

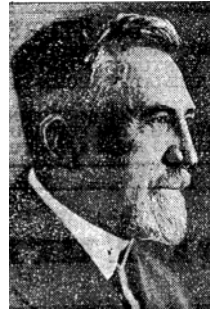
# William E. Harmon & Co. Model Homes

## Ravenswood Manor Centennial Tour

Wm. E. Harmon & Co. began to sell house lots for their "Ravenswood Manor" subdivision in the spring of 1909. The 40-acre community was served by a new ground-level "L" and station at Francisco, along the recently extended Ravenswood transit line.



Harmon built a real estate sales office a half-block south of the station near where today's Manor Park pergola stands. House lots were priced at between \$690 and \$990, depending on their size and location. To spur sales, Harmon constructed a group of model homes, mostly located within a block of the sales office along Eastwood, Francisco, and Wilson streets. Those 15 model homes make up this tour. Enjoy.



### 1. 2851 W. Eastwood/4627 N. Francisco (Former site of Wm. E. Harmon & Co. Real Estate Office)

Built 1909; architect/builder unknown; demolished 1957.  
1928-29 directory: Ravenswood Manor-Gardens Park District  
Left: c.1937 photo, looking northwest from Manor Avenue  
Right: developer William E. Harmon



### 2. 2807 W. Wilson (Thom House)

June 1909 building permit; Wm. H. Harley Jr., arch.; John Stut, bldr.; American Four Square style; brick exterior  
1910 census: John H. (47) and Margaret M. (50) Thom; dau Hazel A. (22) and Edna E. (19); son John J. (21). John is a civil engineer.  
1920 census: John H. (57) and Margaret M. (60) Thom; son John J. (31); dau Hazel (32) and Edna (29); Edna's husband Michael McGuire (57); dau Catherine (13), son John (11). John H. is engineer with Ill. Tunnel.

1928-29 directory: J. H. and Margaret Thom; M. J. and Edna McGuire

1930 census: Margaret (74) Thom; son John (42), dau Hazel (40) and Edna (39); Edna's husband Michael McGuire (61) and son Jack (13) and Harry (11); dau Margaret (9) and Lucille (7). No occupations listed. (\$12,000 house value)

1940 census: Michael (72) and Edna (49) McGuire; son Michael Jr. (21), his wife Eileen (18), and son Michael J. (5 mos); son Harry (19); dau Margaret (17) and Catherine (14). Michael Sr. is a public school engineer. (\$25/mo rent)

1957 directory (2805): W. J. Fregin



### 3. 2767 W. Wilson (Quane House) **Facade lost**

March 1910 building permit; Bostrom & Olson, bldr.; American Four Square/Queen Anne style; stucco exterior. Left photo: Fall 2013; right photo: Spring 2014.

1910 census: No one shown residing at this location

1920 census: Daniel F. (48) and Elizabeth (48) Guane (sp); son David (28); dau Mary E. (9). Daniel is a foreman at Chicago Alton RR.

1928-29 directory: Daniel and Elizabeth Quane

1930 census: Daniel F. (58) and Elizabeth (57) Luane (sp); dau Mary (19). Daniel supervisor for steam railroad. (\$12,000 house value)

1940 census: Daniel (68) and Elizabeth (68) Guane (sp); dau Mary (29); grandson Arthur J.

(20). Daniel a yard clerk with steam railroad; Arthur a jewelry store salesman. (\$6,000 house value)

1957 directory: D. F. Quane



### 4. 2731 W. Windsor (DuRocher House)

May 1911 permit; David Mahaffey, arch.; Nelson & Lewin, bldr.; Bungalow style; stucco exterior

1910 census: Vacant lot

1920 census: Louis (35) and Laura (35) DuRocher; Louis a lawyer.

1928-29 directory: L. R. and Laura DuRocher

1930 census: Louis J. (40) and Laura (40) DuRocher; Louis a lawyer, Laura a high school teacher. (\$15,000 house value)

1940 census: Louis (48) and Laura (48) DuRocher; Louis is a lawyer, Laura is a public schoolteacher.

1957 and 1966 directories: Laura M. Lynne



### 5. 4507 N. Mozart (Pietsch House)

Dec. 1909 building permit; David Mahaffey, arch.; Nelson & Lewin, bldr.; American Four Square style; stucco exterior

1910 census: No one shown residing at this location.

1920 census: Fredrick C. (51) and Alice D. (42) Pietsch (b.Germany). Fredrick is a cashier with a wholesaler.

1928-29 directory: F. C. and Alice Pietsch

1930 census: Chester (41) and Anna (41) Phillipps; dau Rita (17), Janet (11), Shirly

Mae (3); sons Chester (15) and Howard (13). Chester is a machinery broker. \$90/mo rent.

1940 census: William (47) and Marion (43) Carroll; sons Richard (13), Harry (11), Thomas (9), Joseph (7), Gerald (5); niece Rita Ann (19) Smith.

William is a salesman with lumber mill; Rita Ann is a receptionist in doctor's office. 1966 directory: C. Ziolkowski



#### **6. 4452 N. Francisco (Gorton House)**

June 1909 permit; Nelson & Lewin, bldr.; Queen Anne style; shingle/stucco exterior

1910 census: Weaver G. (29) and Pearl H. (32) Gorton; Effie Gorton (28; sister). Weaver is a printer; Pearl is a schoolteacher.

1920 census: Weaver (39) and Pearl (42) Gorton; dau Pauline (16) and Marion (8); Pearl's father D. L. Hawks (71). Same occupations.

1928-29 directory: W. G. and Pearl H. Gorton

1930 Census (4448): Weaver (50) and Pearl (52), Marion Hurless (19), tenant. \$110/mo.

1940 census: W.G. (60) and Pearl H. (61) Gorton; dau Marion P. and husband Owen K. Eddy (both 28) and their dau Marin Lee (8)

1957 directory: J. M. Kenny

1966 directory: T. P. Walsh (owner of Bulk-O service station, northwest corner of Mozart and Montrose-JB)



#### **7. 4443 N. Francisco (Mosher-Noelle House)**

June 1909 building permit; Bostrom & Olson, bldr.; American Four Square style; stucco exterior

1910 census: Wallace C. (29) and Margaret J. (29) Mosher; son Claude R. (1). Wallace works as a printer.

1920 census: John Noelle (57; widower); sons William J. (27) and John C. Jr. (19); dau Luella J. (24) and Charlotte E. (22); brother Louis J. (42). John works as a butcher.

1928-29 directory: J. C. Nolle (sp)

1930 census: John C. (68) Noelle; dau Luella J. (34); dau Charlotte (32) and husband Frank (35) Simpson. No occupations listed. \$12,000 value.

1940 census: Thomas (30) and Hazel (30) Morrill; dau Dorothy M. (6); son Charles (4). Thomas is a secretary with insurance reporter.

1957 and 1966 directories: R. J. Savage



#### **8. 4524 N. Francisco (Ennes-Mehnert House)**

June 1909 building permit; Bostrom & Olson, bldr.; American Four Square style; frame exterior

1910 census: Charles E. (43) and Annette C. (39) Ennes; sons Earl R. (17) and Edward R. (16); dau Mary J. (9) and Annette C. (2). Charles, a mechanical engineer, was a founder of the Ravenswood Manor-Gardens Civic Organization and Ravenswood Manor-Gardens Park District (name also spelled Ennis and Ermes).

1920 census: Charles (51) and Annette (48) Ennes; sons Clarence (30) and Edward

(20); daughter Mary (19) and Annette (11); mother Marry C. (71). Edward is a pharmaceutical engineer.

1928-29 directory: Leander P. and Emily Mehnert; P. H. and Frieda Mehnert



1930 census: Paul Mehnert (59)

1940 census: Paul (69; b.Germany) and Frieda (62) Mehnert; son Leander (40) and his dau Grace (16) and son Roger (13). Leander a printer. \$4,000 house value.

1957 and 1966 directories: L. P. Mehnert



### **9. 4535 N. Francisco (Mohn-Gertz House)**

June 1909 building permit; Bostrom & Olson, bldr.; Gable style; frame exterior

1910 census: Frieda Mohn, a public school teacher.

1920 census: Louis (45; b.Germany) and Olla (45) Hildebrant; dau Hulda (18) and Josephine (17); boarder James Brock (35). Louis works as a storekeeper; Olla also works in the store.

1928-29 directory: F. K. and Josephie Gertz

1930 census: Frank (62) and Josephine (61; b.Ireland) Gerty (sp); dau Helen (29), son Alvin (27). Frank a school property inspector; Helen a home economics teacher; Alvin a surgeon. \$18,000 house value.

1940 census: Josephine (68) Gertz; dau Eileen (42), schoolteacher.

1966 directory: J. R. Wade



### **\* 4521 N. Richmond (Van Pelt House) Lost**

Dec. 1909 permit; David Mahaffey, arch.; Nelson & Lewin, bldr.; Colonial Revival style

1910 census: No one shown residing at this location.

1920 census: Dale (47) and Winnie (48) Van Pelt; dau Mary (15) and Elizabeth A. (6); Dale's father George W. (76); Winnie's mother Drula Wieritt (76). Dale, a commercial artist at Illustrator Ad Co. , is a founder of the RM-G Civic Organization.

1928-29 directory: Mrs. Elizabeth Becker

1930 census: Elizabeth Becker (57; b.Germany); son Ferdinand (32), a roofer. \$75/mo rent.

1966 directory: D. F. Wyatt



### **10. 2848 W. Wilson (See-Peterson House)**

June 1909 building permit; Nelson & Lewin, bldr.; Prairie style; brick/stucco exterior

1910 census: Edwin S. (28) and Eleanor (26) See; dau Eleanor (4); Eleanor's mother Johanna Mielke. Edwin works as a grain dealer at the Chicago Board of Trade.

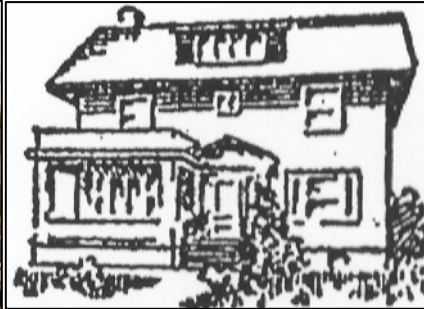
1920 census: Joseph (34) and Irene (32) Heimann; daughter Jeane (2); father-in-law John (60) and Mary J. (59) Reining; nurse Mary Storck (27). Joseph works as a stockbroker; John is a barber.

1928-29 directory: George and Elsie Peterson

1930 census: George (78; b.Denmark) and Elsie (65) Peterson; son Harold (38) and wife Clara (35). \$24k value. Furniture maker.

1940 census: Elsie (74; b.Denmark) Peterson; son Harold (48) and wife Clara (48) Peterson. Harold is a loan finance manager.

1957 and 1966 directories: L. H. Minifie



### **11. 2907 W. Wilson (Wilcox-Garland House) Lost**

June 1909 building permit; Nelson & Lewin, bldr.; Craftsman style; stucco exterior

1910 census: No one shown residing at this location.

1920 census: John C. (44) and Frances (38) Wilcox; sons John C. (13) and Clarence (11); Frances' mother Laura Powers (63). John works in the legal department of Lumberman Co.

1928-29 directory: S. A. and Mae Garland

1930 census: Stewart (51) and Mae (41) Garland; sons Jerome (23), Harry (20), Raymond (19), and Sherman (18); Alberta Norrgaard (35; b.Russia). Stewart a wholesale furniture salesman. \$15,000 house value.

1940 census: Mae O. (52) Gerland (sp); son Sherman A. Pearlstein? (28). Mae a comp matron with private company; Sherman a lawyer. \$5,000 house value.

1957 directory: M. B. Kramer

1966 directory: F. R. Wurtz



### **12. 2936 W. Leland (Smith House)**

Sept. 1909 building permit; Wm. H. Harley Jr., architect; John Stut, builder; American Four-Square style; brick exterior

1910 census: No one shown residing at this location.

1920 census: Charles (49) and Anna T. (48) Smith; son Arthur F. (8). No occupations listed.

1928-29 directory: E. W. and Edna Smith

1930 census: Cornelius (44; b.Holland) and Edna M. (36) Schoper; dau Anna M. (14); sons Charles (12) and Cornelius Jr. (7); Edna's mother Anna T. Smith (59). \$55/mo. Dredge tug pilot.

1940 census: John Chicoin (31); brother Walter (27), sister Irene (26), mother Kathleen (54), sister Valerie Koepke (28), nephews John (7) and Kenneth (3) Koepke. John a real estate office mgr. Walter a materials salesman; Irene is a secretary with insurance company.

1957 and 1966 directories: F. A. Beyer



### 13. 4721 N. Sacramento (Metzdorf House)

Sept. 1909 building permit; Wm. H. Harley, Jr., arch.; John Stut, bldr.; American Four Square style; brick exterior

1910 census: Johanna Metzdorf (age 60; b.Germany); son George B. (26), daughter Effie T; brother John C. Ries (58); nephews George N. (18) and Peter J. (14) Ries. No occupations listed.

1920 census: H. William (41; b.Russia) and Martha (35) Cisensta; son Frederick W. (4). Wholesaler.

1928-29 directory: Mrs. May C. Miracle

1930 census: Roscoe (42) and Gladys/Alice (36) Dooley; son William (5), dau Frances (1). \$80/mo. Accountant with office supply co.

1940 census: Walter (37) and Bertha (37) Loewy; parents Eugene (71) and Rosa (66) Loewy. Walter works as a chemist.

1957 directory: Allied Valve Renewal Co.

1966 directory: R. L. Winkle



### 14. 2943 W. Eastwood (Drazy House)

Sept. 1909 building permit; Wm. H. Harley, Jr., arch.; John Stut, bldr.; American Four Square style; brick exterior

1910 census: No one shown residing at this location.

1920 census: Gephass (42) and Jessie (34) Drazy; daughter Mary Flovia (1); mother-in-law Mary Bochtler (58). Gephass is an accountant with the Illinois Central Railroad.

1928-29 directory: W. F. and Maude Yagle (sp)

1930 census: William F. (51) and Maud (52) Kagle (sp); dau Alice-May (19). Wire

chief with telephone company.

1940 census: Lloyd K. (62) and Lydia (64) Jones; Lloyd is a freelance artist in advertising.

1957 directory: S. Gavzer, business. 1966 directory: B. H. Gavzer; Gavzer carpet and furniture cleaners



### 15. 2907 W. Eastwood (Stockton-Nurrie House)

March 1909 building permit; Nelson & Lewin, bldr.; American Four Square style; stucco exterior

1910 census: John P. (28) and Sinda (27) Stockton; dau Frances (5), son John (3); servant Mary Mauser. John works as a manufacturer.

1920 census: Florence Marie Nurris (sp) (51) is a milliner at Carson Pirie Scott; sisters Josie (49) and Agnes (38); brother John (54).

1928-29 directory: Mayme Nurre

1930 census: Mayme Nurne (sp) (61); sisters Josie (59) and Agnes (48); niece Mary L. Hanle (25). \$20k value. Sisters work as milliner at dry goods and telephone supervisor; niece works at beauty shop.

1940 census: Agnes Nurrie (68); nephew John (37) and wife Claire (33) Hanley; their son Joseph (12). Agnes is chief engineer clerk with City of Chicago; John is a telephone engineer.

1957 and 1966 directories: P. E. Hill

## **Appendix**

Source of building permits: Ravenswood Manor National Register Historic District nomination form.

Additional research: Athene Carras, Jackie Klein, and Jim Peters; RMIA Centennial Research/Tour Committee (2014).

Building sketches: Ravenswood Manor real estate sales brochure (Chicago Tribune, April 1910)

General notes: The 1910 census showed 15 households and 60 residents in the neighborhood....Vacant lots originally sold for \$690 to \$990....The minimum required construction costs were: \$2,500-3,000; \$3,500 on Wilson; and \$4,000 for brick two-flats (which only were permitted on Agatite, California, Manor, and Sunnyside)

Other notable Chicago buildings designed by Wm. H. Harley include: 1910 W. Logan (built 1907), 3048 W. Palmer (1911), 329 N. Menard (1909), 206 N. Parkside (1909)

Other notable Chicago buildings designed by David Mahaffey include: five in Norwood Park (built 1910-26); 4512 N. Lawndale (1916); 4449 N. Monticello (1913)

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