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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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ESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is placed on the 100' wide and 190' deep property with its major dimension across the width of the lot, parallel to Judson Avenue. The north roof overhang covers the side drive and nearly extends to the property line. The setback from the sidewalk is about 45' - a generous rear yard of about 105' depth extends to the alley. The south roof overhang projects to within 10' of the property line. Once heavily wooded, most of the major elm trees on the site have succumbed to disease. Landscape design was originally by the architect, but no plans of the original planting layouts are available and it must be assumed that present landscaping does not reflect the original design.

A. Materials:

- 1. Exterior: Masonry (first floor); concrete; stucco and wood and half-timber trim; wood casement sash (upper floor window design results in ll individual wood-framed lights per sash); gabled main roof now asphalt shingles (probably wood shingles originally); flat roofs now built-up felts and pitch; brick chimney and concrete cap.
 - Masonry: earth-toned textured brick; running bond, every fifth course alternate header and stretcher; horizontal joints raked, vertical joints flush; poured concrete base and trim; brick foundation/basement walls.
 - Stucco: off-white sand finish stucco upper floor walls and gables; soffits of roof overhands; all stucco on wood lath.

 Wood: dark stained, rough sawn vertical half-timbers and horizontal wood trim delineate stucco areas; heavy wood fascia frames all roofs.
- 2. Interior: Off-white, textured plaster walls and ceilings; dark stained oak trim, sills and doors; oak flooring and stairs; earth-toned roman brick fireplace and hearth with concrete base and mantle; indirect lighting in wood coves in living and dining rooms.
- 3. Structure: Conventional wood framing on upper floor; wood columns in basement; cantilevers, overhangs and major gable roof framed in wood; brick fireplace core and chimney extend from basement through roof; concrete basement floor slab.
- 4. Miscellaneous: Hot water heating system; original cast iron radiators still in use (boiler has been replaced); original valved hot water distribution system still in use; present fuel is gas.
- B. Arrangement and Use of Interior Spaces:

 Basic plan revolves around the central fireplace core; Entry, Living Room and Dining Room have a contiguous ceiling, each room defined by ceiling trim, all tied together with the fascia of the lighting cove and similar wood trim, held constant at the elevation of door and window heads. This trim elevation, observed rigidly throughout the house, ties together various diverse elements and gives a sense of unity and continuity to the interior and exterior spaces and elevations.

The porch wraps around the dining room on three sides; the kitchen and Maid's Room face the garden; the only, short corridor leads from the kitchen to the entry area with access to the stairs to the upper floor, the basement, and to the rear entrance door.

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Four bedrooms and two bathrooms are located on the upper floor. Here ceilings follow the roof slope of the main gabled roof, resulting in pitched ceilings in all bedrooms.

The basic plan of the house is so sound that it adapts to contemporary living patterns without compromise and without need for "remodeling" or "modernizing". Because of this adaptability very little need for changes arose during the past 60 years, and only a few minor alterations were made by previous owners.

In its current state, during the continuing rehabilitation effort by the present owner, the house still relates very closely to the period of its historic importance, the early 20th century "Prairie School" of architecture. Some previous remodeling work has been removed and the porch has been restored to its intended function and prominence. The kitchen has been up-dated and various code violations have been corrected.

It has been attempted to do all rehabilitations and maintenance work in strict accordance with the material selection and the overall design intent established in 1910 by the architect.

HISTORY

The Building Permit, (No. 3881), dated February 9, 1910, specifies a two-story brick and frame residence costing \$8,000 to be owned by Elsie P. J. Carter and designed by Walter Burley Griffin. The house was built for the Carter family (see City of Evanston Directory for 1912-,3, Frederick B. Carter, Jr.). Subsequently issued Building Permits for a garage indicate as of 1914, the owner as A. P. Bowen. As of 1915, the Building Permit issued for the remodeling of the porch still indicates A. P. Bowen as owner. Most recent change of ownership occurred in 1965 when Hans A. Friedman purchased the bouse from Albert W. Tibbitts, whose family had occupied the house for some 28 years.

The professional career of Walter Burley Griffin has been well-documented elsewhere. The plans for this house were published as early as the October 1911 issue of "Brick Building". The 'Construction News', Vol. XXIX, No. 9, dated 26 February 1910 indicates "foundations in progress on residence for Frederick B. Carter, Evanston, Illinois; W. B. Griffin, Architect".

The Architect's presentation drawing for the house, showing floor plans, section and perspective sketch, is in the possession of Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois. This drawing has been reproduced in various recent works about the "Prairie School", the "Chicago School" and about Griffin.

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What appears to be a reproduction of a very early photograph of the house is shown on page 34 of Walter Burley Griffin by James Birrell, University of Queensland Press, 1964. This photograph pictures the porch as originally designed. The porch was closed-in sometime during 1915 and remained inclosed, as shown on illustration 176 of The Chicago School of Architecture by Carl W. Condit, University of Chicago Press, 1964, until it was restored to its original design and function in 1970.

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