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Four historic districts have been delineated within the Multiple Resource Area of Highland Park.

- I. Maple Avenue/Maple Lane Historic District
- II. Hazel Avenue/Prospect Avenue Historic District
- III. Lenden Park Place/Belle Avenue Historic District
- IV. Ravinia Park Historic District

I **MAPLE AVENUE/MAPLE LANE HISTORIC DISTRICT**

Boundary Description

The district encompasses an irregular area of approximately 9 acres. It runs from the northeast corner of St Johns Avenue and Maple Avenue, starting approximately 200' north of Maple along the north side of Maple Avenue including all properties on Maple Lane (entered through two stone gateposts), to Sheridan Road and including the first two properties north of Maple Avenue on the west side of Sheridan Road extending approximately 250 feet north of Maple Avenue. Properties included in the district on the south side of maple Avenue begin with those facing Maple Avenue starting at the alley approximately 400' west of Sheridan Road and extending to the property at the southeast intersection of Maple Avenue and St Johns Avenue ending 100' south of Maple of St Johns.

This small area is particularly significant because it contains a concentration of homes designed by Prairie School architect George W. Maher. All four of the homes designed by Maher have been published, and three of them (the Scarborough, Lamborn and Smith Houses) originally had landscapes laid out by Jens Jensen. (There are drawings in the Jansen archives at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.)

In addition to the Maher houses the Herman Pomper House by John Van Bergen is also located within the area. More than any other Van Bergen building in

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Highland Park, the massing and detailing of this house resemble Frank Lloyd Wright's Ward Willits House.

The following buildings are included within the district: (Keyed to Map I)

1. House at 265 Maple, date unknown

This red brick center entrance Colonial has a beautiful columned portico with a rectangular light above the door and sidelights. There are splayed brick lintels over the first story windows.

2. House at 306 Maple, date unknown

The picturesque massing of this house, with its stuccoed first story and shingled second, puts it in scale with the rest of the district.

3. House at 309 Maple, c. 1925

This is a white stucco center entrance Colonial. Its detailing (dentils under the cornice and columns flanking the doorway) makes it representative of the Colonial Style, though not a highly significant example.

4. Herman Pomper House, 318 Maple, 1925

Designed by architect John Van Bergen, this stucco house, with brown wood trim, is particularly derivative of Wright's early work. Its broad overhangs, ribbon windows, horizontal banding and interlocking geometric volumes are Prairie School in the most Wrightian tradition. Its plan is derived from the cruciform prairie house plan of Frank Lloyd Wright. The house is clearly derived from Wright's Ward Willits House of 1902. There is a dance studio, built in 1960, at the rear.

5. House at 332 Maple, date unknown

This yellow stucco house has half timbering that makes it Tudor in derivation, but it is not highly representative of the style.

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6. R. Smith House, 333 Maple, 1912

This stucco house has rhythmic segmental arches over the front bay and roof dormer, a broad overhanging roof, ribbon casements and a continuous sill line, all typical Prairie School characteristics. The arches and monumental symmetry are particularly characteristic of George Maher's work. It is a large 3-story house on approximately 2 acres of wooded property. The house was extensively remodeled in 1972, but all the original exterior architectural detailing was preserved. There is a second dormer on the third floor, however, that is not original.

7. House at 2340 Maple Lane, date unknown

This is a simple brown shingled house with a gabled roof and shutters. It is not particularly characteristic of any specific style, but fits in with the character of the district.

8. H. Scarborough House, 2345 Maple Lane, c. 1907

This symmetrical stucco house is easily recognizable as the work of George W. Maher by its broad massing, its flat surfaced canted walls, its wide overhangs, its use of leaded windows and particularly its segmental arch framing a recessed doorway. Of particular visual interest is the projecting central section with its canted walls, stepped back entrance, and small ribbon window detail. The house sits on a heavily wooded lot backing up to the two houses designed by George Maher on Sheridan Road.

9. Second Henry Dubin House, 2350 Maple Lane, 1949

This International Style house is less expressively functional but more sophisticated in its use of materials than the first Dubin House at 441 Cedar. The exterior walls are of rough surfaced limestone and smooth, once-violet colored marble panels. A narrow bank of windows wrapping around the southeast corner of the house ties it together. Like the family's first home, this house has a steel frame, part of which is visible in the carport roof. Although presenting a simple one-story flat wall to the road, the house is built into a ravine at the back of the property.

10. House at 2369 Maple Lane, date unknown

The most prominent feature of this 2-1/2 story English country style stucco house is its large front gable. Brick sills and detailing set off the doors and windows.

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11. D.W. Lamborn House, 2360 Sheridan Road, 1910

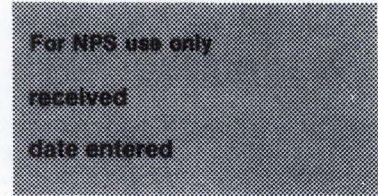
In the Lamborn House, Maher utilized his characteristic stylistic detailings at the same time as he achieved simplicity by reducing the building to a basic symmetrical rectangular shape very similar to his Henry W. Schultz House in Kenilworth. This two-story, hipped-roof house is easily recognizable as a building designed by George Maher because of its canted walls, wide overhangs and columned doorway supporting a segmental arch. The ribbon window motif has been utilized on the second floor in a series of five casements filled with beautiful leaded glass. A 1969 fire caused some interior damage, but aside from an enclosed side porch the building's exterior has not been altered.

12. Samuel H. Bingham House, 2376 Sheridan Road, c. 1907

Although designed by George Maher, the Bingham house is not characteristic of his style. It is stucco and half timber on the first floor and shingled on the second, without the characteristic canted walls and segmental arch motif. Nevertheless, this three-story house is Prairie School in style because of its central ribbons of windows, broad overhangs and simple planar surfaces.

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UTM COORDINATES

Highland Park, IL Quadrangle / Scale 1:24000 / Zone 16

I. Maple Avenue/Maple Lane Historic District  
E434000/N4671500 (note: acreage less than 10)

II. Linden Park Place-Belle Avenue Historic District

A:E434480/N4671240	G:E434300/N4670860
B:E434740/N4671160	H:E434130/N4670780
C:E434800/N4670860	I:E434120/N4670840
D:E434700/N4670800	J:E434280/N4670920
E:E434660/N4670860	K:E434280/N4670060
F:E434340/N4670760	

III. Hazel Avenue-Prospect Historic District

A:E434810/N4670580	J:E434260/N4670140
B:E434890/N4670280	K:E434260/N4670210
C:E434860/N4670180	L:E434200/N4670210
D:E434720/N4670160	M:E434120/N4670360
E:E434660/N4670210	N:E434240/N4670430
F:E434490/N4670140	O:E434300/N4670320
G:E434490/N4670220	P:E434620/N4670400
H:E434360/N4670210	Q:E434620/N4670540
I:E434340/N4670110	

IV. Ravinia Park Historic District

A:E436060/N4667600
B:E436040/N4667240
C:E435600/N4667240
D:E435600/N4667600

Please refer to the Highland  
Park MRA Cover Sheet for more  
information on this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000175

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

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Name Highland Park Multiple Resource Area  
State Lake County, Illinois

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

1. **Maple Avenue/Maple Lane Historic District**

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 9/29/82

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2. Hazel Avenue/Prospect Avenue  
Historic District

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3. Ravinia Park Historic District

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4. Dubin, Henry, House

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5. Linden Park Place/Belle  
Avenue Historic District

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6. Churchill, Richard, House

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7. Obee House

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8. Florsheim, Harold, House

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9. Humer Building

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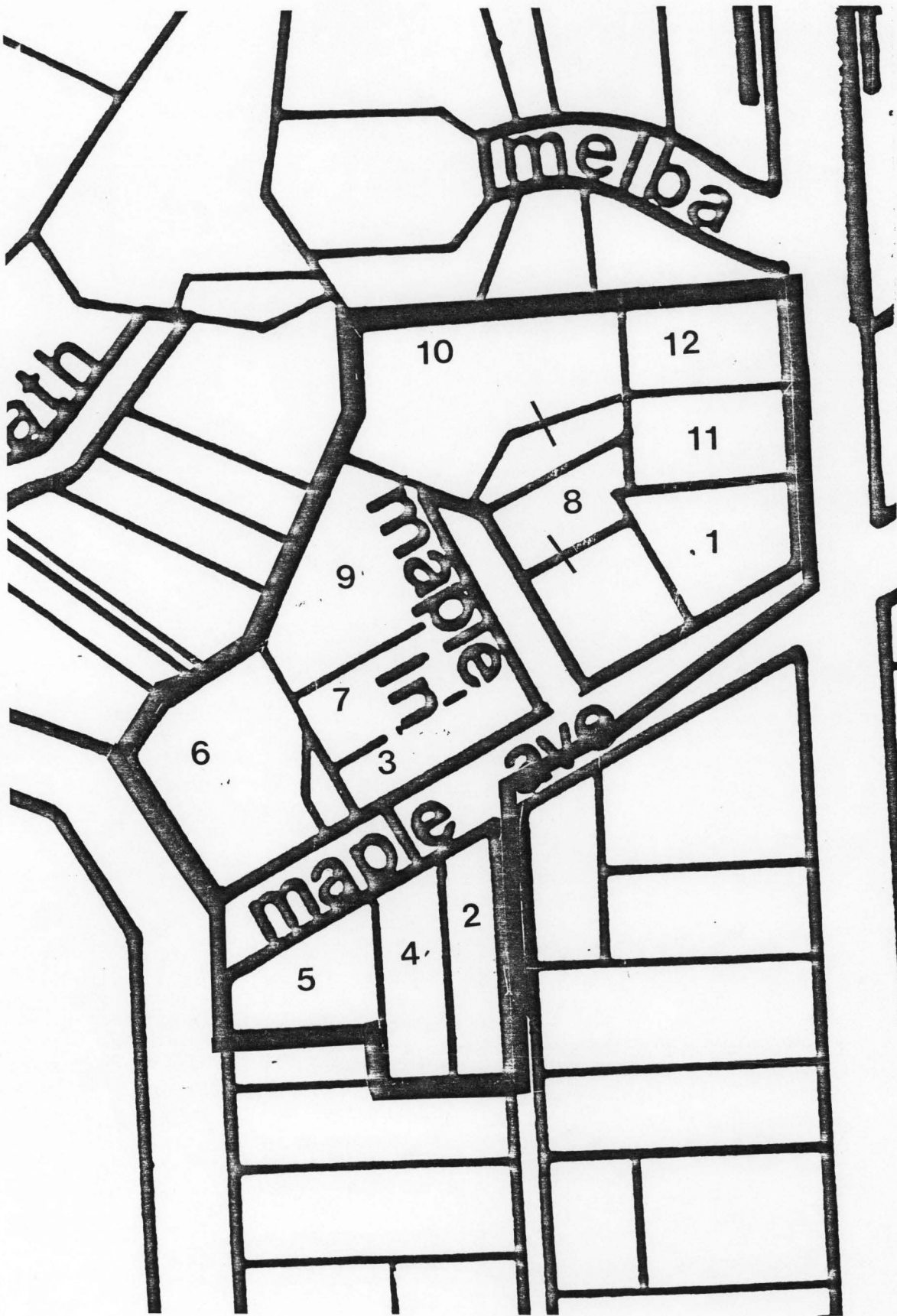
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Substantive Review

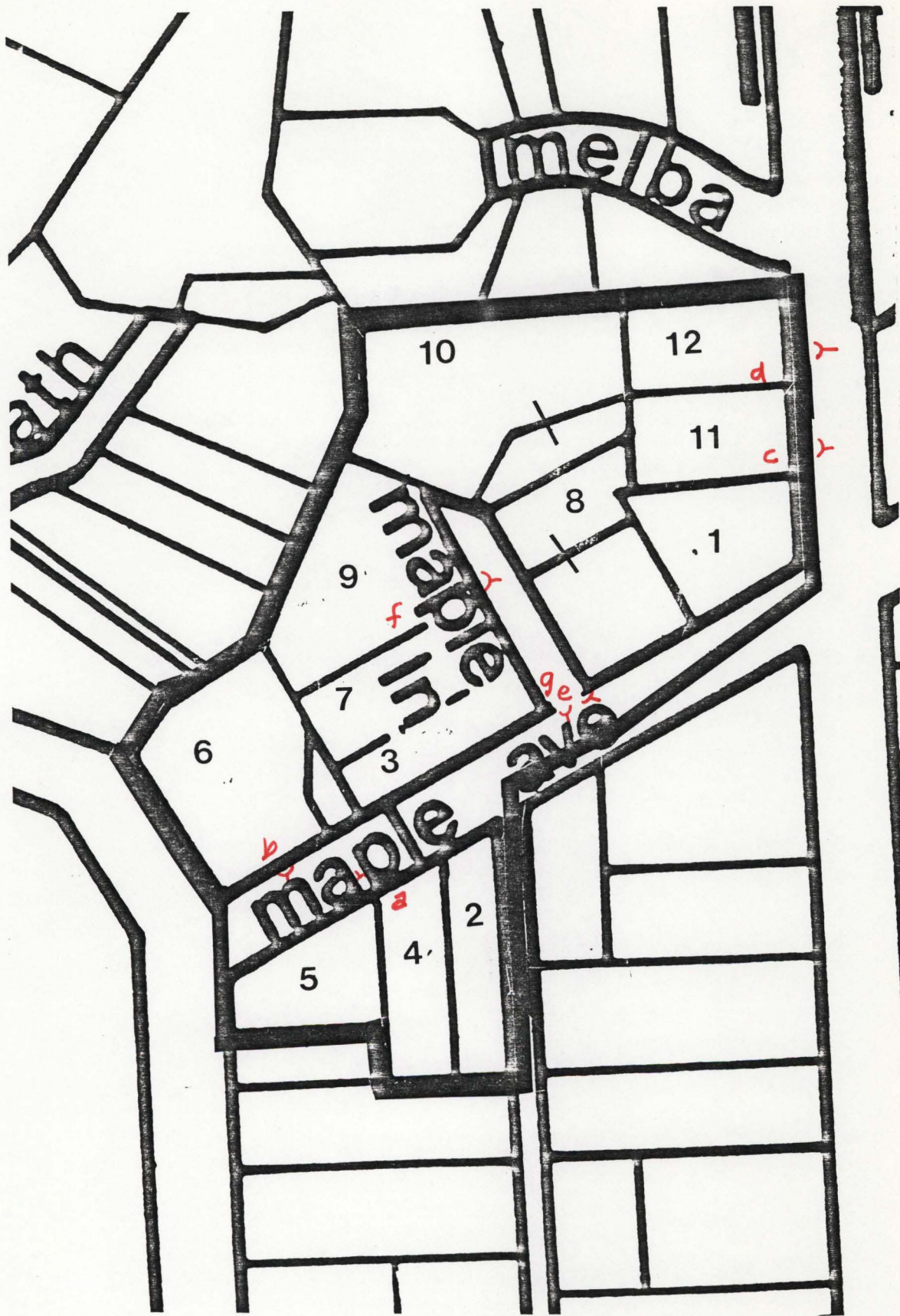
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**Maple Ave. Maple Ln**  
HISTORIC DISTRICT



**Maple Ave-Maple Ln**  
 HISTORIC DISTRICT

lower case letters refer to photos



## 8. Significance

Period \_\_\_\_\_ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates \_\_\_\_\_ Builder/Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- \_\_\_\_ summary paragraph
- \_\_\_\_ completeness
- \_\_\_\_ clarity
- \_\_\_\_ applicable criteria
- \_\_\_\_ justification of areas checked
- \_\_\_\_ relating significance to the resource
- \_\_\_\_ context
- \_\_\_\_ relationship of integrity to significance
- \_\_\_\_ justification of exception
- \_\_\_\_ other

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

## 10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UMT References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

## 11. Form Prepared By

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

\_\_\_\_ national    \_\_\_\_ state    \_\_\_\_ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature \_\_\_\_\_

title \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

## 13. Other

- \_\_\_\_ Maps
- \_\_\_\_ Photographs
- \_\_\_\_ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: 202 272 - 3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



VIEW a District I detail

Herman Pomper House

318 Maple

Historic Resources of High-  
land Park, Lake Co., Ill.

Photo: Henry X Arenberg

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VIEW d District I Detail

Samuel H. Bingham House

2376 Sheridan Road

Historic Resources of High-  
land Park, Lake Co., Ill.'

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2376 Sheridan

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Entrance to Maple Lane

Historic Resources of High-  
land Park, Lake Co., Ill.

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Highland Park, Ill.

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Gates on Maple Lane

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333 MAPLE

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Smith House  
333 Maple  
Historic Resources of High-  
land Park, Lake Co., Ill.  
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2360 SHERIDAN RD.

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D.W. Lamborn House  
2360 Sheridan Road  
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2350 MAPLE LANE

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2nd Henry Dubin House  
2350 Maple Lane  
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land Park, Lake Co., Ill.  
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MAPLE LANE - VIEW N FROM MAPLE AVE

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Entrance to Maple Lane  
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