

IPHS Housewalk - 30 Years of History



We continue our series of revisiting Housewalk houses featured in the event's early years. IPHS's fourth Walk was held on September 16, 1989. Presentations at the starting point featured two significant collections (Bacmeister and LaBagh) from the archives. These had recently been transferred to 35mm slide format, making it easier to continue sharing old neighborhood photos begun by Dr. Bacmeister and continued by LaVerne Blaine and others over the years using the heavy old magic lantern projector. The Chapin Day House was again shown, having recently completed a number of improvements. One brand new structure made the cut as well. Featured that year:

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4252 W. Grace - Goodridge House

“Early history of this house is uncertain ... was constructed as a large coach house. A map of 1894 shows the outline of (one) at this location ... Arthur & Addie Goodridge owned the Italianate home at 3804 Tripp from 1885 through 1920 ... home not sold separately from that property until 1958”

2015 update:

This house was for sale in recent months. In the 1970s, it was extensively remodeled; several windows were removed and aluminum siding installed over original stucco. Three small bedrooms were condensed to two, the pantry became a half-bath and kitchen enlarged, with the addition of a custom-designed garage. This small dwelling held sizeable households in its early years. The Goodridges continued renting out both houses even after moving in 1912 to 3842 N. Keeler. Arthur, a piano dealer and charter member of the Myrtle Masonic Lodge, died in 1916 there. Addie left to live out her days in the Masonic Home in New Jersey.

4252 W. GRACE AVE.

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3849 N. Kostner - Jennings Urban /
St. John's Episcopal Rectory

“Dutch Colonial frame built in 1900 by Arthur Jennings ... in 1905 sold to the Urban family who maintained ownership for the next sixty years ... in 1965 home and adjacent property were purchased ... to serve as the pastor's residence ... intricate fretwork and columns stored in the attic ... enclosed front porch added in later years ... identified in 1985 by the Chicago Commission on Historical and Architectural Landmarks as one of 43 potential Chicago landmarks in Old Irving Park ... notable giant cottonwood tree located in the yard ... planted in the 1840s by Sheriff John Gray to mark the boundary line of his original farm.”

2015 update:

Subsequent Housewalks featured this house, most recently in 2012; it was learned that A. F. Svenson built this home in 1905 at a cost of \$3000. It was sold to the Urbans in 1909. The Dutch Colonial Revival house has been beautifully restored, showing off original clapboard siding and diamond leaded glass windows.

3849 N. KOSTNER AVE.

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3916 N. Tripp - Nuveen Two-Flat

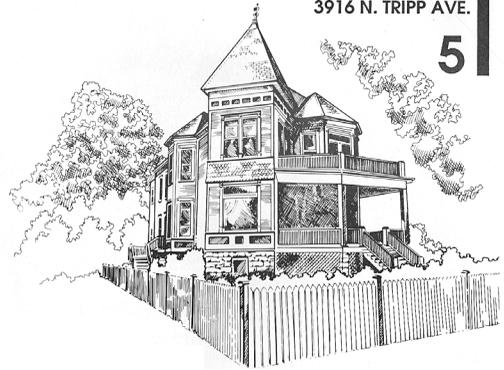
“...magnificently styled Queen Anne Victorian was built in 1892 for John and Margaret Nuveen ... stately turret, cut shinglework, ornate window framing, abundance of elegant stained glass ... believed to be the second oldest two flat in the neighborhood ... sold in 1913 to Peter and Martha Olsen ... sold in 1919 to Joseph and Helena Karpinski ...remained thirty years ... building purchased in 1985, tremendous amount of restoration ... stripped of its old siding ... exterior received polychromatic painting ... original front porch reconstructed ... ”

2015 update:

A CCL orange-rated house, this slightly decaying beauty has been on and off the market as of late. Despite all the renovations done in the 1980s and 1990s, the building remains in need of repair. The original lot included the parcel to the south, where a luxurious garden was carefully maintained and enjoyed. John Nuveen is *the* John Nuveen of the investment company. He owned the house with his mother, Margaret, who lived in one flat while either of John's sisters' families occupied the other. John himself lived at 40th and Grand Boulevard (now MLK Drive), with his wife, Ida, at her family's large, grand mansion that still stands, also.

3916 N. TRIPP AVE.

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4154 W. Berteau - Sacred Heart of Jesus Church

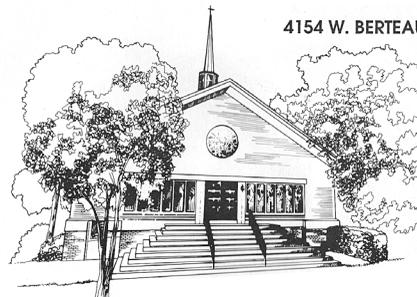
“Irving Park's newest church structure ... designed by Walter C. Carlson and Associates, completed in May, 1989 ... the church relocated to Old Irving Park in 1950 ... lacked funds necessary to rebuild their church ... ground broken ...reinforced with foundation and church established in the basement of the structure.”

2015 update:

In 2008, this church became two luxury townhouse units, featuring a fifty foot bell tower and steeple, wooden beams extending the length of the nave. It is uncertain whatever became of the altar, entrance gates and devotionals that had been acquired from other churches, or the stained glass windows depicting the twelve Apostles, designed by the Botti Studios of Evanston.

4154 W. BERTEAU AVE.

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4200 N. Kedvale - Michel Home

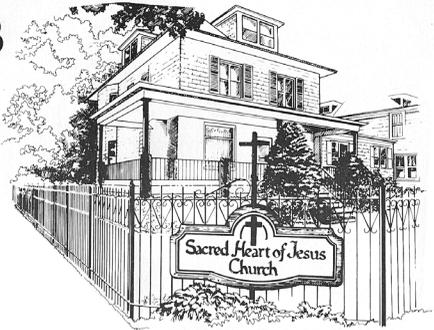
"This home was built in 1909 for the William Michel family ... one of a handful of stone houses in Irving Park ... remained largely unchanged on the exterior with the exception of the removal of the deteriorated stone porch ... replaced many years ago ... interior has a strikingly beautiful large stairhall with impressive staircase and landing window ... purchased by the Sacred Heart Church for use as their rectory in the early 1950s."

2015 update:

The wrought iron fence was installed in the late 1980s, but it's unclear how many of the extensive renovation plans were accomplished before the last time the house was sold. Recent real estate listings continue to report erroneous construction dates. Owner in 1914, Henry C. Niemann, was president of the H.C. Niemann Co., manufacturers of furniture. He had sold the house and moved his family to a more modest dwelling at 3713 N. Kedvale, where he died in 1940.

4200 N. KEDVALE AVE.

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4841 W. Byron - Christianson Home

"One of the oldest surviving homes in the Grayland Park subdivision ... completed in 1895 ... originally sat in the middle of a 125-ft. frontage lot ... interior is more Federal than Victorian, features elaborate display of aged maple, bird's-eye maple and oak ... Art Nouveau fireplace in main parlor; pocket and french doors, plate rails, parquet floors and stained glass ... sold to the Otto Schmidt family in 1907, sold west 37.5 ft. in 1922 for construction of apartment building ... 1944 began construction of a three-flat on the east portion of property, sold before finished ... lot originally contained a coach house and gazebo."

2015 update:

Otto C.T. Schmidt, born in 1863, came to Chicago from Germany with his parents when he was two. He married Emma Voss in 1887. He moved his family of five to the Byron street house in 1907, where they remained until his death in 1944.

The house remains beautifully intact on a spacious lot, and is still flanked by the apartment buildings.

4841 W. BYRON ST.

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