

ANN ARBOR HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

APPLICATION for HISTORIC MARKER

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Historic District Coordinator Email: jthacher@a2gov.org www.a2gov.org

Section 1: Applicant Information

Name of Property Owner: Catherine Schuh + John Pianelli
Address of Owner: 525 South First Street
Daytime Phone: (734) 645-5836 (Cathy) / 645-5847 (John)
Fax: (N/A)
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Signature of owner: Cathy Schuh / John Pianelli date: 6/13/16

Section 2: Historical Information (attach additional sheets as necessary) (See attached)

Address of Property: 525 South First Street
Name of Historic District, if applicable: The Old West Side
Name of First Owner of building: John George Koch + Maria Katharina Koch
Bibliographic Source: Washtenaw Abstract Company (Feb 15, 1918)
Date of Construction: Between Feb 13 to Sept 29, 1888
Bibliographic Source: Washtenaw Abstract Company (Feb 15, 1918)
Additional history of the property—including ownership, evolution of the building and its use:
This 2-story Brick Residence was built by the Koch Brothers (John + Christian) on Land that they bought from Leonhard Gruner for \$300. The home was then sold to John George Koch (not-related) for \$1800 when construction completed. (continue on reverse or on additional sheets)

Section 3: Photographs (attach or submit electronic copy of a photo of the building)

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Date Submitted: _____ Date of completed application: _____
Staff Reviewer & Date: _____ Date of HDC Action: _____
Staff signature: _____ Action: _____ HDC Approval _____ HDC Denial _____
Comments:

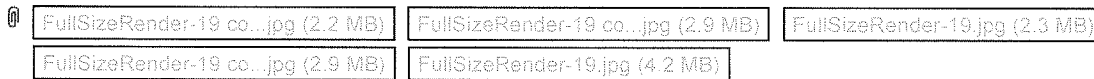
Bronze Historic Marker for 525 South First Street

From: johnpianelli <johnpianelli@aol.com>

To: jthacher <jthacher@a2gov.org>

Cc: Shoepie <Shoepie@aol.com>

Date: Sun, Jun 12, 2016 4:10 pm



Hi Jill

We've completed the HDC application to obtain a bronze plaque marker for our home at 525 South First Street (which was originally numbered 91 South First Street). Our Old West Side home is 128 years old. I've attached 5 recent photographs.

The application will be sent to you via US Mail along with supporting documents (Washtenaw Abstract Company - Title & Warranty Deed, Property Survey, Citations from the Ann Arbor "Old News" Reprints, Polk Directory, and the Koch-Horning family histories documented in biographies of Frederick Horning and John Koch (Mason) by Samuel W. Breakes in his book published in 1906).

If possible we would like the following inscription on the bronze marker - **Koch-Horning House, Built 1888**. This inscription on the marker will help distinguish our home from another "John George Koch" house built in 1874 on 530 South Division Street. (That Koch is a different person, he was co-proprietor of Koch & Haller - furniture dealers) and he immigrated here in 1866. This specific engraving will recognize and honor both the homes builder (John Koch - Mason & Prolific Ann Arbor Builder of homes, banks, churches, frat houses, hospitals, UMICH academic buildings) and even more importantly the home's first owners: John George Koch (b.1813-d.1902) & Maria Katharina Niethammer Koch (b.1816-d.1900) and their daughter Barbara Koch Horning (the first white child born in Washtenaw County).

John Koch (Mason) arrived immigrated directly to Ann Arbor from Germany in 1880. John Koch (b.1858) and his brother Christian (b. 1862) established the Koch Brothers Construction Company in Ann Arbor in 1884. John married his wife Kate Kuhn also in 1884. The Koch Brothers office was located at 501 South Ashley Street on the corner of West Jefferson Street. The Polk Directory lists these two Koch Brothers as "boarders" in John Herman's House (currently 519 South First, and formerly 89 South First) when they were building 525 South First Street for John George Koch and his wife Katharina from February 1888 to September 1888.

The "Koch-Horning Family" owned 525 South First Street continuously from Sept. 29, 1888 until March 28, 1919 (30+ years). The Koch-Horning families, were joined through marriage of Barbara Koch and Frederick Horning. Both were very prominent families that were identified as exemplifying early pioneer life and agricultural progress within Washtenaw County.

John George Koch was one of 167 Washtenaw County Pioneers that were honored in 1898 by the Fair Society that built a replica 1848 log house (28 x 40 square feet) x (1 feet high) to honor and enshrine these pioneers. All of the pioneer's names and the dates that they arrived in specific townships/cities were listed. (Reference - Ann Arbor Old News). The log cabin was located at the Fair Grounds which is now Burns Park. Unfortunately, replica pioneer log cabin was demolished in the 1950s due to carpenter ant infestation per Wystan Stevens. (Picture of Cabin & Reference - <https://www.flickr.com/photos/70251312@N00/1795262329/in/photostream/>)

John George Koch was a Washtenaw County Pioneer. He arrived in April 1831 from Germany. After farming in Freedom, Pittsfield, & Lodi for 57 years, he and his wife retired to 525 South First Street at the ages of 75 and 72. His wife Katharina would bring their eggs and other farm produce to sell in Ann Arbor and buy their necessary supplies. The Koch's celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary at 525 South First Street with their 85 descendants in 1897 at the ages of 84 and 81. In attendance were 5 of their 8 children, that were still living, and all of their 20 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. (Reference - Ann Arbor Old News).

The 2nd owner (1901-1907) was their daughter - Marie Barbara Koch Horning (b.1839-d.1929). Per Samuel Breakes book, Barbara was the "First White Child born within Washtenaw county" in 1839. Barbara was the widow of Frederick C. Horning (b. 1829-d.1884). Per Breakes, Frederick was the "First German Immigrant Child brought into Washtenaw county" in 1830.

After her husband Frederick's death in 1884, Barbara lived with her parents until they died in 1900 and 1902. She then lived with her bachelor nephew William Horning (a painter by trade) until she retired to a boarding house following William's marriage. William and Dena Horning were the 3rd owners (1907-1919) of this house. Some of the out-buildings that are shown on the Sanborn Fire Maps (1909 & 1928) were probably used by William in his painting business. (Reference Abstract & Title and Polk Directory).

John George Koch and Katharina (Catherine) Koch, and their daughter Barbara Koch Horning are buried together in the Koch Family section of Ann Arbor's Historic Forest Hills Cemetery which founded in 1857 and opened in 1859. (pictures provided).

At this death in 1902, John George Koch was the oldest German Immigrant residing in the city of Ann Arbor at the age of 89.

Thank you. John & Cathy 

5 Attached Images

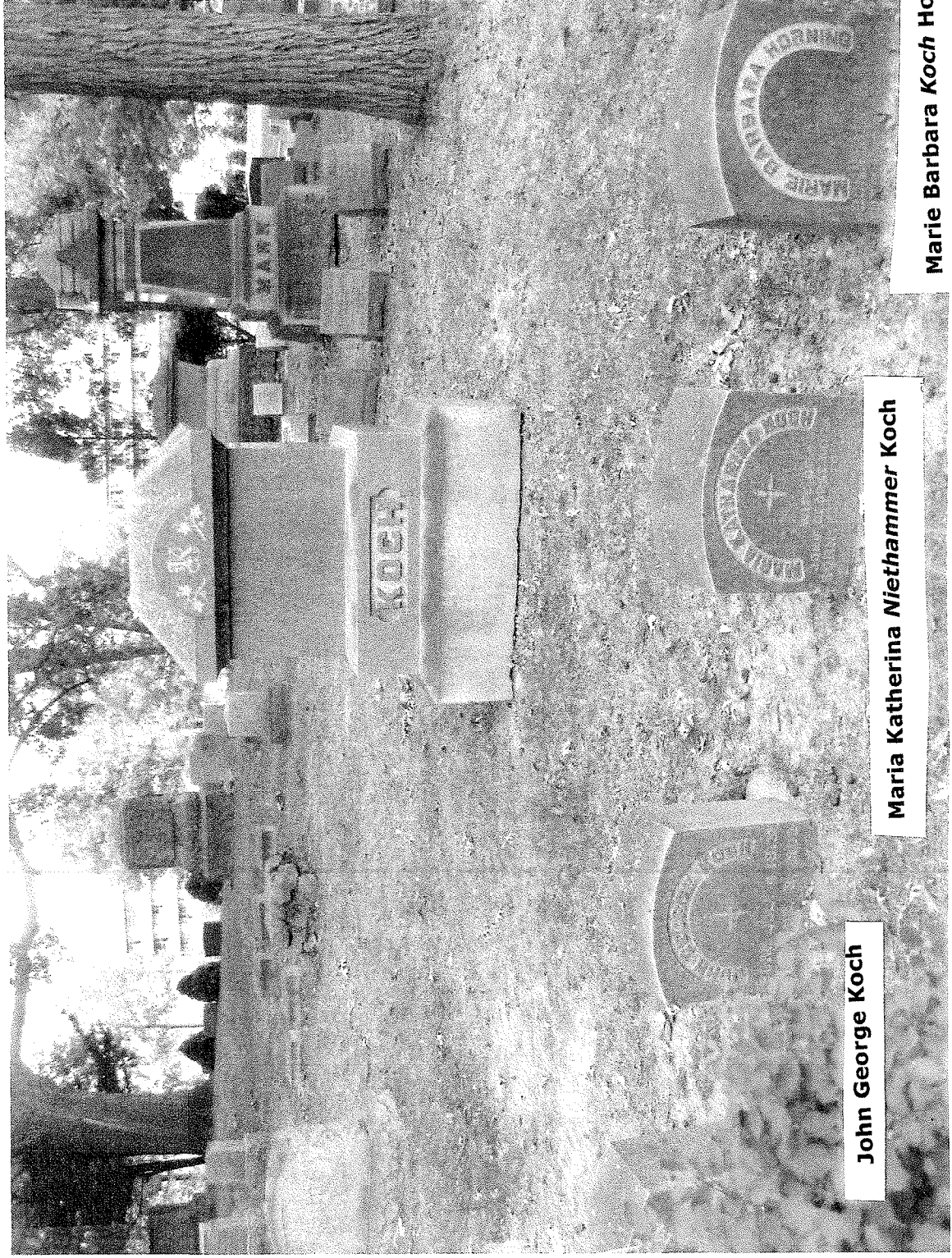










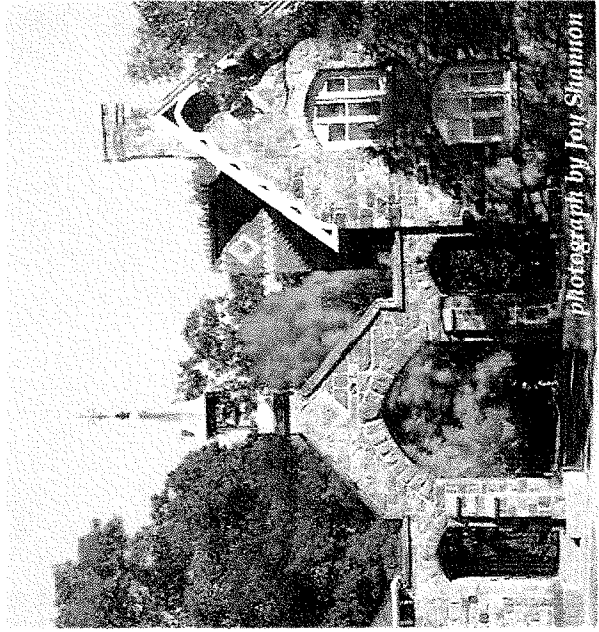


John George Koch

Maria Katherina Niethammer Koch

Marie Barbara Koch Horning

Welcome to Forest Hill Cemetery. Its historical architecture greets you at the gate. It urges you to enter; to view the towering, stately trees and its natural quiet setting. It's a remarkable haven nestled within Ann Arbor and the sprawling campus of the University of Michigan. As you view this website, please keep in mind that Forest Hill is an unfinished landscape which welcomes all.



JOHN GEORGE KOCH Sr.
bought this newly built
home from the builder
JOHN KOCH (MASON)

The first family
owned this home
from 1888 to 1919
(30+ years)

Past + Present of Washtenaw Cty, Michigan
Samuel W. Beakes (Biographer) - 1906 Published.

FREDERICK C. HORNING.

Frederick C. Horning, deceased, was the first German child brought into Washtenaw county, and reared to manhood here he eventually became actively interested in farming pursuits and at the time of his death was a prosperous agriculturist of the locality in which he had so long resided. He was born in Germany, September 21, 1829, his parents being Charles Frederick and Catherine Horning, both of whom were natives of the fatherland, whence they came to America in 1830. They did not tarry on the Atlantic coast but made their way at once into the interior of the country and took up their abode in Freedom township, this county, being among the pioneer settlers here. The father purchased land from the government and cleared

a small farm, while eventually he became the owner of a large and valuable tract of land in the same township, carrying on agricultural interests up to the time of his death. Both he and his wife died in that locality and their loss was deeply deplored by many friends for they had become recognized as worthy citizens of their community, Mr Horning being held in high esteem because of his business success and his many excellent personal traits of character.

Frederick C. Horning of this review was reared amid the wild scenes of frontier life and the environments common on the frontier. He acquired his education in the public schools of Freedom township and studied both English and German. When not occupied with the duties of the schoolroom he aided his father in the labors of the home farm and subsequently he purchased a threshing machine, which he operated in various parts of the county, doing all kinds of threshing. For ten years he followed that business and then with the profits he had acquired he purchased a tract of land in Pittsfield township and began farming on his own account.

Mr. Horning was
the first German
child brought to
Washtenaw County

He married Barbara
Koch - the first
immigrant child
born in this County

John George Koch Sr.
Catherine Koch
Early Pioneers +
Farmers bought
this home in 1888.

Barbara Koch Horning
lived here with
her nephew William
from 1901 to 1909
William sold it in 1919

While living in Freedom township Mr. Horning was united in marriage to Miss Barbara Cook, a native of that locality born October 3, 1839. She was the first white child born in this county, her parents being John George and Catherine Cook, who were natives of Germany, the former born on the 4th of July, 1813, and the latter on the 2d of February, 1816. They emigrated to America in 1831 and landed in New York city, whence they made their way to Buffalo and on to Cleveland. As the father's supply of money gave out at that point he had to leave his family there while he came on by wagon to Washtenaw county, arriving here on the 19th of April, 1831. He then borrowed the money to send for his family and he took up his abode upon a small farm of forty acres. It was covered with timber but he at once began to clear away the trees and brush and in due time the land was ready for cultivation. He purchased a yoke of oxen and built a log house. At one end of the room was an immense fireplace with a spacious chimney and over this fire the cooking was done. His wife would walk to market

at Ann Arbor, a distance of seventeen miles, in order to dispose of butter and eggs and other farm products and buy the necessary supplies for the family. Hardships and privations were borne in those early days but eventually prosperity crowned the efforts of the family, who in the course of years purchased another farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Freedom township. A few years later Mr Cook removed to Lodi township, where he owned several farms, his landed possessions aggregating over four hundred acres. Here he lived for seven years and then removed to Pittsfield township, where he purchased a large farm, making his home thereon for six years. On the expiration of that period he took up his abode in Ann Arbor, where he lived retired until his death, enjoying a rest which he had truly earned and richly deserved. He was a man of marked industry and enterprise in his business affairs and his prosperity resulted entirely from his own well directed efforts for he came to America empty-handed but eventually became one of the substantial residents of Washtenaw county. He passed away August 7, 1902, at the very advanced age of eighty-nine years, while his wife died in November, 1900, at the age of eighty-four years.

Mr. and Mrs. Horning became the parents of six children: Martha, now the wife of Julius Bliss, of Lodi township; Samuel, who married Anna Heinzelman and lives on the old Cook farm in Pittsfield township, that he purchased from his mother; Lydia, the wife of Alfred Sites, of Lodi township, Emma, the wife of E. T. Alber, who is living at St. James Hotel in Ann Arbor, Mary, the deceased wife of Charles Bliss; and Nathan, who married Katie Roth and also lives in Ann Arbor, where he and his brother-in-law, Mr. Alber, conduct the St. James Hotel.

Following his marriage Mr. Horning continued to carry on general farming in Pittsfield township and was thus closely associated with agricultural interests up to the time of his death, which occurred on the 17th of December, 1884. In all his work he was practical, realizing how to use his advantages in the best possible way and so improving his opportunities that he gradually advanced on the high road to prosperity and

at his death left an excellent property. In politics he was a democrat, while Mr. Cook was a republican in his political affiliation. Both were gentlemen of genuine personal worth and no history would be complete without mention of them because of their close identification with pioneer life and the agricultural progress of the county. Mrs. Horning is a member of the Zion Lutheran church of Ann Arbor. Following her husband's death she sold the farm to her son and removed to this city, where she has since lived, owning a nice brick residence at No. 525 South First street. She has a nephew residing with her, William Horning, a painter by trade, who is now twenty-seven years of age. She has in her possession a very interesting family relic, a record of the Cook family and also of Washtenaw county prepared by her father when he first came to this county in 1831. It is a document of considerable historic value. Few people are so closely connected with two prominent families as Mrs. Horning, who was the first white child born in this county, while her husband was the first German child brought to the county. In her memory are many pictures of frontier scenes and pioneer experiences and she can relate many interesting reminiscences of the early days when the work of improvement and progress seemed scarcely begun here, when the land was untilled, the forests uncut and the rivers unbridged. Great changes have occurred and in the agricultural progress of this part of the state the Horning and Cook families have taken a most active and helpful part.

Reference
to 525 South
First

JOHN KOCH (MASON)
BUILT THIS HOUSE
(1888)

KOCH BROTHERS COMPANY
John - Christian - Henry

JOHN KOCH.

John Koch, who as a member of the firm of Koch Brothers, contractors of Ann Arbor, has erected some of the finest buildings in this city, being closely identified with the material improvement of Ann Arbor and Washtenaw county, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, January 30, 1858. His parents, John George and Magdalena (Ade) Koch, were also natives of Germany, and the father, who was a stone contractor, died in the year 1864. His widow long survived him, and passed away 1897. In their family were five children: Anna Maria, who is living in the fatherland; John; Sophia Agnes, who also resides in Germany; Christian G., who is in partnership with our subject; and Henry G., who was also a member of the firm from 1892 to 1897.

At the age of six years John Koch began his education in the schools of his native country, and he learned the builder's trade in Stuttgart, Germany, after which he came to the United States, believing superior business advantages were afforded in the new world. He was twenty-two years of age when he crossed the Atlantic to America, making his way direct to Ann Arbor. Here he secured employment at the builder's trade, and was employed by several contractors in this city. In 1880 he was with the firm of Walker Brothers, but since 1884 has been in business for himself. In 1892 he formed a partnership with his brother, Christian G.

Under the firm style of Koch Brothers, they have erected some of the finest structures in Ann Arbor, including the State Savings Bank, the Farmers and Mechanics Bank, St. Thomas Catholic church, the Zion Lutheran church, the Zeta Psi, the Delta Kappa Epsilon, the Phi Delta, the Beta Zeta and Delta U., all fraternity houses, the new medical building and Perry school. The firm has also erected nine churches in the county and state, the Palmer Hospital and Homoeopathic Hospital, and a large number of business blocks, factories and residences. Their work has given general satisfaction, and the character of their building operations has secured for them a continuance of a liberal and gratifying patronage. They rank to-day with the leading contractors of this part of the state, and have an office at No. 501 South Ashley street, at the corner of Jefferson.

In 1884 Mr. Koch was united in marriage to Miss Kate Kahn, a daughter of John William and Annie (Schoof) Kuhn. Her father was a railroad contractor, and made his home in Ann Arbor for some time. After his marriage Mr. Koch removed to Ithaca, Michigan, where he built a home and maintained his residence until 1885, when he returned to Ann Arbor, where he has since been engaged in business as a leading contractor and dealer in all kinds of building sup-

CHRISTIAN G. KOCH
Christian G. Koch is a member of the firm of Koch Brothers, well known contractors of Ann Arbor with a business which at once indicates their standing in industrial circles, and the trust uniformly reposed in them.

Mr Koch was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, August 22, 1862, his parents being George and Annie (Alta) Koch. The father was a merchant and game warden for the government and died when his son Christian was but two years old. The mother long survived and passed away in the place of her nativity in 1891. They were the parents of three sons and two daughters, namely: Christian G.; John, a mason contractor and builder, who is a member of the firm of Koch Brothers; Henry, who is a mason and works for the firm; Mrs. Sophie Baker, a resident of Germany; and Anna Marie, who is also living in the fatherland.

Christian G. Koch spent the days of his boyhood and youth in his native country and acquired his education in the public schools there. He was a young man of about twenty-three years when in 1885, attracted by the business possibilities of the new world, he came to the United States.

making his way at once into the interior of the country. Coming to Ann Arbor, he began work as a carpenter and builder in the employ of his brother John Koch, who after two years, admitted him to a partnership under the present firm style of Koch Brothers. They are widely recognized as leading contractors of this city with a business that is extensive and profitable and they have erected many of the finest structures here, including the new homoeopathic hospital connected with the University of Michigan, St. Thomas Roman Catholic and Zion Lutheran churches, and the Farmers and Mechanics and State Savings Banks.

Mr. Koch married Miss Sarah P. Staebler, a daughter of Jacob Staebler, of Scio township, and unto them have been born five sons, Irwin, George C., Oscar W., Karl H., and Oswald J. The family occupy a very handsome residence at 720 South Main street. They have a large circle of warm friends and are highly respected throughout the entire community.

Mr. Koch is identified with some fraternal organizations, including the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Knights of the Maccebes, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Zion German Lutheran church. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to seek a home in America, for here he has found the business opportunities he sought, which by the way are always open to young men of determination and ability. As the years have gone by through the careful utilization of the possibilities which surround all he has advanced until his position in industrial circles is a prominent one, while his business is represented by a large figure annually.

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o UMICH

Medical

School

etc.



John Koch.

pires. Unto him and his wife have been born three children: Rupert W., born in 1885, and therefore twenty years of age, is now in the engineering department of the University of Michigan; Mamie Charlotte, born in 1888, is acting as bookkeeper for her father, and is a young woman of good business ability; Sophia B., born in 1891, is now a student in the high school of Ann Arbor, and possesses considerable musical talent.

Mr. Koch is a democrat in his political views, and is a prominent Mason, having become a Knight Templar in 1898. He is also a member of the Mystic Shrine of Detroit, and is in hearty sympathy with the teachings and tenets of the craft. He is also a member of many other lodges and German societies, and he and his family are members of Zion Lutheran church, of which Mrs. Koch is a trustee. He served four terms as alderman from the second ward. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to seek a home in the new world, for in its business conditions he has found the broader opportunities that he sought, and by the utilization of these has advanced steadily to a prominent and prosperous position in industrial circles.

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Washtenaw Abstract Company,
Ann Arbor, Mich.

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INCORPORATED 1893.

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\$ 40,000.00

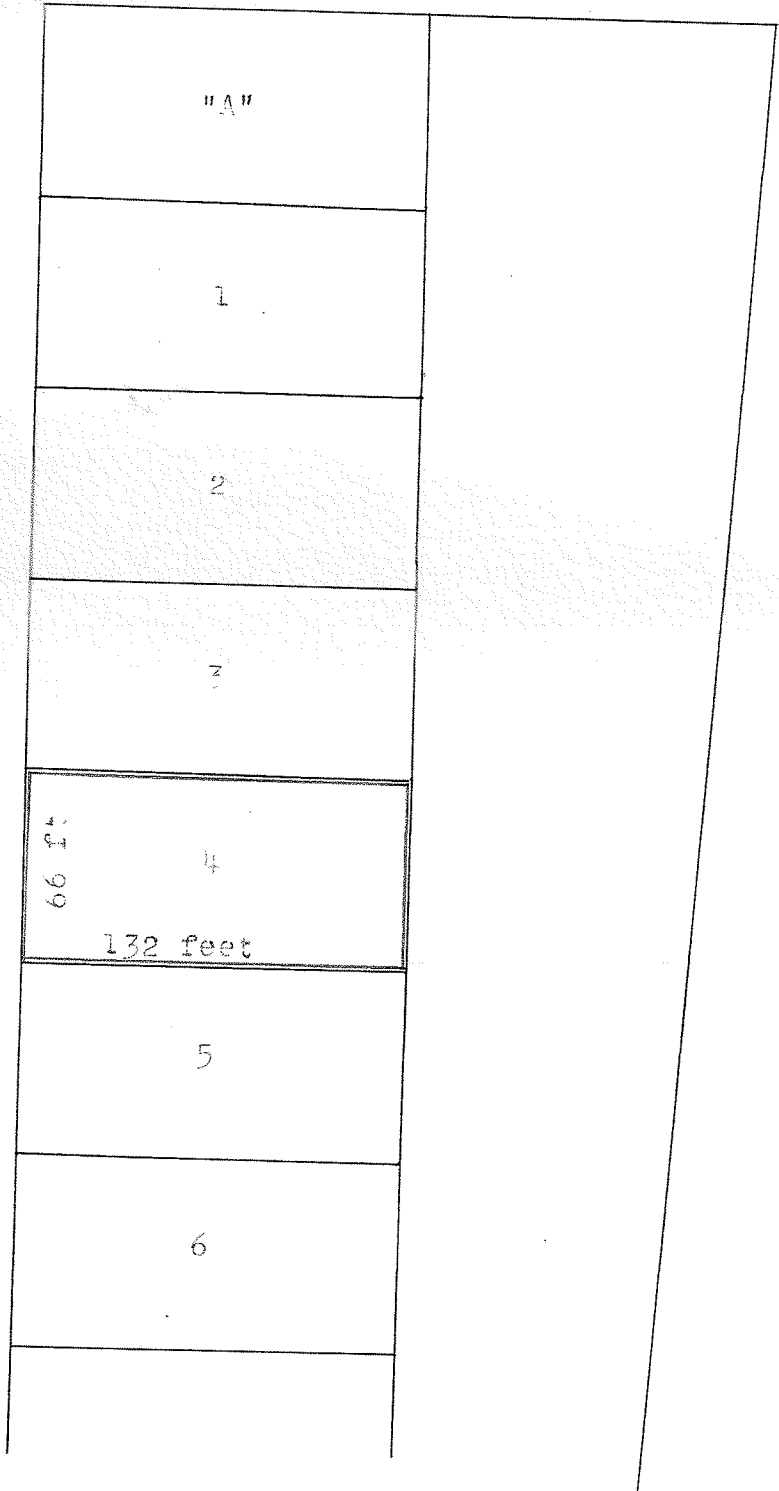
Abstract of Title
To the following described Land.

Lot number four in block five south of Huron street, range two east, according to the recorded plat of William S. Maynard's Addition to the Village (now City) of Ann Arbor, County of Washtenaw and State of Michigan.

The Washtenaw Abstract Company, Hereby Certifies that the annexed abstract of title, consisting of entries number 1 to 35 inclusive has been transcribed from a carefully compared set of Abstract Books compiled from the Original Records of Washtenaw County, and shows all transfers there are of record relating to the land above described. All instruments herein abstracted are properly executed, unless otherwise stated.

Dated February 15th A.D. 1918 at 10:00 o'clock A. M.

Washtenaw Abstract Company



Part of Block 5 south, range 2 east,
Maynard's Addition, City of Ann Arbor.

WASHTENAW ABSTRACT
COMPANY

Leonhard Gruner &
Fanny his wife

TO

John Koch &
Katherine Koch

Warranty Deed

Dated February 13th 1888

Acknowledged February 13th 1888

Recorded February 13th 1888

Liber 120 page 284

Consideration \$300.00 for LAND
only

C O N V E Y S:- Lot number four in block five south, range two
east in William S. Maynard's Addition to the City of Ann Arbor.

BUILDER / mason

John Koch &
Katherine his wife

TO

John George Koch, Sr.

BUYER

Pioneer / Farmer

Warranty Deed

Dated September 29th 1888

Acknowledged September 29th 1888

Recorded September 29th 1888

Liber 122 page 70

Consideration \$1800.00 House +
Land

C O N V E Y S:- Lot number four in block five south, range
two east in William S. Maynard's Addition to the City of Ann Arbor.

OVER →

-14-

John George Koch, Sr.
(signs and acknowledges
John George Koch)
a widower

TO

Barbara Hornung

Warranty Deed

Dated April 8th 1901

Acknowledged April 8th 1901

Recorded December 27th 1901

Liber 143 page 365

Consideration \$2000.00

C O N V E Y S:- Lot number four in block five south, range
two east in William S. Maynard's Addition to the City of Ann Arbor.

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Barbara Hornung
(signs M. Barbara Hornung)

TO

William F. Hornung

Warranty Deed

Dated February 27th 1907

Acknowledged February 27th 1907

Recorded February 27th 1907

Liber 169 page 149

Consideration \$2500.00

William sold house on March 28, 1919

C O N V E Y S:- Lot number four in block five south of Huron
street, range two east in William S. Maynard's Addition in the City
of Ann Arbor according to the recorded plat.



OLD NEWS.



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ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13 2015

Koch Family Reunion

Ann Arbor Argus, September 17, 1897 ([/aa_argus_18970917](#)).

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KOCH FAMILY REUNION.

Mr. and Mrs. Koch Celebrate the 60th Anniversary of Their Marriage.

A family reunion was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Koch, of 91 S. First st., Tuesday, which was the means of gathering together the members of the Koch family from all parts of Washtenaw county. The occasion was the 60th anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Koch, who are two of the pioneers of the county.

At the reunion there were 85 members of the family present. The happy couple have 20 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren, and they were all on hand to celebrate the anniversary.

Mr. Koch with his newly wedded

wife came to this country from Ger-
many in 1838^① They came directly to
Michigan and located on a farm in
Freedom. They have since lived in
Pittsfield, Lodi, and for the past 23
years in Ann Arbor.

Mr. Koch is hale and hearty at the
age of 84, while his wife bears her
81 years fully as well. They have
eight children, of whom five are liv-
ing at the present time.

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ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13 2015

1898

County's Pioneers

Ann Arbor Argus, September 23, 1898 ([/aa_argus_18980923](#))

Replica Pioneer cabin was
at site of Fairgrounds
(Now Burns Park)

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<p>COUNTY'S PIONEERS</p> <p>Will Dedicate the Log Cabin Tuesday Afternoon.</p> <p>167 PIONEER NAMES</p> <p>That Are Inscribed Upon Its Inside Walls.</p> <p>It Is a Typical Building and With Its Old Fashioned Appurtenances It Carries One Back to the Days of Long Ago.</p> <p>The Fair Society has built on its grounds a log house, 28x40 feet and 14 feet high and a porch 8 feet wide across the front, just the right propor- tions to make a handsome effect. Over the front door is the inscription</p> <p>1848. ERECTED IN HONOR OF WASH- TENAW'S PIONEERS. 1848.</p>	<p>Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Godfrey, Sylvan, 1832.</p> <p>August Hutzle, Ann Arbor, 1838.</p> <p>Mr. and Mrs. Addison Fletcher, Ypsilanti, 1850.</p> <p>Elam S. Worden, Northfield, 1837.</p> <p>Jacob Vanderwerker, Ann Arbor 1836.</p> <p>Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Lay, Ypsilanti, 1833.</p> <p>Mr. and Mr. Henry Stumpenhansen, Ypsilanti, 1836.</p> <p>Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Thompson, Ypsilanti, 1828.</p> <p>Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Thompson, Augusta, 1830.</p> <p>Mr. and Mrs. J. Starkweather, Ypsi- lanti, 1847.</p> <p>Stephen and Clemma Mills, Pitts- field, 1836, 1838.</p> <p>Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Platt, Pittsfield, 1833.</p> <p>Christian and Sarah A. Kelly, Ypsi- lanti, 1825, 1833.</p> <p>Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Ballard, Ypsi- lanti, 1846.</p> <p>Mr and Mrs. H. H. Howe, Lodi, 1825, 1836.</p> <p>Mr. and Mrs. J. Webster Childs, Au- gusta, 1848.</p> <p>Asa M. Darling, Augusta, 1835.</p>
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At the north end on the outside is the low chimney built of sticks. On the inside the logs are hewn smooth. The house will be heated by the large fire place, fitted out with a crane, lug hook, trammel-chain, and a broad old-fashioned mantel above.

This building was erected entirely by subscription. Every person who gave five dollars has had his name (if he was a pioneer) or the name of some one suggested by him carved on the logs on the inside of the house, with the date when the pioneer came to this county and the name of the township in which he settled. This is probably the last large log building that will be erected in the county, for they are very expensive, especially as large timber is becoming so scarce. The society feels that it holds a sacred trust in this memorial of the pioneers of our beautiful county.

The names of some of Washtenaw's most honored citizens are inscribed upon the timbers of this house. The cabin will be ready for the inspection of the public during the coming Fair. You will not see an incomplete pile of logs, but a home ready for the settler.

The pioneer log cabin will be dedicated Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 27, the exercises commencing at 1:30 o'clock. Among other numbers on the program are an address by Capt. E. P. Allen, of Ypsilanti, a poem composed and read by Judge J. Willard Babbitt; vocal music by James R. Sage and Mrs. Mary G. Stark, and a paper by S. P. Ballard, of Willis, on "The Pioneer's Home." Every person who attended the Washtenaw county fair in 1848 will be admitted to the dedicatory exercises free of charge.

Below is given a partial list of the names of those pioneers, whose descendants or themselves personally have contributed to the construction of the house, and which together with their place of residence and the date of their arrival in the county are inscribed on the inside walls of the house:

Isaac N. Conklin, Ypsilanti, 1844.
Horace Booth, Lodi, 1826.

Horace Carpenter, Pittsfield, 1826.

Dennis Warner, Dexter, 1833.

Mary Collins Whiting, LL. B., York, 1835.

Hiram and John G. Mason, Webster, 1834.

John W. Nanry, Webster,

Charles and Nettie Storms, Ypsilanti, 1834.

Edward Treadwell, Ann Arbor, 1845.

Col. Uriah LeBaron, York, 1827.

Norman A. Phelps, Soio, 1832.

Sellick Wood, Lodi, 1834.

Daniel B. Brown, Ann Arbor, 1826.

Samuel and Mary Moore, Ypsilanti, 1846.

William Cheever, Ann Arbor, 1837.

Anna B. Fritz, Soio, 1831.

A. Gooding, York, 1834.

Gilbert Hurd, Pittsfield, 1831.

B. S. Covert, Ypsilanti, 1834.

Martha Barr McCurdy, Pittsfield, 1835.

Sylvester and Julia S. Newkirk, Soio, 1834.

George and Eunice Sessions, Northfield, 1834.

John G. Koch, Freedom, 1831.

Augustin and Gertrude Markham, Ann Arbor, 1827.

Allen Crittenden, Pittsfield, 1831.

S. and H. Knos, Ypsilanti, 1835.

Rev. Frederick Schmid, Ann Arbor, 1845.

David Davis Bird, Ann Arbor, 1836.

John Braun, Ann Arbor, 1836.

Cornelius and Jacob A. Polhemus, Ann Arbor, 1833.

Daniel Lace Quirk, Ypsilanti, 1835.

Asa and Delinda Burnett, Ann Arbor, 1830.

Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson, Lodi, 1836.

General Ephriam and Norman Towner, Ypsilanti, 1837.

Munnis Kenny, Webster, 1829.

Merchant Huxford Goodrich, Ann Arbor, 1827.

Peter Tyler, Augusta, 1830.

Joseph Cook Watts, Ypsilanti, 1836.

M. and P. Duffy.

Edward A. and Irene C. Nordman, Lima, 1836.

Judge Samuel and Millicent Bond.



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Death of Mr. Wildt.

One more of the pioneer residents of this city has passed away, gone to "that bourne from which no traveler returns." Emanuel G. Wildt died at his residence on Chubb street Monday morning, about twenty minutes after one o'clock, of general debility. Mr. Wildt was in his eighty-third year, having been born in Stuttgart, Germany, in July, 1808. It is just about sixty years since he, with six companions, landed in New York. The only survivor of these half dozen friends who accompanied him to this country is John Koch, another old resident of the city. Mr. Wildt came to Ann Arbor in 1831 and like most

asked for the appointment. It is not long ago that the congressman was being prominently mentioned in connection with the supervisors of the next census.

The death of John Caspar Merkle last week has left John G. Koch, of S. First st., the oldest living German in the city. Mrs. Sophie Hutzel, of W. Washington st., is, however, an older resident in the city, having moved to the city with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mann, in the spring of '30. Mr. Koch came with some of the earliest Germans that followed two or three years later. He was once offered for sale the 40 acres which is now the campus, for \$10 an acre, but he did not buy the land as he thought the price was too high.

entire night, and usually have been obliged to leave my bed in consequence of my stomach and nerve troubles. My bowels were very much relaxed, said to be due to inflammation of the membrane of the intestines. I was treated by physicians, and tried nearly every known remedy recommended for my troubles with no lasting benefit, and usually not even temporary relief. On the 5th day of January, '98, I purchased a package of Drake's Dyspepsia Cure and Nerve Restorer, and I wish every dyspeptic knew how much I have improved from its use. My food does not distress me as it did, and I have no trouble in retaining it. I sleep well and feel re-
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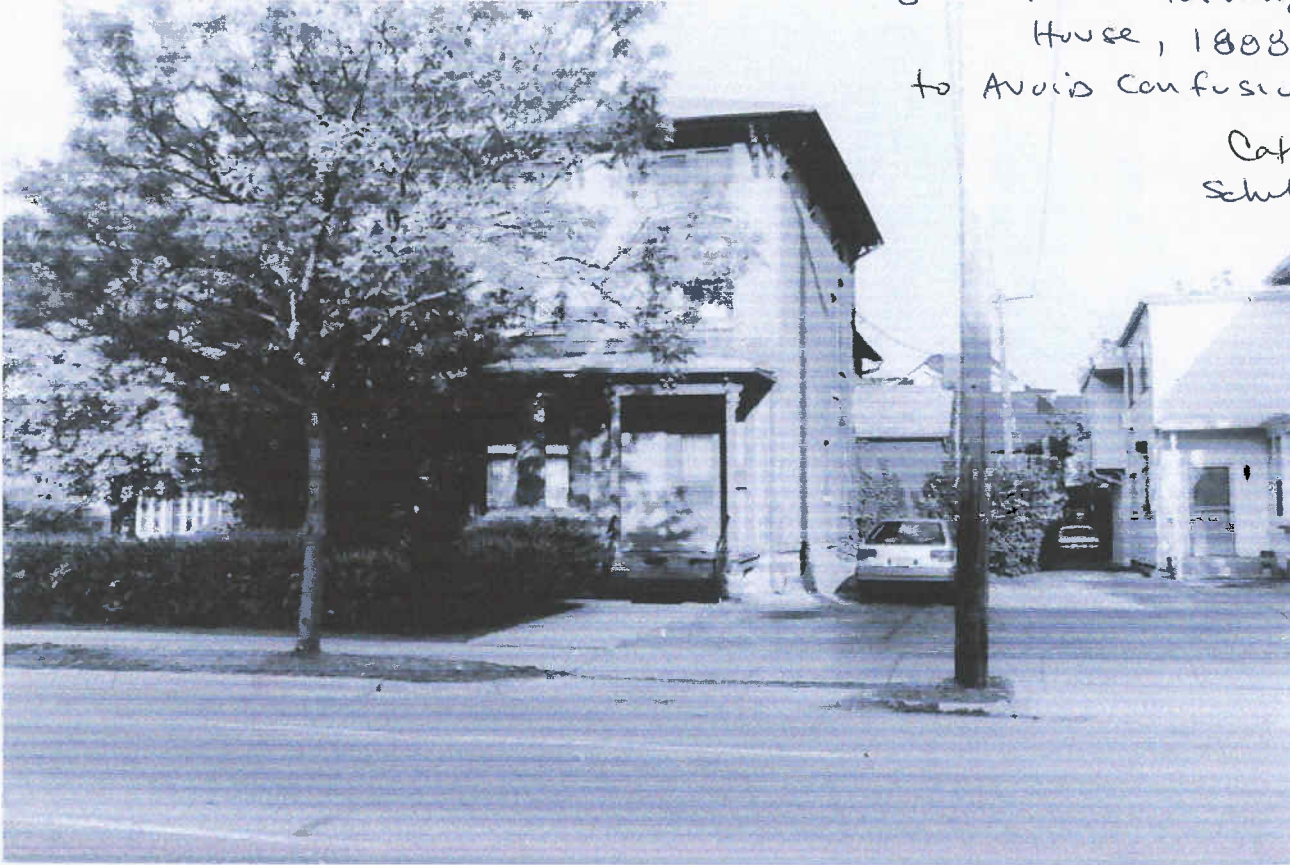
John George Koch House, 1874

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530 South Division Street

John George Koch House, 1874

Back then, John Koch = John Smith TODAY? Must German names included Johannes / Marie!

Showcased by its high-profile location next to Hanover Square at the intersection of Division, Packard, and Madison Streets, this brick Italianate "cube" was built in 1874 for John George Koch. Koch was a local furniture maker who had originally apprenticed in Germany. Like many other Germans in Ann Arbor, Koch immigrated from Wurtemberg in 1866. Also like many men of this era, he worked and traveled through many parts of the country including New Haven, Connecticut; Columbus, Ohio; and Dexter, Michigan before finally settling in Ann Arbor in 1872. For seven years he was a stockholder and assistant superintendent of the Keck Furniture Company. In 1880 Koch attempted to go into business on his own but soon teamed up with Jacob Haller in the firm of Koch and Haller, furniture dealers.

Koch sold the house in 1888 to Sarah and William Rice, a wealthy farmer descended from pioneer families of Washtenaw County, who had retired to Ann Arbor that year. A 1906 biography of him states that "he removed to the city of Ann Arbor and there his wife purchased a residence which he made his home until the time of his death, enjoying in well earned ease the fruits of his former toil." The house remained in the Rice family until about the time of World War I, after which it was rented and its tenants changed every decade.

In the late 1940s, it was purchased by the present owner who has maintained the seven room house in pristine condition, preserving original brackets and the heavy brick arches over the windows. The woodwork in the two downstairs parlors has been refinished after seven layers of paint were removed. Recognizing that these efforts were a contribution to the entire community of Ann Arbor, the Ann Arbor Historic District Commission awarded the owner a Preservation Award in 1988 for keeping this "gem" in top-notch condition.

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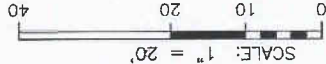
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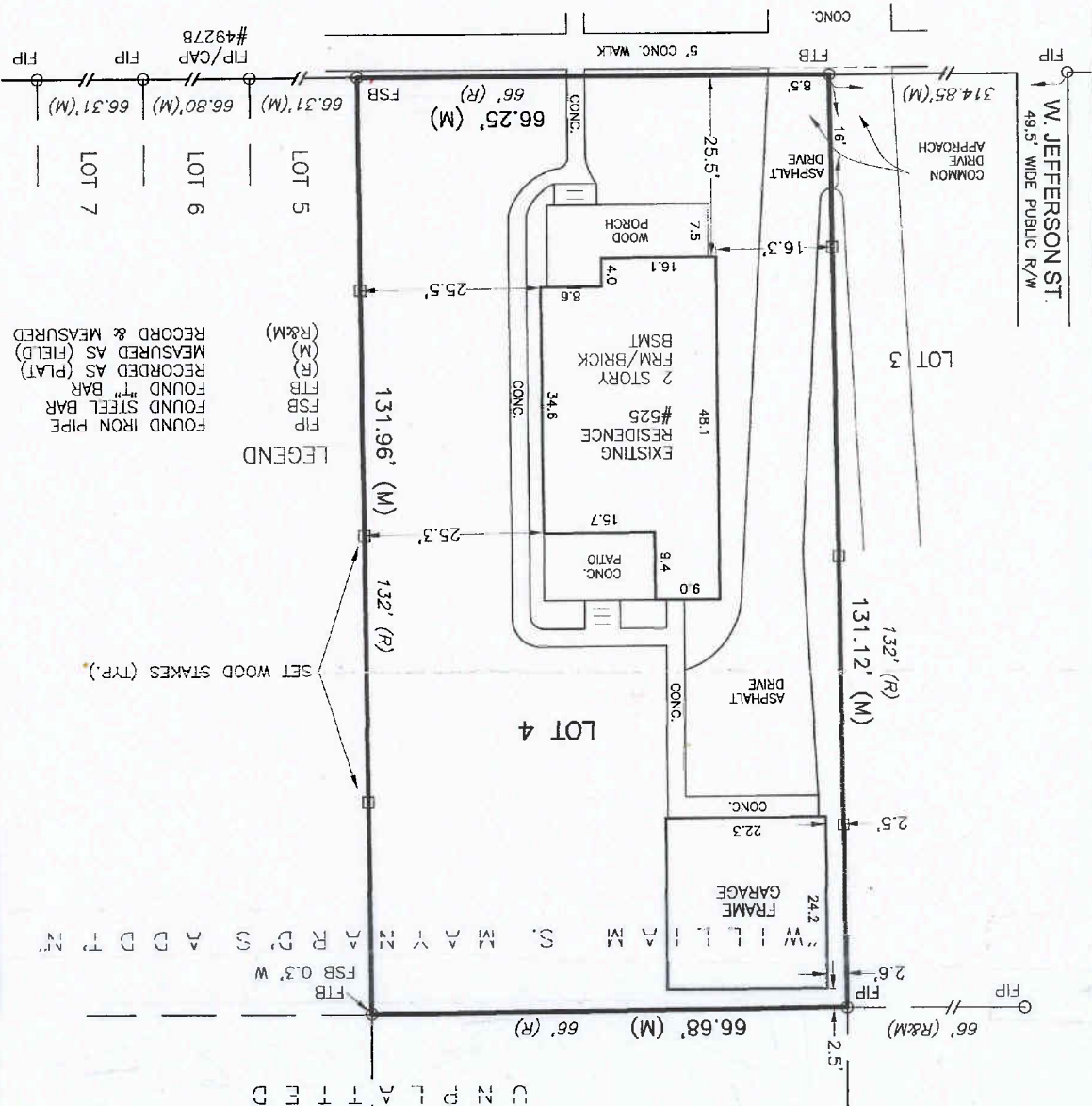


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UNPLATTED S. MAYNARD'S ADDITION



LEGEND

- FP FOUND IRON PIPE
- FSB FOUND STEEL BAR
- FTB FOUND "T" BAR
- (R) RECORDED AS (PLAT)
- (M) MEASURED AS (FIELD)
- (R&M) RECORD & MEASURED

SET WOOD STAKES (TYP.)

SOUTH FIRST STREET
66' WIDE PUBLIC R/W

W. JEFFERSON ST.
49.5' WIDE PUBLIC R/W

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