



Freeborn-Kirkpatrick House - 109 South Sheldon Street - 1892.



Kirkpatrick Cheese Warehouse-Richland Center.

An eclectic Victorian design rebuilt after a serious fire, this brick two story house combines an Italianate styled widow's walk, a block form and Classical details, Romanesque round arched windows with rough stone voussoirs, and the towers, porches, and bay window often associated with the Queen Anne style of the same period. Built for S.J. Freeborn, this house was purchased by Scottish emigrant John Kirkpatrick who became a prominent cheese wholesaler. John

Kirkpatrick's Richland Center cheese warehouse was capable of storing thirty carloads of product at any given time. This

enabled Kirkpatrick to ship approximately ten rail car loads per week. In 1909, 6,000,000 pounds of cheese shipped from Richland County. Much of it was Kirkpatrick "Red Star" and "White Star" Richland County Cheese that shipped to urban markets in New York, Chicago, and the western United States. Before locating in Richland Center, the Kirkpatricks were neighbors of the Frank Lloyd Wright family in Oak Park, Ill.

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