

Harriet Emma nee Buck and Richard Norman Lanyon's Life Together

Harriet (Hattie) was born and raised in Port Dover, Ontario, Canada, whereas Richard (Dick) was born and raised in Mineral Point, Wisconsin, USA. Dick left Mineral Point and relocated to Rockford, Illinois, perhaps to find employment. They were married in Caledonia, Ontario, located about 23 miles northeast of Port Dover. See page 3.

These two locations are separated by about 560 miles of land travel. How Hattie and Dick met is unknown, but some encounter brought them together and the attraction must have been strong considering that Hattie was two weeks short of her 16th birthday and Dick was 21 years and 8 months old when they were married. Perhaps, it wasn't a forced marriage because their first child was born 10 months after their wedding in September 1873.

Following their wedding, the couple returned to Rockford. Dick was employed as a sign painter. Their life in Rockford must have been sufficiently good because they were listed in the city directory for 12 years, 1874 through 1886. See page 4.

First child, Elizabeth (Bess) Brenton Lanyon, was born on 31 July 1874 in Rockford.

Second child, Clyde Norman Lanyon, was born on 27 August 1876 in Rockford.

Third child, Maude Lanyon, was born on 27 Nov 1879 in Rockford.

Fourth child, Edwin Lanyon, was born on 28 December 1880. Died within one month.

Fifth child, Frances Elizabeth Lanyon, was born on 9 April 1882 in Rockford.

The family relocated to Englewood, a Chicago suburb in 1886. Dick's father Josiah and his family had already moved to Englewood the year after Dick's marriage.

Sixth child, Charles Henry Lanyon, was born on 20 January 1887 in Englewood.

Seventh child, Harriet Louise Lanyon, was born on 26 February 1889 in Englewood.

Eighth child, Esther Ruth Lanyon, was born on 16 November 1892 in Chicago. Englewood was annexed into Chicago following a referendum on June 29, 1889.

Ninth child, Howard Wesley Lanyon, was born on 26 September 1895 in Chicago.

Tenth child, Robert Lanyon, was born on 8 September 1899 in Chicago.

At some point during their life in Englewood, the family began living in a three-story wood frame house at 240 West 61st Place. It is believed that Dick's father built or oversaw the building of this house. The house remained in the family until the 1950s when it was purchased by Cook County for construction of the Dan Ryan Expressway. Yale Avenue now occupies the site where the house was located.

In 1911, Dick bought a family burial plot in Mount Hope Cemetery. See pages 5 and 6.

Dick bought land in Indiana to start a business. A house on this property meant that Hattie and Dick and their still-at-home children must have spent some of their time there.

The start of the Great Depression late in 1929 brought hardship to many but with Hattie and Dick in their 70s, they were mostly concerned about their children and grandchildren. Some of this concern is expressed in the letters Dick wrote to Maude, their 50 year old daughter in California. See pages 7 through 14.

Hattie and Dick are pictured in their later years on page 15 and were laid to rest in Mount Hope Cemetery shown on pages 16 and 17.

Marriage certificate of Dick N. Lanyon and Hattie Buck

A torn and disintegrated hand written note reads as follows:

Caledonia

September 29, 1873

I hereby certify that

I this day united in

the marriage between

Mr. Dick Norman Lanyon

of Rockford, Illinois, and

Hattie Emma Buck of

Port Dover in the County

of Norfolk, Province of Ontario

and Dominion of Canada.

James Black

Presbyterian Elder

Philip R. Howard, Witness

J.P. Williamson, Witness

Note: Caledonia is located in Haldimand, Ontario, Canada.

Prepared by Dick Lanyon

January 1, 2017, corrected location, November 2, 2024.

1880 Census (10th) of the USA – Winnebago County, Illinois, page 34, Supervisory District #2, Enumeration District #230

George Street, house number 706, dwelling number 298, family number 306

Name of person	Color	Sex	Age	Marital status	Relationship to head	Occupation	Birthplace of of person	Birthplace of persons father	Birthplace of persons mother
Lanyon, Richard N	W	M	27	M	Self	Sign Painter	Wisconsin	England	England
Lanyon, Hattie	W	F	23	M	Wife	Keeping house	Canada	Canada	Canada
Stevens, Annie	W	F	21	S	Cousin	At home	Wisconsin	Unknown	England
Lanyon, Bessie	W	F	6	S	Daughter	At home	Illinois	Wisconsin	Canada
Lanyon, Clyde	W	M	4	S	Son	At home	Illinois	Wisconsin	Canada
Lanyon, Maude	W	F	2	S	Daughter	At home	Illinois	Wisconsin	Canada

This information was copied from census records at the Rockford Public Library by Richard Fred Lanyon, 1980.

Update in January 2025. The 1880 George Street remains but not by that name according to maps at the Rockford Public Library. According to Google maps, where George Street was is now Woodlawn Avenue, there is no current address for 706 Woodlawn Avenue, and the space where 706 would be, just north of Acorn Street, is vacant.

The 1880 Rockford City found online at <https://auth.rockfordpubliclibrary.org/genealogy/1880Rockford.pdf> lists on page 89 the following: Lanyon, D. N. res. 706 George; Lanyon, Miss E, empl. stocking factory, bds 507 Pleasant. The identity of Miss E. Lanyon is unknown, but could be Dick's older sister.

Agreement to Purchase

Duplicate

AUG 26 1917 19__

This Agreement, Made this _____
Between the **Mount Hope Cemetery Association** a corporation of the State of Illinois, hereinafter called the Association, and Dick H. Langen hereinafter called the purchaser.

Witnesseth, That, if the purchaser shall first make the payments and perform his agreements hereinafter mentioned, said Association hereby agrees then to convey to said purchaser by a good and sufficient Warranty Deed, a Lot of Land in the Cemetery of the Association, called **Mount Hope Cemetery**, situated in the Town of Worth, County of Cook, and State of Illinois, which Lot is delineated and laid down on the maps or plans of said Cemetery on file in the office of said Association, at Chicago, and therein designated as lots number Thirly three + Thirly four in Section Eighteen in Division A the specified area whereof is Four hundred square feet, more or less, to have and to hold said premises when so conveyed as a place of interment to said purchaser, his heirs and assigns forever; subject, however, to the provisions, restrictions, conditions and limitations specified in the Rules and Regulations of said Association now in force or which said Association may hereafter make which shall be made a part of said conveyance. And the said purchaser hereby agrees to pay to said Association the sum of Two hundred + forty eight Dollars, purchase price for said lot in the manner following:

On the date hereof an installment of Fifty Dollars cash, and on each first day of each January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December _____

thereafter, an installment of Sixteen $\frac{50}{100}$ Dollars until said purchase price shall have been fully paid, it being understood that each payment or installment aforesaid shall bear interest at the rate of SIX PER CENT. per annum payable semi-annually, from the date of this contract to the date of the payment of such installment.

It is further agreed that said purchaser may inter in said lot after one-fourth of said purchase price shall have been paid under this agreement but not before, but no deed shall be delivered by said Association for the above described lot until it is paid for in full, and in case of default in the above mentioned payments, or any part thereof, or any of the covenants herein contained, and the continuance of such default for more than sixty days, said Association shall have the right and is hereby authorized and empowered to declare this agreement and the payments thereunder, forfeited, and to enter upon said lot and remove the remains of any person or persons that may be buried thereon and re-inter the same elsewhere in said Cemetery, and to again dispose of said lot the same as if this agreement had not been made.

The time of payment shall be an essential part of this contract; and the agreement herein contained shall extend to and be obligatory upon the successors and assigns of said Association and the heirs, administrators, executors and assigns of the purchaser.

In Witness Whereof, said Association has caused these presents to be signed by its officer duly authorized thereunto for and on its behalf and said purchaser has hereunto set his hand this day and year first above mentioned.

Association's Address
320 Old Colony Building
Chicago, Ill.

MOUNT HOPE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION.

By [Signature] President.
Secretary.

Dick H. Langen Purchaser.
240 - W - 41st Place Address.
Chicago

OK
[Signature]

15435

Chicago, Ill.,

Oct 2 1911

Mr Dick T. Canyon
240 W 61st St

TO MOUNT HOPE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION, DR.

For work on Lot 93-94

Section 18

By Check on account

\$1650

Recd payment

~~W. H. Lee~~ aut Secy

PAYMENT MUST BE MADE BEFORE WORK IS DONE.

Deed No. 1847—Division—D

—THE—

MOUNT HOPE CEMETERY

ASSOCIATION OF CHICAGO

TO

Dick T. Canyon

Lots No. 93-94—Section No. 18—

Square Feet—400—\$240.00

Entered Deed Book, Page—112—

Entered Lot Book, Page—472—

Entered Index Book, Letter—K—

Sept 11th 1912

Hear Billy and Maud Chicago Jan 29th 1930

Oakland Cal

Am fully glad to get you located once more - we had about given you up, perhaps lost in one of those quakes out there or destroyed by flying machine we did not know what to think of your absence we received your telegrams + letter O.K. and your talks over long distance phone for which we thank you, I supposed the Girls wrote to you long ago there is no excuse that you have not received several letters before this, Frances has been to the Hospital and been operated on for tumor, following that again operated on for Tonsils, then again for Sinus then she sprained her Ankle and then some, I suppose you heard that Lester's wife Olga died in Hospital cardiac Heart. we are all well at present. we have had so far the most disagreeable Winter we ever had, and the last year (1929) has been less building going on and great numbers out of employment I have now eleven Apartments four of them vacant However the next 2-years everything will boom on account of worlds Fair, Chicago has grown wonderfully and Improved in buildings Parks, Streets and other projects. over

Well C. H. Langdon died & then Clarence Rively soon after
Fannie Rively committed suicide by Gas, a week later her
Mother died old John the father is still living in the
House with Family, he is well - 87 years old. Estate in Court,
he has a family keeping the house and he has a devil of
a time with them and they are a set of Crooks and tries
to beat him out of everything he has through the
Connivance of a Shyster Lawyer. However we have
with other relatives & another Lawyer made up a contract
between them that will protect him somewhat.

Your uncle Fred is now living at Mineral Point Wis -
with Aunt Mary, he has had a couple of strokes
he is practically helpless, cant do nothing at all,
well we are all looking for all kind of business
to boom this coming Spring -

You will have to make another trip to Chi¹
to get in touch with the many changes that
has taken place and the details thereof as they
are so varied and numerous to write.

With Highest Regards best wishes & love and wishing
you to make us another visit in the near future
we are as ever affectionately

Rick and Hattie

Chicago April 21st 1930

Dear Billyrd & Maude

I take pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of a Beautiful Bouquet of a variety of magnificent Flowers consisting of Easter lillies, sweet peas, tulips, Pinks, Roses, snapdragon Maiden fern, a very large and gorgeous Bouquet and very much admired by all saw them and they are still bright & Fresh Robert also brought a pot of tulips and with other trimmings made a beautiful and enjoyable Easter and our many heartfelt ^{thanks} go out to you for your kindness and forethought otherwise we are all well but me I have been having a bad time with neuritis & sciatic in feet & legs and I fell & sprained my knee but I am much better now. Frances went to Milwaukee with a party of (old Maids) The Brunswick Co who Robert has been with some years sold to the Warner Brothers Movie Co of N.Y. so Robert is going to New York soon to Engage in the Movies or some thing similar I expect he will be in Hollywood before he finishes as Musical Critic

Billy I am writing with Pencil as it is
easier for me so please excuse any errors
we are having lots of cold rains just now
not much sunshine the past winter I ever passed
so many out of employment cant pay Rent so I have
4 flats now vacant however I may rent them by
first of may everything is green the leaves +
grass looking fine and business picking up
and will soon hit the regular Chicago pace -
Howard + Family (2 Girls) comes over every week
or ten days he is doing pretty well he is the
Chicago Agency has an office and sells Foundry
Supplies to steel mills etc Charley is making Ice Cream
as usual his wife daughter Virginia and himself
are all big as a Round House about 280 or more
Frances + Bess are holding same positions
Your Uncle Charley's Estate has not been settled yet
Fred is still up with Mary at Mineral Point he
not able to do anything, this will be all this time
Wishing you Both all the Luck and Happiness
the future may bring and with much love

The Lawton Family

H.M.L.

Hear Billy + Maud Chicago Feb 7th 1932

1932 - 51st Ave. Oakland Cal

I am writing in acknowledg of the several Telegram
Letters you have sent the different ones of
the Family of Congratulating their Birthdays etc
and particularly the one you sent to me, it was
Very kind of you both to remember so promptly
and so nice, we are all getting older every day
and I and your mother are feeling the effects
of old age quite perceptibly with many pains,
stiff joints, Rheumatism, Neuritis, gout and other
infirmities at times and loss of memory of
many little things, However your mother and
I are fairly well this Winter and by the way
we have enjoyed the mildest weather ~~the~~ this
winter we ever experienced we have had several
light snows + frosts but mostly gone next day, even
the ground is not frozen yet, it has not been
below 1° above zero for 2-years just past runs
about -30 to 60 on an average so you see we are
fareing pretty well as far as the Climate is concerned.
However we are suffering greatly from the
Great depression the world over particularly
Chicago, so many out of Employment without money.
So many Banks closed up with deposits wiped
out by frozen assets on Real Estate Loans etc
and huge losses on stock markets, but I am sure
are posted on all these facts already - over

There is only about 50%⁹ per cent of Rental property occupied
and rents cut 50% and that heard to collect in instances
enough of this, Robert is still in New York still on
his job as is Bess + Francis on their jobs and so is Howard
and Charlie (in luck) Esther's Man Frank is too. so you
see it might be worse, the Japanese are raising
Hell with China in defiance of the world and against
all their pledges to the contrary, the Powers ought
to Execute all the Leaders responsible for this.
So I will conclude by wishing to see you
both any time and hope this finds you
enjoying good health, wishing all the luck
and pleasure in this world

with Highest Regards + Love

Your Mother + Father

Chicago Jan 14th 1934

Dear Billy + Maud

First-you must excuse me for writing with a pencil as it is easier for me and I can erase any mistakes I make, the 27th of this month will be my 82nd Birthday and I am now the oldest continuous resident of Englewood I first came to Chicago 1867 when I was 15 years old 67 years ago and I am the oldest except one Cousin Albert who is one year older than I am we two are the only ^{Langyours} living of the original families, I am out fussing around every day keeping up repairs around our buildings getting supplies and (bossing the job.) and first up in the mornings and last to bed. Enough of this personal reminder, Referring to your opinions and Ideas expressed in your last letter, I agree with you in toto, regarding kidnapers and indeed all major crimes, let Judge Lynch do the job" after all that is the most practical prompt and efficient way to dispose of ^{the} criminals we have to contend with, the prevailing Judges and Juries are a farce in rendering Justice to the people, against all manner of Crimes Over

we have had wonderful weather this fall, little frost and cold, just once or twice down to and below zero, average temperature 30 to 50 degrees and very light snows of course we have our little aches and pains at times but generally pretty well. we are going to have a wonderful Fair this year and you must by all means plan to come home and attend it and you will be greatly surprised, such sights and great growth of the City itself will no doubt please you very much, and we all will enjoy having you with us again, and want to extend you the thanks of the whole Family for your kindness by sending us the many gifts and telegrams in the past. So you must plan to visit us if possible when convenient this year. I don't think you will ever regret it, wishing you both all that is good and enjoyable in this world.

Affectionally
 Your Father and Mother
 and the whole Family



Circa 1934 Dick and Hattie outside in
the side yard of their home at
240 West 61st Place, Chicago

Burial Information for Dick N. Lanyon family and descendants

Cemetery visit by Richard Lanyon on October 7, 2021

Mount Hope Cemetery Association, 11500 South Fairfield, Chicago, IL 60655, 708-371-2818

Burials located in Section 18, lot 93

Map on page 2.

Headstones, flush with the ground, are located along the east and west edges of the lot

Along the west edge from south to north are the following:

- Howard W. Lanyon, September 26, 1895 – May 26, 1968, Illinois, Sgt US Army, WWI
- Maude Lanyon Mervin, 1878 – 1947
- Esther R. Anderson, 1892 – 1963
- Frank O. Anderson, 1886 – 1962
- Frances E. Lanyon, 1882 – 1968
- Robert Lanyon, 1899 – 1961

Along the east edge from south to north are the following:

- Clyde N. Lanyon, 1876 – 1911, Masonic symbol included
- Fannie B. Lanyon, 1890 – 1941
- Charles H. Lanyon, 1887 – 1944
- Dick N. Lanyon, 1852 – 1935
- Harriet E. Lanyon, 1857 – 1936
- Bess B. Lanyon, 1874 – 1950

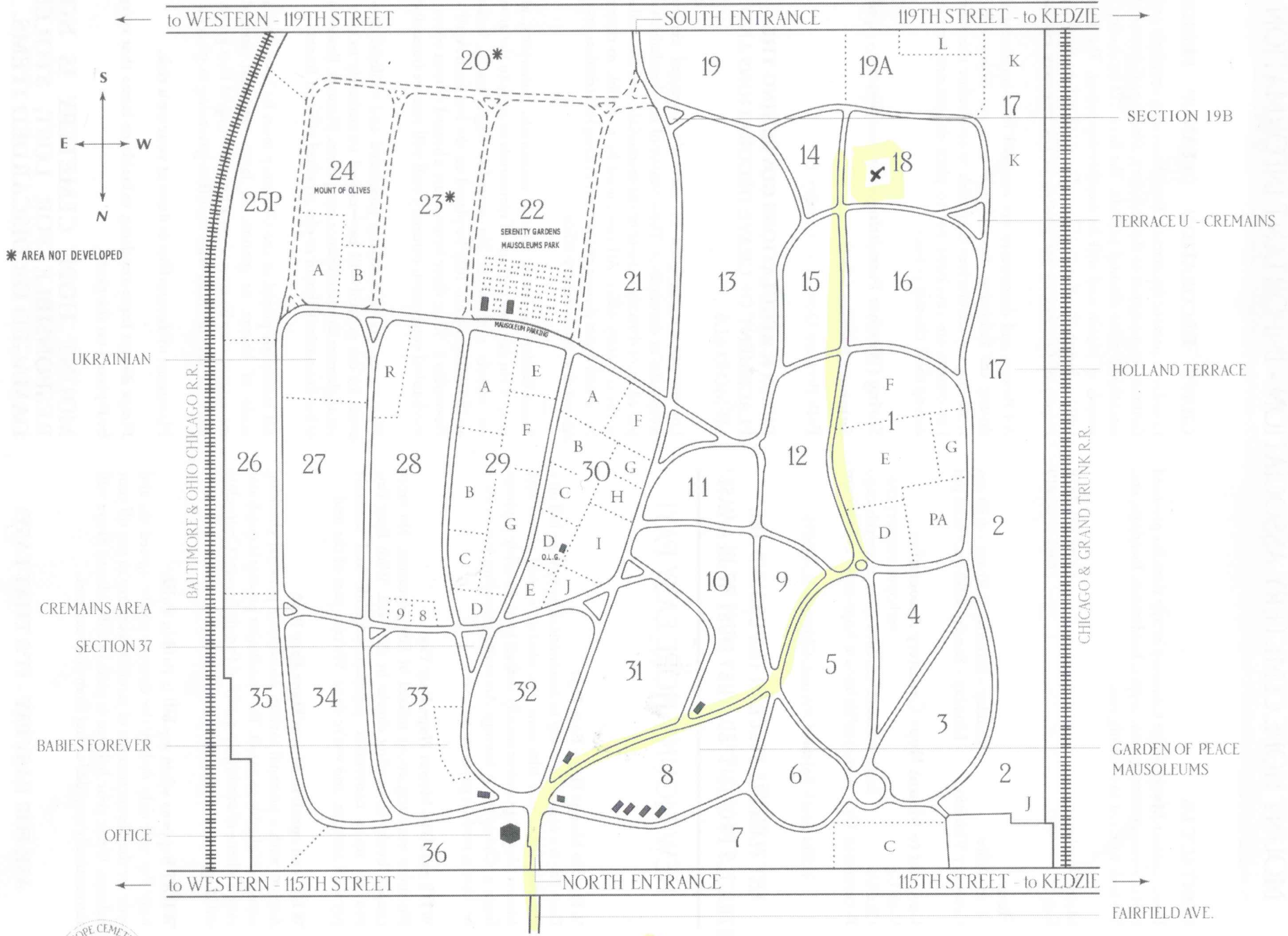
At the foot of Howard's grave is this marker:

- Ellen M. Lanyon, 1903 - 1995

A large tree is adjacent to the headstones for Howard and Maude. The tree is 98 feet south of the centerline of the road bordering Section 18 on the north, and 118 feet west of the centerline of the road bordering Section 18 on the east.

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 Section: 18 Block: _____ Lot / Ter / Row: lot 93
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