

## Self-Guided Historic House Walk

Take a walk leisurely down West Fremont St. Use this guide to gather information about the older homes in the area. To begin, walk west from the Museum along the north side of Fremont.

### **114 W. Fremont**

T.J. Hitchcock built this Craftsman-style house in 1905. Hitchcock was a businessman who dealt in lumber, coal, wood, lime cement, brick, hair and culvert tile. The Hitchcock family owned the house from 1905-1966.

### **204 W. Fremont**

This wood frame bungalow was built circa 1929, but was condemned in the late 70s. Dan Sutherland, then a local architect, restored and remodeled the house and designed the garage.

### **208 W. Fremont**

Federal-style home with quatre foil decoration that was built around 1900. The names of the builders are uncertain, but may have been Boeger and Garms, whose names have been found in the house. The house originally had a barn behind it. The first police chief of Arlington Heights, Carl Skoog, and his family lived in this house in the 1940s and 50s.

### **210 W. Fremont**

One story stone and brick house built circa 1956 by Allen Schulte as a retirement home for him and his wife, Frieda. Mr. Schulte was a local builder and contractor, and built many homes in Arlington Heights in the 40s and 50s.

### **212 W. Fremont**

This 1.5 story wood frame house is thought to be one of the older homes in the neighborhood and was probably built around 1880. The previous owners expanded the home by adding several rooms and a garage.

### **214 W. Fremont**

David W. Noyes, a carpenter, built this frame farm-style house in 1873. He and his family were the first occupants of the home. His son, Burton Noyes and his family owned the house until 1968. David Noyes is thought to have been involved in the construction of many of the older homes in Arlington Heights.

### **216 W. Fremont**

Corner of Chestnut and Fremont. This house was originally the coach house for the Allen residence at 116 W. Euclid. It was moved here circa 1944.

*\*\* Turn right and walk north on Chestnut to see the next two houses.*

### **515 N. Chestnut**

Italianate style. E. P. Mueller built this house circa 1898. Over the years it has been home to many families including the Volz family at the turn of the century. This house was abandoned for a year in the 50s before Frederick Shea bought it and fixed it up.

### **514 N. Chestnut**

This farmhouse was built in 1878, possibly by Peter Beyer for a relative. Mr. Beyer lived across the street at 605 N. Chestnut. An earlier brochure lists a carriage house in 1894 and another outbuilding 1909. The extensive renovation took place in 2006, but carefully maintained the original style of the home.

*\*\* Return to Fremont St. and turn right to go west*

### **300 W. Fremont**

The house was built circa 1919 by the Kehe family in which to raise their family. Mr. Kehe was a postmaster of Arlington Heights. The family owned a farm where Luther Village now stands. They also owned and later donated the land where the original Lutheran home was at Ridge and Northwest Highway.

### **306 W. Fremont**

This house, built in 1905, was originally a Victorian-style, but was converted to a Colonial-style during the 40s and made into a two-flat. It was converted back to a single family home in 1982.

### **310 W. Fremont**

Prairie Four Square-style house built in 1925.

**316 W. Fremont**

Cape Cod house built circa 1965 by Allen Anderson, who was a local contractor.

**320 W. Fremont**

This Victorian house is thought to be over 100 year old. It was built by a Mr. Windheim, whose family and descendants lived in the home until his granddaughter sold it in 1958 to the present occupants.

**406 W. Fremont**

Victorian, exact age unknown.

*\*\*Cross the street and walk east on Park Pl..*

The area on your right or to the south of Memorial Park was the site of the first Boeger lumber yard which was destroyed by fire in 1889. It was then relocated to south Vail St.

**309 Park Place**

Victorian 1.5 story house built circa 1900. It was once the home of Herman Landeck and wife Clara. He was the village band director from 1915-1931.

**307 Park Place**

Brick bungalow built around 1927. The home was designed to reflect modern trends with a large combination dining room and living room. The home was the residence of Wm and Maude McKee until 1935. William was the manager of the Creamery Package Co. The builder's family and descendants lived in the house until 1985.

*\*\*\*Cross Park Place and walk north on Chestnut.*

**Memorial Park (on your left)**

Memorial Park is the oldest park in Arlington Heights and dedicated in 1893. The land was presented by Dr. John E. Best in 1883 to the village as a park. His son, Dr. B.T. Best, completed this project by overseeing the procurement and placement of the monument. In 1919 a monument was erected to honor the doughboys of WWI. The original Barre Granite monument weighed 8,600 pounds and on the bronze plaque was inscribed the names of 133 of "our boys". In 2008, private citizens under the guidance of the Park District raised funds to improve the Park for generations to come. The park was rededicated in November 2008.

*\*\*\*Turn right and walk east on Fremont*

**215 W. Fremont**

Built in 1873, this home is believed to be the original farmhouse of the area. A garage and barn stood behind the house. According to a previous occupant, the house, together with the barn, a buggy and a horse, rented for \$15 per month in 1915. The Schoolman family including a son Carl lived at this address from about the 1920s to the 60s.

**213 W. Fremont**

This Craftsman-style bungalow was built in 1922 by Theodore Dettman. The Dettmans lived in the home until WWII. They had seven children. This property formerly included the property now at 209 W. Fremont.

**205 W. Fremont**

St. Peter Lutheran church built the home in 1909 for a teacher who had a big family. The family planted the back yard planted with all sorts of fruit trees and bushes including pears, currants, and even grapes. At that time, St. Peter's Lutheran School was located nearby on NW Highway. This served as the principal's residence until the 1950s.

**203 W. Fremont**

This brick American Four-Square house was built from 1912-1914 by William Meyer, known as "Mason Meyer", and his wife. The home has an Arts & Crafts interior. The house once had a barn in back as well as a one car garage. Both are now gone and the present garage was erected in the mid 50s. The chimney and bay are probably the outstanding architectural features, one of "Mason Meyer's" best achievements. At the end of WWII, the Meyers sold the house to the Ahmers, a local builder. His widow lived in the home until 1978.

**121 W. Fremont**

This one and one-half story frame residence was built in the 1920s.

**Cross the street and visit the museum's Heritage Gallery and Shop (Fri-Sun 1:30-4:30)  
or take a tour of the complex (Sat. & Sun. 2:00 and 3:00pm).**