

# WILLIAM REDDICK MANSION

## HISTORIC STRUCTURE REPORT

## VOL. 2 TIMELINE



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1883	Eliza Collins Reddick died July 5, 1883				
1884	Reddick draws will on June 21, 1884; George W. Armstrong was executor of the estate and Marshall N. Armstrong was his attorney. (Republican Times of Ottawa, July 11, 1953 "William Reddick's Will on Display in Library" by C.C. Tisler)				
1885	William Reddick dies March 8, 1885				
1886					
1887	Reddick Library Board takes possession of the Mansion and prepares it as Library ("Facts on Reddick The Man and the Reddick Mansion" timeline c.1975) Elizabeth Burrler Funk Reddick dies at the age of 46 of pneumonia February 22, 1887.	Stoves purchased for general heating (Sept 23)			Central Union Telephone bill paid
1888	The Mansion is open as the Reddick Library; September 18, 1888 Building occupied by library (library file)	Ottawa Gas Co. bill paid for setting stoves and pipe Bids received for steam heating in April. Contract awarded to Haxton Steam Heating Co. of Chicago to install steam heating system in amount of \$1150.00. Work Commenced in May	Water closets (toilets) were ready except for plumbing in May		

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1889					
1890			Installation of 14 lights in the library (Nov. 12) Thomas Electric Light & Power Co. submitted first bill for \$6.75 (May 13)		
1891					
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1896					
1897		Committee to look into having water piped to the second story for a water closet (Mar. 12) Water piping to second floor for water closet completed by J.J. Water for \$78.00 (May 1)	Gas fixture placed at head of stairs (Nov 12) Electric light placed in vestibule (Nov 12)		
1898					
1899					
1900					
1901					
1902		Repairs made on city water pipes (Sept 12) Exec Comm. authorized to remove lead tank in attic (Nov 14) Lead tank had been removed and proceeds from sale of lead to William Wilson was \$37.00 exclusive of the lumber which is to be kept on hand (Dec 13)			
1903		Repairs authorized to be made to the sink as necessary. Work done by John M. Dougherty for \$20.39 including repairing floor around sink (Sept 11)			

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1904				Need to purchase new gas burners for the lights (Oct 14)	
1905					
1906					
1907					
1908				Matter of re-wiring the library building was referred to Exec Comm. (Feb 14) proposal obtained from Electric Light Co. recommending re-wiring the building entirely new with a snap switch to each light, 13 pendant light instead of cord, with old lamps attached and 12 cord lights for the stack room with old burners attached. Cost estimate of \$116.00 (Mar 31) Electric wiring project completed by northern Illinois Light and Traction Co. (June 12)	
1909					
1910			The matter of placing a bath tub in the janitor's rooms was referred to the Exec Comm. (July 8)		
1911			Matter of installing a bathtub for the janitor is to be left with Exec Comm. (July 14) Bids were opened for plumbing work. No action taken (Aug 8)	The matter of installing an electric light for the closet is to be left with Exec Comm. (July 14)	
1912			Matter of a second toilet was referred to the Exec Comm. (Aug 9) It was moved that a bath room be installed for the janitor at the price of the original bid of J.M. Dougherty, also to include a basin upstairs and to repair the plumbing where necessary (Nov 8)	Contract let for installing electric light fixtures in all of the rooms Mueller Electric Co. bid accepted for \$125.00 (Oct 14) Peltier Glass Co. of this city offered to donate and present to library a beautiful colored domed fixture for the Assembly Room (Oct 14) Peltier will donate three dome fixtures instead of one (Nov 8)	

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1913				A contract for the construction of a fire-proof steel box to enclose the moving picture apparatus was awarded to J.E. Porter Co. for \$25-\$30 (Oct 14)  Electrician was nearly through (Nov 8)  One combination Baloptican has been installed in the Assembly Room at a cost of \$150 minus 10% and also that a moving picture machine has been installed at a cost of \$65 (Jan 10)	
1914				Reported approx 200-300 children attend the moving picture shows in the Library on Saturday afternoons (Jan 6)  New arc lights have been purchased as the old ones were leaking and unfit for use (Oct 9)	
1915				Librarian requested the installation of an extension telephone in the Library Cottage. (Oct 8)	
1916				Exec Comm. authorized to change the lighting fixtures in book stacks from gas to electric and purchase proper fixtures (Nov 12)	
1917				Contract for wiring the Juvenile dept (basement) let to F. Meuller & Co. for \$98.00. It is also necessary to change the meter and to place lights in the toilet room involving an additional expense of \$26 making a total of \$124. (Nov 9)	
1918			Meeting called to consider bids for the drinking fountain. Bid of J.W. Clegg & Son for \$87 was accepted (Feb 22)	Exec Comm. authorized to purchase fixtures for light the Juvenile dept. from the Reliable Electric Co. (Jan 14)	
1919			Considering bids for the drinking fountain. Bid of J.W. Clegg & Sons for \$87 was accepted (Feb 22)	New lights are to be installed next week (no location given) (Mar 14)	

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1920			Drinking fountain installed (Mar 14)		
1921					
1922					
1923	In response to a request by the Board to determine the stability of the building, the Board hired architect Jason Richardson to prepare a report on the overall condition of the library (Mar 31) Report submitted by architect Jason Richardson (Mar 28)				
1924		Moved that the Exec Comm. be empowered to provide a hot radiator tap in the bathroom (Feb 11)	Women's toilet room in the basement had been overhauled and new fixtures installed at a cost of about \$120 (Mar 11)	Moved that the Exec Comm. be empowered to install an electric light on the third floor (Feb 11)	
1925		It was moved that a competent person be employed to make a complete survey and recommendations regarding a heating plant for the Library (May 11)		Moved that electric wires be placed under ground and to notify Illinois Power and Light Corp of the same (May 11)	
		Frederick Pearson would inspect the building and report on a heating plant (June 24)			
		Moved that the matter of heating be turned over to the Exec Comm. with instructions to proceed to secure bids on rehabilitating the heating plant (July 8)			
		Sealed bids opened for installation of a new boiler and necessary work connected therewith... If the Committee deems it best the boiler capacity can be increased to 6000 for an additional cost not to exceed \$100 and if deemed advisable to lower the boiler at an expense not exceeding \$100. (July 25)			

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		Architect Jason Richardson employed to analyze bids on the heating plant. A new sewer is to be installed to connect the new heating plant with the city sewer system by Fred Cole for \$450. Low bid of Fred Cole in amount \$1400 to install a new heating plant was accepted. (Sept 14)			
		It was also deemed advisable to put radiators in the newspaper room (southwest room second floor) and the Campfire Girls room on the fourth floor and one radiator in the toilet room. Fred Cole will do this extra work for \$215 (Sept 14)			
1926					
1927					
1928					
1929					
1930	E. L. Lever served as custodian at the Former Reddick Library for 32 years. He began custodial duties Nov. 23, 1930 and returned in 1962. ("Caretakers Cottage" by Helen Copeland. Newspaper clipping; no date.)				
1931					
1932					
1933					
1934					
1935					
1936		Matter of installing a stoker for the heating plant of the Library discussed but no action taken (Sept 14)			
		Proposal of Ottawa Ice and Fuel for an Iron Fireman Automatic Coal Burner was accepted in the amount of \$542 (Oct 12)			



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1937					
1938					
1939	The annual fiscal report for the year ending March 31, 1939 showed that a total of \$3,341.52 had been spend on building repairs (Apr 1)				
1940	Necessary improvements to the building were discussed and the Treasurer was authorized to get a report from Architect Gerding (Louis Gerding) as to the immediate repairs needed and estimates of cost (Sept 9)	The boiler had developed a leak and investigation had shown that it would not pay to have repairs made. Bids for a new boiler were obtained. Low bid by F.C. Praefcke Plumbing and Heating was accepted. (Oct. 20)			
1941		New boiler was in operation. Total cost, \$847.50 (Nov 10)			
1942				The electric wiring was not in satisfactory condition and the board President was authorized to have such repairs made as necessary (Mar. 9)	
1943					
1944	Librarian's report also noted that there were still 301 items in the museum. Mar 31)			The annual Librarian's report noted that the building has been rewired and a florescent light was placed over the charging desk. (Mar. 31)	
1945					
1946					
1947					

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1948				The meeting was adjourned to the second floor of the Library to see the temporary trial lights installed by Wilson Electric Co. in the stack and reference rooms. The Librarian suggested that six fluorescent light fixtures with louvers be installed in the three reading rooms on the east side of the second floor; two light fixtures to a room. Mr. McMahon maintained that one light per room without louvers was sufficient. July 7)	
1949	Note that from Oct. 1948 to Oct 1949 there were no monthly meetings held and that the Library Board was reorganized in Nov. 1949 (Nov 16)				
1950					
1951	Suggested that architect Earl Gerding be approached to see if he would make a survey of the Library building to ascertain the extent of repairs needed to keep the building in good condition (Mar 13)				
1952	Earl Gerding is to prepare a master plan of repairs and alterations, the cost not to exceed \$500 (Feb 12)			It was recommended that 35 new light fixtures be installed in the first floor and 18 new fixtures be installed in the second floor. (May 14)	
	It was recommended that there was a danger of overloading the floors with the additional weight of stacks. It is estimated that the cost to repair the structure would be \$6,000. (May 14) Plans and specifications for library repair were presented to the Board (Oct 14)				
1953				The Children's Dept was rewired and new fluorescent lights were installed (Mar 31)	
	In the boiler room it was necessary to rearrange some of the furnace pipes and re-lath and plaster the ceilings of the boiler and coal rooms.. (Mar 31)				
1954					

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<b>1955</b>					
<b>1956</b>	<p>Daily Republican Times Mon. Dec. 31, 1956</p> <p>A survey of Reddick's Library was conducted during the past year by Andre Nielsen, Librarian of the Evanston Public Library. Nielsen's main recommendation was for an addition of a one-story addition at the back of the present building, etc.</p> <p>A motion was made to conduct a survey for the remodeling or rebuilding the library by Andre S. Nielson, Secretary of Library Building Consultants. (Feb 14) The Nielson report was received (Mar 6)</p> <p>A discussion of the Library expansion program was held. It regards the construction of a one story addition on the north side of the building. (Apr 10)</p> <p>The building situation was discussed as were methods of funding the expansion. It was determined that financing by a referendum was the only viable option (June 12)</p>				
<b>1957</b>					
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<b>1959</b>					
<b>1960</b>	<p>The board discussed the problems confronting the Library with the Mayor and two city Council members, including remodeling the existing structure or building a new structure. The Library is at a critical point where a decision must be made. The Mayor and City Council was asked to assist and plan for a bond issue for a new building. Mayor Bailey gave his support to the project (Apr 11)</p> <p>Possibility of getting the old Post Office building for a library was discussed (Nov 8)</p>				
<b>1961</b>	<p>A general discussion held on probable repairs, relocating, annex and future of the building (Feb 14)</p> <p>A discussion held regarding what upkeep needed to be done on the building etc. (Mar 15)</p> <p>Earl Gerding is to receive and architect's fee for changes in the library to be 12% to draw the plans, issue the bids and oversee the project (June 14)</p> <p>Low bid of Kerste &amp; Sons at \$10,572.69 was accepted. Gerding to draw up the contract (Aug. 31)</p> <p>Remodeling is going very well. Library will be closed for a total of six weeks (Sept 12)</p> <p>custodian E.L. Lever retires ("Caretakers Cottage" by Helen Copeland, newspaper clipping, no date)</p>				
<b>1962</b>					

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1963		The furnace stoker is to be replaced with gas (Mar 12) A bid of \$1,197 was awarded to C.E. Hulise & Son for a gas burner conversion. (Jun 20) The gas furnace conversion is complete (Sept 10)			
1964		A boiler room combustion air vent has been installed. (Jan 14)		A bid of \$220 was received from Arnold Wilson for anew fire alarm system and was accepted (Jan 14)	
1965					
1966	A 62 page report on the Library and its place in the community prepared by Dr. Goldstein recommended building a new structure on the present site (Jun 14)				
1967					
1968					
1969	The Lateral Canal property is to be transferred to the City of Ottawa. The library may be given top priority on a part of the land for a new building between Lafayette and Washington Streets (Jan 14)	Air conditioning of the building was discussed since there appears to be little chance of a new building gin the near future. A bid of \$1290 was received from Scherers to install two 18,000 BTU window air conditioners and two 21,000 BTU window units. A \$500 bid was received from Clegg Perkins to provide electrical outlets for the units. Moved and seconded to accept both bids. (Jun 10)			
1970					
1971					
1972	1972-1973 Reddick Library Board undertake building program on 1&M Canal right of way. The Board unanimously accepted the offer of the Canal Property as the site of anew library facility (Jun 11) Forms to submit Reddick's for admission to the National Register of Historic Places were being undertaken by a local gentleman (July 10) New library facilities discussed. A new structure on the present site still appears to be the most favorable course of action (Jan 25)				

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1974	Public meetings of LaSalle County Historical Society and Ottawa Zonta Club emphasize importance of the Mansion result in Save Reddick's Committee (March) The Reddick mansion Association charters to preserve building and grounds (Oct)				
1975	The Reddick Library moves to new structure (Jan) ("Facts on Reddick The Man and the Reddick Mansion" timeline c.1975) Per Mumper nothing more was noted in the minutes regarding the Reddick Mansion from this time forward as the effort was totally given to the construction of the new library The Reddick Mansion Association prepares Feasibility study and presents to City (Mar) The study was prepared by historian Paul Sprague with architect William Dring. The Mansion Association decorates building for the Fourth of July and six days later presents Folk Concert to capacity audience. (July) The City of Ottawa, the Reddick Library Board and the Reddick Mansion Association enter into short term agreement to operate building (July) The Ottawa United Fund moves to the Reddick mansion (Sept) The Ground Floor is used for meeting purposes for groups and organizations (Sept) Local Painters Union paints floor as public service project (Sept) Rehabilitate and decorate First Floor for Ottawa Chamber of Commerce. Launch fundraising for restoration Observe first Anniversary of Association with Annual Banquet. Await funding for restoration of interior Initiate remedial and preservation procedures for exterior of building Auction held on April 7 of old shelving, tables, chairs and unused library equipment. Library netted about \$5,500.	Conversion of the heating system from gas to oil was finished (Jan 13)			
1976					
1977	Planning for renovation work \$6,870				

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1978	The not for profit Reddick Mansion Association was formed. A final draft 99-year agreement made with the city on Dec 1, 1978				
1979	RMA minutes announce that a grant of \$18,642 received from the Illinois Department of Conservation.				
1980	RMA minutes announce that since its inception the "Restore-a-Brick" Program has brought in a total of \$47,492				
1981					
1982		RMA minutes state that a baffle is to be installed between boiler and chimney to promote greater efficiency of heat transfer to the boiler tubes.			
1983	RMA minutes announce that the late Edward Peck had left \$50,000 to the Mansion Association in his will.			RMA minutes state housekeeping chairperson McClevey was authorized to obtain wiring bids for a heat-smoke alarm for the building; May 12 minutes state bids received for installation	
1984	RMA minutes announce that portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Reddick will be displayed in the Mansion, according to an agreement signed between the Acquisition Committee and Reddick's Library, owner of the portraits. This is to be on a loan basis				
1985					
1986					
1987					
1988		Chapman's sheet metal, proposal to Ottawa Area Chamber of Commerce 4.11.88 for Carrier Room Air Conditioned 1770 BTU for \$539. Noted actual cost 572.69 completed 5.13.88. signed by Mellott 4.15.88. (RMA files)			

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1989	Koch brother's General Contracting 4.11.88 labor and materials to build in one window air conditioner. The window will close all the way down for winter. \$350.00 Completed 5.17.88. Signed by McClevey 4.15.88 (RMA files)				
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1883	Eliza Collins Reddick died July 5, 1883				

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<b>1884</b>	Reddick draws will on June 21, 1884; George W. Armstrong was executor of the estate and Marshall N. Armstrong was his attorney. (Republican Times of Ottawa, July 11, 1953 " William Reddick's Will on Display in Library" by C.C. Tisler)				
<b>1885</b>	William Reddick dies March 8, 1885				
<b>1886</b>					
<b>1887</b>	Reddick Library Board takes possession of the Mansion and prepares it as Library ("Facts on Reddick The Man and the Reddick Mansion" timeline c.1975)  Elizabeth Burrier Funk Reddick dies at the age of 46 of pneumonia February 22, 1887.		Coldwell & Co. bill paid for bookcases		
<b>1888</b>	The Mansion is open as the Reddick Library; September 18, 1888 Building occupied by library (library file)		Sanders Bros. bill paid for general repairs Sanders Bros. carry out improvements		
<b>1889</b>					
<b>1890</b>					
<b>1891</b>					
<b>1892</b>					
<b>1893</b>					
<b>1894</b>					
<b>1895</b>					
<b>1896</b>			Unspecified repairs made to building (Nov 13)		

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1897					
1898					
1899			Bookcase made by Sanders Bros. for Ottawa newspapers (from Lockwood Estate) for \$32.00 (Feb. 9)		
1900					
1901					
1902			Need for new flooring was discussed (Apr 11) Marshall Field & Co. to furnish cork matting at .95 per yard for library floor (Apr 18) Bill received from Marshall Field & Co. from July 3 (presumably for cork floor) in amount \$214.95 approved (Sept 17)		
1903				Upper hall floor painted by D.H. Sweeger for \$11.00 (July 10)	
1904					
1905					
1906		Basement of library was renovated and repaired for the new janitor in amount of \$190.08 (Oct 12)			
1907		Progress being made on painting stairs and floors of library (Aug 9) Hall stairs, stairs to basement and decks have been painted (Oct 11)	Progress being made on painting stairs and floors of library (Aug 9) Hall stairs, stairs to basement and decks have been painted (Oct 11)		
1908					

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1909		Paint bought for the library to be put on by the janitor (Mar 12)	Exec Comm. is to purchase and put down cork linoleum suitable in kind and quality in the hall on the upper floor of the library. (Aug 14)		
1910		It was decided to remove some of the books to the upper story and investigate the matter of having a Juvenile Department (Jan. 14)			
1911	The matter of carpet or linoleum for the hall in the basement and front hallway was referred to Exec Comm. (Mar. 10)	The matter of carpet or linoleum for the hall in the basement and front hallway was referred to Exec Comm. (Mar. 10)			
		A contract was entered into with Heider for weather-stripping on the main floor at \$72.00 (Oct 13)			
		New matting for the front hall and weather strips is to be left with Exec Comm. (July 14)			
		New linoleum will be purchased for the front hall (Aug 8)			
1912		Director A.F. Schoch appointed to ascertain the value of the mantels (Sept 13)	The matter of remodeling the library and investigating opening a Juvenile and other departments referred to Exec Comm. (May 10)		



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			<p>A special committee, after reviewing libraries in Aurora, Juliet and Chicago, recommended that the second floor be remodeled according to the plans and specifications submitted and that a juvenile department and historical museum be installed and provisions for a general assembly room and lecture room be included. Architect Jason Richardson submitted plans and specifications to the board. (Jun. 12)</p>	
		<p>Only one bid submitted for remodeling of library, from Sanders Bros. (July 12) includes removal of the librarians desk and putting a square arch on the west side of the hall between the foot of the stairs and the first door including a partition for protecting the book cases and contents as well as closing the doors opening off the hall and protecting the cases in the hall. changing stairs from the second floor to the attic NOT included. Proposal for \$997.00 (July 12) Sanders Bros.. was paid \$1107.36 (Nov 8)</p>	<p>Only one bid submitted for remodeling of library, from Sanders Bros. (July 12) includes removal of the librarians desk and putting a square arch on the west side of the hall between the foot of the stairs and the first door including a partition for protecting the book cases and contents as well as closing the doors opening off the hall and protecting the cases in the hall. changing stairs from the second floor to the attic NOT included. Proposal for \$997.00 (July 12) Sanders Bros.. was paid \$1107.36 (Nov 8)</p>	
			<p>Matter of finishing the third floor, including painting of the walls, matting and lights was referred to Exec Comm. with the power to act (Sept 23)</p>	

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				Exec Com received bid from Lorenz Lange for \$465 to paint the library hall, juvenile dept., museum and hallway or library floor proper (bid refused). A second bid received from G.A. Bowermaster for \$331.15 accepted (Oct 14) Bowermaster was paid \$334.65 (Nov 8)	
				Bid received on matting for 240 yards: C.W. Irion & Co. for \$1.25 per yd; Lucey Bros at \$1.12 1/2 per yd. Lucey Bros bid accepted (Oct 14)	
				Librarian of the Juvenile Department is to be given charge of the third floor and to keep a report of articles donated or loaned to the museum and keep a record of meetings held in the Library Hall (Dec 12)	
				Assume West wall of SE bedroom and East wall of SW bedroom (and fireplaces) removed to make large assembly room across south end of this floor	
1913				Part of the furniture for the Juvenile Dept and the LaSalle Co. Historical Museum has been received (Jan 10)	
				Exec Comm. authorized to have suitable molding put up in the Juvenile and Museum room (Jan 18)	
1914				The remodeling of the second story into a lecture room-museum-Juvenile Department and the installation of moving picture machine was accomplished (Feb)	
				Screens for the Juvenile room had been ordered. (July 8)	

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1915			Finance Committee authorized to sell discarded mantle for not less than \$20 (Feb 12) In list of receipts in Treasurer's report it was noted that the old mantle had been sold to John Hazlitt on May 15 (June 1)		
			Exec Comm. to look into painting and decorating the Library building (Aug 16)		
			Bid received from the Illinois Decorating Co. for \$292 for painting the first floor-story and the upper hall. A bid of \$325 received from C. Biegel for painting ceiling and walls of the first story of the Library. Moved and carried to approve contract with Biegel. The woodwork was to be prepared and repainted under his supervision at actual cost (Oct 8)	Bid received from the Illinois Decorating Co. for \$292 for painting the first floor-story and the upper hall. A bid of \$325 received from C. Biegel for painting ceiling and walls of the first story of the Library. Moved and carried to approve contract with Biegel. The woodwork was to be prepared and repainted under his supervision at actual cost (Oct 8)	
			Decorating work was completed and had been approved (Dec 6)	Decorating work was completed and had been approved (Dec 6)	
			Exec Comm. is to purchase window shades for the library (Dec 14)		
1916			Roy E. Gedney sent a letter to the board requesting to purchase the disused mantle now stored in the attic if they have no further use of the same. Moved and carried that mantle be sold for \$20 (Sept 11)		

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1917		Exec Comm. authorized to employ architect to make an estimate for remodeling the basement for a Juvenile Department (Mar 9) Authorization to secure specifications and plans for remodeling the basement of the library and report at next meeting (July 13) Architect Jason Richardson submitted plans and specifications for remodeling of basement for Juvenile department. Moved and seconded that Richardson be authorized to secure a contract with Sinnott Bros. to do the work at actual cost and submit same to board (July 22) Contract entered into with Sinnott Bros. (July 22) Meeting called for purpose of purchasing equipment and furniture for Juvenile dept. (Sept 24) Moved and carried that Saturday motion picture entertainment be dispensed with until the Juvenile Dept is completed; matter of electric wiring for juvenile dept be referred to exec Com and Director Lucey be authorized to order the battleship linoleum for covering the floor of the Juvenile Dept. (Oct 12) Matter of decorating Juvenile dept is to be left to Exec Comm. (Nov 9) The cost of decorating is not to exceed \$400 (Dec 14)			
1918		Contract for decorating Juvenile dept. awarded to C. H. Beigle at a sum not to exceed \$400. (Jan 14)			

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	Expenditures for month included Reliable Electric Co. \$100; Jason Richardson \$150; Sinnott Bros. \$1,969.50 and Lucey Bros. \$549.59 (Mar 8)				
	Annual report for fiscal year ending March 31, 1918 noted total amount of \$3,257.50 expended on improvements and repairs and a total of \$2,466.51 for furniture and fixtures (April 1)				
1919					
1920					
1921			IN annual librarian's report (Vera Snook) reported that they are running out of stack room and suggested removal of the museum to accommodate the overflow of bound magazines and newspapers (Apr 1)		
1922			Secretary to procure as much information as possible on the ownership of the articles in the museum on the second floor of the library (June 12)	Librarian Vera Snook stated that Emil Deich and his men have promised to paint another room in the attic for the Camp Fire Girls (Apr 10)	
			Miss Mary Caton to be employed to revise the inventory of the museum (July 10)		
1923	In response to a request by the Board to determine the stability of the building, the Board hired architect Jason Richardson to prepare a report on the overall condition of the library (Mar 31)	Changes in construction of Basement Library department made under supervision of architect Richardson including using steel beam construction.	Assume stairs removed that lead from Main Floor to Bedroom level.	Assume wall between center east room and NE room opened (re-closed in 1966) per Sprague 1975 diagram	
	Report submitted by architect Jason Richardson (Mar 28)	Assume West wall of SE room and East wall of SW room removed and structural steel installed (per Sprague 1975 diagram and general assumption)	Assume partitions removed in NW corner to create one large room. Large arched opening created.	Assume closets and east wall of center west room removed. Chimney on north wall also removed.	

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	Openings in north and south walls of center east room widened (per Sprague 1975 diagram and general assumption)	Assume opening enlarged between SW and Center W parlors	Assume partition separating existing NW "wet room" inhale was removed in 1923		
		Assume Center west parlor fireplace bricked up			
			Librarian's report for the year lists 489 exhibits in the museum		
<b>1924</b>			Proposal presented to install set of steel shelves in southwest room on third floor. Exec Comm. instructed to make such repairs on the floor of that room as they may think necessary (Jun 10)		
<b>1925</b>	The committee also deemed it advisable to lower the floor in the boiler room and coal room and to lay a heavy cement floor in each including a floor drain in the boiler room. Mr. Cole will do this for \$190. (Sept 14)		Librarian Velda Beem noted that the exhibits in the museum are gradually being reclaimed, 108 having been withdrawn during the year leaving 382. As cases are being emptied, wooden shelves are being substituted for glass and filled with books (Apr 13)		
<b>1926</b>	Annual report shows that a total of \$2,365.90 had been spent on repairs to the building (Apr 1)				
<b>1927</b>					
<b>1928</b>		The Board advertised for bids to restore the walls, ceiling and woodwork of the lower three floors including the hall. A total of five bids were received, the lowest being from C.H. Beigel in the amount of \$865, which was accepted (Sept 23)			

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1929					Librarian's annual report noted that all books on the third floor and shelving had been built in the attic hallway and the collection of war books was moved from the third floor to the attic. (Apr 1)
1930	E.L. Lever served as custodian at the Former Reddick Library for 32 years. He began custodial duties Nov. 23, 1930 and returned in 1962. ("Caretakers Cottage" by Helen Copeland. Newspaper clipping; no date.)			Librarian's annual report indicated that there were 316 exhibits still in the museum. (Mar 31)	
1931					
1932					
1933					
1934				Librarian's annual report showed that there were 305 exhibits in the museum (Apr 1)	
1935					
1936					
1937					
1938		The matter of redecorating the interior of the Library and renewing the floor covering is to be discussed at the April meeting (Mar 14) A committee appointed to prepare the specifications. (Apr 11)			
		The matter of replacing window shades and replacing the floor covering on the main floor and redecorating the interior was again discussed (July 11)			

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			Bids were received for floor coverings and window shades on the second and third floors and the contract was awarded to Leader Furniture and Carpet Co. A contract to provide window shades from E.C. Rabenstein was awarded to John F. Corcoran. (Aug 1)		
			The Secretary had advertised in the newspaper for bids for painting and decorating on the first (basement), second and third floors. Contracts were awarded to Les Tingle for painting the first and third floors except the hall on the third floor) at \$634 and the decorating of the second floor was awarded to Charles Beigel for \$960 to include the hallway on the third floor and the entry on the second floor as well as the exterior of the doors (Aug 1)		
<b>1939</b>	The annual fiscal report for the year ending March 31, 1939 showed that a total of \$3,341.52 had been spend on building repairs (Apr 1)				
<b>1940</b>	Necessary improvements to the building were discussed and the Treasurer was authorized to get a report from Architect Gerding (Louis Gerding) as to the immediate repairs needed and estimates of cost. (Sept 9)				
<b>1941</b>					
<b>1942</b>			The annual Librarian's report noted that new rubber stair treads and matting had been in the halls and on two stairways (Apr 19)		
<b>1943</b>					
<b>1944</b>	Librarian's report also noted that there were still 301 items in the museum. Mar 31)				
<b>1945</b>					



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1946					
1947					
1948			Wilcox Paint and Linoleum Co. given order to wash the walls and paint where specified. The cost of the work not to exceed \$410 (May 10)	Librarian's report noted that the steel newspaper files were moved from the attic to the third floor and placed in the east half of the room that was formerly the auditorium. The west half of the former was being arranged to make an "Illinois Room." (Mar 31)	
1949	Note that from Oct. 1948 to Oct. 1949 there were no monthly meetings held and that the Library Board was reorganized in Nov. 1949 (Nov 16)	President suggested that bids be received from three contractors regarding changing ext. doors in the Children's Library department to open outward instead of inward. Secretary to obtain bids (Dec 13)			
1950		New screens made for front door and both it and the screen for the rear door were hung on double acting hinges. The three doors in the Children's Library have been changed to swing outward (Mar 14)	New screens made for front door and both it and the screen for the rear door were hung on double acting hinges. The three doors in the Children's Library have been changed to swing outward (Mar 14)		
1951	Suggested that architect Earl Gerding be approached to see if he would make a survey of the Library building to ascertain the extent of repairs needed to keep the building in good condition (Mar 13)	Secretary to obtain bids for redecorating the first floor only, second and third floors together and the ceiling to be washed and one coat of good paint applied (Feb 13)	Secretary to obtain bids for redecorating the first floor only, second and third floors together and the ceiling to be washed and one coat of good paint applied (Feb 13)		
		Jack D. Fairbanks awarded the contract for redecorating (Mar 13)	Jack D. Fairbanks awarded the contract for redecorating (Mar 13)		

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			Bids received from several dealers for window shades. Bid from Rabenstein accepted for \$72 for shades for the second floor windows of the Library (Apr 17)		
<b>1952</b>	Earl Gerding is to prepare a master plan of repairs and alterations, the cost not to exceed \$500. (Feb 12) It was recommended that there was a danger of overloading the floors with the additional weight of stacks. It is estimated that the cost to repair the structure would be \$6,000. (May 14) Plans and specifications for library repair were presented to the Board. (Oct. 14)				
<b>1953</b>		Librarian's annual report noted major structural repairs to the building had begun with the addition of three steel beams supported by pillars to reinforce the west side of the main floor. The children's Dept. was closed for three weeks to complete the project. (Mar 31)			
<b>1954</b>		New floor coverings for the Children's Dept were discussed. It was decided to use vinyl covering. (June 8) Plan to obtain bids for installing new flooring in the Children's section (Oct 12)			
<b>1955</b>					
<b>1956</b>	Daily Republican Times Mon. Dec. 31, 1956 A survey of Reddick's Library was conducted during the past year by Andre Nielsen, Librarian of the Evanston Public Library. Nielsen's main recommendation was for an addition of a one-story addition at the back of the present building, etc. A motion was made to conduct a survey for the remodeling or rebuilding the library by Andre S. Nielson, Secretary of Library Building Consultants. (Feb 14) The Nielson report was received (Mar 6)				

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	A discussion of the Library expansion program was held. It regards the construction of a one story addition on the north side of the building (Apr. 10) The building situation was discussed as were methods of funding the expansion. It was determined that financing by a referendum was the only viable option (June 12)				
<b>1957</b>					
<b>1958</b>					
<b>1959</b>			new lighting in SE parlor per Sprague 1975 Diagram		
<b>1960</b>	The board discussed the problems confronting the Library with the Mayor and two city Council members, including remodeling the existing structure or building a new structure. The Library is at a critical point where a decision must be made. The Mayor and City Council was asked to assist and plan for a bond issue for a new building. Mayor Bailey gave his support to the project (Apr. 11) Possibility of getting the old Post Office building for a library was discussed (Nov 8)				
<b>1961</b>	A general discussion held on probable repairs, relocating, annex and future of the building (Feb 14)  A discussion held regarding what upkeep needed to be done on the building etc. (Mar 15)		Main entrance remodeled by August Kerste and Son (newspaper clipping, n.d.)  Remodeling work included washing, painting and structural work – mainly on the second (main) and third floors. The main entrance will be remodeled, the circulation desk will be moved closer to the entrance and an office will be built at the end of the main floor hall (newspaper clipping, n.d.)  New flooring in SE parlor (per Sprague 1975 diagram)	A new room will be opened to the public along the front of the third floor. It will be used for reference and study. Also the third floor is to be the young adult book collection. (newspaper clipping, n.d.)  Estimate repairs to the second floor south \$800 (Apr 3)	skylight sealed per Sprague 1975 diagram
	Earl Gerding is to receive and architect's fee for changes in the library to be 12% to draw the plans, issue the bids and oversee the project (June 14)			Repairs to the remainder of the second floor \$900 (Apr 3)	

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	Low bid of Kerste & Sons at \$10,572.69 was accepted. Gerding to draw up the contract (Aug 31)		West wall of SE parlor removed to accommodate new reference desk. Fireplace removed with it.	Vinyl asbestos flooring w/ 1/4" underlayment for 2nd fl \$2,981.25 (Apr 3)	
	Remodeling is going very well. Library will be closed for a total of six weeks (Sept 12)		Estimate obtained for removing fireplace adjacent to the main S. entrance \$2,000 (Apr 3)		
			Estimate to redecorate ground floor obtained \$1,300 (Apr 3)		
			Estimate obtained to redecorate first floor \$1,700 (Apr 3)		
<b>1962</b>	custodian E.L. Lever retires ("Caretakers Cottage" by Helen Copeland, newspaper clipping, no date)			State Fire Marshall's regulations require two doors on the second and third floors. This would require making a door out of a window. Earl Gerding will obtain estimate. He will also contact Mr. Kerste about figures on fixing the door, repairing the concrete wall in front of the Library and removing the curved part of the wall at the steps (Mar 13)	
<b>1963</b>		Wall once separating current kitchen (NW room) in to two rooms removed in 1963 per Sprague 1975 diagram			
		Remodeling of the coal bin for a work room was discussed. It is a floor and a half high. A new floor to support the weight is necessary as well as heat and lights. The contents of the present work room would be moved to this room and the present work room would become the Children's room (Apr 9)			

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		Remodeling of the coal bin will require putting in a wooden floor of 2x8 at the first floor level. Will heat the room with a small gas burner. Lighting and painting will be required (June 20) Contract awarded to Kerste@ Sons for \$1,598 for the above work (July 2)			
		Remodeling of the work room is done (Sept 10)			Joe Horner Sr. (custodian) is to contact two people and empty out the fourth floor (Oct 8)
<b>1964</b>					
<b>1965</b>					
<b>1966</b>	A 62 page report on the Library and its place in the community prepared by Dr. Goldstein recommended building a new structure on the present site (Jun 14)	Open stairwell between Lower Level and Main level enclosed (per Sprague diagram) Per the State Fire Marshall's requirements, plans were made to close both the top and bottom of the stairs with gypsum board and solid doors 1 3/4" thick. The remaining railing must be removed (Oct 9)	Open stairwell between Lower Level and Main level enclosed (per Sprague diagram)	Fire partition and door installed at head of stairs	
		A contract awarded to Homer Charbonneau in the amount of \$1,100 to enclose the stairs (Dec 13)			
<b>1967</b>					A motion was made to install I beams and shelving on the third floor for the storage of reference books. Earl Gerding recommended hanging them through the roof so as to not place any strain on the floor (Dec 12)

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<b>1968</b>					
<b>1969</b>	The Lateral Canal property is to be transferred to the City of Ottawa. The library may be given top priority on a part of the land for a new building between Lafayette and Washington Streets (Jan 14)				
<b>1970</b>					
<b>1971</b>			Earl Gerding reported that the sagging stairway in the lobby could be corrected by installing tie-rods (Nov 10)		
<b>1972</b>	1972-1973 Reddick Library Board undertake building program on I&M Canal right of way. The Board unanimously accepted the offer of the Canal Property as the site of anew library facility (Jun 11) Forms to submit Reddick's for admission to the National Register of Historic Places were being undertaken by a local gentleman (July 10) New library facilities discussed. A new structure on the present site still appears to be the most favorable course of action. (Jan 25)				
<b>1973</b>					
<b>1974</b>	Public meetings of LaSalle County Historical Society and Ottawa Zonta Club emphasize importance of the Mansion result in Save Reddick's Committee (March) The Reddick mansion Association charters to preserve building and grounds (Oct)				
<b>1975</b>	The Reddick Library moves to new structure (Jan) ("Facts on Reddick The Man and the Reddick Mansion" timeline c.1975)  Per Mumper nothing more was noted in the minutes regarding the Reddick Mansion from this time forward as the effort was totally given to the construction of the new library  The Reddick Mansion Association prepares Feasibility study and presents to City (Mar) The study was prepared by historian Paul Sprague with architect William Dring.	Chamber of Commerce Rooms (West side, first floor) renovation: Wilcox, Fox River Lumber, Streul's Renwick Electric: \$4,373.60 (Oct/Nov) (RMA History)	United Fund Rooms (Center and Northeast ) renovation: Halm Electric, Wilcox Paint, Fox River Lumber Co. \$1,328.53. (August) (RMA History)		
		Ground floor ladies' room and second floor rest room renovation: Hulse & Son \$200 (August) (RMA History)			

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	The Mansion Association decorates building for the Fourth of July and six days later presents Folk Concert to capacity audience. (July)				
	The City of Ottawa, the Reddick Library Board and the Reddick Mansion Association enter into short term agreement to operate building (July)				
	The Ottawa United Fund moves to the Reddick mansion (Sept)				
	The Ground Floor is used for meeting purposes for groups and organizations (Sept)				
	Local Painters Union paints floor as public service project (Sept)				
	Rehabilitation ground floor for use of groups				
	Rehabilitate and decorate First Floor for Ottawa Chamber of Commerce.				
	Launch fundraising for restoration				
	Observe first Anniversary of Association with Annual Banquet.				
	Await funding for restoration of interior				
	Initiate remedial and preservation procedures for exterior of building				
	Auction held on April 7 of old shelving, tables, chairs and unused library equipment. Library netted about \$5,500.				
<b>1976</b>		Wall between hall and southeast room first floor restored (including new doors) Kerste & Sons \$6,718.07 (Jan-April) RMA History	LaSalle Co. Regional Planning rooms West Side, second fl. \$6870.64 by Kerste, Wilcox, and southeast, 2nd fl) wiring by Clegg-Perkins and Floor covering by Rabenstein's (RMA history)		
		Restoration of mural, east wall, main hall by Edward Syrek, art professor, Northern Illinois Univ. DeKalb \$450 (April) RMA History	Refurbish Congressman Corcoran's office (front center and southeast, 2nd fl) \$6208.32: Kerste & Son, Wilcox paint, Clegg-Perkins wiring (December) RMA history		
		Restore fireplace, southeast room, first fl. plus new mantel and hearth for fireplace in SE room, 2nd fl. \$969: Murphy Marble Co., Chicago, Kerste & Sons (May) RMA history	Restore fireplace, southeast room, first fl. plus new mantel and hearth for fireplace in SE room, 2nd fl. \$969: Murphy Marble Co., Chicago, Kerste & Sons (May) RMA history		

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<b>1977</b>	Planning for renovation work \$6,870	Changes to Powder Room \$2,100 Remodel Kitchen, ground floor \$8536.04: Kerste & Son, Rabenstein's (flooring) wiring Clegg Perkins and plumbing Hulise & Sons (Jan-Feb) RMA history	Kitchen work undertaken \$7,900	Work undertaken on "Congress" room \$6,200 Work undertaken on "Chamber" room \$2,860	
<b>1978</b>	The not for profit Reddick Mansion Association was formed. A final draft 99-year agreement made with the city on Dec 1, 1978	Renovation to ladies powder room, ground floor \$2127.71: Kerste, Rabenstein's Clegg-Perkins and Hulise & Sons (April) RMA history	Invitation to bid to painters for decorating main hall and three east rooms on main floor of Reddicks mansion (note taped to package says 11/20/78 from desk of A.L. Perkins stating only one bid received) (RMA files)	Partition wall between center and northwest room on west side, 2nd fl in old LaSalle County Regional Planning for United Fund \$1450.27: Kerste and Wilcox (Oct-Nov) RMA history	
			Painting and graining or woodwork undertaken \$7,728	Redecorating old United Fund Office for Campfire Girl's Headquarters (northeast room, second floor): \$1355.95 Wilcox painting (Dec) RMA history	
			Removal of floor covering \$1,200 Remove light fixtures and modify wiring \$2,300 7 reproduction chandeliers \$9,000		
			Move mirror from southeast room to vestibule, fabricate two front doors and two vestibule doors and install new vestibule wall Kerste & Sons (April) RMA History		
<b>1979</b>	RMA minutes announce that a grant of \$18,642 received from the Illinois Department of Conservation. RMA minutes announce that since its inception the "Restore-a-Brick" Program has brought in a total of \$47,492				



HISTORY GENERAL INFORMATION		INTERIOR CHANGES			
		Lower Level / 1st Fl	Main Level / 2nd Fl.	Bedroom Level / 3rd Fl.	Servant's Level / 4th fl
1980					
1981			New chandeliers installed in the central hallway at the Mansion. (Daily Times, March 1981) Per RMA minutes, they were fabricated from Metro Lighting in New York City	Jordan Hardware Co. receipt for 3x6 plexiglas, 4x8 plexiglas, metal sash strips and corners (looks like supplies for interior storms) date 11.2.81 for \$3818.80. signed by A.L. Perkins. (RMA files)	
			RMA minutes reflect that the Rehabilitation Committee was authorized to proceed with plans for some kind of storm windows for the Mansion. (Sept) Materials reported purchased (Nov)		
1982		RMA minutes state work has started on redoing the men's room on the ground floor	Repair of fallen ceiling plaster in Dining Room, southwest corner. \$4,153		
			RMA minutes state: After craftsman Clyde Kerste had explained construction, LaClair Perkins, Al Mellott and R.A. McClevey were in the process of building and installing storm windows built of plastic sheeting with aluminum frames (Feb)		
1983	RMA minutes announce that the late Edward Peck had left \$50,000 to the Mansion Association in his will.	RMA minutes state that Rehabilitation committee head LaClair Perkins sought permission to secure accordion type doors at the opening of the east end of the southwest ground floor.	RMA minutes refer to the three newly carpeted rooms on the first floor.		
			RMA minutes state that Rehabilitation committee head LaClair Perkins met with consultant Ron Nelson and secured board approval to install a permanent tempered glass screen at the entrance door into the hall from the furnished room (presumably the Dining room)		

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		Lower Level / 1st Fl	Main Level / 2nd Fl.	Bedroom Level / 3rd Fl.	Servant's Level / 4th fl
			RMA minutes state chairperson Perkins called for a railing to be put across the restored or period room to prevent visitors from walking into the newly installed glass at the door opening.		RMA minutes state the Board approved use of spindles for the railing around the skylight, to be stained to match the main stair railing.
			RMA minutes report that lambrequins will be made for each of the five windows (in the restored Dining Room?). The cost of damask, lining, braid and tassels is \$5,842.		
	RMA minutes announce that portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Reddick will be displayed in the Mansion, according to an agreement signed between the Acquisition Committee and Reddick's Library, owner of the portraits. This is to be on a loan basis				
<b>1984</b>					
<b>1985</b>			Koehler Masonry 8.12.85 proposal to patch bad areas in two rooms (handwritten N. Chamber room & first fl. hall) \$600 (handwritten "ok") (RMA files)		
<b>1986</b>				Wilcox Paint and Decorating 10.10.86 Repair and repaint two Chamber of Commerce offices Accepted 12.2.86. (RMA files)	
				Carpet and painting in the United Way office	

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	Lower Level / 1st Fl	Main Level / 2nd Fl.	Bedroom Level / 3rd Fl.	Servant's Level / 4th fl
1987	Koch Brothers general contractors 10.20.87 proposal – blurry and difficult to read: R... (remove?) existing furnace; Install rubber underneath ...; build screen ... 1 section 5 1/2" w x 6'3" h; 1 section 36" w x 6'3" h; 2x2 frame fastened to floor and walls, prefinished panels, angles and bolts; one new door stop. Also noted: cut off 1/2 inch from bottom of door to Women's room ground floor. \$395 approved by Mellott (RMA files)		Willcox Paint and Decorating 1.27.87 Repair and repaint 3 United Fund rooms on second floor \$3417.20 approved by Mellott (RMA files)	
1988			Frank's Lock & Safe Service, 1.20.87 keyed locks for various offices \$301 (RMA files)	
1989				
1990		Installation of glass in south doorway of north parlor		
		Repair of fallen section of ceiling plaster in center hall to right of stairs \$4,930		
1991				
1992				
1993		1993 furnishings committee report recently installed carpet in front hallway and stairway leading to second floor chosen from the library of Ulster carpets, a manufacturer of Axminster carpets located in northern Ireland. \$14,315		
1994				

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1995					
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1998		Plans were prepared by Fredericks, Basalay & Cary Architects to remodel the Ground Floor for the Ottawa Visitor's Bureau.			
1999					
2000			Curtains fabricated for the north parlor room (Dining Room? Or Center parlor?) . Design by Cathy Ciszewski and Beth Stohr of Interiors Unlimited in Ottawa. Lace sheers hand-loomed in Scotland. newspaper clipping 27 Mar 2000)		
2001					
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2009			Southwest and Center West parlors painted		
2010					

	HISTORY GENERAL INFORMATION	INTERIOR CHANGES			
		Lower Level / 1st Fl	Main Level / 2nd Fl.	Bedroom Level / 3rd Fl.	Servant's Level / 4th fl
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# **Reddick Mansion Historic Structure Report**

## **Timeline 3: History / Exterior Changes / Outbuildings**

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	HISTORY GENERAL INFORMATION	EXTERIOR CHANGES		OUTBUILDINGS	
		Exterior	Roof	Site	Caretaker's House
<b>1812</b>	William Reddick born in Ballynahinch, County Down, Ireland				
<b>1816</b>	Reddick Family comes to America, settling in New Jersey and later Ohio				
<b>1825</b>	William Reddick at age fourteen is apprenticed as glass blower at \$4 per month				
<b>1830</b>	Reddick's apprenticeship is ended and he marries Eliza Collins				
<b>1835</b>	Reddick and his wife move to Bruce Township, LaSalle County				
<b>1838</b>	Reddick is elected County Sheriff and moves to Ottawa, the County seat				
<b>1838-1846</b>	Reddick serves as Sheriff and County Collector				
<b>1840</b>	Elizabeth Burrier Funk Reddick born in Prussia November 10, 1840, the daughter of Franz Joseph Funk.				
<b>1841</b>	Reddick serves as State Land Appraiser				
<b>1846-52</b>	Reddick serves as Illinois State Senator				
<b>1849</b>	Reddick votes against bill preventing free Negroes from settling in Illinois				
<b>1851</b>	Reddick works to lay groundwork for University of Illinois				
	Reddick purchases property, lots 10 and 11 in block 56 of the States addition to Ottawa on Oct. 17, 1851.				
<b>1852-54</b>	Reddick runs unsuccessfully for United States congress				

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<b>1852</b>	Birth mother of Elizabeth Burrrier Funk Reddick dies leaving two small children, John and Elizabeth. On learning that the Reddicks wished to adopt a child, Funk assented to the Reddicks' wishes and placed Elizabeth with them.				
<b>1854</b>	Reddick helps to organize Free Public School System in Illinois				
<b>1854-73</b>	Reddick operates dry goods store in downtown Ottawa				
<b>1855</b>	Reddick contracts with architectural firm of Olmsted & Nicholson for a large residence to cost \$25,000				
<b>1856</b>	The Annual Review for 1856 reports "Brick and Stone Residence for William Reddick, height 50 ft, 64 x 55, \$25,000				
<b>1858</b>	Reddick sits on platform at first Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Ottawa,				
<b>1858</b>	People watch Lincoln Douglas Debate from steps of Reddick's Mansion and look out the windows at the excitement				
<b>1860</b>	Reddick presides at first regular meeting of the Democrat Club of Ottawa				
<b>1863</b>	Reddick incorporates company to build a hotel in Ottawa				
<b>1865</b>				Per Daily Times article Jan 13, 1992, cast iron fence originally made in 1865.	
<b>1867</b>	Reddick organizes a company to dam the Fox and Illinois Rivers				

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1869	Reddick serves as a member of a commission to acquire toll bridges across the Fox and Illinois Rivers				
	Reddick is President of the Illinois River Bridge Company				
	Reddick is one of the founders of the Ottawa Glass Works				
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1883	Eliza Collins Reddick died July 5, 1883				

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1884	Reddick draws will on June 21, 1884; George W. Armstrong was executor of the estate and Marshall N. Armstrong was his attorney. (Republican Times of Ottawa, July 11, 1953 "William Reddick's Will on Display in Library" by C.C. Tisler)				
1885	William Reddick dies March 8, 1885				
1886					
1887	Reddick Library Board takes possession of the Mansion and prepares it as Library ("Facts on Reddick The Man and the Reddick Mansion" timeline c.1975)				
1888	Elizabeth Burrier Funk Reddick dies at the age of 46 of pneumonia February 22, 1887. The Mansion is open as the Reddick Library; September 18, 1888 Building occupied by library (library file)				
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1896		Noted that outside woodwork needs to be repainted (Aug 14)			

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	Exterior	Roof	Site	Caretaker's House	
1897	Harry Hag painted \$21 for lettering a sign for building (Oct 9)				
1898					
1899		Repairs to roof (May 12)	New cement sidewalk poured from steps to front gate by Sanders Bros.. \$115 (Aug 11)		
1900					
1901	New sign put in place on building by a Chicago firm (Aug 9)				
1902	Noted chimney needed repairs (Sept 12)		Proposed to obtain bids to have cement walk laid around library property. Also to remove and sell fence around the library. (July 11)		
			Exec Comm. authorized to remove the lattice between the house and barn (Nov 14)		
	Meeting called for purpose of getting ideas relative to painting exterior woodwork on library and barn. Noted it needs to be done this Fall (Sept 17)				
	Exterior painting being undertaken (Oct 10)				
	Painting finished for amount of \$320.55 (Nov 14)				
1903			Moved and carried to proceed with building the sidewalk (Mar 13)		
			Work on sidewalk had commenced and cost was \$382.00 (Apr 10)		
			Sidewalk completed and sidewalk also poured from east gate to back door for an additional \$46.00 by James Leix (May 8)		
1904	Library sign removed and returned to maker in Chicago for repairs (Apr 8)				

	HISTORY GENERAL INFORMATION	EXTERIOR CHANGES		OUTBUILDINGS
		Exterior	Roof	
		Sign returned and back on building (May 13)		
1905				
1906				
1907		Screens ordered (May 10)	Note that roof needs painting (Aug 9)	New cement walk leading from front door to basement and connecting with front walk was to be poured. (Apr 12)
		Note that chimney needs repointing (Aug 9)	Note that paint has been burned off of the roof and repainted (Oct 11)	Concrete walk completed (May 10)
1908		Exec Comm. to see to placing a rail at the stairs (understand to be front entry) (July 10)		
		Exec. Comm. authorized to see to painting the balconies and putting new light in the window as necessary. (June 12)	Exec. Comm. authorized to see to painting the tin roofs (June 12)	
1909		Porches should be cleaned and repainted and the stone work repointed (Aug 13)	The edges of the gutters should be re-tinned and spouting put on the barn (Aug 13)	A low bid of \$825 for painting was received by J.S. Meyers. A motion was made and approved to have a new curb built and have the old fence repaired and painted. (Sept 10)
		Exec Comm. to see to putting rails on both sides of the landing and front steps (Mar 12; completed Apr 9)		A bid on concrete work for building the fence was awarded to B.A. Murphy for \$219 (Sept 22)
				It was moved to replace or to again put up the fence and the same painted be reconsidered. The matter was deferred (Oct 8)

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	Exterior	Roof	Exterior	Roof	Site	Caretaker's House
					Agreed to pay B.J. Murphy \$200 for concrete curb and that the fence should be stored for a year and to take a contract with Murphy to replace the fence at any time within a year and contract from J.J. Meyers to paint the fence any time within a year for \$75.00 A contract was awarded to J.J. Meyers to paint the barn two coats and pointing the same and wall for \$75.00 (Nov 12)	
					It was moved and carried that the Exec Com dispose of the fence at the best price obtainable (Dec 10)	
1910			A proposition relating to weather strips on the library windows was presented (Aug 12)		The library fence was sold to the Jewish Cemetery Association for \$201.00 (Apr 8)	
1911				Exec Comm. recommended employing a painter for one day to work on the roof (Aug 8)	The janitor is to repair the wall along the alley (Apr 14)	
1912						
1913			Work had commenced on the new fire escape but carpenter work not completed. A decayed condition was found on the porch. Exec Comm. authorized to have porch repaired (Apr 11) Fire escape completed (May 9)			
1914						Board President to secure plans and specifications for remodeling the building west of the library (Jun 12)
						It was moved that the architect prepare plans and specifications for remodeling the brick building west of the library (July 8)

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	Exterior	Roof	Site	Caretaker's House		
						The following bids for the above projects were accepted: Sanders Bros., \$1,675; W.E. Berndt for plumbing \$188.94; John Walters \$145 for heating and Reliable Electric \$35 for wiring (Aug 3)
						\$1000 has been paid to Sanders Bros toward the payment for work on the janitor's house (Nov 13) Balance of \$700 paid to Sanders Bros., Exec Comm. authorized to arrange for the stairs and cupboard in the Janitor's house. (Dec 13)
1915			Exec Comm. reported that the roof of the library building needed repairing as well as the ceiling of the museum (Mar 12)			
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1918			Board president noted that the chimney had been repointed and the ceiling re-plastered (Sept 13)		Noted that a small building was needed on the grounds for storage of ladders and tools (Sept 13)	
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1922						Exterior of Janitor's Cottage is to be painted for \$160 (Jan 9)
1923	In response to a request by the Board to determine the stability of the building, the Board hired architect Jason Richardson to prepare a report on the overall condition of the library (Mar 31) Report submitted by architect Jason Richardson (Mar 28)					



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		Exterior	Roof	Site	Caretaker's House
1924					
1925		Committee further deemed it advisable to tear down the old chimney and construct a new one in the wall and add a clean-out door. Mr. Cole will do the same for \$34.60 (Sept 14)			
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1927					
1928					
1929		Extensive repairs called for immediate action for the roof, fire escape and chimneys. Also the iron facings on the brackets under the overhanging portion of the roof were in a dangerous condition. It was reported that one chimney had been removed and the other one repaired. All work has been completed. The brackets were made safe by removing all the old, short iron screws and replacing them with longer brass screws. The work was done by Sinnott Bros. (Aug 12)	Repairs are necessary to the roof and it was also found that the chimneys were in bad shape. It was decided to repair the one in use and tear down those that were no longer of any use (June 22)		The caretaker, William McMahon received an annual salary of \$780 plus the use of the cottage and all utilities for same (Apr 8)
1930	E.L. Lever served as custodian at the Former Reddick Library for 32 years. He began custodial duties Nov. 23, 1930 and returned in 1962. ("Caretakers Cottage" by Helen Copeland. Newspaper clipping; no date.)	Librarian's annual report stated that an outstanding building improvement was the building of a partition at the end of the hall on the main floor to make an office for the librarian (Mar 31)			The new caretaker is E.H. Lever, Mr. McMahon having died. The cottage was completely renovated inside (Dec 8)
1931					The chimney on the cottage was in need of repair and would have to be partially rebuilt (Oct 12)
1932					

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		Exterior	Roof	Site	Caretaker's House
1933		It was moved and seconded to have the front stairs repaired by W.A. Goff for \$30 (Oct 9)			
1934		The matter of new chimney for the library building was discussed (Aug 13) Plans for a new chimney were being prepared by City Engineer Tolberg as well as plans for the repair of the front steps (Sept 10) Bills submitted to Board by Colwell & Son for tearing down of the old chimney and the construction of a new chimney along with the repairing of the front stairs. Also submitted bill for repair of flashing around the new chimney and the covering over of the space from which the old chimney had been removed by S.S. Pearson's Sons (Nov 12)			
1935					
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1937					
1938		The matter of painting the repair work on the exterior of the library was discussed and the Property Committee was authorized to have the work done (Nov 14)			A new furnace was installed in the residence building (caretaker's cottage) by E. Ludwig for \$187.29. A hot water coil was also put in the furnace for \$7.48 (Jan 10)
1939	The annual fiscal report for the year ending March 31, 1939 showed that a total of \$3,341.52 had been spend on building repairs (Apr 1)				
1940	Necessary improvements to the building were discussed and the Treasurer was authorized to get a report from Architect Gerding (Louis Gerding) as to the immediate repairs needed and estimates of cost (Sept 9)				
1941					
1942					

	HISTORY GENERAL INFORMATION	EXTERIOR CHANGES		OUTBUILDINGS
		Exterior	Roof	
1943			The board President authorized to have the roof of the library painted (Sept 12)	Caretaker's House
1944	Librarian's report also noted that there were still 301 items in the museum. (Mar 31)			
1945				
1946				
1947		The Librarian's annual report noted that the woodwork on the outside of the building had been painted. (Apr. 1)		
1948		The board discussed fixing the stone work on the front of the library. Mr. McMahon recommended a mixture of cement, lime, white sand and water applied with a brush. (July 7)		
1949	Note that from Oct. 1948 to Oct 1949 there were no monthly meetings held and that the Library Board was reorganized in Nov. 1949 (Nov 16)			
1950		The stone work on the outside of the building was given a coat of a concrete like mixture called Armor Coat. (Mar 31)		Librarian's report stated a new furnace had been installed in the custodian's cottage. (Mar 31)
		The outside walls were also washed down and the fire escape and some of the outside wood and ironwork was painted (Mar 31)		
1951	Suggested that architect Earl Gerding be approached to see if he would make a survey of the Library building to ascertain the extent of repairs needed to keep the building in good condition (Mar 13)			Bids accepted from Rabenstein for shades for the first floor of the custodian's home for \$21 (Apr 17)
1952	Earl Gerding is to prepare a master plan of repairs and alterations, the cost not to exceed \$500 (Feb 12)			
	It was recommended that there was a danger of overloading the floors with the additional weight of stacks. It is estimated that the cost to repair the structure would be \$6,000. (May 14)			

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		Exterior	Roof	Site	Caretaker's House
	Plans and specifications for library repair were presented to the Board (Oct 14)	Balustrade changed to wood on east facing porch (per Sprague 1975 diagram) (author: we don't think balustrade material was changed)			
<b>1953</b>			Librarian's annual report noted that a new roof had been installed along with new cornices, gutters and downspouts. (Mar 31)		
<b>1954</b>		Charles Eichelkraut is to be the contractor for the bids on repairs to the iron fire escape, landings on second and third floor and the balcony on the south side. (June 8) Eichelkraut was authorized to repair the fire escape and install new wood rail on the second floor fire escape landing. The railing is to be removed from the balcony on the south side. Hot asphalt is to be used on the balcony. Plan to obtain bids for painting the exterior of the building (Oct 12)			
<b>1955</b>		Bids for painting the exterior trim were received from Jack Fairbanks in the amount of \$959 and Wilcox Painting for \$3,450 were read. The bid of Fairbanks was accepted (Mar 8)			
<b>1956</b>	Daily Republican Times Mon. Dec. 31, 1956 A survey of Reddick's Library was conducted during the past year by Andre Nielsen, librarian of the Evanston Public Library. Nielsen's main recommendation was for an addition of a one-story addition at the back of the present building, etc.  A motion was made to conduct a survey for the remodeling or rebuilding the library by Andre S. Nielson, Secretary of Library Building Consultants. (Feb 14) The Nielson report was received (Mar 6)				

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		Exterior	Roof	Site	Caretaker's House
	A discussion of the Library expansion program was held. It regards the construction of a one story addition on the north side of the building (Apr. 10) The building situation was discussed as were methods of funding the expansion. It was determined that financing by a referendum was the only viable option (June 12)				
<b>1957</b>					
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<b>1959</b>					
<b>1960</b>	The board discussed the problems confronting the Library with the Mayor and two city Council members, including remodeling the existing structure or building a new structure. The Library is at a critical point where a decision must be made. The Mayor and City Council was asked to assist and plan for a bond issue for a new building. Mayor Bailey gave his support to the project (Apr 11) Possibility of getting the old Post Office building for a library was discussed (Nov 8)				
<b>1961</b>	A general discussion held on probable repairs, relocating, annex and future of the building (Feb 14) A discussion held regarding what upkeep needed to be done on the building etc. (Mar 15) Earl Gerding is to receive and architect's fee for changes in the library to be 12% to draw the plans, issue the bids and oversee the project (June 14) Low bid of Kerste & Sons at \$10,572.69 was accepted. Gerding to draw up the contract (Aug 31) Remodeling is going very well. Library will be closed for a total of six weeks (Sept 12)	Estimate obtained for new vestibule, main south entrance \$1,600 (Apr 3)			
<b>1962</b>	custodian E.L. Lever retires ("Caretakers Cottage" by Helen Copeland, newspaper clipping, no date)				
<b>1963</b>		Exterior trim needs painting (Mar 12)			
<b>1964</b>					
<b>1965</b>					
<b>1966</b>	A 62 page report on the Library and its place in the community prepared by Dr. Goldstein recommended building a new structure on the present site (Jun 14)				

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1967					The electric meter in the small building was removed as the building is not in use (Nov 14)
1968					
1969	The Lateral Canal property is to be transferred to the City of Ottawa. The library may be given top priority on a part of the land for a new building between Lafayette and Washington Streets (Jan 14)				
1970					
1971					
1972	1972-1973 Reddick Library Board undertake building program on I&M Canal right of way. The Board unanimously accepted the offer of the Canal Property as the site of anew library facility (Jun 11) Forms to submit Reddick's for admission to the National Register of Historic Places were being undertaken by a local gentleman (July 10) New library facilities discussed. A new structure on the present site still appears to be the most favorable course of action (Jan 25)				
1973					
1974	Public meetings of LaSalle County Historical Society and Ottawa Zonta Club emphasize importance of the Mansion result in Save Reddick's Committee (March)				
	The Reddick mansion Association charters to preserve building and grounds (Oct)				
1975	The Reddick Library moves to new structure (Jan) ("Facts on Reddick The Man and the Reddick Mansion" timeline c.1975) Per Mumper nothing more was noted in the minutes regarding the Reddick Mansion from this time forward as the effort was totally given to the construction of the new library				
	The Reddick Mansion Association prepares Feasibility study and presents to City (Mar) The study was prepared by historian Paul Sprague with architect William Dring.				

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		Exterior	Roof	
	The Mansion Association decorates building for the Fourth of July and six days later presents Folk Concert to capacity audience. (July)			
	The City of Ottawa, the Reddick Library Board and the Reddick Mansion Association enter into short term agreement to operate building (July)			
	The Ottawa United Fund moves to the Reddick mansion (Sept)			
	The Ground Floor is used for meeting purposes for groups and organizations (Sept)			
	Local Painters Union paints floor as public service project (Sept)			
	Rehabilitation ground floor for use of groups			
	Rehabilitate and decorate First Floor for Ottawa Chamber of Commerce.			
	Launch fundraising for restoration			
	Observe first Anniversary of Association with Annual Banquet.			
	Await funding for restoration of interior			
	Initiate remedial and preservation procedures for exterior of building			
	Auction held on April 7 of old shelving, tables, chairs and unused library equipment. Library netted about \$5,500.			
<b>1976</b>		Exterior painted \$9486 (RMA list) by Wilcox Paint (August)		
<b>1977</b>	Planning for renovation work \$6,870	April 1977 RMA received state grant for \$25,000	Recoat mansion roof \$700: D.H. Mayou Roofing (April) RMA history	Grant received for \$23,400 (actually received \$18,642). Installed terne metal roof, new belvedere and chimney alteration, repaired soffit and coping for \$46,262.
<b>1978</b>	The not for profit Reddick Mansion Association was formed. A final draft 99-year agreement made with the city on Dec 1, 1978	Install four new front doors, turn spindles for front balustrades and install balustrades (over entrance) Kerste & son, Wilcox Paint and Jobst monuments (etch glass) (June-July) RMA History		

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		Exterior	Roof	Site	Caretaker's House
1979	RMA minutes announce that a grant of \$18,642 received from the Illinois Department of Conservation.			RMA minutes announce that the city will restore the brick wall north of the Caretaker's House and tuckpoint the wall to the south (RMA history) (August)	
1980	RMA minutes announce that since its inception the "Restore-a-Brick" Program has brought in a total of \$47,492	RMA minutes record that the City had advertised for bids on pointing the exterior of the mansion (August)		RMA minutes reported that the Jewish Cemetery Association has offered the iron fencing on the east side of the cemetery to the Mansion.	RMA minutes announce award of bid to Koch Brothers for restoration of the roof and construction of a belvedere on the Caretaker's Cottage. Work began August 11.
1981					RMA minutes report that it was originally thought the Caretakers Cottage roof would not require painting; it now has been determined it will. A bid for two coats was accepted. (July)
1982		RMA minutes state tuckpointing made to the stone on the front steps (done by city of Ottawa) (Oct)			
1983	RMA minutes announce that the late Edward Peck had left \$50,000 to the Mansion Association in his will. RMA minutes announce that portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Reddick will be displayed in the Mansion, according to an agreement signed between the Acquisition Committee and Reddick's Library, owner of the portraits. This is to be on a loan basis				
1984				<b>Delmar Hayward donates 12 sections of cast iron fence</b>	Appellate court looked at Caretakers house as a possible sight for research office.
1985				City of Ottawa cover letter re: proposed sketch for retaining wall at Reddick's Mansion. 5.31.85(RMA files)	Interior rebuilt: new furnace, plumbing, wiring, some wall removal and some additions. Building ready for occupancy July 1, 1985 (for Appellate Court research office). City loaned RMA \$30,000 to aid cash floor for work.



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	Exterior	Roof	Site		Caretaker's House
1986	<p>Koehler Masonry and general construction proposal dated 4.4.86. Handwritten "ok" in corner – no signature of acceptance noted. "restoration of masonry work on brick and stone exterior on main building and adjacent building. This will include all necessary brick tuck pointing and complete patching where necessary on stone work. Not to exceed the sum of \$30,000. (RMA files) Note: \$10,000 for RMA money; \$30,000 by the city per handwritten RMA notes)</p>	<p>D.H. Mayou Roofing &amp; Supply Co. 12.16.86 proposal fully adhere. 060 gauge single ply rubber membrane over existing roof surface. Install water cut-off sealing mastic and aluminum termination bar along walls, outside edge, railing posts and stairway opening; fully adhere ½ inch thick asphaltic walkway surface over new rubber membrane from top of stairs to doorway. \$1,308 each stair landing. Approved 2.13.87; completed 3.2.87. (RMA files)</p>	<p>RMA minutes state Acquisition Committee accepted wrought iron fencing, posts, gate and capstones donated by Delmar and Harry Hayward. (Feb)</p>		<p>RMA minutes reflect total figures on the renovation of the Caretaker's House: \$62,450, skylight \$4,211, Simplex \$498. (Dec)</p>
1987	<p>Ortiz Painting 4.25.86 proposal paint all exterior doors and windows; reglaze as required. \$4524.00 not signed but handwritten "ok" in corner</p> <p>Ortiz Painting 4.25.86 proposal extra painting on south and east sides: ceilings, spindles and hand rails and black metal stairway on east side \$1722 (approved signature not readable) (RMA files)</p>				
1988					
1989					

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	Exterior	Roof	Site	Caretaker's House	
1990	Ortiz Painting 7.10.90 signed by Mellott ;exterior trim - all main windows and doors on three floors; all metal fire escape on east side, front black hand rails, all wood spindles (?) and porch (?) . scrape all ? peeling paint; prime all bare wood; reglaze windows as needed and caulk as needed; paint all trim one or two coats as needed: \$4,470.00 signed 8.11.90 (RMA files)	D.H. Mayou Roofing & Supply Co. Two bay windows and entry on south side: propose to furnish labor and materials to install .060 gauge black EPDM rubber roofing and flashing for \$1,754.00 signed by Mellott 5.11.90. (RMA files)	Perimeter cast iron fence: forms fabricated by Johnson Pattern & Machine Co. of Ottawa and they were cast by Sandwich Iron Foundry in Plano, IL. Valley Metal Products of Marselles, IL. Refurbished the original sections of fence obtained from Jewish Cemetery.	Willcox Paint and Decorating proposal 7.3.90 Caretaker's Cottage at Reddicks Mansion for interior cleaning and partial repainting: \$1130 signed by Mellott 7.12.90 (RMA files)	
1991	Ortiz Painting 7.10.90 signed by Mellott on 8.11.90. All top overhung (?) and small windows; scrape all lose and peeling paint, paint all the above two coats oil base one primer and one finish coat. \$12,374.00 (RMA files)		Perimeter cast iron fence installed		
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		Exterior	Roof	Site		Caretaker's House
2002						
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2004		Main fl. windows restored				
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2012						
2013						

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