

## Information Sheet

**R Goodman, Thomas A.**  
**160 "El Jane of the Ozarks," ca. 1925.**  
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This is a seven-page, illustrated pamphlet advertising the sale of the "El Jane" property in Arcadia, Iron County, Missouri. The 500-acre estate was to have been the permanent residence of Thomas A. Goodman of Chicago, Illinois.

Goodman's estate, "El Jane," included a six-bedroom residence, two guesthouses, a forest cabin, and a greenhouse. There were barns and outbuildings to accommodate a herd of seventy-five dairy cattle. All of the buildings were supplied with water from a single large spring on the property, and were appointed with the most modern conveniences and furnishings of the day.

This pamphlet, which advertises the sale of the estate, includes descriptions and photographs of the property and buildings, and contains a glowing description of the Arcadia Valley, ninety miles south of St. Louis, as a land where "the wild violet blooms while St. Louisans are still shoveling paths through the snow." It was additionally claimed that mosquitoes in the valley did not bite, and that the water of the area was well known for its medicinal value. Boosted as a perfect opportunity for a gentleman's country home or a country club, the property was offered for occupancy by 1 June 1926. Interested parties were directed to apply at Goodman's offices at St. Louis or Chicago.

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