

The background of the slide is a faded, sepia-toned photograph. The upper portion shows a two-story house with a prominent gabled roof and a small balcony. The lower portion shows a horse-drawn wagon, with a horse visible on the left and the large wooden wheels of the wagon on the right. A dark horizontal bar is positioned behind the text area.

Your Winnetka Home

A presentation by Meagan McChesney, Curator
at the Winnetka Historical Society, for the
Winnetka Public Library

About the Winnetka Historical Society

WHAT WE DO

- Honor and preserve Winnetka's history
- Gather and share artifacts and stories about the Village's past
- Foster meaningful connections among Winnetkans and the broader community
- Manage and preserve two historic structures: our Museum & Headquarters at 411 Linden and the Schmidt-Burnham Log House at 1140 Willow.



We are a 501-c3 non-profit organization primarily funded through individual donations. Visit the support page on our website if you'd like to donate and help us continue to preserve and share Winnetka's unique history! www.winnetkahistory.org/support/

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Where can I find general information about my Winnetka home?

Not sure what you want to know? Start your search at the Winnetka Historical Society and see where it takes you!



900 Greenwood Ave.

Check the WHS property files to get started

- The Winnetka Historical Society has a file on each Winnetka property.
- Property files can be viewed in person during our open hours (Tuesday, Thursday 1-4) or by appointment.
- Property file contents can be digitized and sent to you via email by filling out a research request form on our website at:

<https://www.winnetkahistory.org/research-request/>



What's in the WHS property files?

900 Greenwood Ave
Built in 1926
Designed by Andrew Paulson

WINNETKA TALK November 5

Something to See in Winnetka



THE "Rainbow Log Cabin," as A. W. Paulson is pleased to term this Swedish farmhouse, was designed and built by Mr. Paulson and stands at 900 Greenwood avenue, Winnetka. Thousands of people have been attracted by the quaintness of the structure.

Mr. Paulson has been repeatedly asked if he would sell it. One would be purchaser told him to "simply name his own price," and it would be sold. But it is not for sale, neither will it be in the future, Mr. Paulson having made provision that its title shall pass to his grandsons and on down through future generations of the family.

There are seven rooms, in addition to three porches and a studio garage. It is constructed of logs and stucco and has a thatched roof.

Harold N. Selling Builds Fine Sixteen Room House

An exceptionally handsome home, English Tudor type of sixteen rooms, being constructed on one of Evanston's most prominent corners—Edgemoor court and Main street—by Harold N. Selling, vice president of Club Alumnus. The architects are Mayo and Mayo. This property was purchased from the estate of Wesley Knox. Both parties to the deal were represented by Hokanson & Jenks, Inc., 313 Davis street, Evanston. The lot is 140x150.

GAS SHOWS FLEXIBILITY

One of the reasons for the growing popularity of gas for house heating lies in its flexibility—its adaptation to any condition. When heat is desired

*3/7/11
A. W. Paulson
to find out if it is
for sale or not
November 1st, 1944*

Mr. Herbert W. Paulson
1188 Chestfield Road
Winnetka, Illinois

Dear Mr. Paulson:

Received your letter, of November 11th, together with A. E. Greiner's estimate for repairs and staining roof, at 900 Greenwood Avenue, Winnetka, Illinois.

Prior to receipt of your letter, I had talked with Mr. Lynch, who said he preferred to have Mr. Paulson supervise the work that was to be done on his property, whether now or next spring, therefore, I phoned the above information to Mr. Paulson. I shall show Mr. Lynch Mr. Greiner's estimate and hold in my file until instructed differently.

Answering your inquiry as to my opinion, on your new approach to the same service you have, to a degree, been giving away, for construction of good will, during the past thirty years, it is my opinion, there is and always has been a positive need for a consultant on rehabilitation of living units, by one who has practical experience, as well as theory, however, selling the idea to the public will be the difficult thing, you will find yourself in competition with all unknown advisors, that spend the other fellows' money freely, not knowing from what they speak, architects and engineers weather the business storm and are employed by smart money, why not you? Great volumes of remodeling old houses should present itself in post war.

Best wishes for your success.

Sincerely,


TIGHE REALTY COMPANY

Correspondence



Historic photographs

Address: 900 Greenwood b-947		Lot Size: APPROX. 90 x 90		\$ 11,500
City: Winnetka	Rooms: 16	Baths: 2	Heat: Gas HW	
Construction: Stucco & Log	Garage: 2	Cost: \$13	Fin. Plan: 2	
Style: Swedish	Roof: Thatched	Elect: 220V/110V	Contract: Room Size: LR DR K DEN BK*	
Rooms: 1st Studio living room with f/p, library, dining room, kitchen with dishwasher, bedroom suite and bath, sunporch. 2nd 2 bedrooms and dressing room, bath. 3rd				
School: Grades Hubbard Woods	HS: Skokie	HS: New Trier		
Transfer: G.W.	Bus:	Other:		
Mortgage: Existing	Available: 22,000 - \$1,200 wra. PPG			
Remarks: Carpeting, draperies in living room and above included.				
Owner: Dr. Raymond Cunningham			Sun. Phone: RI 6-3830	
This information is furnished accurate but we accept no liability for error. The listing may be changed without notice.				
Places: 04108	Real Estate Office: King's Court Corporation	Phone: AL 6-0750		
	Sales Person: Nancy Higgins	Home Phone: AL 6-0956		



Real estate listing slips

AND MUCH
MORE!

Newspaper clippings

How can I find the original build date?



500 Maple, 1916
Designed by William Aitken

1. Check the Cook County Assessor's Office estimate

1. Enter the address

The screenshot shows the 'Find a Property' search form on the Cook County Assessor's Office website. The form includes a search bar for a 14-digit PIN, a 'I'm not a robot' checkbox, and a 'Search by Address' section. The 'Search by Address' section has fields for House Number (500), Direction (- Select -), Unit Number, Street Name (Maple), and City (Winnetka). A green star is placed over the 'AGE' field in the 'Characteristics' table on the right.

2. Click on the “Characteristics” drop-down menu

Characteristics	
DESCRIPTION	Two or more story residence, any age, 5,000 sq.ft. & over
RESIDENCE TYPE	Two Story
USE	Single Family
EXTERIOR CONSTRUCTION	Frame/Masonry
FULL BATHS	3
HALF BATHS	1
BASEMENT ¹	Partial and Unfinished
ATTIC	Full and Living Area
CENTRAL AIR	No
NUMBER OF FIREPLACES	1
GARAGE SIZE/TYPE ²	2.5 car detach
AGE	99
BUILDING SQUARE FOOTAGE	5,170
ASSESSMENT PHASE	Assessor Valuation

2021 (this year) –
99 (estimated age)
= approx. 1922

Remember:
This is an
estimate!

2. Check the WHS Digital Architectural Survey Database

Build date
from Winnetka
Landmark
Nomination
form: 1916

Full Address	Building Type	Date Built	Source	Architect	Builder	Building Style
420 MAPLE ST	1 story SFR	1926	Building permit	Brawher, E.N.	Leonard, C.J.	Spanish
423 MAPLE ST	2 story SFR					Dutch
426 MAPLE ST	2 story SFR	1923	Building permit	Rae, Robert	Crabb, James	Colonial
429 MAPLE ST	2 story SFR	1929	Sewer permit			Prairie
432 MAPLE ST	2 story SFR	1923	Building permit	Ewer, W. B.	Crabb, James	Dutch Colonial
436 MAPLE ST	2 story SFR	1923	Building permit	Crabb, James	Crabb, James	Craftsman
439 MAPLE ST	1 story SFR	1921	Building permit	Seyforth, Robert		Colonial
458 MAPLE ST	2 Story SFR					Tudor
461 MAPLE ST	2 Story SFR					Vernacular
469 MAPLE ST	2 Story SFR					Split Level
470 MAPLE ST	3 Story Parish Ho	1930	building permit	Allen & Collins	Dahl Stedman Co	Tudor Revival
475 MAPLE ST	2 Story SFR	c.1986	building permit for remodel			Shingle style
485 MAPLE ST	2 Story Commer	c.1933	Building permit for additions			Colonial Revival
500 MAPLE ST	2 story SFR	1916	Winnetka Landmark Nomination	William Aitken	William Aitken	Georgian Revival
508 MAPLE ST	2 Story SFR	c.1974	Water & Electric permit for work			Not found
520 MAPLE ST	2 Story SFR	1989	Building permit	Schnur, James C.	Efraim Carlson & Son, Inc	Regency
528 MAPLE ST	2 Story SFR	c.1930	Sewer connection record			Vernacular
545 MAPLE ST	2 Story SFR	1966	building permit	Balaban, Morton	Horsch Inc.	Georgian
548 MAPLE ST	2 Story MFR	1946	Building Permit-GARAGE	Stephan, A. C. Jr.	Stephan, A. C. Jr.	Tudor Revival

Note:
Only about 50%
of the houses in
the Village have
been surveyed.

3. Look for the original building permit application

- WHS has a collection of building permit applications ranging from 1914 to 1922.
- Additional building permit applications are located at Village Hall.

9 No. 542 6000 ✓
166x 96x
APPLICATION FOR BUILDING PERMIT
Winnetka, Ill. June 21-16
To the Superintendent of Public Works:
I hereby apply for a permit to build a Two
story and basement Residence
41-8 feet Front, 32 feet Deep, 29 feet from ground
to peak, and agree to faithfully comply with the rules and
regulations established, or that may hereafter be estab-
lished, concerning the construction, heating, lighting,
ventilation, drainage and water service of buildings.
The same to be located and built in strict accordance
with description and plans, herewith submitted for your
approval, on Lot No. 5 Block No. _____
Prouty's Homestead
Known as No. 500 Maple
Owner Wm Cullen
Architect _____
Mason _____
Builder _____
Permit granted June 21
Amount, \$ 700
Wm J. Schultz
Superintendent of Public Works

Permit to build
the residence at
500 Maple was
filed on June 21,
1916

Building permit
applications can also
provide information about
the original owner,
architect, and builder as
well!

4. Search Historic Maps

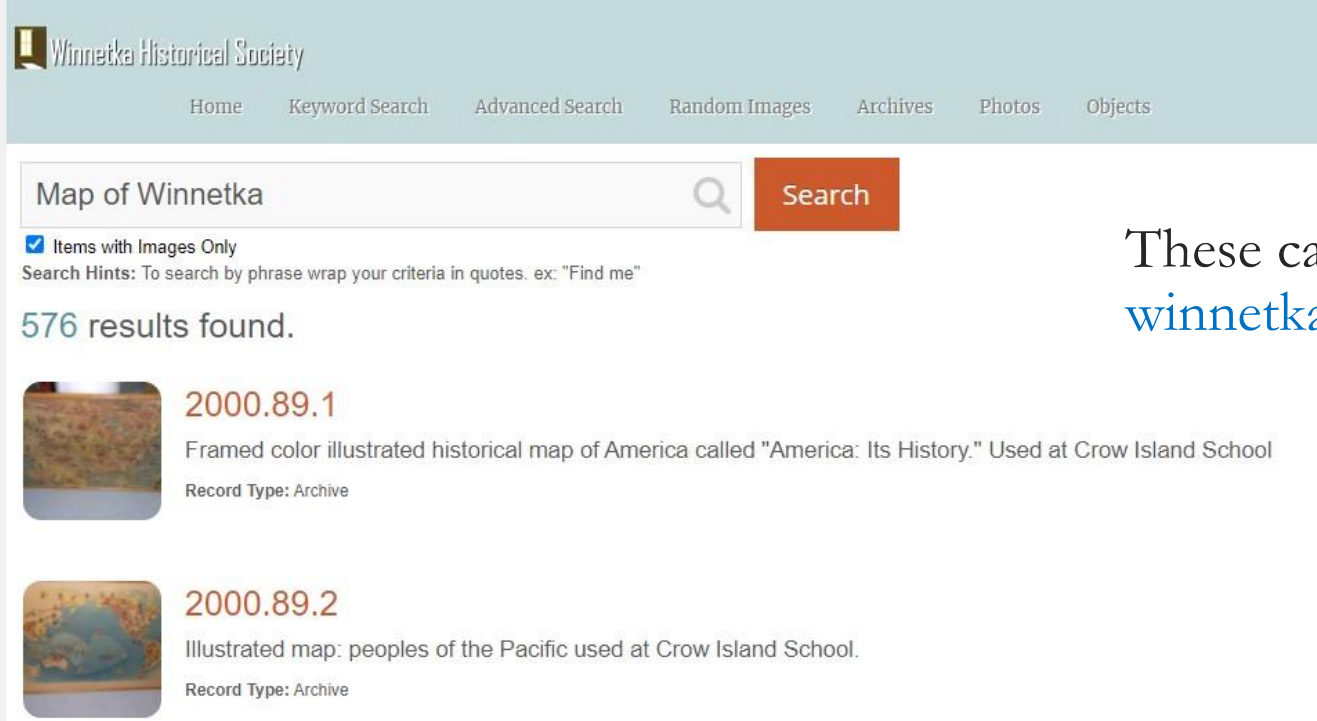


1896 map of Winnetka structures with 411 Linden Street circled in yellow, WHS Archives



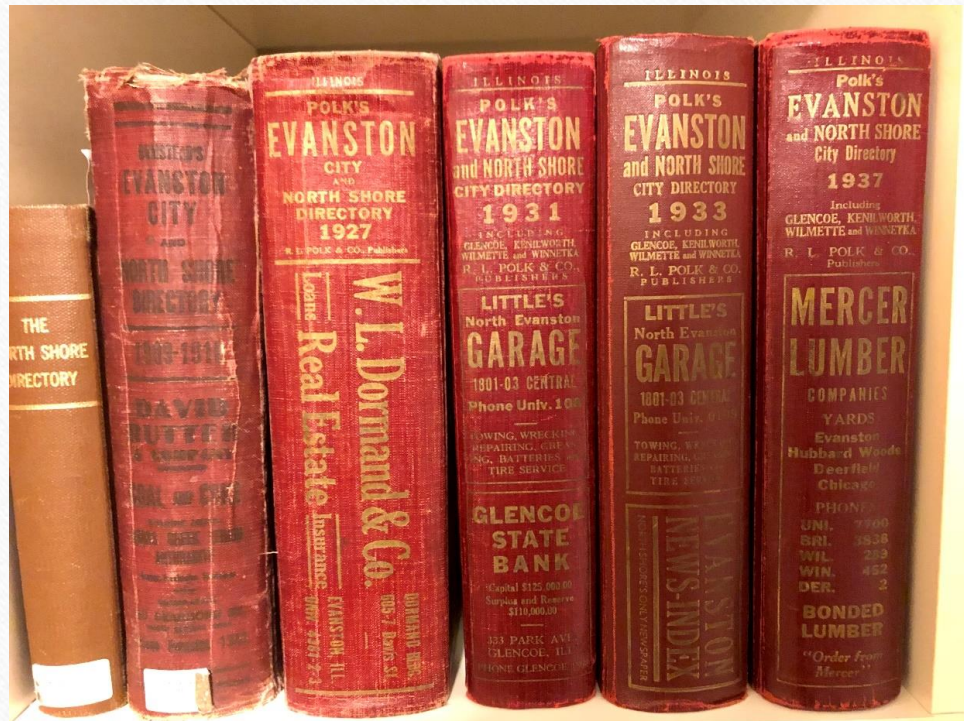
1914 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map with 411 Linden Street circled in yellow, Library of Congress (loc.gov)

Did you know that many of the Historical Society's maps are available online!



These can be accessed via our website at:
winnetkahistory.pastperfectonline.com

5. Look for your street address in historic directories



A few of the historic directories in the WHS archives.

For example, if your street address is not listed in 1920 but is in 1923, your house was likely built in 1921 or 1922.



1920 phone book

Who was the architect/builder?

APPLICATION FOR BUILDING PERMIT
 Winnetka, Ill., Jan. 7, 1922
 To the Superintendent of Public Works:
 I hereby apply for a permit to build a 2
 story and basement tile & storage res.
55 feet Front, 40 feet Deep, 10 feet from ground
 to peak, and agree to faithfully comply with the rules and
 regulations established, or that may hereafter be estab-
 lished, concerning the construction, heating, lighting,
 ventilation, drainage and water service of buildings.
 The same to be located and built in strict accordance
 with description and plans, herewith submitted for your
 approval, on Lot No. 12 Block No. 4
Pale's 3rd Add.
 Known as No. 287 Chestnut
 Owner Frederic Bunn
 Architect S. S. Berman
 Mason M. A. Nelson
 Builder W. A. Gibson
 Permit granted Jan. 7, 1922
 Amount, \$ 17.00

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461 MAPLE ST	2 Story SFR			
469 MAPLE ST	2 Story SFR			
470 MAPLE ST	3 Story Parish Ho	1930	building permit	Allen & Collins
475 MAPLE ST	2 Story SFR	c.1986	building permit for remodel	
485 MAPLE ST	2.5 story Comm	c.1933	Building permit for additions	
500 MAPLE ST	2 story SFR	1916	Winnetka Landmark Nomination	William Aitken
508 MAPLE ST	2 Story SFR	c.1974	Water & Electric permit for work	
520 MAPLE ST	2 Story SFR	1989	Building permit	Schnur, James C.
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545 MAPLE ST	2 Story SFR	1966	building permit	Balaban, Morton
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Prize Book
 Address: 1479 Tower Road 6-5750
 City: Winnetka, Illinois
 Constr: Stone and Frame
 Style: Swedish - Rustic
 Roof: Tile
 Built: Architect Paulson South
 Lot Size: 75 x 155
 Rms. 7 Bed. 4 Baths 3 1/2 Heat HW Oil
 Year - Taxes 58-\$622 Porches 2 Garage 2
 Elect. 220V-110V
 Contract: \$39,500
 1st Attractive entrance & powder rm. LR with stone fireplace and small den
 off. Dining room (both have lead light windows). Cabinet kitchen
 2nd 3 master bedrooms, 2 baths. 1 BR and bath with separate entrance.
 3rd 2 large storage rooms, floored and heated. Suite bedroom.
 Check: 579 School: Grade: Hubbard Wds. HS: Skokie Jr. High HS: New Trier
 Transp: RR Bus: Available Other: Sacred Heart
 Mortgage: Existing
 City water, Wall Sanitary Sewer, Storm Sewer, Septic Tank (Cross out that not applying)
 Remarks and any special conditions Away from the tiresome conventional and
for those who seek unique construction. Replacement cost would be
prohibitive in hand carved stairs, lead light windows, hand hewn
and pegged doors, cove panelling. Beautifully landscaped. Storms
and screens. Abundance of closets. Easy housekeeping.
 Owner: Baskin Bus. Phone: 466-0757 Res. Phone: 466-0757
 This information is considered accurate but we accept no liability for errors. The listing may be changed without notice.
 Open House 07019 Realtor Office: BAIRD AND WARNER, Inc. Phone: Hi. 6-2700
 Sales Person: Lionel E. Watson Home Phone: Wi. 6-2700
 Possession: On closing
 Reason for Sale: Retiring
 Title: Retiring

WHS property files

Building permit applications

WHS architectural survey

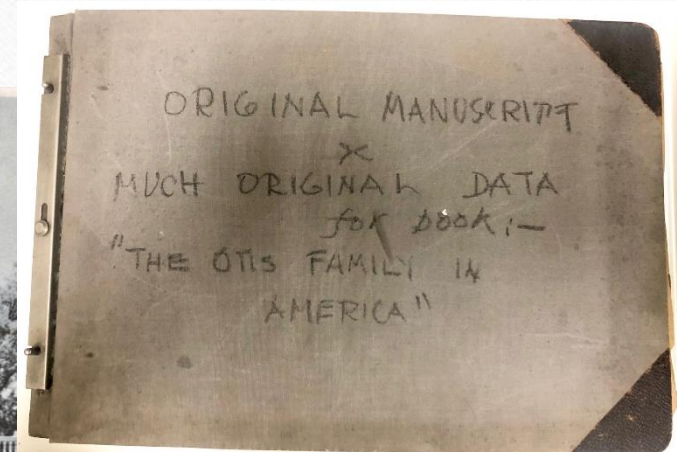
Where can I learn more about the architect?



William A. Otis, early
Winnetka resident and
architect

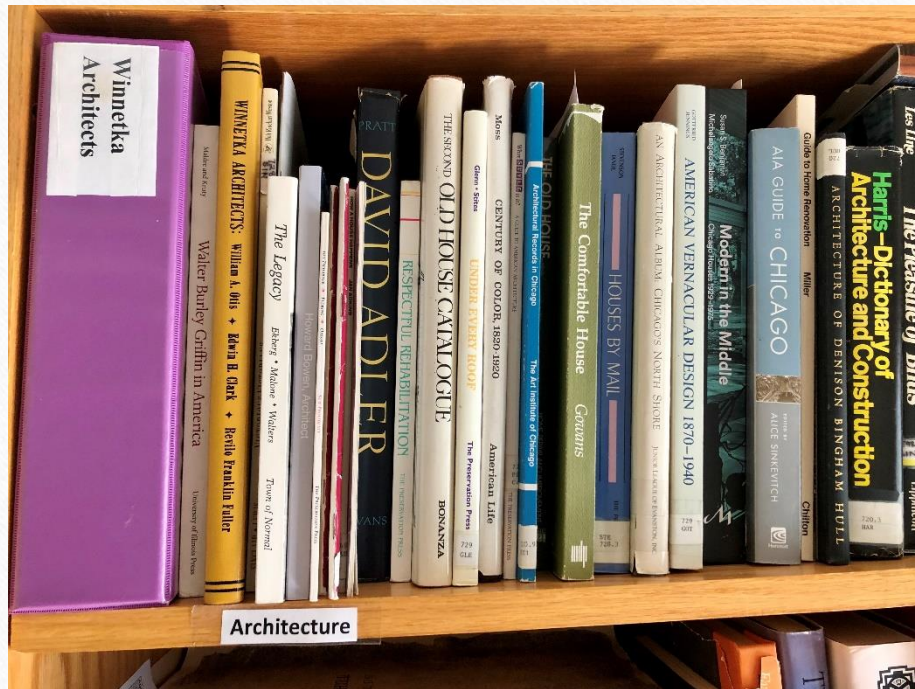


660 Prospect, designed by William A. Otis



William A. Otis' original
manuscript for "The Otis Family
in America," WHS Archives

1. Look for more information in the WHS archives and reference library, and on the WHS website



WHS reference library “Architecture” section

Winnetka’s Architects and Architecture

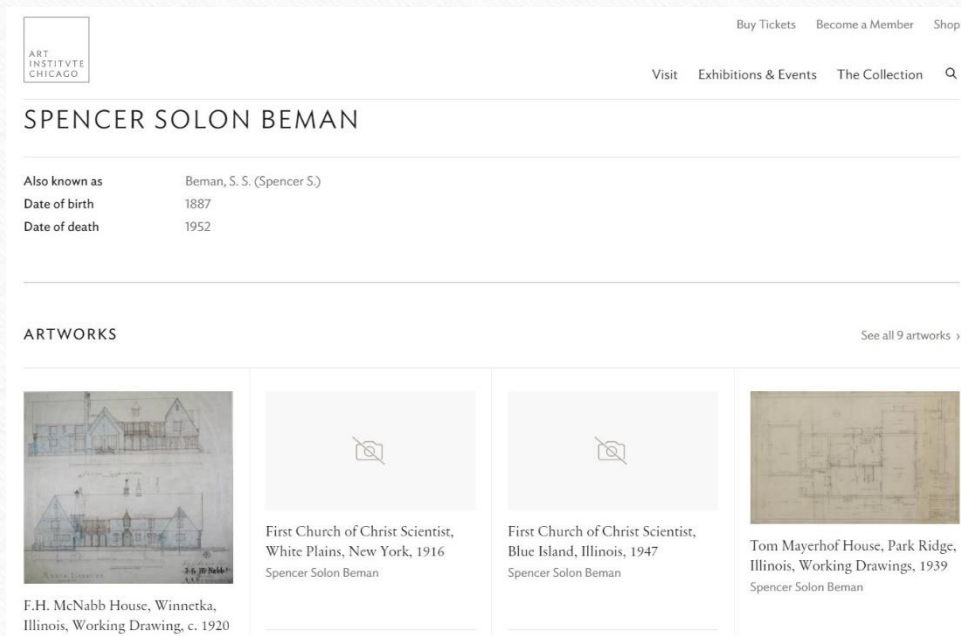
Notable Architects

For a Village of less than 4 square miles, Winnetka has an impressive array of architectural styles. This is in large part due to the many talented architects that designed Winnetka’s historic homes and structures. Learn about notable architects William Aitken, Spencer Solon Beman, Edwin Clark, Walter Burley Griffin, and Andrew Paulson, whose visionary designs helped make Winnetka the unique and architecturally significant Village it is today. [Click HERE!](#)



“Explore Winnetka Stories” feature on Winnetka’s architects

2. Search additional resources to learn more about the architect



The Art Institute of Chicago's collection of drawings by Spencer Solon Beman.

- Art Institute of Chicago's architect collection
- Chicago Architecture Center
- Landmarks Illinois
- Chicago History Museum
- American Institute of Architects
- Other North Shore history museums
- Google search!

What is the architectural style?



760 Bryant
Colonial Revival



82 Essex
Prairie School



648 Cherry
American Foursquare

1. Check the WHS property files to see if an architectural survey was conducted on your home

- Surveys were conducted in 1976 and 1989, and we are currently adding to the digital database at WHS
- Not every home in Winnetka has been surveyed

The WHS digital architectural survey also contains style information

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(Building Outline Map) (Photograph)

Roll # 17 Photographer SP
Frame # 4 Date 4/4/90
Building facing N

WINNETKA HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Classification: Building ☒ Site ☐ Structure ☐ Object ☐
Other (describe)

Original Use: RESID 3. Current Use: RESID

Status: Occupied ☒ Unoccupied ☐ 5. Public or Private? Priv

Open to Public? N 7. Integrity: Unaltered ☐ Altered ☒ Unsure

Work in Progress (describe)

Type of Alteration: Restoration ☐ Rehabilitation ☐ Remodeling ☐
Addition ☐ Building Sided? ☐ Material ☐
Building Moved (Date): ☐ Orig. Location: ☐
Describe Alterations, with dates: WINDOWS + DOORWAY changed
considerably altered

ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

Architectural Style: orig Dutch Colonial

Noteworthy Features:

Architect: 12. Builder:

Source of Information: @1885 Source: SB

Date of Construction: 1885

Comments on Significance: Historical

ADDRESS 695 Prospect
OTHER SURVEYS HH
HISTORIC NAME
COMMON NAME
LOCAL CRITERIA 10
DATE 5/30/90
SURVEYOR SG

1989 architectural survey for 695 Prospect conducted by architectural historian Susan Benjamin

2. Identify your home's notable features and compare those with popular styles

Tip:

Start with styles that were most popular in Winnetka during the decade in which your house was built



Tudor Revival, 1900-1940

- A few resources for identifying architectural styles and features:
 - *A Field Guide to American Houses* by McAlester and McAlester
 - *What Style Is It? : a guide to American Architecture* by Poppeliers and Chambers
 - *Winnetka Architecture: Where Past is Present: A Guide to Timeless Styles* by Susan Benjamin

Who were the previous owners?



Solyman Densmore, 4th owner
of 411 Linden (1877 – 1880)



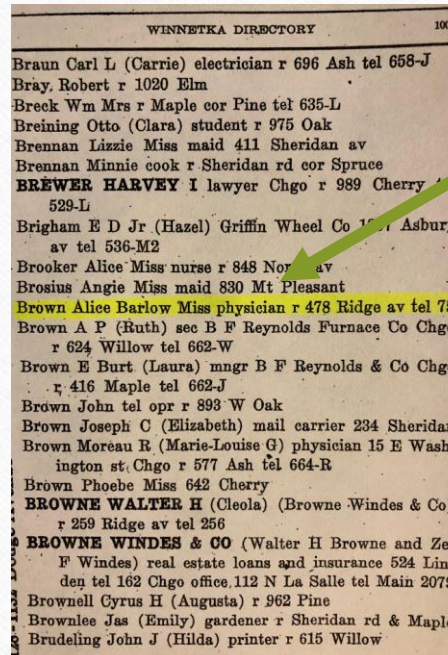
Frederick Greeley and family, 1st owners of 695
Prospect (1889 – 1908)

1. Check the WHS collection of historic directories

Some historic directories list the owner's occupation, which can help you find out more about them!



1923 North Shore Directory



1912 phone book entry for 478 Ridge

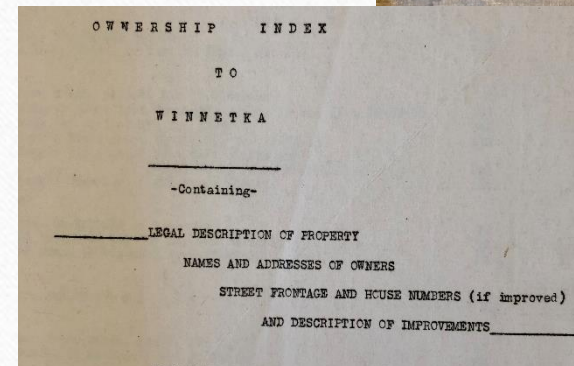
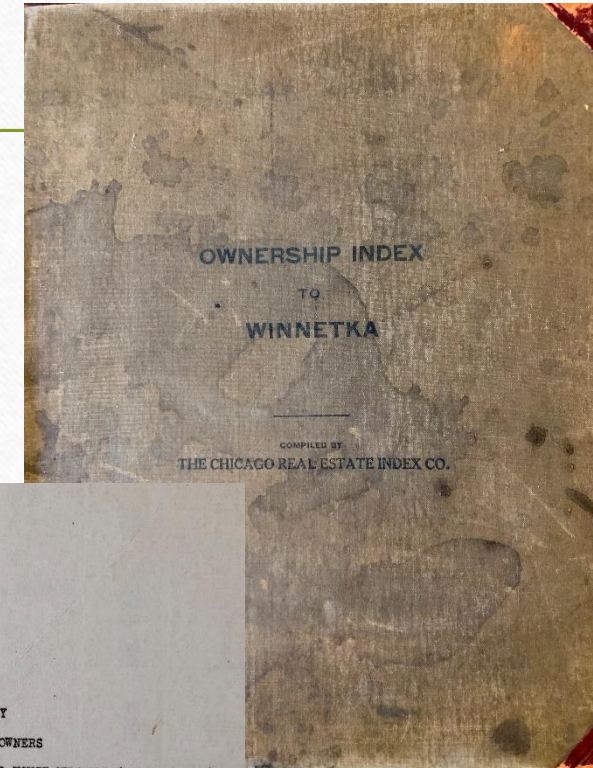


Dr. Alice Barlow Brown, previous owner of 478 Ridge

2. Look at historic ownership maps and logs

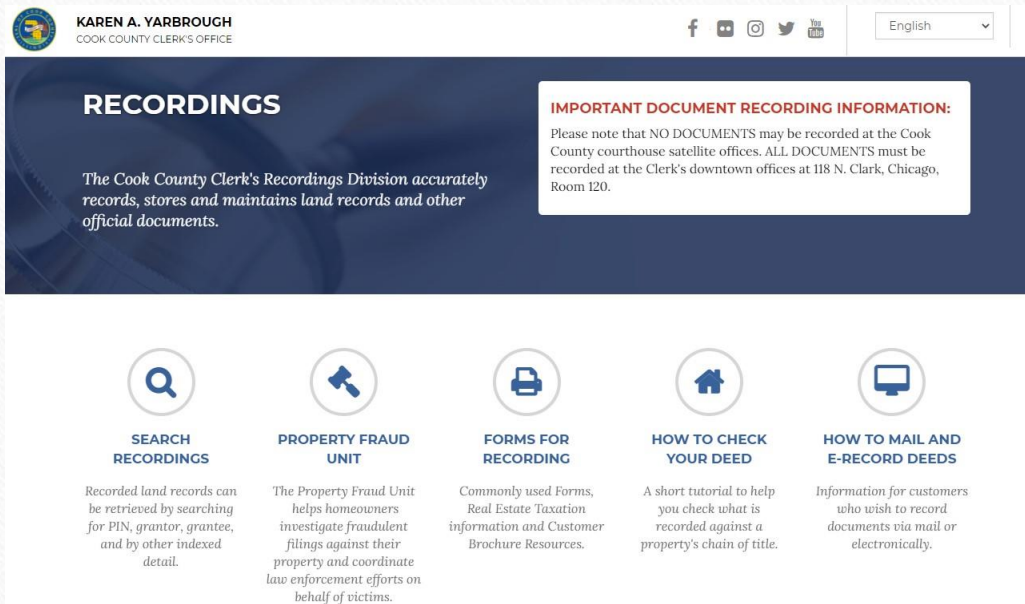


1861 Ownership Map of Cook County,
Library of Congress



1924 Ownership Index to Winnetka, WHS Archives

3. Conduct an ownership search at the Cook County Recorder of Deeds



- Recorded documents after October 1, 1985 can be found online at cookcountyclerkil.gov/agency/recordings
- Documents dated before October 1, 1985 can be viewed at the Cook County Recorder of Deeds office in Chicago
 - NOTE: You will need the PIN listed on your real estate tax bill, as well as the legal description of your property from your purchase documents

4. Conduct an address search on Ancestry.com

Did you know that Ancestry.com is available through the Winnetka Public Library's website?

The screenshot displays the Ancestry.com search interface. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, Search, Message Boards, Learning Center, Charts and Forms, and New Collections. The main search area is titled 'Search' and contains several input fields: 'First & Middle Name(s)', 'Last Name', 'Place your ancestor might have lived' (with a dropdown menu showing 'Winnetka, Cook, Illinois, USA'), and 'Birth Year'. There are also checkboxes for 'Exact to...' and 'Match all terms exactly', and a 'Search' button. Below these fields, there are options to 'Add event' (Birth, Marriage, Death, Lived In, Any Event, More) and 'Add family member' (Father, Mother, Sibling, Spouse, Child). A green star icon is placed next to the 'Keyword' field, which contains '830 Sheridan'. The 'Gender' dropdown is set to '-- Select --', and the 'Race/Nationality' field is empty. There are also checkboxes for 'Historical Records', 'Stories & Publications', 'Family Trees', and 'Photos & Maps'. The search results are titled 'All results for 830 Sheridan' and show a list of 'Found in Ancestry trees' with a profile for William Bross Lloyd. To the right of the profile, there is a table of family members and their details. Below the profile, there is a section for 'Results 1-20 of 3,164' with a table of records and categories.

Search

First & Middle Name(s) Last Name

Place your ancestor might have lived Birth Year

Winnetka, Cook, Illinois, USA

☐ Exact to...

Search Show fewer options ☐ Match all terms exactly

Add event: Birth Marriage Death Lived In Any Event More

Any Event Year Location

Winnetka, Cook, Illinois, USA

☐ Exact to...

Add family member: Father Mother Sibling Spouse Child

Keyword

830 Sheridan

☒ Exact

Gender -- Select --

Race/Nationality

☒ Historical Records ☒ Family Trees

☒ Stories & Publications ☒ Photos & Maps

All results for 830 Sheridan

Search Filters

Any: Winnetka, Cook, Illin... Broad Exact

1 more search fields: Hide additional fields

Anything: 830 Sheridan

Edit Search New Search Update

Filter by

All Categories

> Census & Voter Lists 4

> Birth, Marriage & Death 19

> Military 49

> Newspapers & Periodicals 66

> Stories, Memories & Histories 12

> Maps, Atlases & Gazetteers 70

> Directories & Member Lists 2,940

> Court, Land, Wills & Financial 3

Found in Ancestry trees

William Bross Lloyd

Bird Family Tree

Spouse: Lola Maverick

Father: Henry Demares Lloyd

Mother: Jessie Louise Bross

Children: John Bird

Birth: 24 Feb 1875 Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA

Death: 30 Jun 1946 Winnetka, Cook, Illinois, USA

Residence: 1880 Winnetka, Cook, Illinois, USA

Browse more like this

Results 1-20 of 3,164

Records Categories

U.S., Public Records Index, 1950-1993, Volume 2

City & area directories

Name: Randall J Larrimore

Birth: 27 Jun 1979

Residence: Winnetka, Illinois, USA

5. Check the building permits and WHS property files

Nº 975 4/10/20

APPLICATION FOR BUILDING PERMIT

Winnetka, Ill., 4/26/20

To the Superintendent of Public Works:

I hereby apply for a permit to build a one story and basement. Stucco under

28 feet Front, 56 feet Deep, feet from ground to peak, and agree to faithfully comply with the regulations established, or that may hereafter be published, concerning the construction, heating, lighting, ventilation, drainage and water service of building.

The same to be located and built in strict accordance with description and plans, herewith submitted for approval, on Lot No. 9-10-11 Block No. 34 Winnetka

Known as No. 455 Birch St.

Owner Mrs. Lola Maverick Lloyd

Architect Chas. Haag

Mason APR 26 1920

Builder Lola Maverick Lloyd

Permit granted 4/26/20

Amount, \$ 1100

Superintendent of Public Works.

Village Hall also has sewer connection permits, building addition permits, etc. that generally list the owner's name

Original building permit application for 455 Birch, designed by Charles Haag and owned by Lola Maverick Lloyd



This remarkable local landmark, the Lola Maverick Lloyd House, is being offered for sale for the first time. Built in 1920 through a collaboration of the owner and Swedish sculptor Charles Haag, the house and surrounding property have been designated as a National Historic Landmark. Step inside this one-of-a-kind treasure, and discover dramatic open spaces and magical cozy nooks. Throughout the home you'll find whimsical handcrafted elements created to reflect the owner's love of nature. Certain easements have been put in place to insure that the integrity of the home, and the property it resides on will not be disturbed. This is a wonderful opportunity to own a truly wondrous home.

Real estate brochure for 655 Birch listing the original owner as Lola Maverick Lloyd, WHS property file

How can I find out more about previous owners?



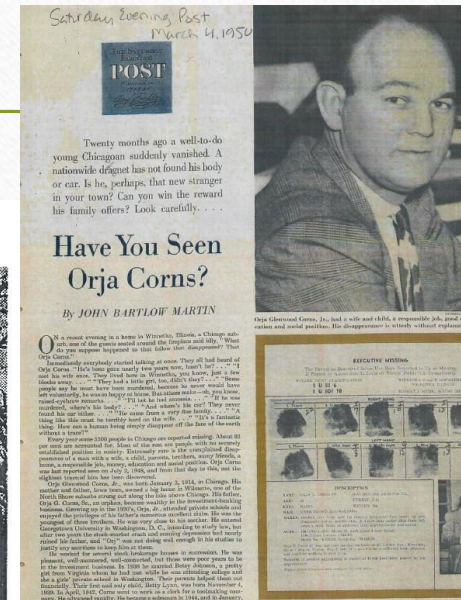
421 Linden, 1942

Home and Family of Missing Man



The home at 421 Linden av., Winnetka, of O. G. Corns Jr., who has been missing since July 2, 1948. (TRIBUNE PHOTO)

Chicago Tribune and *Saturday Evening Post* articles about the disappearance of Orja Corns, who lived at 421 Linden in Winnetka.



1. Look up the previous owners' obituaries in the *Winnetka Talk*

WHS also houses *The Messenger*, a local publication printed from 1869-1915 that may have some information as well



Winnetka Talk obituary indexes

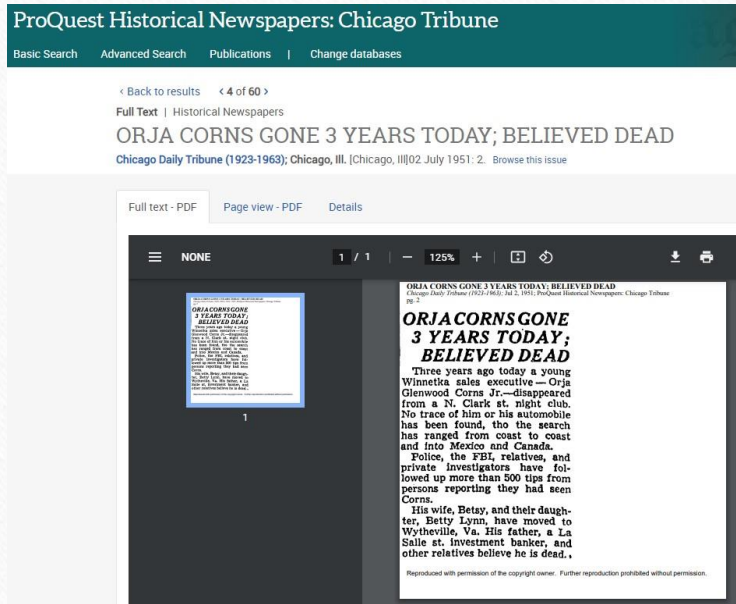


WHS *Winnetka Talk* archives



Winnetka Talk obituary for
Lawrence Muesing, former
owner of 873 Cherry

2. Search for the previous owners' names in the *Chicago Tribune* and on Newspapers.com



- The largest online newspaper archive
- 21,000+ newspapers from the 1700s–2000s
- Millions of additional pages added every month

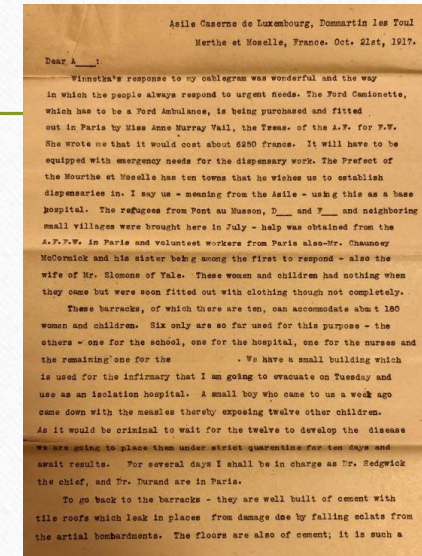
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Both historic and recent *Chicago Tribune* issues are available through the Winnetka Public Library!

3. Search for the previous owner's names in the WHS PastPerfect Museum Collections Database



Letters from Dr. Alice Barlow Brown, former owner of 478 Ridge, to her family in Winnetka while serving overseas during WWI, WHS Archives

Ancestry.com

WHS also has
census
records in the
digital files

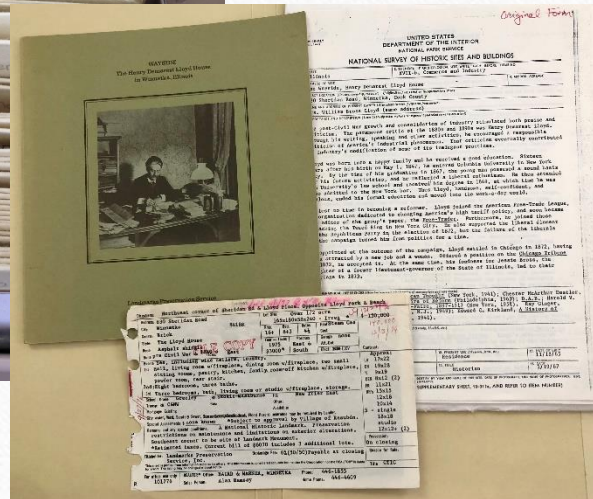
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		(First)	(Last)
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print)		ORDER NUMBER 11545	
695 Prospect Ave. Winnetka Cook Illinois		T.	
(Number and street)		(Town, township, village, or city)	(County) (State)
[THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL]			
3. MAILING ADDRESS			
695 Prospect Ave Winnetka Cook Co. Ill.			
(Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same insert word same)			
4. TELEPHONE		5. AGE IN YEARS	
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Winnetka Phone 3307		DATE OF BIRTH	
(Exchange) (Number)		(Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)	
		Aug 17 1920	
		(State or country)	
6. PLACE OF BIRTH			
Chicago			
(Town or country)			
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS			
Dr Paul Starr 695 Prospect Ave Winnetka Ill			
8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS			
Oklin College - student			
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS			
Oklin			
(Number and street or R. F. D. number)			
(Town) (County) (State)			
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.			
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		(Registrant's signature)	

World War II draft registration card for Merritt
Starr, former owner of 695 Prospect

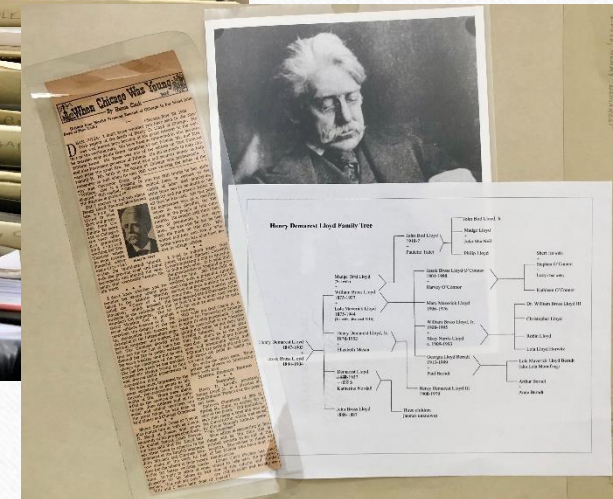
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1900 census record for the Densmores,
former owners of 411 Linden, found
on Ancestry.com

5. Check the WHS property and reference files



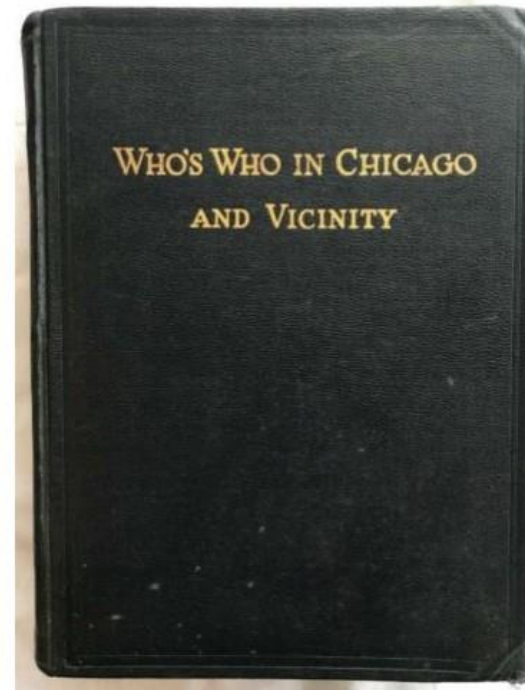
Property file for 830 Sheridan



Reference file on Henry Demarest Lloyd, 1st owner of 830 Sheridan

6. Check these additional resources

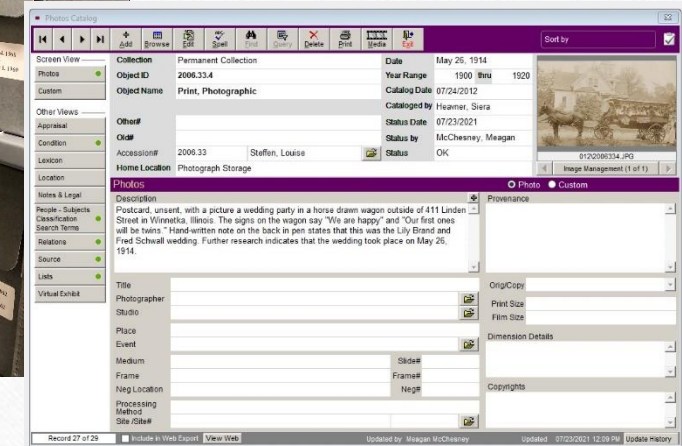
- Chicago History Museum catalogue
- *Book of Chicagoans*
 - Some copies available in the WHS reference library
- *Who's Who in Chicago*
 - Some copies available in the WHS reference library
- Google search!



Who's Who in Chicago, 1936

Have any significant events been associated with my house?

- Search the *Winnetka Talk*, *Chicago Tribune*, and other local publications for mentions of your address
- Check the WHS property files
- Search the WHS PastPerfect database
- Talk to your neighbors and previous owners to see if they know anything



WHS PastPerfect database search result for 411 Linden

Is My House on Any Historic Registers, Lists, or Databases?

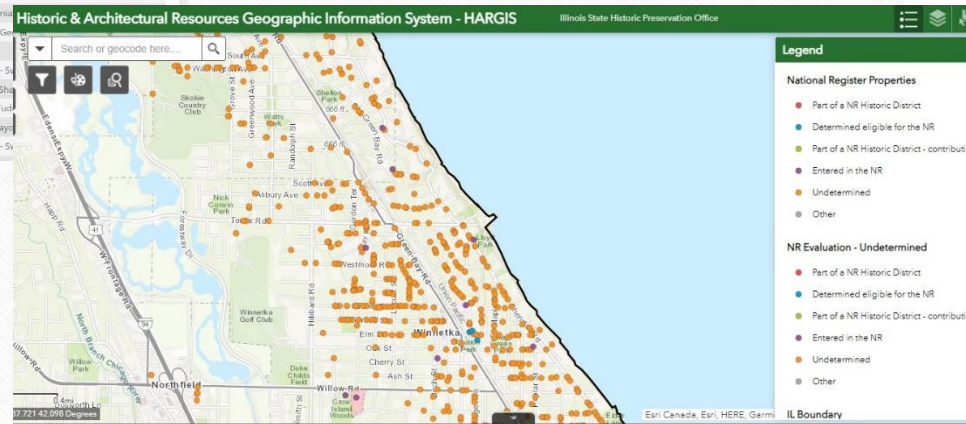
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Winnetka's Designated Landmarks

Address	Architect and Style	Date Built
594 Elm Street	L.G. Lyman - Gothic Revival	1872
830 Sheridan Road (Lloyd House)	Queenie Anne	c. 1850
500 Maple Street	William Aiken, builder - Georgian Revival	1916
950 Hill Road (Joseph H. McNabb House)	S.S. Beman - Tudor Revival	1927
510 Green Bay Road (Village Hall)	Edwin Clark - Georgian Revival	1925
11 Indian Hill Road (Leroy Kellogg House)	French Revival	1926
978 Euclid Avenue (Mrs. Enos Barton House)	Tudor Revival	1923
915 Sheridan Road (Max Epstein House "Edgecliffe")	Samuel Marx - French Revival	1930
939 Tower Road (Erwin P. Snyder House)	Fred Keck - Tudor Revival	1923
930 Fisher Lane (Murray Nelson House)	Colonial Revival	1904
949 Fisher Lane (Walter T. Fisher House)	Howard Fisher	1926
535 Cherry Street	N/A	1929
687 Cherry Street	Sam Steffans - Colonial	
20 Fox Lane (Everett D. Graff House)	Stanley Anderson - Gothic	
411 Linden Street (Winnetka Historical Society)	Gothic Revival	
902 Greenwood Avenue	Andrew W Paulson - S	
94 Mary Street	Howard VanDoren Sh	
739 Elm Street (New Trier Twp. Office Building)	Clifford Shopbell - Tus	
419 Sheridan Road (Henry Haven Windsor, Jr. House)	Ernest and Peter May	
1479 Tower Road (Red Tile Lodge)	Andrew W Paulson - S	

Village of Winnetka list of Designated Landmarks



Illinois State Historic Preservation Office's Historic & Architectural Resources Geographic Information System



NPGallery Digital Asset Search

Resource Name

☒ Any Words ☐ All Words ☐ Phrase

State County

State City

Reference Number

NPS Park Name

Record Category

National Register of Historic Places searchable database

Has my house changed over time?

Building permit applications and architectural surveys may also provide information about changes to your home!



Image of 411 Linden from the WHS digital files



Image of 411 Linden from the WHS PastPerfect database

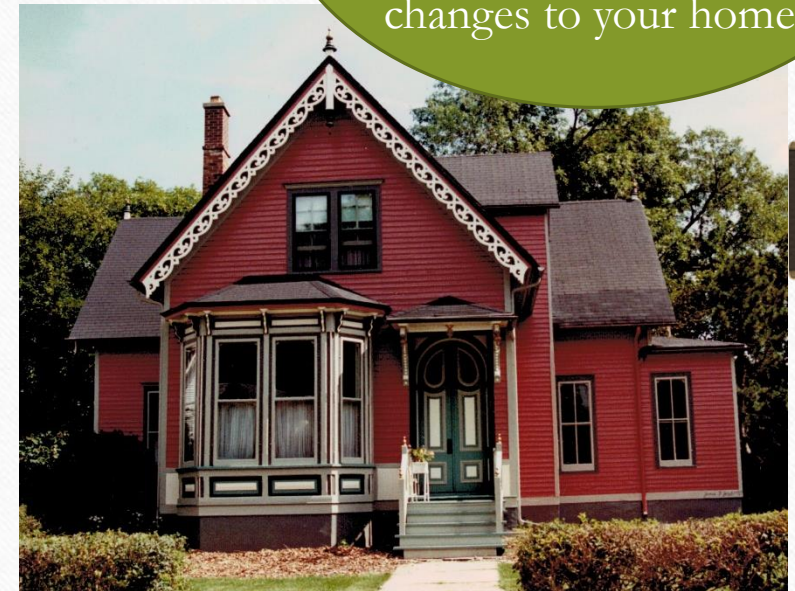


Image of 411 Linden from the WHS property file

Additional Common Questions

- Is my home significant?
 - We only make a determination on a property's historical or architectural significance if requested by the Village of Winnetka Preservation Commission.
- Can I view WHS materials in person?
 - Yes! We are open Tuesday and Thursday from 1-4pm. You can also contact us at curator@winnetkahistory.org to set up an appointment.
- Do you have the original blueprints for my house?
 - We do not have many sets of original blueprints, but we are happy to check!
- If I have historic materials related to my house, former residents or former residents, can I donate them to the historical society?
 - Yes! If you'd like to donate materials to the Historical Society, please email a description and photograph to us at curator@winnetkahistory.org.
- Can I nominate my home to be a Winnetka Designated Landmark?
 - Yes! You can find the application form on the Village of Winnetka's website.

Thank you and happy researching!

- Have additional questions?
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