

## 308 E. 15th Street

This Queen Anne style home was built in 1895 by Hans Bille of Marshfield, for Dr. Henry A. & Anna Lathrop. Prior to this it was a farm owned by John Erion. In 1909 Wm. Noll, Jr., who lived at 117 S. Cherry, swapped houses with Dr. Lathrop. William Noll's son Arthur, lived in the home until his death in 1967, when the Walter Thomas family moved into the home. Walter Thomas and his son Gordon Thomas owned the Thomas IGA grocery store. The home had beautiful English oak and birch woodwork, hardwood floors throughout the house, several fireplaces, a library, two parlors, a huge dining room with built-in china cabinet, a huge kitchen and pantry, and a beautiful vestibule and open stairway, all of solid woods.



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### FRANK NOLL DIES; FUNERAL MONDAY

Was Pioneer Hardware Merchant And Treasurer Of Fair Association

RESIDED HERE 40 YEARS

Frank a Noll, 63, Pioneer Marshfield hardware merchant and treasurer of the Central Wisconsin State fair association, died at St. Joseph's hospital at 1:20 o'clock this morning, losing a battle against a decline that set in following an operation for ulcers of the stomach.

The end came after an illness that ha been acute since Thanksgiving. Mr. Noll had not been enjoying good health for a year, but except for a period of time spent at the hospital prior to his removal to that institution at Thanksgiving time, he was able to be up and around much of the time.

The announcement of his death cast a shadow of sorrow over the community and to many it brought a profound sense of personal loss. His keen interest in his business and affairs outside of that business, his personal sense of duty and his high ideas made his career one of great influence.

Mr. Noll was a resident of Marshfield the past 40 years. He witnessed the growth of the city from a small village to a prosperous

***Out of respect to Mr. Noll, the three banks of the city will remain closed until 11 o'clock Monday morning, it was announced today. Mr. Noll for many years served as a member of the board of directors of the First National bank and the three institutions decided this morning to remain closed during the funeral hours.***

community and figured prominently in its growth in various capacities.

### **Native of Wisconsin**

During his lone career as a business man, there are many who can attest to his generosity and kindness of heart. Through his assistance and kindly advice, many were started on the road to success in their undertakings. In his home life, he was known as a true husband and father, always devoted to his family and ever concerned about their welfare. He was generous in charitable work and never lost an opportunity of extending a helping hand to those in need or distress.

Mr. Noll was born in Kiel, Wis., on July 7, 1864, and received his education in the schools of Milwaukee. After finishing school, he associated himself with his father in the hardware business at Cascade. In 1887, his father, the late William Noll, and family moved to this city to reside. A short time previously the elder Mr. Noll and his son, Frank, had purchased the Philip Held hardware business in this city, which business has been conducted at the same location by the Nolls ever since. In June of the same year occurred the memorable Marshfield fire that destroyed nearly all of the property in the city including the Noll store. Undaunted, the owners rebuilt, replacing the old frame structure with one of brick.

**Was President of Company** Five years later, in 1892, the concern was incorporated as the William Noll Hardware company. Upon the death of William Noll in 1907, the firm continued, as it is today, under the direction of Frank Noll. Four years ago the store was remodeled, transforming it into one of the largest and finest enterprises of its kind in Central Wisconsin. Mr. Noll was the president of the company.

Mr. Noll was leader in various circles in the city. Besides being at the head of the hardware business and the treasurer of the Fair association, he served his ward as alderman for a number of years, as a member of the school board and was a director of the First National bank, the People's Gas company, of Marshfield, and the Hardware Men's Mutual Insurance company of Stevens Point. Fraternally, he was affiliated with the Elks, Eagles, and the Woodmen.

He was married to Miss Sadie Harkin of Marshfield July 7, 1890, who survives him. Their marital union was blessed with four children, all of whom survive. They are Frank W. Noll, Aberdean, S. D.; Mrs. Thomas P. Hayden, Fond du Lac; Agnes L. Noll, Marshfield, and Kathryn Noll, teacher at Hartford, Wis. He also leaves one brother, W. W. Noll, and one sister, Mrs. Herman Miels, both of Marshfield.

The funeral will be held from the Sacred Heart Catholic church at 9 o'clock Monday morning, Father H. P. Toeller officiating.

*(from Marshfield News-Herald, 17 December 1927, pg. 1)*

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### **W. W. NOLL DIES THIS MORNING**

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Heart Ailment Fatal to Man Who Helped Found Hardware Firm Here

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## HOLD FUNERAL FRIDAY

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W. W. Noll, one of the city's pioneers, died in St. Joseph's hospital at an early hour this morning, the result of a heart ailment which had kept him partially inactive for the past two years. He would have been 76 years old next April.

Funeral services will be held at 9 o'clock Friday morning in Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic church. A rosary service will be conducted at 8:30 o'clock tomorrow evening at Mr. Noll's late home, East Jackson street.

Mr. Noll, together with two brothers, Frank and Charley, came to Marshfield in 1887, and with their father founded the William Noll Hardware company. Charley died 32 years ago, and Frank passed away in December, 1927.

### **Born In Milwaukee**

With the exception or a few years spent in Minneapolis, Mr. Noll lived continually in Marshfield. He was born in Milwaukee in April, 1859 and spent his boyhood and young manhood in Milwaukee, Cascade and Oconomowoc. Before coming to Marshfield he operated a hardware business at Oconomowoc. Mrs. Noll died in February, 1923.

The members of the family are three sons. George, Arthur, and William; three daughters, Mrs. G. V. Kraus, Mrs. R. V. Gilmore, and Mrs. Frank Normington, Jr., the latter of Beloit. A sister, Mrs. Matilda Miels, a former Marshfield resident, lives in Milwaukee. There are five grandchildren.

### **Horse Racing His Hobby**

Mr. Noll withdrew from the Noll Hardware Company several years ago. Always interested in horses and harness racing, he has maintained two or more race horses for the past thirty or more years and was of course widely known over all the circuits throughout the middle west, up to a few years ago always visiting the races with his horses. For many years he was a member of Badger Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles, having served as trustee for a long time. In years past he was an ardent supporter of the Central Wisconsin fair association.

In spite of his advanced age and despite his ailment, he persisted in meeting his friends and getting about up to a few days before he was finally stricken. He was always attached to his friends, and, while those close to him knew that he was critically ill for the past two. years, his death comes as a shock. The passing of a man of Mr. Noll's affiliations and activities always leaves a void and creates a feeling of sincere regret.

*(from Marshfield News-Herald, 7 February 1934, pg. 1)*

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### **Walter Noll Sr. Dies at Age 57**

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Local Man Stricken Tuesday Afternoon

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Walter E. Noll Sr., a lifelong resident of Marshfield, died about 2 p.m. yesterday of a heart attack while seated in his car in front of the Marshfield Clinic. He resided at 803 S. Vine Ave., and was 57 years of age.

He was stricken as he was about to enter the clinic for an examination. He had complained of illness the previous evening and made an appointment with a Clinic physician for yesterday afternoon. He was alone in the car at the time.

The funeral Mass will be offered at 9:15 a. m. Friday at St. John's Catholic Church by the Rev. Bernard Schrieber, assistant pastor. Burial will be made in Hillside cemetery.



*Walter Noll*

The body will repose at the Hansen Funeral Home beginning this evening, The Elks will hold a Lodge of Sorrow there at 7:30 o'clock Thursday evening. This will be followed by a Catholic Order of Foresters rosary service at 8 p.m. and a general rosary service at 8:30 p.m.

Mr. Noll was born in Marshfield Oct. 21, 1897 and received his education in schools here. His marriage to Luella Desbrow, who survives him, was performed here July 11, 1924. He was employed by the Roddis Plywood Corporation for about 15 years.

Other survivors are a son, Walter Noll Jr., Marshfield; a brother, Karl E. Noll, Washington, DC, and three grandchildren. Mr. Noll was a member of the Elks Lodge and the Catholic Order of Foresters.

*(from Marshfield News-Herald, 29 June 1955, pg. 16)*

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#### **DIES-**

Arthur J. Noll, 67, a lifelong resident of Marshfield, was pronounced dead on arrival at St. Joseph's Hospital at 11 a.m. today after apparently suffering a heart attack at his home, 308 E. 15th St. The body is at the Rembs Funeral Home, where a rosary service will be conducted at 8:15 p.m. Friday. Services are set tentatively for Saturday.

*(from Marshfield News-Herald, 9 February 1967, pg. 10)*

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#### **Rites Set for Arthur J. Noll**

Services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church for Arthur J. Noll, 67, of 308 E. 15th St., who died Thursday. The Very Rev. L. H. Timmerman will officiate, and burial will be made in the Gate of Heaven cemetery.

The body will repose at the Rembs Chapel until time of services. A general rosary service will be conducted there at 8:15 o'clock tonight, and an Elk's Lodge of Sorrow at 7:30 o'clock tonight.

Mr. Noll was born in Marsh field Jan. 30, 1900, and had farmed and resided here his entire life. He never married.

He was a member of the Elk's Lodge, the United Commercial Travelers, and had served for many years as a director of the Central Wisconsin State Fair Association a position he continued to hold at the time of his death.

Survivors are three sisters, Mrs. Lorene Gilmore and Mrs. Inez Kraus, Marshfield; and Mrs. Lucille Normington, Beloit.

Three brothers preceded him in death.

*(from Marshfield News-Herald, 10 February 1967, pg. 11)*

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### **Walter Thomas Dies at Age 67**

Walter R. Thomas, 67, owner and operator of a grocery business here for more than 40 years, died at 6:35. p.m. Saturday at St. Joseph's Hospital, after a lingering illness. He had been making his home with a son, Gordon, at 308 E. 15th St., and entered the hospital on Dec. 26.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Virgil E. Taylor, pastor, officiating. Burial will be made in Hillside cemetery.

Friends may call at the . Hansen Funeral Home from 2 p.m. Tuesday until 11 a.m. - Wednesday, and then at the church. An Elks Lodge Of Sorrow at the funeral home at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday will be followed by Masonic rites at 8 p.m.

Mr. Thomas was born at Milladore Feb. 10, 1901 and received his education there. His marriage to , Marjorie G. Thomas who preceded , him in death on Oct. 4, 1966, took place at Sherry June 25, 1925. The couple spent most of their married life in Marshfield.



*Walter R. Thomas*

*(La Mere Photos)*

Fraternally, Mr, Thomas belonged to the Elks Lodge; the United Commercial Travelers; ' Marshfield Lodge 224, A. & F.M.; Marshfield Chapter 78, R.A.M., Marshfield Council 39, R. & S. M., Eau Claire, Scottish Rite Consistory (32nd degree) and Central Wisconsin Scottish Rite Club; and Zor Shrine Temple, Madison. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

He is survived by three sons, Walter, Hastings, Minn., and Gordon and Douglas, both of Marshfield; two daughters, Mrs. George (Janice) Winslow Jr., Orlando, Fla., and Mrs. Jalil (Judith) Mirzadegan, Santa Barbara, Calif.; 11 grandchildren; six brothers, Henry, Otto, Charles, Herbert, and Frederick, all of Wisconsin Rapids, and Arthur, Nekoosa; and four sisters, Mrs. Alfred (Lena) Mandel, Marshfield; Mrs. Ralph (Elizabeth) Scheel and Mrs. Frank (Hattie) Brecker, both of Loyal; and Miss Elfrieda Thomas, Wisconsin Rapids.

He was preceded in death by a son and two brothers.  
(from *Marshfield News-Herald*, 6 January 1969, pg. 10)

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### **Thomas Funeral**

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The Rev. Virgil E. Taylor officiated at the rites after which interment was made in Hillside cemetery.

Pallbearers were George Biechler, J. Rusk Jurgensen, Jerry Holubets, Robert Holubets, Arthur Schirpke and William Wenzel.

William Allen sang "Nearer My God to Thee" and "Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled." Mrs. Glenn D. Tinkham was organist.

The Elks Lodge of Sorrow Tuesday evening was conducted by Dr. Francis Kruse and the Masonic rites were performed by the Rev. Wesley Dafoe the same evening, both at the Hansen Funeral Chapel.

(from *Marshfield News-Herald*, 9 January 1969, pg. 11)

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### **Agnes L. Noll, 80, dies here**

Marshfield businesswoman and a leader of civic affairs, Miss Agnes L. Noll, 80, of 312 S. Cherry Ave. died at 2:39 p.m. Sunday in the emergency room of St. Joseph's Hospital. Death followed an apparent heart attack.

A Mass of the Resurrection will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, the Rev. Peter J. Leketas officiating. Burial will be in Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

Mrs. Helen Brinkmann will be organist. Pallbearers will be Thomas N. and Kevin R. Hayden, Alfred A. Brock, Lloyd Ringquist, Steve Hopkins and William J. Dehn.



*Miss Agnes L. Noll*

Friends may call after 2 p.m. Tuesday and until time of services Wednesday at Rembs/Kundinger Chapel.

Sacred Heart Christian Mothers Society rosary will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday: American Legion Auxiliary memorial service at 4; Catholic Daughters of America rosary at 7; and a parish vigil at 8. Miss Noll was born Aug. 13, 1898 in Marshfield to Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. (Sadie Harkin) Noll. She attended St. John's Parochial School, McKinley High School, and was a journalism graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

After graduating in 1921 she returned to Marshfield. She was associated with William Noll Hardware Co., the first retail hardware store in Marshfield prior to the fire June 27, 1887. In 1941 she founded Noll Gift Shop which she operated until her death.

She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Christian Mothers Society, Catholic Daughters of America. Operation Downtown Up-date's Government and Liaison Committee. Chamber of Commerce, Stierle Bird Club and from 1972-75 was a member of State Council of Library Development. She was president of Marshfield Free Library Board, past president of American Legion Auxiliary and from 1943-45, 1948-49 and 1954-55 president of Marshfield Business and Professional Women's Club.

She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Thomas P. (Edith N.) Hayden, Route 4. Mosinee; and a brother, Frank W. Noll. Phoenix, Ariz. A sister, Mrs. Kathryn Mahr, died in 1972.

Memorials may be designated to Marshfield Free Library, children's wing.  
*(from Marshfield News-Herald, 26 February 1979, pgs. 1 & 2)*

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### **Gordon R. Thomas**

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Memorial services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the Rembs/Kundinger Chapel. The Rev. Mark A. Krueger, of Christ Lutheran "I V 4 Gordon R. Thomas Church, will officiate. Military rites will be conducted at the Rembs/Kundinger Chapel by the American Legion Post No. 54 of Marshfield.

Memorials may be given in his name to Christ Lutheran Church or the Marshfield Medical Research Foundation.

Visitation will be at Rembs/Kundinger Chapel, from 1 p.m. Friday until time of services.

He was born Feb. 27, 1928, in Marshfield, to Walter R. and Marjorie G. Thomas. He attended Marshfield elementary schools, and graduated from Marshfield Senior High School in 1945.

He married Janette L. Holubets, June 2, 1951. at Christ Lutheran Church.

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After his discharge, he joined his father as co-owner of the Thomas IGA Food Market on S. Central Avenue. After the death of his father in 1969, he continued in the business with his brother, Douglas, until 1976. He then joined Supervalu in Wausau, retiring in 1982, due to ill health.

He was a member of Christ Lutheran Church, American Legion Post No. 54 of Marshfield, and a former member of the Elks Lodge No. 665 of Marshfield.

He is survived by his wife, Janette; three sons, Steven of Marshfield, Scott of Milwaukee, and Stuart of Madison; one daughter, Mrs. Michael (Susan) Ryan of Omaha, Neb.; two brothers, Walter of Hastings, Minn., and Douglas of Marshfield; two sisters, Mrs. Janece Smith of Houston, Tex., and Mrs. Jalil (Judith) Mirzadegan of Santa Barbara, Calif.; and one granddaughter.

He was predeceased by his parents, and one brother.  
*(from Marshfield News-Herald, 25 February 1988, pg. 15)*

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### **Survey lists potential historic sites**

City has two districts that may be considered for National Register

By Jonathan Gneiser, Marshfield News-Herald

After months of scouring the city for buildings that may be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, Timothy Heggland has narrowed the list to two potential new historic districts and about 16 individual historical resources.

Heggland, a historic preservation consultant from Mazomanie, has inventoried nearly 350 resources as part of his study of Marshfield buildings that will provide the Historic Preservation Committee with a list of historically significant structures. The survey has been paid for by an \$18,000 grant from the National Park Service's Historic Preservation Fund.

A potential district Heggland said he identifies as the West Fifth and Sixth Street District between Oak and Adams avenues contains about 58 buildings.

About 15 buildings near the Upham Mansion, 212 W. Third St, could be included in a nomination as a smaller historic district, Heggland said.

Possible homes for individual listing on the NRHP include a Queen Anne style house at 308 E. 15th St., a Colonial Revival style house at 1006 W. Eighth St., a Lustron House and Garage built after World War II at 906 North St., a 1950s era style house at 917 N. Chestnut Ave. and the Hamilton Roddis House at 1104 E. Fourth St. a Dutch Colonial Revival style house built in 1914 for the Roddis family of the Roddis Veneer and Plywood Co.

Four church properties are potentially eligible for the national register, including the Sacred Heart Catholic Church complex, 1011 and 1017 S. Central Ave. and 112 E. 11th St., the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church complex, 201-205 W. Blodgett St.; the Columbus Catholic High School/Our Lady of Peace church complex, 510 and 710 S. Columbus Ave. and 1300 and 1400 W. Fifth St.; and Zion Evangelical Church, 312 E. Ninth St.

Historic resources located in city parks include the Soo Line Steam Engine located at Wildwood Park and the Columbia Park Band Shell.

Since it's already not included in the city's Downtown Historic District, the R. Connor Co. Building, 108 W. Fourth St., could be listed on the national register, Heggland said.

The Marshfield Armory Building, 201 S. Oak Ave., and the Weinbrenner Shoe Co. Factory, 305 W. Third St., are also possibly eligible for the NRHP. Both were built using Works Progress Administration labor during the Great Depression, Heggland said.

Heggland said he recommends the city use the grant dollars it obtained to nominate a national historic district for the large West Fifth and Sixth Street District. The city can request another grant to nominate other properties that Heggland has identified.

Now that he's completed the completed reconnaissance portion of the survey, Heggland said he'll start researching the buildings he's identified and put them into categories based on their architecture, style and function. His final report will prioritize recommended nominations.

Bonnie Curtiss, city planner/zoning administrator, said a public meeting to update residents about the survey will be held during Historic Preservation Month in May and a formal presentation to the Common Council will occur after the survey is completed.

*(from Marshfield News-Herald, 15 February 2005, pg. A3)*

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### **Home has large yard mansion-type look**

By Ken Wood

There is a home at 308 E. 15th St., just west of the fair grounds, that has one of the largest yards I have seen in town. This home, built in 1894, looks like a stately mansion as it faces a beautiful, tree-lined front yard. It is located on a 118- by 350-foot lot, also one of the largest in the city.

The home has two stories with 10 rooms. The first floor has a kitchen, two living



*This home near the fairgrounds has a stately mansion look.*  
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



*This home on 15th Street has a large lawn. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO*

rooms ( a dining room is listed on the 1973 record), a library and one full and one half bathroom. There is also a fireplace.

The second floor has five bedrooms and a full bath.

The front of the house is beautifully set off by the 33-foot porch that continues down the east side of the house for another 21 feet. There is also a 6- by 4-foot side porch.

The 24- by 26-foot garage located at the rear of the property was built in 1900 and is very large for that time period.

It is a spectacular home in a setting unlike any other I have seen so far in the city. Well worth the look this summer. *(from Marshfield News-Herald, 14 July 2014, pg. A6)*

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Property Records of Marshfield, Wood County, Wisconsin:

<http://assessordata.org/reports/6973368141012.pdf>

Wisconsin Historical Society's Architecture and Inventory:

<https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/Records/Property/HI138104>