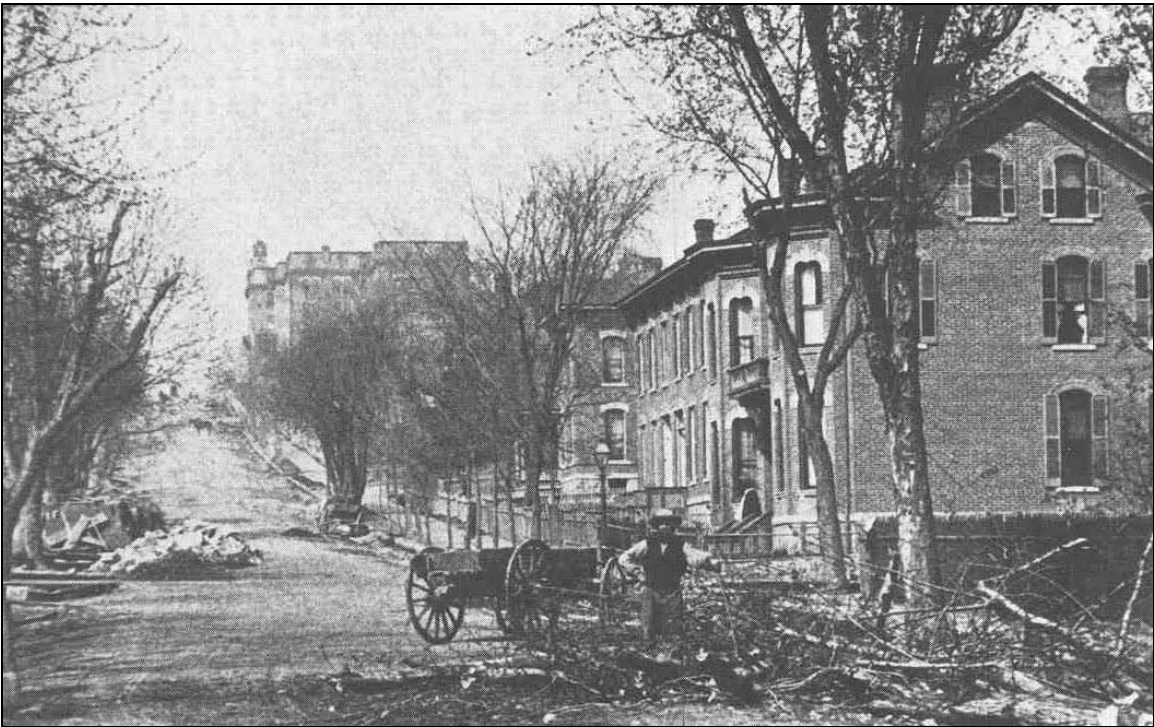


Mr. Will Wallis residence, 1295 Prairie Street, view northwest, Sam Root photographer, c.1873  
(Center For Dubuque History, Loras College, Photo NGL 1422)

The Lawrence family built this house c.1871. The Wallis family acquired it in 1880.



Loras Street Images:



Loras west from east of Bluff Street, left to right, north side, 437, 415-19, 407-09 Loras, c.1890  
(Center For Dubuque History, Loras College, Photo RM1129)



View north across Loras from Arlington and Grove Terrace, 440 and 422-24 Loras in foreground,  
left to right, 459 (bulls eye window), and 445 Loras opposite , pre-1898  
(Center For Dubuque History, Loras College, Photo RM1042).



Henry F. Gniffke Residence, 459 Loras, view northeast  
(*Telegraph-Herald & Times-Journal*, February 11, 1934)



Michael S. Hardie residence, 509 Loras, view northwest, c.1897  
(*Souvenir Gems*, 1897)





Loras, view northeast, left to right, 553-61, 533-41, 525, 517 Loras Blvd. c.1890  
(Center for Dubuque History, Loras College, Photo RM1079)

Note the absence of 509 Loras in this image (far right).



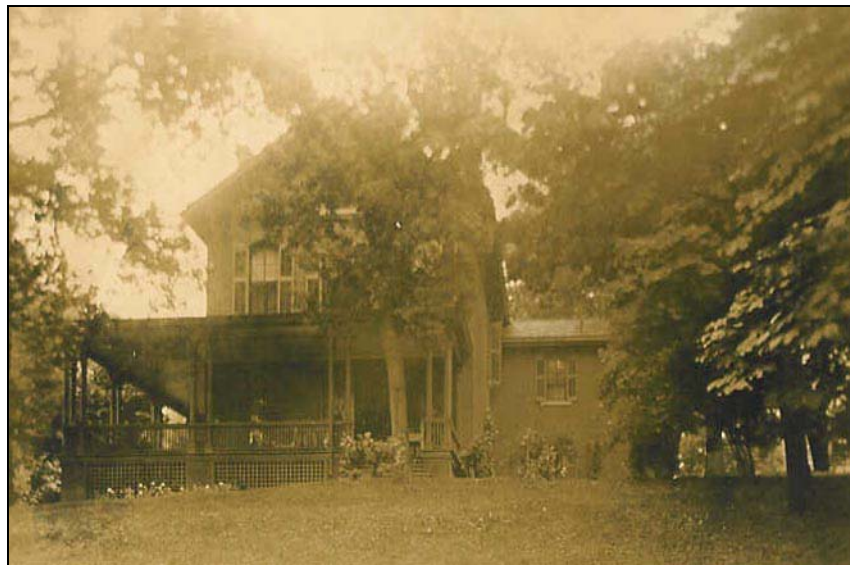
Loras, view northeast from west of Prairie Street, 597 Loras in center, 573-83 Lorast, 636 Loras  
(Center for Dubuque History, Loras College, Photo HAM 849)



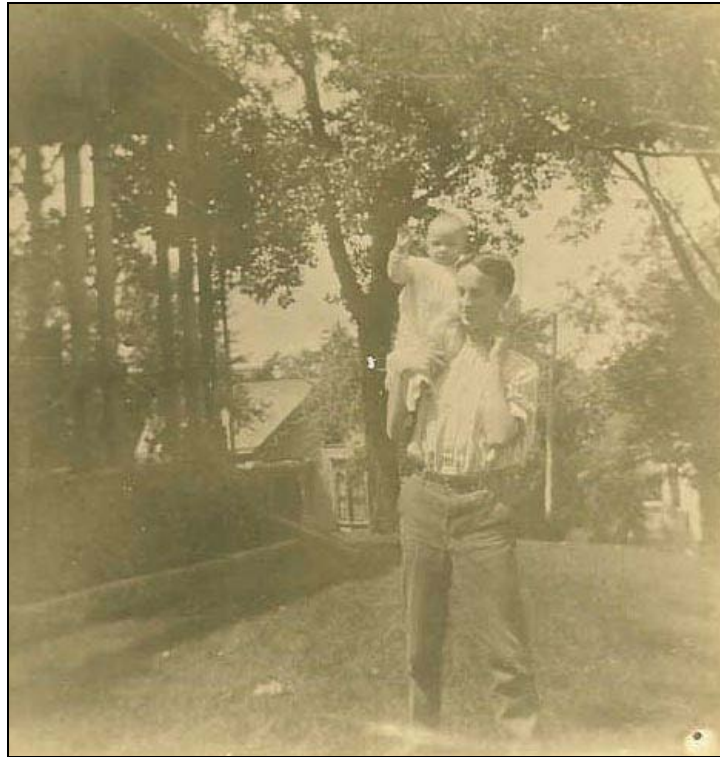
Chestnut Street Images:



632 Chestnut, view south, c.1900, note original porch,  
newly planted trees, and wood fence atop stone retaining wall  
(photo courtesy of current owner)



632 Chestnut Street, view south, c.1910  
(photo courtesy of current owner)



632 Chestnut Street, view southwest, c.1910  
1206 Prairie visible left of center  
(photo courtesy of current owner)

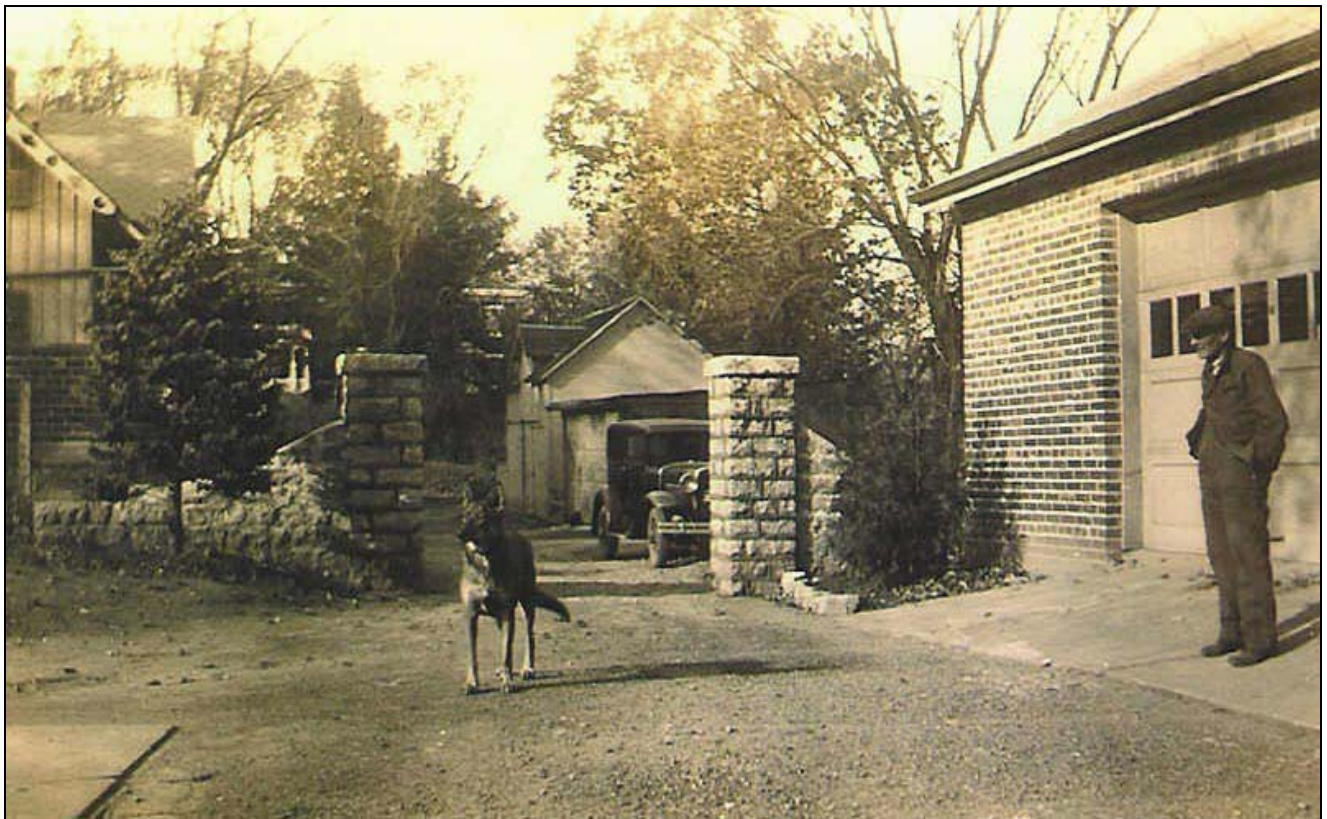


632 Chestnut Street, view southeast, c.1910, 604 Chestnut visible rear center  
(photo courtesy of current owner)





632 Chestnut Street, backyard celebration, view northeast, c.1910, note table canopy  
(photo courtesy of current owner)



Garage, 632 Chestnut, and 1206 Prairie visible at far left, view west, c.1940  
(photo courtesy of current owner)





Driveway, behind 632 Chestnut, view west, c.1940  
This image is taken to the east of the preceding one.  
(photo courtesy of current owner)

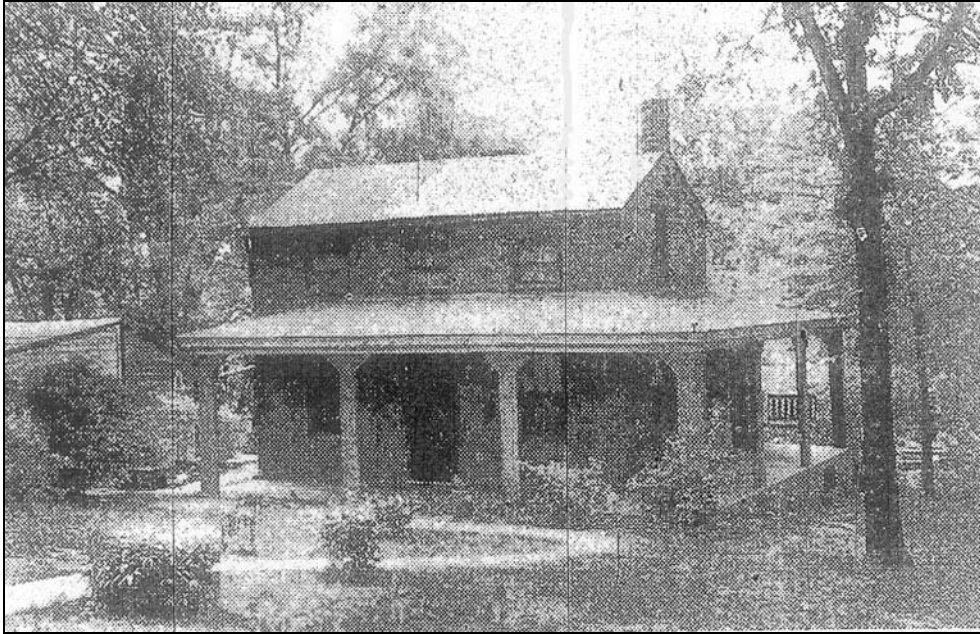


643 Chestnut, view northwest, c.1930  
(photo provided by the owner of 632 Chestnut)



Right to left, 647, 653 Chestnut, view northwest, c.1930  
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Rose Street Image:



George W. Cummins residence, north side of Rose Street, west of Walnut Street  
(*Telegraph-Herald & Times-Journal*, June 10, 1934)

This very early brick residence lies just west of the district boundary. The house was said to have been built c.1840. Cummins died of disease while serving as a lieutenant in the 37<sup>th</sup> Iowa Volunteer Infantry Regiment. His family continued to occupy the house until 1933.