

HISTORIC LANDMARK AWARDS

1911 — Historic Landmark Award



In the early 1900's, Colonel Calhoun purchased a portion of the Henry Secker farm that was located north of the former Chicago, Aurora & Elgin railroad tracks up to Charles Road, between Euclid and Villa Avenues. He built this two-story building and opened a grocery business, which served as the first store in the Villa Park subdivision. Since the store was not his main source of income, the Colonel opened it when he felt like it. A red flag was

raised to signal when the store was open for business. Since it only supplied staple goods, people had to travel to Elmhurst or Lombard for meat and dry goods, or buy chickens raised from local residents. In the 1920's, the building was moved from 216 South Villa Avenue to its present site. Over the years, many businesses have operated in this building, including a bootery, and a barbershop. Since 1982, it has served as the law office for Attorney Gerald S. Kalkanian.

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