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All meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Society, 1447 W. Morse Avenue and are open to all members.

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## RPWRHS Holds Members-Only Holiday Party Sunday, 12/2/12

By Hank Morris

An early painting by J. Gutzon Borglum, sculptor of the Mount Rushmore Presidents, was one of the treasures brought by Rogers Park West Ridge Historical Society members to our version of "Antiques Roadshow." Held in conjunction with the members-only holiday party on Sunday, December 2, 2012, the appraisal session brought about some thirty items, some trash, some treasure.

Member Ellie Kalish, owner of the Borglum painting, said she had once seen a photo of Borglum's studio in which her painting was hanging on the wall. She hopes to donate the painting to a museum at Mount Rushmore devoted to the sculptor's life and work.

Two professional appraisers were available to review items brought by members. George Glastris, formerly of Christie's London, now owns Edison Gallery in Chicago. A specialist in antique scientific and other instruments and also knowledgeable of furniture, decorative arts, and toys, Mr. Glastris has appeared numerous times on PBS "Antique Roadshow" and "American Pickers" on the History Channel. Keith Zaransky has been an active dealer in rare timepieces since 1987. He is



Experts Keith Zaransky and George Glastris confer about an item brought in by a member for our version of the "Antiques Roadshow" at the December 2 Members Only Party. Photo Courtesy of Brian Butterfield

also an expert in jewelry and vintage writing instruments. He has handled consignments in Geneva, Switzerland, organized a vintage watch show in London, and owned antique and jewelry stores.

In addition to the Borglum painting, the appraisers noted the following items as most interesting to them: a trolley car bell circa 1905; an Edwardian gold necklace bearing a painted enamel landscape scene; a George Jensen compote from the 1950's; an art glass footed bowl by Arthur J. Nash, Tiffany's most important assistant; a 14 karat box-hinge pocket watch and chain with multicolor gold on the watch; and a large cold-painted bronze warrior statue by Austrian *art nouveau* sculptor Franz Bergman.

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## Members-Only Holiday Party

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Comments of members who attended were very positive whether or not they bought items for evaluation. Attendees spent the afternoon examining the treasures, sharing stories about these and other cherished objects, and hearing the appraiser's reactions. A holiday buffet added to the festivities.

The setting for the holiday party was the Greenleaf Art Center. Those present had the opportunity to view the Long Hall Gallery of works by artists who maintain studio space there. The Center is owned and operated by RPWRHS Board Members Kathie and Denis Paluch.

## Welcome our New Office Manager, Jared Matthews

Jared was born in New York City, but he and his family lived in Arizona, Texas, and Washington State, before returning to Arizona permanently (his family still lives in Arizona).

After his graduation from high school in Gilbert, Arizona, Jared joined the Army as an Infantryman, and was ultimately assigned to the 10th Mountain Infantry Division. Over the next six years (2004-2010), his unit was deployed twice in support of Operation Enduring Freedom 2007 to 2010.

Following his time in the Army, Jared worked for a brief stint as a Private Security

Contractor in Baghdad, Iraq, until beginning college at University of Michigan in January of 2011.

Before moving to Chicago, Jared was a collections assistant for the Buick Automotive Gallery of the Sloan Museum. In August 2012, Jared settled in Rogers Park with his girlfriend and their three dogs, where he attends Loyola University Chicago. Jared is double-majoring in History and Anthropology.



Jared Matthews

## New Project for the RPWRHS

The Rogers Park/West Ridge Historical Society is about to embark on a project in which we will be installing historic displays in otherwise empty storefronts. The plan is to inform passersby about the significance of that building where the display is installed and/or about the area where the building stands, and to make the public more aware of our existence.

You can read about this in the article posted on the new neighborhood-oriented news

website: DNAinfo.com. The address is: <http://www.dnainfo.com/chicago/20121102/rogers-park/clark-devon-hardware-show-off-its-surprising-history-empty-storefront>

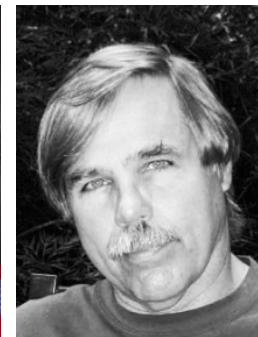
Look for these installations to appear in empty storefronts in Rogers Park AND West Ridge sometime in 2013.



## From the Copresidents' Desk



Kevin Walchak



Frank Vodvarka

We write this at the beginning of a new year. A year in which the Rogers Park/West Ridge Historical Society plans to continue successful efforts from the past, and implement some innovations. New members are settling in on the Board of Directors, and efforts are being made in the areas of programming, civic outreach, and the securing of grants necessary to ensure our operations. Among the new faces are Ken Walchak and myself, Frank Vodvarka. Ken is part of a 3rd generation neighborhood business, and I am a professor of fine arts at Loyola University. We are both honored to lead an organization that includes many of your friends and neighbors.

This last year the RPWRHS continued many successful programs, including the Second Saturdays at the Society lectures and our participation in the Open House Chicago weekend. Two other successful events have been the second Neighborhood Gangsta tour, and a tour of St. Henry's Cemetery. One nice part of this tour was the participation of some of the first families of the area, who were interested in continuing their support for future tours and activities of the Society. The Storefront Initiative is a new program involving the installation of exhibits in currently vacant storefronts in the neighborhoods. The plan is for each display to use the architectural history of the location to serve as nexus for a wide variety of historical

data concerning the ever-changing life of the neighborhood. This is an exciting program that we believe will raise awareness of the area's history, and the vitality of the Society itself.

So, it is safe to say that the RPWRHS is alive and well, and planning interesting events. And we plan to increase our visibility in the community. Our website <http://www.rpwrhs.org> contains many interactive features and multimedia presentations, including searchable back issues of this very newsletter and house tour booklets. Some of our oral histories will soon be available as podcasts. We have an on-line interactive history question and answer forum where members may exchange information about the history of our two communities at <http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/rpwrhs>. Still other initiatives have included the creation of a history wiki to chronicle the rich history of the area, its citizens, institutions, and businesses. Our membership consists of current residents of the area and others interested in its history, some 275 member households. We would like to reach out to all of you who may have skills or interest in any of these areas to become involved with your society and help us collect and present the richness of our community.

This is all to the good, and is a tribute to the support of our volunteers and board, but especially our loyal membership. Please, come sit in on a board meeting. See what we are up to, and contribute to the vitality of your organization. We generally meet on the 4th Monday of the month. Above all, we encourage you to give yourselves a big hand; it is after all your society.

Happy New Year,  
Ken Walchak and Frank Vodvarka

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December 1, 2012

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# The “Other” Bach House

By Hank Morris



Otto Bach's house was about 2 blocks from brother Emil's house. Sadly, only Emil's house survives.  
Photo Courtesy of Hank Morris

The Emil Bach House we're all familiar with is located at 7415 N. Sheridan Road. A masterpiece from none other than Frank Lloyd Wright (1867–1959), this house is so popular that approximately 2,200 people waited in line as long as an hour during openhousechicago 2011 to see it. It is truly one of the most popular attractions in Rogers Park.

## What about the OTHER Bach House?

While it's “officially” known as the Oscar M. and Katherine B. Steffens Residence, 7631 N. Sheridan Road (built in 1909), Oscar and Katherine lived there only about three years. The house was purchased by Emil Bach's brother, Otto.

As a result of the many visits to his brother's Wright-designed home, Emil Bach had to have one of his own. He purchased a lot just two blocks south of his brother's. In 1915, Wright designed the Emil Bach House. In fact, it was only after visiting Otto in his Wright house many times that Emil was convinced to approach Frank Lloyd Wright to design a house for his family.

## Why haven't we heard about the Other Bach House?

For one reason, the building was demolished 50 years ago in March 1963, so it could be replaced that spring by a

five-story apartment building designed by O.W. Howell Enterprises, whose office was located at 4828 Main Street, Skokie.

## The Oscar Steffens House

Sadly, very little information is available about the Steffens or their Frank Lloyd Wright home. According to Cook County records, the property was purchased by a Mrs. Katherine B. Steffens in August 1908. There is no indication why her husband, Oscar M. Steffens, was not included on the deed, but, he wasn't.

In 1907, Oscar Steffens was an incorporator and vice president of the Illinois Granite Brick Co., a manufacturer of sand lime bricks. (Otto Bach was also a manufacturer of bricks. Coincidence?) It seems that the plant for Illinois Granite Brick Company was built in Michigan City, Indiana. So, maybe Oscar moved there to be closer to his business. (A guess—nobody knows!)

The Steffen's home displayed many classic Prairie-style features such as the broad overhangs, shallow hipped roof, central fireplace, and rows of clerestory windows. Like the Walter Davidson House (1908), the Isabel Roberts House (1908) and the Frank J. Baker House (1909), the Steffens

home also included a one and a half story living room. But unlike the first three homes, where the living room windows extended to the roofline, the Steffens living room windows aligned with the base of the clerestory windows.

The big question is, since Oscar was a brick maker, why was his house built in frame instead of brick?

## The Bachs

William and Katharina Bach packed up their family and emigrated from Plochingen, Wurttemberg, Germany, to Chicago in 1881. Among their six sons were Otto Carl and Emil.

Otto Carl Bach was born in Plochingen on January 18, 1872. He married Louise Cora Gatter, of Evanston, Illinois, on January 17, 1907, and they had four children: Otto Carl, Jr.; Robert William; Marjorie L.; and Paula Jean.

Otto began his career working for his father, William, a brick manufacturer, in 1886. He became a stockholder of the reorganized firm of William Bach & Sons Company in 1900. The company continued under that name until William retired in 1905 and, he, Emil, and the other four brothers renamed it the Bach Brick Company. It was located at 2647 W. Montrose Blvd. Otto was listed as the secretary of the company.

## The King's Arms Restaurant

On October 7, 1932, at 60 years of age, Otto Carl Bach passed away, after living in his Wright-designed home for twenty years. For reasons unrecorded, Louise moved out of the home after her husband's death but retained ownership. She rented the home for the next thirty years to the King's

Arms Restaurant. Sadly, the restaurant abused what was once a beautifully designed Frank Lloyd Wright home. When Louise Bach passed away, the home went to Otto C. Bach, Jr., in December 1960. He continued to rent the property to the restaurant, but when approached by a developer, and with no real ties to the home, he sold it to O.W. Howell Enterprises in January 1963. Howell demolished the structure.

All that survived were a few of the windows. As legend has it, on April 6, 1963, Richard Nickel, the Chicago-born photographer, was arrested for attempting to rescue some of the Frank Lloyd Wright windows from destruction while the Oscar Steffens house was under demolition. The charges were dropped. According to Thomas Heinz, other windows were later installed in the Arkansas vacation home of a Chicago architect.

Today, a nondescript apartment complex is located where the magnificent Steffens Residence once stood.

Next issue, we'll look at the third Wright-designed house in Rogers Park.

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# Captain P.J. Harding, (1864-1938), Chicago Police Department

By Kathleen Case Paluch

Patrick James Harding was born in a small cottage in Peru, Illinois. When Pat was three years old, his mother, Hannah, died in a horse and buggy accident, in a rig she had borrowed from her brother. Pat and his baby brother John P., later the creator/owner of the famous Harding's Colonial Room Restaurant (21 S. Wabash Ave.), survived the accident. (There was a Harding's at the Howard Street "L", where a kid could get "glorious mashed potatoes and gravy, heavenly macaroni and cheese, and fresh muffins.")

Unable to care for the children, their father, John, split up the boys and sent them to live with different relatives. Eventually John Harding, Sr. remarried and put his family back together on a farm in Ivesdale, Illinois. When the second Mrs. Harding passed away, Pat was sent back to Peru, to live with an aunt and uncle. When his schooling ended, at age 14, Pat knocked about working first in the coal mines in Kankakee, Illinois and then in a glass factory/bottle works in Streator, Illinois, until he was 18.

In 1882, Pat moved to Chicago and began working for some cousins, the Fitzpatrick Bros., soap manufacturers and makers of the famous Kitchen Kleanser®. The Fitzpatricks lived in a home on Chicago's South Side; Pat stayed with them for nine years. At the age of 21, Pat met and married Margaret Elizabeth Meehan. Five years later, he joined the Chicago Police Department. Walking a beat out of the Maxwell St. Station for just one year, he was promoted to plain-clothes detective and given pickpocket detail at the Columbian Exposition, a.k.a. the Chicago's World's Fair of 1893.

Afterwards, Pat rose to the rank of Lieutenant, then Captain. He was put in charge of the Shakespeare Station in 1906 (now District 14), and stayed there until 1927 when he was transferred to the Rogers Park Station (now District 24). In August 1928, the Rogers Park police force consisted of 93 police officers. The district, which included Rogers Park and North Town, had one of the lowest crime rates in Chicago (and it still does). However, Pat became more and more concerned with the increase in prostitution in Chicago and, with a squad of policemen under his command, closed a well-

known "house of ill repute" on the near north side. Carter Henry Harrison, Jr., Mayor of Chicago, along with other politicians viewed this act as overzealous and unnecessary. As a result, Pat was suspended from the Chicago Police Department. After a short while, he was reinstated and remained in Rogers Park until the end of his career. As the Senior Captain in Chicago (at that time), he was transferred less than any other captain.

After 45 years of service, 24 of them as Captain, Patrick Harding was forced by new legislation to retire in 1937. Patrick's retirement celebration was a dinner dance thrown by grateful citizens at the beautiful Sovereign Hotel (6200 N. Kenmore Avenue). Three hundred friends and fellow police officers attended the testimonial dinner. Not long after the party, Pat was rehired by the Chicago Police Department as an investigator.

## Investigator Pat Harding

Pat Harding's new duties would take him from the Golden Gate of California to Vienna, Austria. On one case, he apprehended a notorious bank robber, whom he escorted back to Europe for trial. He received a reward in this case, and a testimonial to him hangs at City Hall in Mladá Boleslav, Bohemia, (now part of the Czech Republic).

Headline from the *Howard News*, June 16, 1935:

### Harding Solves \$51,000 Bohemia Bank Robbery; The Lambert Wilt case took him to Europe in 1898: \$49,000 recovered

One of Captain Harding's most interesting cases and the one which took him farthest afield was that of Lambert Wilt, the Bohemian bank cashier, who in 1898, robbed the National Savings Bank of Boleslav, Bohemia of \$51,000.

In July 1898, Lambert Wilt went on a month's vacation with his wife and aunt. He wrote a number of postcards, each with consecutive dates and addressed them to the president of the



Captain P.J. Harding, (1864-1938),  
Chicago Police Department.

bank where he was employed. Each card told the president how much he was enjoying his visits and what good times he was having. After paying a boy to mail the last post card for him, Wilt and the two women left for Germany.

When the cards stopped coming, bank officials telegraphed Wilt, but, received no answer. Suspecting something was wrong, an accountant was called in to check Wilt's accounts. They were found to be short \$51,000. Bohemian detectives traced him to Germany where they learned that, on August 22, the party had taken passage for New York City.

One of the Bohemian bank officials immediately wired his brother who owned a musical instrument shop in Chicago. Because Patrick Harding had recovered some stolen instruments for him, the man went immediately to his friend for help in apprehending Wilt. Harding, then a sergeant, got permission from his station captain to take the case and began the search.

After three days scouting in Chicago, Sergeant Harding was sure that the Wilt party had never been here, but learned that Wilt had an uncle living in Cleveland, Ohio. Arriving there on October 26, he secured the aid of a Bohemian detective and located the uncle, who said the party had left three days earlier for Buffalo, New York.

Not satisfied with this explanation, Harding traced their baggage and found it checked through to St. Louis by way of Chicago. So, three days behind the party, he started back west again.

Arriving in St. Louis, Harding made a thorough search of hotels and boarding houses, finally locating the three in a hotel at 16th and Olive Streets. With the aid of two St. Louis police officers, Harding placed Wilt and the two women under arrest.

They were at once taken to headquarters and searched. Five thousand dollars was found on their persons, \$2,000 of it concealed under Mrs. Wilt's corset.

Another famous case solved by Harding was the Chris Merry murder case. On November 28, 1897, Paulina Merry's body was found in a ditch along 87th Street near Western Avenue. Her husband, Christian (sometimes also referred to as Christopher), was finally apprehended and arrested in Princeton, Kentucky, and brought to Chicago on December 19, along with James Smith, who was charged as an accomplice. Merry was hanged on April 22, 1898.

Pat Harding was active in various Rogers Park organizations, having been a member of the Lions Club and Clark and Howard Associations. He was one of the leaders in the Rogers Park Emergency Relief Association, and was instrumental in organizing the Roger Park Chamber of Commerce. Pat, one of the community's most active leaders in civic affairs, held membership not only in business and improvement organizations, but church and school organizations as well. The Hardings attended St. Ignatius Catholic Church, 6559 N. Glenwood Avenue, and owned a home at 1317 W. Greenleaf Avenue, which is still standing today. Before his death at 73, Pat lived with his wife Margaret and their five children, Mary, Irene, Nell, Stoddard, and Harold. In 1935, at his retirement gala, seventeen children called him grandfather, and I am proudly one of his many, many great grandchildren.

Headline from *The Daily Post Tribune*, Thursday, May 5, 1938.

### Life Ends for Former Foe of Underworld Former Capt. Harding Dies Mile-Long Cortege at Funeral, Saturday

Mayor Edward J. Kelly, State's Attorney Thomas Courtney, Police Commissioner James P. Allman, and many other city leaders attended the wake for Captain James P. Harding Friday night, before his burial Saturday morning. Among them were judges from city, county, and state courts, aldermen, ward committeemen, and police captains from all over the city. Hundreds attended the services at St. Ignatius Church Saturday and formed a funeral procession almost a mile long, that proceeded by special permit up Sheridan Road from the church to Calvary Cemetery. A motorcycle escort accompanied it. Pallbearers were Captain John Essig of Rogers Park, Captain Martin Mullen of the gambling squad and former sixth division commander and now retired police Captain Martin O'Malley, formerly of Summerdale, Max Danner, and John E. Ptacek.

Captain Harding's death last Thursday morning in St. Francis Hospital followed the first illness of his life. At his bedside were his widow Margaret Elizabeth, his son Stoddard of Maywood, and two daughters, Mrs. Mary Tourtelot, 1317 W. Greenleaf Avenue, and Mrs. Irene Killgallon, also of Maywood.

*Thanks to Elizabeth Tourtelot Grosswendt, Elizabeth Killgallon Fund, and Gertrude Killgallon Crowley for their research and family stories. Thanks to Michael Grosswendt for the portrait of Patrick J. Harding.*

# December Second Saturday Oral History; End of Second Saturday Programs?

By Katherine McSpadden

“In my view, in those days West Rogers Park had everything. We didn’t have to be driven to the movies or take a bus. Everything was within walking distance: department stores, restaurants, butcher shops, three movie houses, dentists and doctors. We had the Jewel, National, Hillman’s Grocery Store, Kresge’s, and Neisner’s. There were also several drugstores; as teenagers we could find jobs in a neighborhood drugstore or a grocery store.”

Retired Circuit Court Judge Ronald Davis grew up in West Rogers Park—now West Ridge—in the years 1933-1953 and considered it a nearly perfect neighborhood. Judge Davis presented his memories as oral history at the Second Saturday Program on December 8, 2012. Nancy Jane Lauren, Oral History Director for RPWRHS, recorded his comments, as well as the question period which followed, for the archives.

He spoke of open spaces: the area west of Sacramento Avenue was farmland, and air conditioning was unnecessary because breezes from Lake Michigan reached open windows in West Rogers Park. He recalled the years of World War II, when “in all the empty lots we could have our own victory garden. We grew radishes, corn, beets, tomatoes, potatoes—every vegetable you could think of. Only two things we could never grow: head lettuce and watermelon.”

Judge Davis remembers taking the Devon Avenue and Clark Street streetcars to attend Senn High School “because Mather wasn’t built then. I remember going downtown before they built the subway and then after.” (It was built in the 1940s). Communication was personal. There were telephone operators: “No one saying, ‘Your call is very important to us.’” News came on the radio, from Gabriel Heater or Walter Winchell.

Life for children was ideal. They could play in the street “because the one neighbor who had a car had driven it to work.” In hot weather,

“people would go to the beach and sleep. There was no crime problem.” Judge Davis summed up his feelings: “Nothing was like growing up in Rogers Park.”

## Second Saturday Lectures

The December presentation was the final program in the Second Saturday at the Society series of lectures. For roughly the past two years, these monthly programs have provided a wealth of interesting speakers thanks to the dedicated coordination of Jonathan Dixon, outgoing cochair of the Events, Education, and Outreach Committee. Speakers have presented on local history, including early settlers from Luxembourg, Angel Guardian Orphanage, and the lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgendered community. Authors have talked about their books on Lincoln Park sculptures, the history of African-Americans in Chicago, and the elevated trains. How-to talks have focused on researching the history of one’s home, discovering forgotten history of Chicago, and using the Chicago Public Library website to research history.

While the Society expects to continue to have programs of speakers from time to time, a committee of members is working to vary the type of monthly program we offer. The current plan is to develop a monthly series of visits with the various cultural groups in our community. The new program is scheduled to begin in April.

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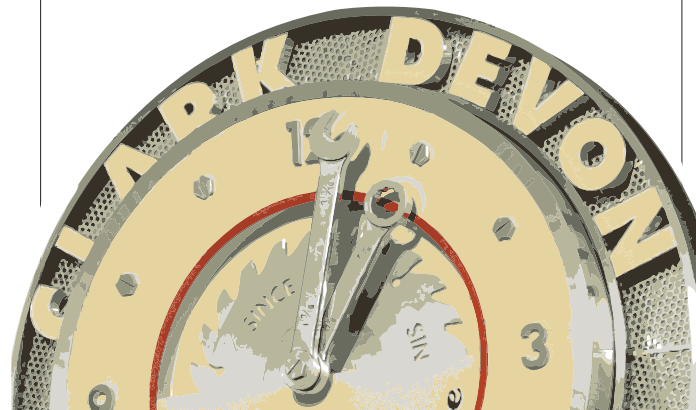


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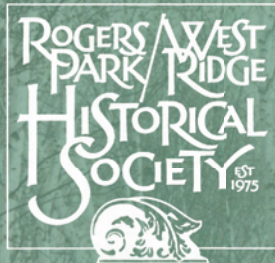
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### Been in the "hood" a while? Know somebody who has?

The Rogers Park/West Ridge Historical Society is conducting an ongoing oral history project. We are collecting the memories of those individuals who remember what life was like in Rogers Park and West Ridge "way back when."

Oral histories are a wonderful way to learn more about our neighborhoods before all the complexities of "modern life" settled in.

Memories are precious, whether they're yours, a friend's or a relative's. Help preserve our community's past through oral history today.

You can reach **Nancy Jane Lauren** to arrange an interview at **773-338-5365** or **nancyjanel Lauren@sbcglobal.net**

## Do you have photos of Rogers Park or West Ridge?

Our Photo Archives and Cataloging Project is charged with the preservation of our photo collection. In it, we have literally thousands of photographs that have been donated to the Society to be preserved for future generations and today's researchers.

It's one of our most valuable resources. Why not add your old photos to our collection? We will scan them and put them in the Photo Archives. Future generations and today's researchers will thank you for your efforts.

We can scan slides, negatives, prints, whatever. While we would prefer to preserve the originals, we're not greedy. If you want them back, we will honor your request.

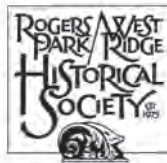
It would be most helpful if you could provide notes as to what is being shown in the photographs. We've never met Aunt Martha. Please tell us who is who. Neighborhoods change. Please tell us where the photo was taken and when. **Your photos can be from any time period, that means even the 2000s.**

For more information, contact the Society's offices.

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