Historic Buildings, 400 Block of East Washington

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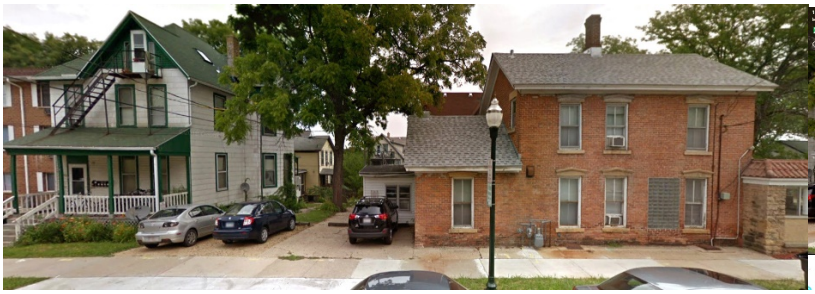
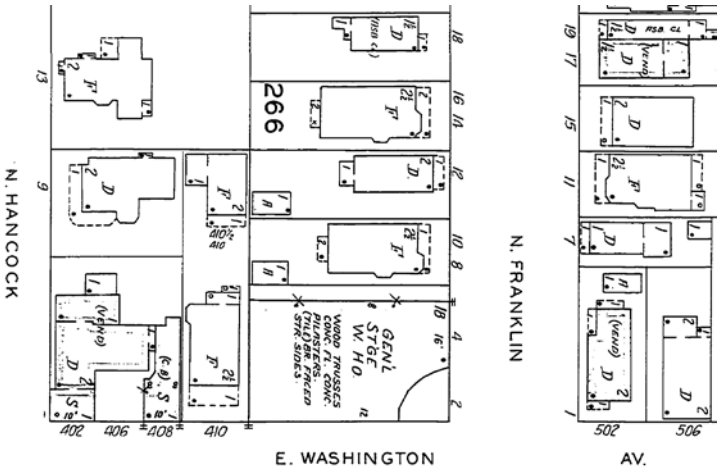


402 East Washington

The Frederick and Ida H. Scheibel house and floral business building at 402 East Washington Avenue, built around 1875-6 until his death in 1892. His wife, then sister lived in the house for decades.

The house is a rare type of late 19th Century residence in Madison. It has locally made vermilion-colored bricks and sandstone window and door lintels and sills. The house had a commercial business in it from the day it was open. The two shops added around it in the early 1920s reflect its layered history as the downtown area further developed as the commercial hub of the region.



410 East Washington

The Emil and Ida Frautschi house at 410 East Washington was built 1907 in a half-timber-and-stucco Tudor styled house, attributed to the Madison firm of Claude & Starck, Architects. Emil Frautschi was the treasurer and manager of the Madison Fuel Company. The Frautschi house is a well-kept, soundly built house by a prominent architecture firm and deserves to be retained.

410-1/2 East Washington

The little house behind the Frautschi house at 410-1/2 East Washington, was likely built in the 1860s by the Purcell family who were teamsters. It was moved to the rear of the lot for the construction of the Frautschi house.