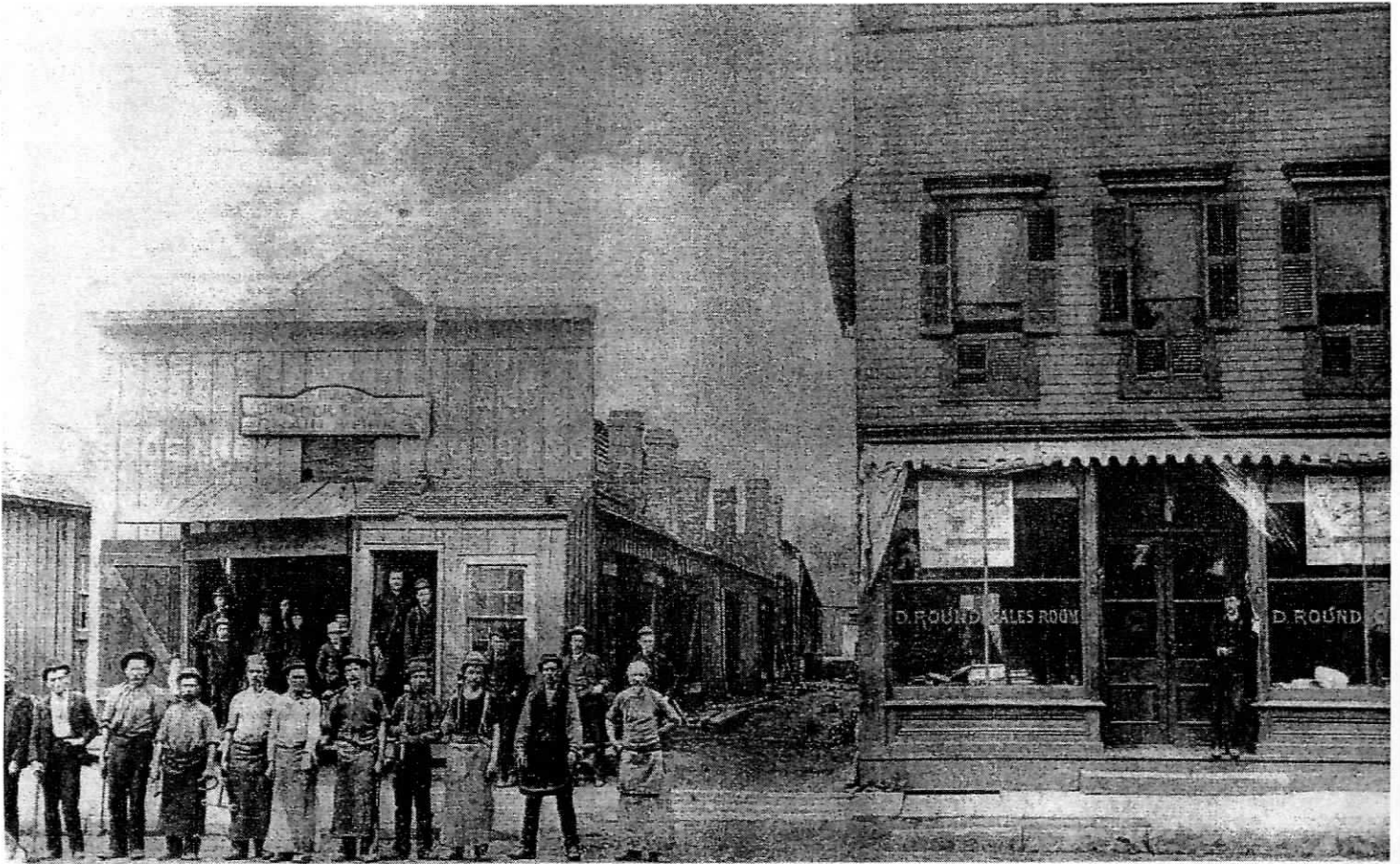


THE EARLY ROUND CHAIN COMPANY

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**ROUND CHAIN WORKS 1884
2287 BROADWAY AVE.**

Do you remember the huge mansion on the corner of Turney and Garfield Boulevard? The one where SS Peter and Paul church now stands. Well it was there and was probably the largest house in our area and owned by Louis D. Round one of the wealthiest families in Garfield Heights. The Round family estate included all of the lots and houses from Turney Rd. to E. 94th Street on the north side of the Boulevard as well as the south side east to E. 97th Street. Their prominence however was acquired because of the Round Chain Company.

Louis D. Round was born in Ponti Prio Whales in 1866. He was brought to the US by his parents David and Hanna of English ancestry to Trenton NJ later to Troy NY and finally to Cleveland OH in 1869. Sometime later David Round founded the Ohio Chain Company. As one of the first manufacturer of chain, chain hoists, trolleys, winches and cranes in the US (the first manufacturer in the City of Cleveland) David Round very early in his career gained an enviable reputation as "maker of high quality chain hoists". When Louis was 16 he was in the employ of his father. In 1887 at the age of 21 he was made partner of the David Round and Son Company. In 1906 David Round died and Louis then became the chief executive. The company ultimately had facilities from coast to coast.

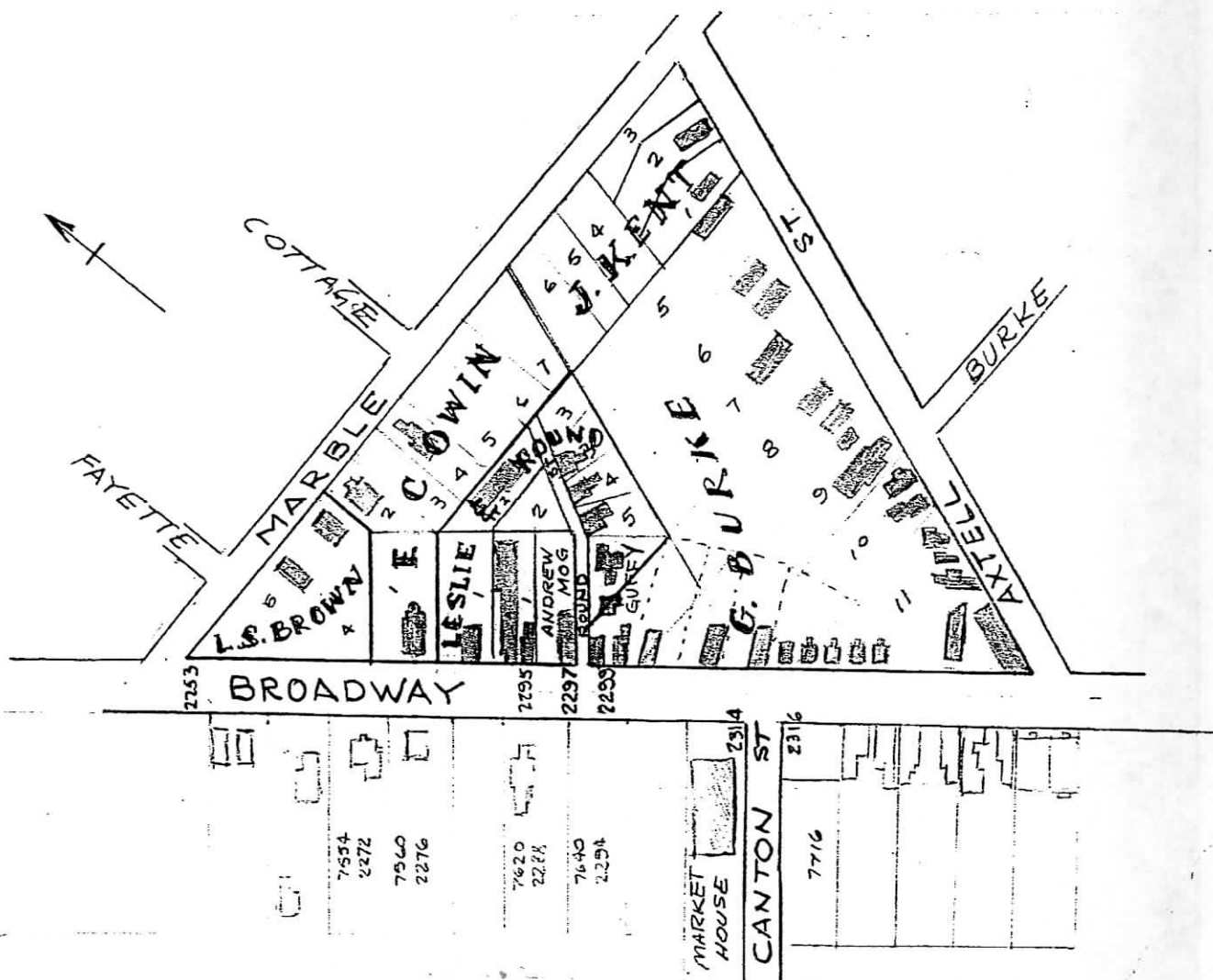


1880's

The earliest listing of the company occurred in the area of Broadway Ave. between Marble and Canton Avenue in Cleveland. A check of the City Directory records of Cleveland shows David Round in 1874 as the "Ohio Chain Co. in residence near Marble Ave. in Newburgh. Before Dec. 1873 that part of Cleveland today was not yet annexed and was still in Newburgh Township. The Newburgh Township directory records are lost to history.

I have included a listing of the Round family taken from the Cleveland directories for a series of dates through 1920. Using this information and copies of Sanborn Insurance maps which are also included you can determine the location of the factories and some of the family residences which were all nearby within walking distance. See all the maps and compare them to the directory listings.

In 1879 the directory indicates the Chain and Cable Works was first located at 2316 Broadway. This is the southwest corner of Canton Ave. And Broadway. The next factory location was at 2287 Broadway in 1884. See the two included vintage pictures. Today this is the corner of Round St., a short red brick dead end street, along side the Broadway Fire Station. The fire station is the site of that second factory. It is diagonally across the street from the old Newburgh Market that now is the Allegheny Child Care Center.



THE ROUND PROPERTY

ROUND FAMILY CITY DIRECTORY RECORDS

1874

Round David (Ohio Chain Co.), r. es.
Broadway, nr. Marble, Nbgh.
Round George, chain mkr. Ohio Chain Co.
r. Nbgh.

1875

Round David, chainmkr. r. 2318 Broad-
way

1876

Round George, chain mkr. r. 2320 Cen-
tre, 18th w.

1878

Round David, grocer. 2318 Broadway
Round George, chain mkr. r. 2320 Cor-
nell

CHAIN MANUFACTURERS.

Cleveland Chain Works, Euclid av. at
C. & P. R. R. crossing; Younglove,
Brew & Co. proprs.
Round David, 2316 Broadway

1879

Round David, chain and cable wks. 2316
Broadway, r. 2318 Broadway
Round George, chainmkr. David Round

1881

Round David, chain works, 2316 Broadway,
r. rr. 2318 Broadway
Round George, wks. D. Round

1882

Round David (D. Round & Co.), r. 1 Round
Round & Co. (David Round and A. J. Hamilt-
ton), chain works, 2316 Broadway
Round George, chainmkr. r. 2113 Phillips

1884

Round David, chain mkr. 2287 Broadway, r.
ss. Round, nr. Broadway
Round Eli, chainmkr. r. 2348 Stafford
Round George, chainmkr. r. 2066 Phillips

CHAIN MANUFACTURERS

Round David, 2287 Broadway
Woodhouse Samuel, es. Stafford, nr. Union

1886

Round David, chain mkr. 2287 Broadway, r.
ss. Round, 1st house n. of Broadway
Round Eli, chain maker, r. 2348 Stafford
Round George, chain maker, r. 2066 Phillips
Round Lewis D. clerk r. Round, 1st house n.
of Broadway

1894

Round David (D. Round & Son), r. 12 Round
Round D. & Son (David and Louis D.), chain
mfrs. 2287 Broadway
Round Eli, chainmkr. r. 91 Rural
Round George, chainmkr. r. 98 Rural
Round Louis D. (D. Round & Son), r. 264 Hosmer

1900

Round Brazell M. polisher, r. 103 Second av.
— David (D. Round & Son), r. 2272 Broadway
— David D. chainmkr. r. 2113 Phillips

ROUND D. & SON

(David and Louis D.), Chain, Chain
Block and Crab Mfrs., 2287 to 2291
Broadway, Tels. Cuya. C. 4353; Ed.
Main. 1657
— Eli A. chainmkr. r. 1121 St. Clair
— George, chainmkr. r. 2113 Phillips
— Louis D. (D. Round & Son), r. 77 Marcellus
— William A. gartener, r. 149 Doad, Union

1908

Round Alice R. r. 7554 Broadway SE
— David D. chainmkr. r. 3014 E 76th SE

ROUND D. & SON,

(Louis D. Round), Chain, Chain Holsts
and Crab Mfrs., 7625 Broadway, S.E.;
Both Phones

Round—Continued

— George chainmkr. r. 6727 Chambers av SE
— George chainmkr. r. 3014 E 76th SE
— George mach. r. 5103 Superior av NE
— Hannah wld David r. 7554 Broadway SE
— John mach. r. 3614 E 76th SE
— Louis D. (D. Round & Son) r. Turney rd
op. Garfield Park
— Samuel M. fire dept. r. 5103 Superior NE

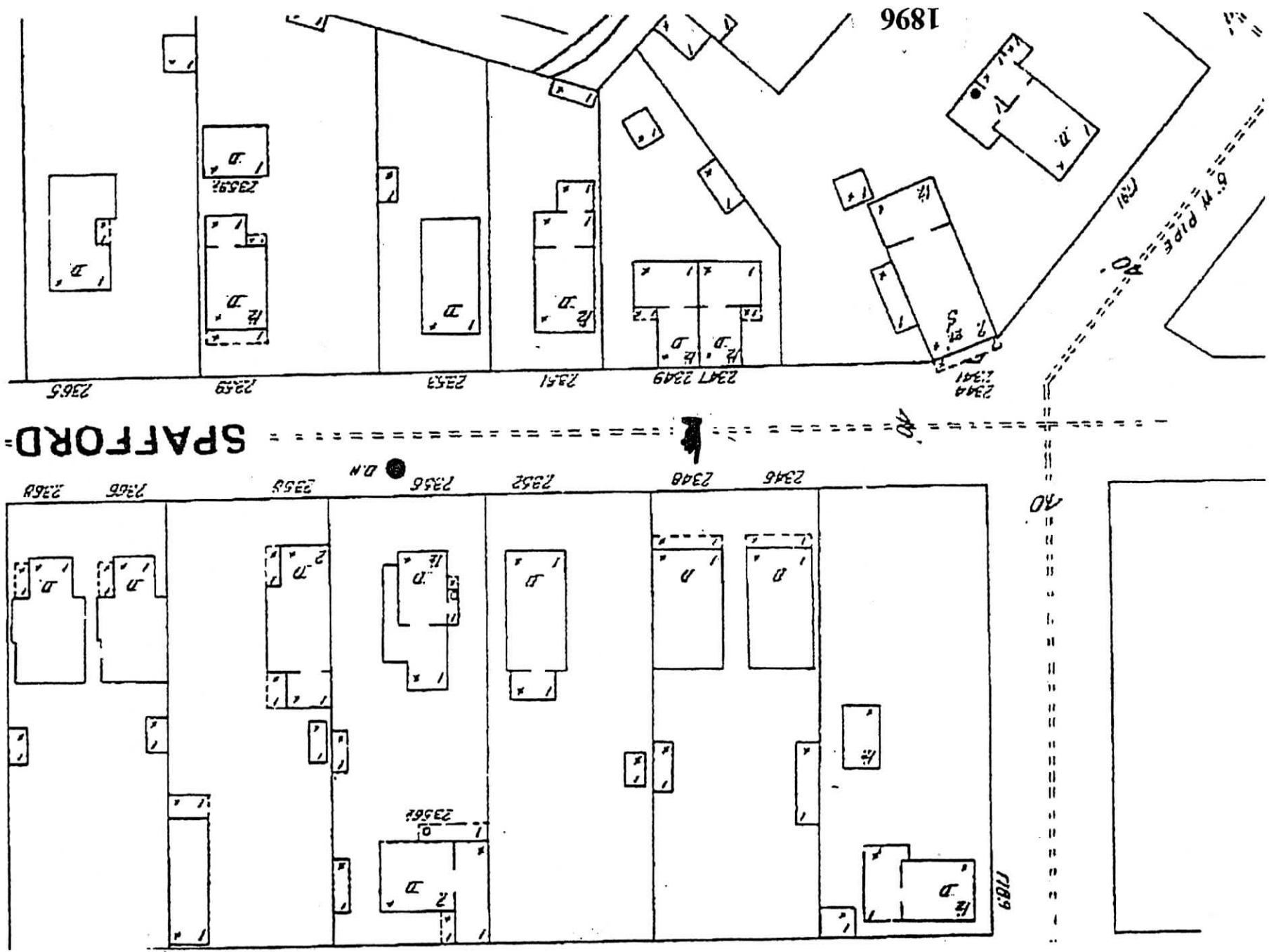
1920

Round Amy widow W. A. r. 846 Lakeriew rd
— Eli A. foreman r. 4177 E 94th
— Elsie J. stenographer r. 946 Lakeriew rd
— Geo. chainmaker r. 8023 Maryland av
— Geo. D. toolmaker r. 768 Eddy rd

Round—Continued

— Hannah widow David r. 7554 Broadway
— Harry chainmaker r. 3010 Macompl. av
— Howard Y. electrician r. 12620 Brickland av
— John B. machinist r. 1116 Clansen av
— Louis D. sec. Stern Furniture Co. r. Turney rd S
Nbgh
— Saml M. fire dept. r. 467 E 120th

1896



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5" N. PIPE
1891

7189

AETNA

1896

311 313

95' RURAL

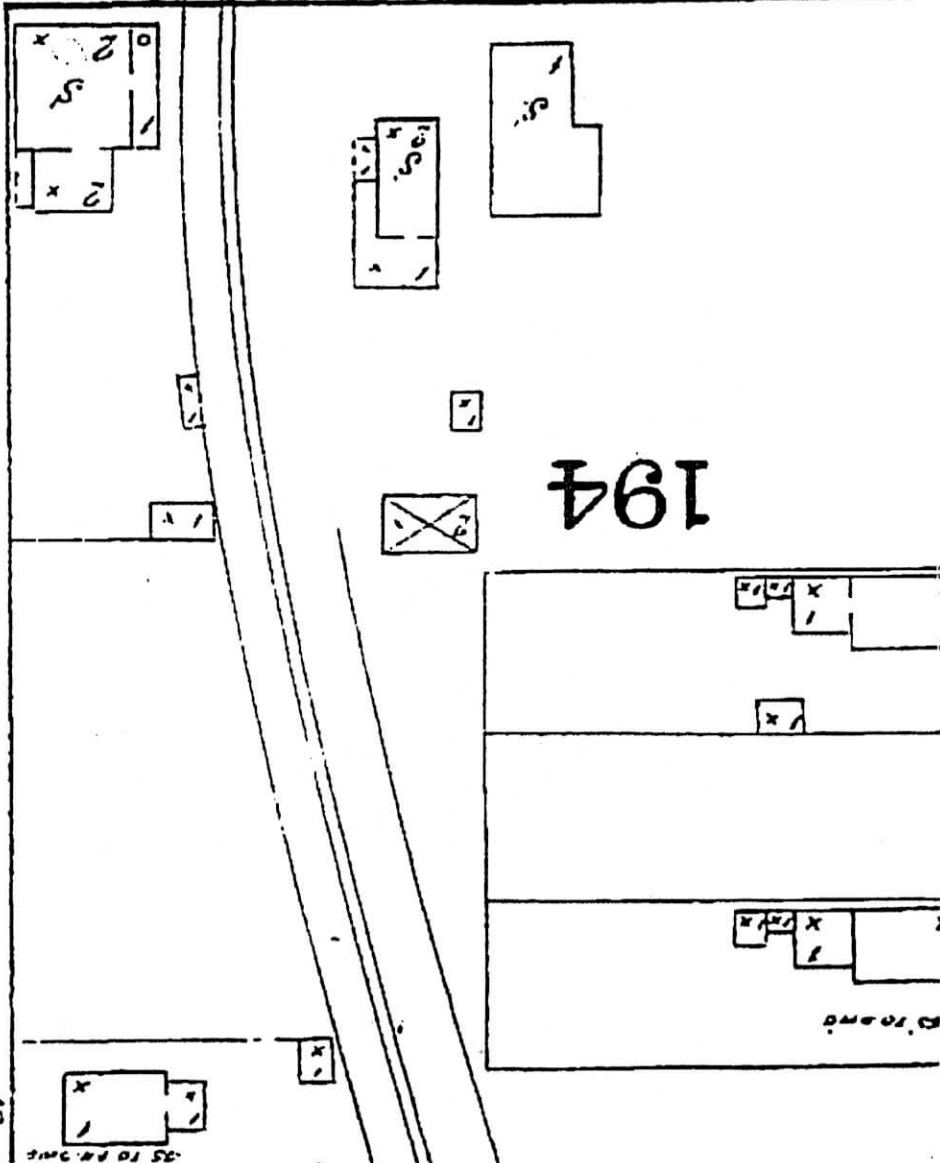
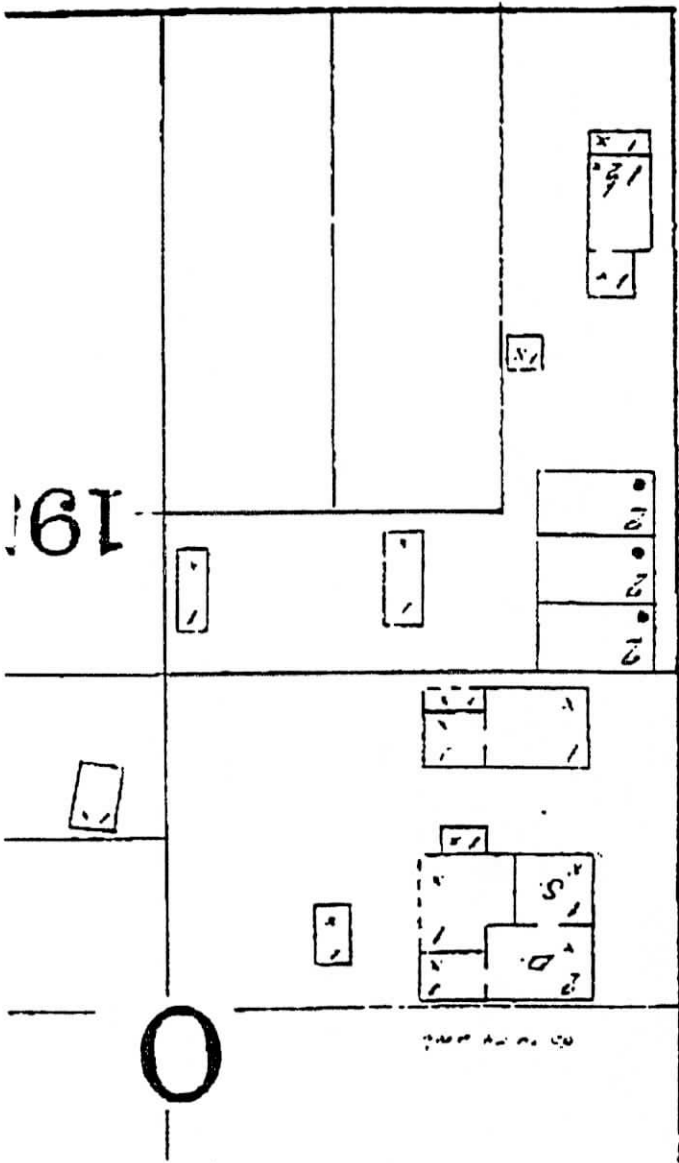
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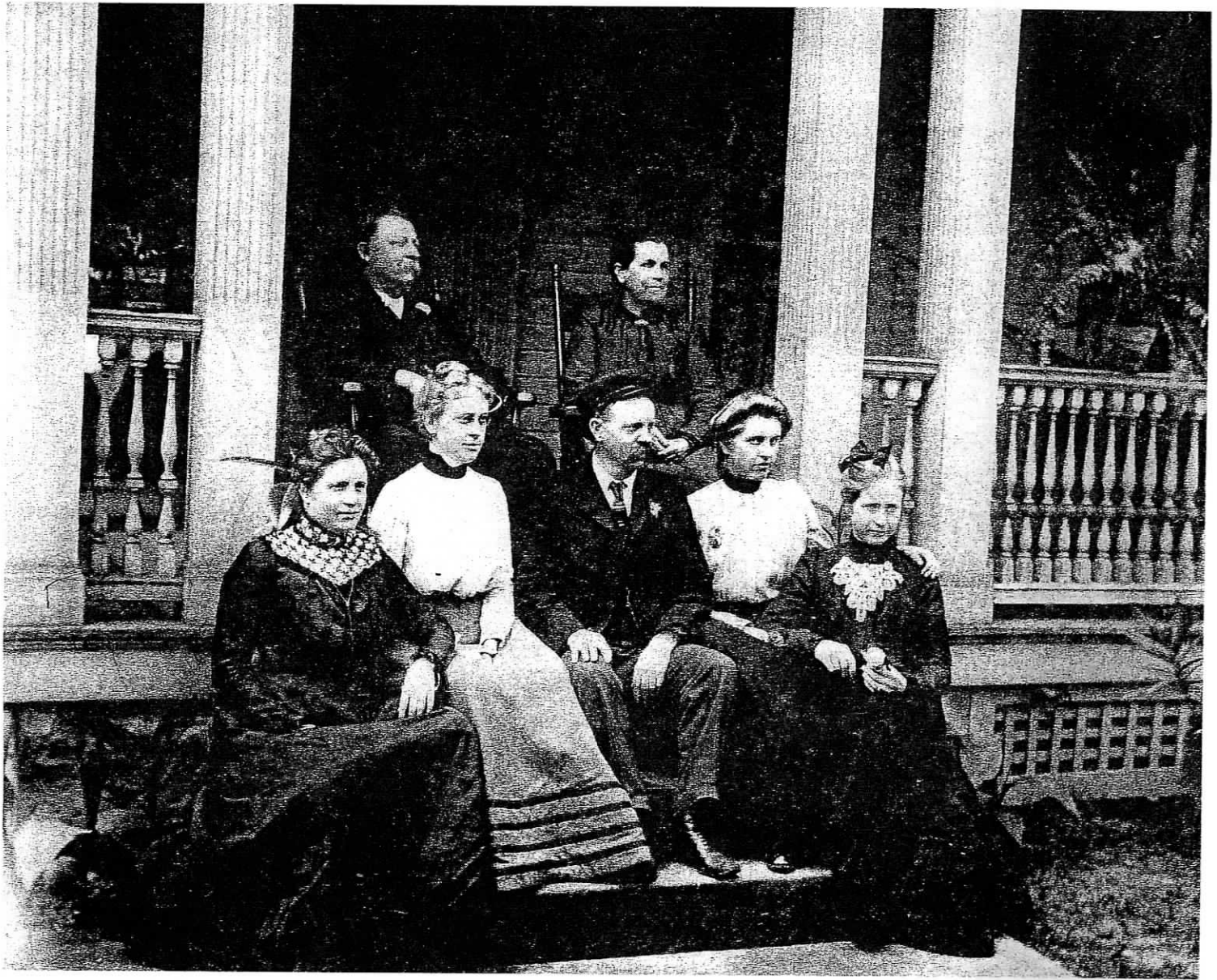
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35 TO R.M.C.



Before the Louis Round family lived in the Garfield Heights mansion in 1910 his home was with his parents on Broadway Avenue three lots northward of the factory but across the street. A family picture on the porch of that residence is also included.



Pictured: The David Round Family

Top: David Round, Hanna Bridgewater Round,

1885

Bottom: Elizabeth Round Cull, Phoebe May Round Bowen, Louis David Round, Jeannie Round Jewett, and Beatrice Round Forbes.

In 1915 the rounds also became involved in real estate, purchasing 500 acres in Garfield Hts. and developed and built several million dollars worth of homes. During WW-I the company was very busily engaged turning out war material for the US government. The next factory move was to Garfield Heights.