


OAK CREST RESIDENCE
204 S. STATE STREET 

The Oak Crest Residence was built in 1906 as the Old Peoples Home. The land, part of the original Lord homestead, was donated by George and Mary Lord. The Lords were also responsible for the land which forms Elgin's eastside park, appropriately named Lord's Park.

This structure demonstrates the influence of the Prairie School architectural movement through its large overhanging eaves supported by functional, simple brackets. Also, note the semi-circular porch on the north with porch columns with ovum (egg-shaped) detailing. On the east is a semi-circular bay carried into another semi-circular porch.

The interior of this rest home is finely finished with hardwoods, spacious rooms and French doors.

A SPECIAL DISPLAY BY CLARENCE REBER OF THE ELGIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY WILL BE SET UP ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF OAK CREST RESIDENCE.