

HOME OF PIONEERS LOCATED IN WILMETTE

Log Cabin, Now Effectively Camouflaged, Falls Into Path of New Street Project

Nestling quietly and serenely on the same little parcel of ground which has been its "home" for ninety years or more, stands a little log cabin defiantly overlooking the recent development of Pine Crest sub-division, west from Ridge road, Wilmette, which, ultimately spells the doom of what is said to be the oldest structure in New Trier township.

Few people on the north shore, perhaps, are aware of the history attached to this residence property. Few, if any, there are who have not driven past it many times. To be sure its camouflaged exterior whereby its original construction of logs is hidden, and the structure converted into a comfortable little cottage now owned by Albert Zeutschel, and bringing a monthly rental of \$25, presents no unusual appearance.

Faces Wrecker's Sledge

The home is located on the west side of Ridge road at a point where Central avenue, when extended, will pass, all of which means that soon the old landmark will fall victim to the steady and ruthless march of progress.

Albert Zeutschel, who has owned the property for the past five or six years, resides at 429 Ridge road, directly south of the old landmark. The historical log cabin, several years ago was modernized by the addition of an exterior of weather boards, the installation of modern window sash and the addition of a porch. Fred Montonera now lives there.

Mr. Zeutschel, who has lived in that section of Wilmette for 63 years, recalls that the little cabin of that day was standing where it now is as far back as he can remember.

Nicholas Bleser of 545 Ridge avenue, was born in Gross Point in 1860, and has always lived in that vicinity. "That was an old log cabin as far back as I

can recollect," Mr. Bleser said, when asked regarding its early history.

The story current when Mr. Bleser was a child set the time of the construction of the cabin as far back as 1838, one Discheit, a carpenter, who occupied it for many years, having been the builder.

Mr. Bleser says he is confident the cabin was erected as early as 1838, but is not certain that it was not an earlier date than that. Others are of the opinion that it was erected in about 1832.

The Clarence Melhopes of 300 Woodland avenue, with Jack and Ruth, leave Monday for Long Lake, Wis. They plan to be there until after Labor Day.

The Wilmette Golf club will entertain next Saturday evening with an informal dance.

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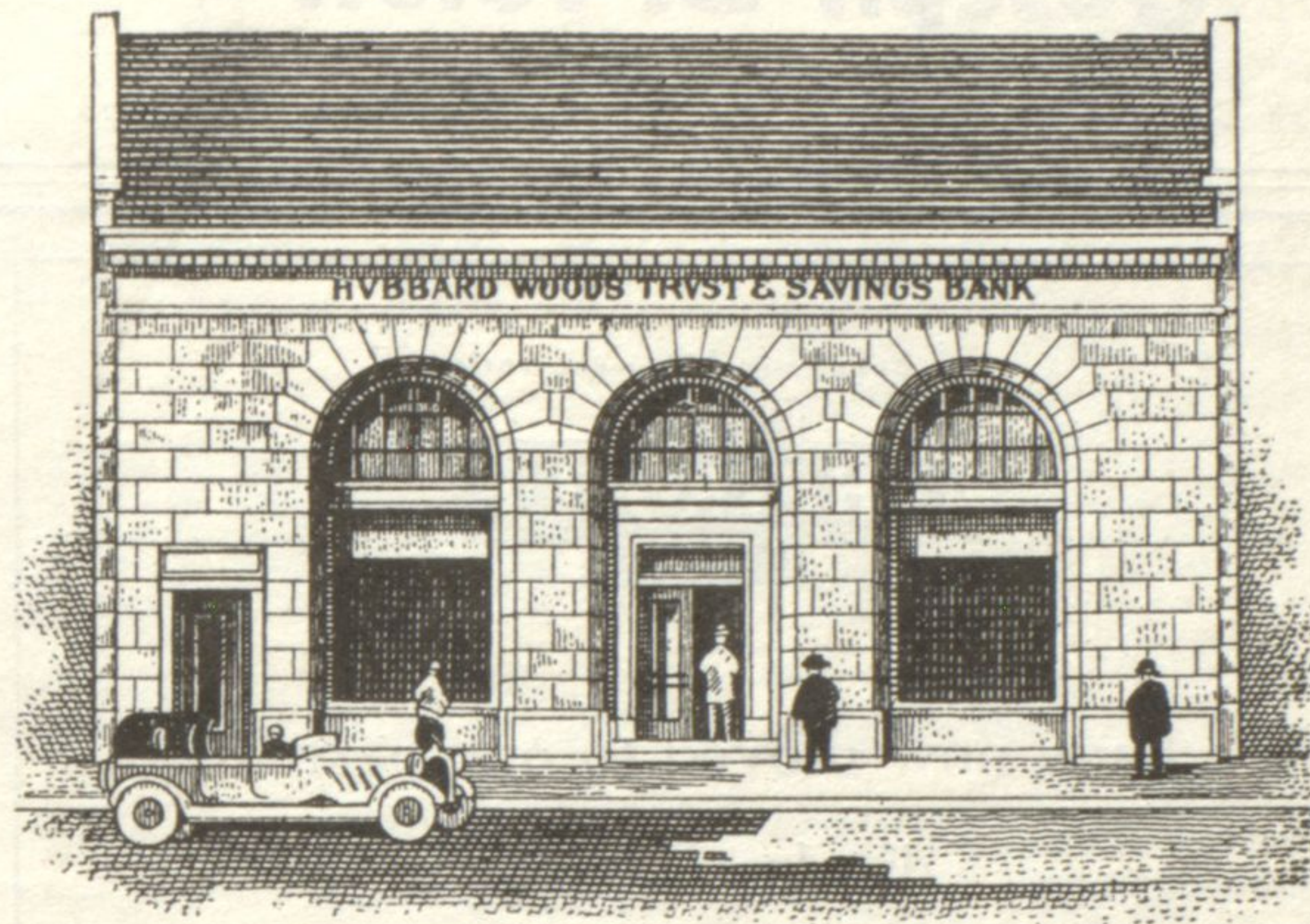
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