# **CREIGHTON AVENUE**

## **109 West Creighton Street – Christian Oyler**

In 1910 Christian Oyler lived here. He was the night ticket agent for the Fort Wayne Traction Company. This home was later demolished. (city directory)

### 115 West Creightgn Street – Carl Swain

The Swain family lived here between 1903 and 1910. Mr. Swain was a traveling salesman. This home was later demolished. (city directory)

### 121 West Creighton Street – Harry M. Williams

Mr. Williams was the managing editor of the Fort Wayne News-Sentinel in 1910, at the time he lived in this home. Later that year he built a home at 321 West Taber Street. (city directory).

## 125 West Creighton Street – Harry A. Keplinger

Harry Keplinger lived in this home (c.1885) until 1893. In 1892 he organized the White National Bank, and began building a new home at 235 West Creighton. In 1903 William H. Creighton lived here. He was the Chief Draftsman for the Ft. Wayne Electrical Works (G.E.) In 1910 Kenneth C. Larwill, the treasurer of the Ft. Wayne Abstract Company, lived here. (City directory. Photo Gravures of Ft. Wayne)

## 129 West Creighton Street – Hiram Woolsey

Hiram Woolsey lived here from at least 1899 to 1910. He was a foreman at the Olds Wagon Works. (city directory)

## 201 West Creighton Street – John Forbing

In 1899 John Forbing, a real estate agent, lived here. (city directory)

# 207 West Creighton Street – Albert L. Bond

The Bond family lived here in 1903. Albert Bond was a photographer. (city directory)

# 209 West Creighton Street – Caldwell/ Koerber

In 1899 David H. Caldwell lived here. He was the Train Master of the Nickel Plate Railroad. In 1910 Robert Koerber lived here. He was an organizer of the Fort Wayne Development Corporation. (Ankenbruck, city directory)

### 215 West Creighton Street – John Wing

John Wing was one of the most significant Indiana architects of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. With his partner, Marshall Mahurin, he designed many of the city's most beautiful homes and buildings. Wing and Mahurin designed Brookside, the Bass Mansion, the old City Hall, and many of the homes in Williams Woodland Park.

Wing designed his own home in 1893. The sandstone first floor and multiple arches of the Wing house are characteristic of the Romanesque style, while the turret, spindled porch, and decorative shingles of the upper floor are common Queen Anne features.

Wing was one of the founders of the Fort Wayne Scottish Rite. Mrs. Wing, Ellen, suggested the name 'Mizpah' for the Shrine order and is known as "mother" of the Mizpah Temple. John Wing continued his association with the Scottish Rite order until his tragic death there in an elevator accident. (1979 ARCH Tour)

## 221 West Creighton Street – Rossington / Heit

The 1893 home of Rudolphus B. Rossington, a freight agent, was probably designed by Wing and Mahurin, since it is similar in design not only to the adjacent Wing House, but also shares features with the home of Marshall Mahurin which stood at Fairfield and Home Avenues. Anthony Heit, of Heit-Miller-Lau Candy Manufacturers, lived here between 1899 and 1910. In later years this company was renamed the Wayne Candy Company, makers of Fort Wayne's favorite Bun Bar. (1988 Towers and Turrets Tour, city directory, Ankenbruck)

## 227 West Creighton Street – Louis Curdes

Louis Curdes built this home prior to the tum of the century. It is Queen Anne in design, but has had the porch removed and asbestos siding applied. Mr. Curdes was the agent and developer of the Williams Woodland Park Addition, and lived here until he developed the Forest Park Boulevard Addition, where he eventually built himself a home.

Curdes was born in Germany, and arrived in America in 1879. His first real estate venture was the 1903 sale of lots in Williams Woodland Park. Curdes once said the following about this sale, "It may interest the people of today (c. 1926, ed.) to know that Henry M. Williams, owner of the property, had made repeated offers to the city to have the land appraised, agreeing to sell it to the city for a public park at just one-half of the appraised valuation." In those days, as today, the people and their representatives were blind to the opportunity, and the property had to be sold as residence lots.

Mr. Curdes was involved with numerous civic organizations including: Fort Wayne Commercial Club, Fort Wayne Chamber of Commerce, Linden Quartet as first tenor, and the Fort Wayne Real Estate Board. (Griswold)

### 235 West Creighton Street – Harry A. Keplinger

Harry A. Keplinger built this home in 1893, after organizing the White National Bank. It was designed by Wing and Mahurin, and is primarily Queen Anne with Romanesque features. The front porch is more Craftman style, and may date from c. 1920.

Keplinger was a prominent businessman at the tum of the century. He was vice president of the C.T. Pidgeon Millinary Company, organized the Allen County Building and Loan Association, and was a member of the 'Old Aqueduct Club." The Aqueduct Club was comprised of men who had once lived in the West Central Area, and had swum in the old canal aqueduct over the St. Mary's River. A statue of this group stands in West Central Neighborhood Association, near Main Street. (Griswold, city brochure)

### 301 West Creighton Street – Herman A. Duemling

J. M. E. Reidel designed this home for Herman Duemling in 1907. It is of Queen Anne design, with an unusual flat-roofed tower, and parapeted gables. The current owners have the original blueprints for this home, and have found Reidel's signature on a truss in the carriage house.

Dr. Duemling served as both professor of Anatomy at Fort Wayne Medical College and Chief Surgeon at Lutheran Hospital. In 1922 he founded the Duemling Clinic. He also served as a vice president of Valparaiso University. He was a member of the Isaac Walton League, Chamber of Commerce, and for a time served as National President of the American Luther League. (Griswold, city brochure, owner's research)

### 303 West Creighton Street – Paul N. Greene

This home was built during the 1940s. In 1945 Paul Greene lived here. He was the vice president of Putnam and Greene, a road construction company. (city directory)

## 305 West Creighton Street – Harold A. Roberts

In 1945 Harold Roberts, a pharmacist for the Wayne Pharmeceutical Supply Company lived here. (city directory)

## 307 West Creighton Street - No available information

## 311 West Creighton Street – Joseph Miller

Joseph Miller built this Colonial Revival home in 1906 or 1907. It was designed by the firm of Bradley and Allen. Miller was an attorney, and Secretary of the Heit-Miller-Lau Company, a candy manufacturer. He was a sponsor of the Fort Wayne Development Corporation's actions to bring International Harvester to Fort Wayne in 1920. (city directory, Ankenbruck, Survey of Neighobrhood)

## 313-331 West Creighton Street – No available information

## 335 West Creighton Street – Otto L. Hitzemann

Mr. Hitzemann lived here in 1910. He was a co-owner of Hitzemann and Ash, a real estate and fire insurance company. (city directory)

### 339 West Creighton Street – Charles F. Lawrence

Mr. Lawrence lived here in 1910. He was a traveling salesman. (city directory)

### 343 West Creighton Street – George Baxter

Mr. Baxter lived here in 1910. He was a traveling salesman. (city directory)

### 345 West Creighton Street – Hayes W. Glass

Mr. Glass lived here in 1910. He also was a traveling salesman. (city directory)

### 409 West Creighton Street – Guy Wise

In 1910 Mr. Wise lived here. He was the manager of the Home Supply Company. The house was later demolished. (city directory)

### 411 West Creighton Street – B.T. Coffee

In 1910 B.T. Coffee lived here. He worked at the Home Supply Company. This home was later demolished. (city directory)

# 429 West Creighton Street – Zachary Snook

In 1910 Mr. Snook lived here. He was a building contractor, and his business was located at this address as well. This home was later demolished. (city directory)

# WEST TABER STREET

### 114 West Taber Street – William McLeon

Mr. McLeon lived here in 1910. He was a bookkeeper for G.E. Bursley and Company. (city directory)

#### 115 West Taber Street – Josegh P. Morgan

The Morgan family lived here c. 1910. Joseph Morgan was a conductor for the Pennsylvania Railroad, and his son Frank was a machinist for the Wabash Railroad. The home was later demolished. (city directory)

### 120 West Taber Street – Stang family

George H. and Laura Stang lived here in 1920. He was a deputy comptroller. (city directory)

#### **122 West Taber Street – Robert Coblentz**

In 1940 this home was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coblentz. He was a station engineer. (city directory)

#### 216 West Taber Street – David Rowan

David Rowan lived in this house in 1910. He was a fireman for the Pennsylvania Railroad. (city directory)

#### 219 West Taber Street – William E. Sorgen

Mr. and Mrs. William Sorgen lived in this c. 1925 home in 1928. He was a carpenter. (city directory)

#### 312 West Taber Street – William C. Vogel

This Dutch Colonial Revival house was built c. 1910 by William C. Vogel. Dutch Colonial homes are easily identified by their bam-like gambrel roofs. Mr. Vogel was a tuner for the Packard Piano Company, located at the site of Packard Park. (city directory)

### 315 West Taber Street – William H. Plogsterth

Mr. Plogsterth was a traveling salesman living here in 1910. His family still lived in the house as late as the 1960s. (city directory, Survey of Neighborhood)

### 316 West Taber Street – Samuel W. Newell

This Craftsman-style home was built in 1915 by the City and Suburban Building Company. Craftsman features on this bungalow include exposed rafters, knee braces, and half-timbering. Mr. Newell was the president-treasurer and manager of the Indiana Paint and Varnish Company. (city brochure, city directory)

#### 320 West Taber Street – No available information

### 321 West Taber Street – Harry M. Williams

This c. 1910 home was owned by Harry M. Williams, an editorial writer for the Journal-Gazette. In 1930 he was elected to the Indiana State Senate. His son, Park D. Williams was the managing editor of the Journal-Gazette for several years.

The family lived here until World War II. Park Williams came to visit the house many years later, in the 1960's, and shared some of its history with the owners at that time. (city directory, News Sentinel Nov. 24, 1977, News Sentinel Aug. 11, 1952)

## 324 West Taber Street – McLeod/ Jacobs

Mary McLeod built this Dutch Colonial home in 1915. In 1918 she sold it to George and Anna Jacobs, who lived there until 1944. George Jacobs owned the Jacobs-Van Sweringen Music House located at 1031 South Calhoun. (city directory, Survey of Neighborhood)

## 327 West Taber Street – Andrew R. Wyatt

This c. 1920 home was the residence and business of Dr. Andrew R. Wyatt, a physician. (city directory)

## 328 West Taber Street – Louise Gerke

In 1920 Ms. Gerke lived at this address. She also had a boarder, Fred Breimeier, an employee of Dr. Becker. (city directory)

## 332 West Taber Street – Jay and Geoggia Trautman

The Trautman family lived here in 1920. Mr. Trautman was a brakeman for the Pennsylvania Railroad. (city directory)

### 335 West Taber Street – John Stillman

John Stillman built this home between 1913 and 1914. He owned the Stillman's Dry Goods Store at Wayne and Calhoun Streets. The store later was renamed the Grand Leader, and remained at this location until 1974. He also was a sponsor of the Fort Wayne Development Corporation's actions to bring International Harvester to Fort Wayne in 1920. (Survey of Neighborhood, Ankenbruck)

# 338 West Taber Street – Edward Steinmueller

Edward W. Steinmueller was an mechanical engineer for KM Manufacturing. He lived here in 1910. (city directory)

# 341 West Taber Street – Stillman-Steele

In 1917 John Stillman built this Craftsman-style stucco bungalow, designed by Jesse Lentz. Charles Hilker and Sons Construction Company was hired for the construction. In 1918 he sold the home to his father and mother-in-law, Ernest and Leala Steele. (Survey of Neighborhood)

# 342 West Taber Street – Edward L. Halter

Edward and Katherine Halter lived here in 1920. Mr. Halter was the owner of a grocery store located at 2006 Fairfield Avenue. (city directory)

### 343 West Taber Street – Travis Family

In 1920 Mary Travis, the widow of Patrick, lived at this address. (city directory)

## WEST SUTTENFIELD STREET

#### **115 West Suttenfield Street – Christopher Colmey**

The Colmey family lived here from at least 1903 to 1910. Mr. Colmey was the Road Foreman of Engines for the Pennsylvania Railroad. This home was later demolished. Mrs. Lulu Colmey was a coowner of Colmey and Ripley Notions, located at 1306 South Calhoun Street. (1910 Census, city directory)

#### 116 West Suttenfield Street – Anna Jackson

Between 1903 and 1910 Anna Jackson lived in this home. She was a widow, and was an assistant librarian at the Public Library. (city directory)

### 120 West Suttenfield Street – Fred G. Fry

In 1925 the Fry Family lived here. Mr. Fry was employed as a driver for the John H. Welch and Sons Company. (city directory)

#### 209 West Suttenfield Street – Albert A. Derheimer

In 1920 Albert and Stella Derheimer lived at this address. Mr. Derheimer owned Derheimer Brothers. (city directory)

#### 215 West Suttenfield Street – Stephen A. Callahan

Attorney Stephen Callahan lived here with his wife, Esther, in 1920. (city directory)

#### 216 West Suttenfield Street – Fred W. Schultz

In 1925 Fred and Elizabeth Schultz lived here. Mr. Schultz was a mechanic. (city directory)

### 218 West Suttenfield Street – Timothy S. Foley

In 1930 Timothy and Margaret Foley lived here. Mr. Foley was an engineer for the Pennsylvania Railroad. (city directory)

#### 312 West Suttenfield Street -

Though it uses the simple cubic massing sometimes called "American Foursquare," this Arts and Crafts style design of c. 1910 departs from that type in its use of a porch recessed under one front comer of the house. The broad bay next to the entry is also an unusual feature, as is the segmental-arched roof of the dormer window above the facade. The roof was destroyed by fire in the mid-1980s and has been completely restored. (City brochure, owner's research)

# 314-316 West Suttenfield Street – Joseph Gaskins

This Colonial Revival-style duplex was designed by Fort Wayne's earliest woman architect, Joel Ninde, in 1907. The facade has a central gable and windows with twelve-over-one sashes. The shutters on the windows and the ironwork on the alcove porches are later additions. The house was originally built for Joseph Gaskins, who was an engineer for the Pennsylvania Railroad. (1988 Towers and Turrets Tour)

# 315 West Suttenfield Street – Charles Bowen

The box-like form of the Foursquare could be dressed in a variety of styles. This home shows Craftsman influence in the exposed rafter ends and natural oak entry, and Prairie influence in the wide eaves and horizontal lines. Charles Bowen was a car salesman and joined John Wolfram (346 West Suttenfield) in forming the Federal Finance Company.

This was the first to make loans to finance automobiles. He was a strong Republican and had been on the City of Fort Wayne Board of Works. (1979 ARCH Tour, city brochure)

## 321 West Suttenfield Street – Herbert J. Grosvenor

Original owners were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Grosvenor. Mr. Grosvenor was a mechanical engineer and became secretary-treasurer of the S.F. Bowser Pump Company (behind new Fort Wayne Police Headquarters). His son Lloyd was also employed by Bowser. Herbert Grosvenor also was Vice President of S.F. Bowser Pump Company, President of Anthony Wayne Council, Boy Scouts of America, a member of the Fort Wayne Commercial Club and Fort Wayne Chamber of Commerce, Quest Club, and Blue Lodge Mason, Templar and Shriner. (1979 ARCH Tour, Griswold)

## 322 West Suttenfield Street – Patterson/Bales

Jesse Patterson lived in this home in 1910. He was the Train Master for the Pennsylvania Railroad. In 1915, Charles and Phenie Bales purchased the home. Mr. Bales was the owner of the Steele-Meyer Store which was in competition with Wolf and Dessauer. Mr. Bales was one of the organizers of the Credit Bureau (1919) and was an incorporator of the Better Business Bureau in 1920. Mrs. Bales was active in the Fort Wayne Women's Club and on the board of the Art School and Museum after the rearing of their four daughters. Mrs. Bales graduated from the Chicago Art Institute in the late nineteenth century and continued to use her talent for her own pleasure throughout her life. She drove her faithful electric car (never learning to drive "that gas car.') (1979 ARCH Tour, city directory)

# 327 West Suttenfield Street – Ross Family

The owners of this Dutch Colonial home were Mr. and Mrs. Ross. Mr. Ross was a travel agent for the Pennsylvania Railroad. (1979 ARCH Tour)

# 330 West Suttenheld Street – Charles Young

This 1907 home was owned by the Young family until 1967. (Survey of Neighborhood)

# 332 West Suttenield Street – William Schultz

William Schultz was a division manager of the S.F. Bowser Company. This Queen Anne house of c. 1915 combines American Foursquare massing with features including an upper bay reminiscent of Queen Anne towers, and Tuscan columns on the front porch. (1988 Towers and Turrets)

# 333 West Suttenfield Street – Lowell W. Doherty

This was a vacant lot until the 1950s, when the present house was moved here from a Harrison Street address. In 1955 Lowell and Violet Doherty lived here. Mr. Doherty was a teacher at the Franklin School. (1979 ARCH Tour, city directory)

## 341 West Suttenfield Street – Edward F. Scheumann

This c. 1903 Colonial Revival home was built by Edward F. Scheumann for his bride. Scheumann was a prominent banker in Fort Wayne for over fifty years. He was a vice president and cashier of the former First National Bank and a director of the Anthony Wayne Bank. He also served as receiver for the Citizen's Trust Company.

Mr. Scheumann also served as president of the congregation of the English Lutheran Church of the Redeemer. He was a president of the Lutheran Hospital board, and a member of the Quest Club. (owner's research)

### 340 West Suttenfield Street – Louis Steger

This c. 1913 home was owned by the original family until 1967. (Survey of Neighborhood)

## 343 West Suttenfield Street – Herbert L. Somers

This late Queen Anne home was built in 1910 for the Herbert L. Somers family. Mr. Somers started the Superior Bake Company in 1908, and sold it to Holsum Bakery in 1920. His son, Herbert Jr., started the Somers Bakery in 1940 – the makers of "Town Talk" bread. This company was bought by Holsum in 1970. Herbert Sr. also was a vice-president of the Holsum Bakeries in Chicago.

Herbert L. Somers was a member of the Mizpah Temple, and was largely responsible for the erection of the Temple and Clubhouse completed in 1925. He was the Chief Rabban of that order in 1925, and in 1928 became the Potentate. He was also a member of the Shriner Real Estate Company, in whose name the Shrine Temple was financed. (Griswold)

### 346 West Suttenfield Street – John Wolfram

John Wolfram built this Dutch Colonial house in 1904. This house features a cross-gambrel roof punctuated by gabled dormers, and brick quoins at the comers of the first floor. John Wolfram was a partner in an auto financing company with Charles Bowen (315 West Suttenfield Street). (city brochure, 1979 ARCH Tour)

# 347 West Suttenfield Street – Howard L. Townsend

(Address formerly listed as 2501 Hoagland Avenue)

Howard L. Townsend, his wife Blanche Dillingham Townsend, and her sister Harriet Dillingham had this Colonial Revival home built in late 1907. The home may have been designed by John Wing. Mr. Wing was the architect for the 1914 remodeling, in which the outdoor veranda facing Hoagland Street was enclosed, and the Parlor and study combined into one large living room.

Howard L. Townsend was a local attorney, in practice with tum-of-the-century Prosecutor Alfred Thomas, as well as Sol A. Wood. In 1914 he was named to the Indiana Supreme Court, and served until 1924. He then returned to Fort Wayne and served as a judge on the Superior Court. Local attorneys remembering Judge Townsend say he was a 'crusty old man." Judge Townsend was a member of the Quest Club.

Alice Burry Hoffman, who grew up on Webster Street, remembers Mrs. Townsend well. Blanche Townsend was famous for extravagant dinner parties, and is known to have, on at least one occasion, purchased thousands of dollars worth of the finest China for a party, only to return them to the store the day after the party, saying that she had changed her mind, and the pattern didn't suit her! (city directory, conversation with Alice and John Hoffman, conversation with Craig Leonard)

## WEST WOODLAND AVENUE

#### 117 West Woodland Avenue – George Henschen

Mr. George Henschen lived here in 1910. He was a machine handler for the Packard Piano Company. The home was later demolished. (city directory)

### **123 West Woodland Avenue – Bohn Family**

In 1903 the family of Christian Bohn lived here. Christian Bohn was a printer for the *Fort Wayne Freie Presse*, a large local German language newspaper. Several sons lived here as well; Paul was a blacksmith for the Wabash Railroad. Theodore was a tester at the Fort Wayne Electric Works. Walter was employed as a driver, and Oscar was a clerk. (city directory)

### 129 West Woodland Avenue - Joseph Shoemaker

The Joseph Shoemaker family lived here in 1920. Mr. Shoemaker may have worked as a collector for the Fort Wayne Traction Company (the Interurban). This home had been vacant for nearly twenty years until two residents of the neighborhood began restoring it in the 1990s. (city directory)

### 131 West Woodland Avenue – John E. Baltes

In 1920 John and Catherine Baltes lived here. Mr. Baltes was a contractor. Several relatives and others boarded here as well. (city directory)

#### 201 West Woodland Avenue – John Ashley

In 1920 John and Mary Ashley lived here with several relatives and boarders. (city directory)

### 203 West Woodland Avenue – Bernard Howley

In 1920 Bernard Howley lived here. He was a railroad conductor. (city directory)

### 208 West Woodland Avenue – Irvin H. Goller

In 1928 Irvin Goller lived here. He was a salesman for the Patterson-Fletcher Company. (city Directory)

### 209 West Woodland Avenue – Molly Kaiser

Molly Kaiser lived here in 1903. She was a stenographer at the Perfection Biscuit Company. (city directory)

### 216 West Woodland Avenue – Edward Ritcha

In 1920 Edward and Irma Ritcha lived here. Mr. Ritcha was the vice president of the Coverdale and Archer Company, which sold groceries and meats at 630-632 Harrison Street. (city directory)

### 217 West Woodland Avenue – Herman Altevogt

The Altevogt family was living here in 1903. Family members owned this home as late as 1992, as well as several of the surrounding houses.

#### 219 West Woodland Avenue – Jefferson W. Scott

In 1920 Jefferson and Mary Scott lived here. He was a machine operator. (city directory)

### 221 West Woodland Avenue – Philip Kuntz

Mr. Kuntz was employed as a "helper" in 1903, company unknown. (city directory)

### 223 West Woodland Avenue – Ernest F. Paul

The owner of this home in 1903 was a patrolman for the Fort Wayne Police Department. (city directory)

#### 225 West Woodland Avenue – George F. Felts

George Felts lived in this Queen Anne home in 1903. He was an attorney, employed at Felts and Vawter Law Office. He later served as a School Trustee for the Fort Wayne Community Schools. (city directory, Ankenbruck)

### 304 West Woodland Avenue – Richard E. Casey

In 1910 Richard E. Casey lived in this American Foursquare home. He was the master of Transportation for the Grand Rapids and Indiana Railroad. For many years a portion of it was rented out to tenants. In the 1960s one of the renters was Mrs. Frederick Zeig, widow of the man who started WGL radio in Fort Wayne. Mr. Zeig acquired WGL in 1928. He also helped Gunnar Elliot form WOWO radio. (1979 ARCH Tour, city directory, owner's research)

#### 307 West Woodland Avenue – Williams / Hartwig

Third Presbyterian Church is currently located at this residence. The homeowner in 1903 was Herman Hartwig, who worked for C. Schiefer and Sons. The home that once stood at this spot appears to have been a two-story wood frame home with a three story tower. Local historian Robert DeVinney once knew the Hartwig family, and recalls them saying that this home was the original homestead site of Jesse L. Williams. No other site has been designated as the Williams home, and it is the opinion of this author that the Williams Homestead once stood here. (1903 city directory, 1979 ARCH Tour, 1918 Sandbom Map, conversations with Robert DeVinney)

### 314 West Woodland Avenue – McCloud / Nussbaum

In 1910 William McCLoud lived in this brick American Foursquare home. He was a bookkeeper. In 1920 Victor Nussbaum lived here. He was the owner of Nussbaum Electric Company, south of the old Central High School. He was also a longtime member of the Board of Directors of Tokheim Corporation. His daughter Betty married the owner of the Swanson Chevrolet Dealership in the 2600 block of South Calhoun.

During the 1940s and 1950s Mr. Gorrell lived here. He owned the Dodge-Chrysler Dealership in Fort Wayne. Neighbors remember Mr. Gorrell well. He was bedridden for many years, but was able to attend an important Board of Zoning meeting at City Hall on one occasion. During the 1950s the lots where Third Presbyterian now stands were vacant. The original homes had been demolished. The Veterans of Foreign Wars wanted to purchase the land to build a V.F.W. Hall. This enraged Mr. Gorrell, and he rose from his bed, went to the Zoning meeting and announced that he was a veteran of the First World War, and while he had a great respect for veterans, he DID NOT want a Hall built across the street that would attract noise and drunkards! The Zoning Board denied the request, and the property was later purchased by the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints (Mormons). (city directory, 1979 ARCH Tour, conversation with George MacDonald)

### 322 West Woodland Avenue -

This lot is thought to have been the location of the Williams Park Pavillion before the area was subdivided. (1979 ARCH Tour)

## 323 West Woodland Avenue - Edward O'Connell

Edward J. O'Connell built this home c. 1900. He was employed as a clerk for the Pennsylvania Railroad in 1903. In 1920 Creighton Williams, the grandson of Jesse L. Williams, lived here. He was the City Attorney at that time. This house was later demolished. It may have stood in either the Third Presbyterian parking lot, or further to the west, in the yard of 351 West Woodland. (city directory)

## 332 West Woodland Avenue – James F. Conway

In 1920 James and Rena Conway lived here. Mr. Conway was a salesman. (city directory)

# 334 West Woodland Avenue – James D. Lewis

In 1920 James D. Lewis lived here. He was the proprietor of the Park Pharmacy. (city Directory)

## 336 West Woodland Avenue – Frank and Edward Gilmartin

The original owners were Frank and Eddie Gilmartin of the Gilmartin Lumber Company. Frank was at one time the vice president of the South Side State Bank, located at 2600 South Calhoun. (1979 ARCH Tour, Ankenbruck)

## 340 West Woodland Avenue – John P. Shea

In 1920 John and Cecilia Shea lived here. Mr. Shea was the Assistant Trainmaster for the Pennsylvania Railroad. (city directory)

## 344 West Woodland Avenue – Arthur Remmel

Arthur Remmel was an editor for the News-Sentinel. He was also a member of the Fort Wayne Quest Club, a weekly lecture society. (1979 ARCH Tour, Quest Club)

### 351 West Woodland – Henry Beadell

Henry Beadell had this Queen Anne/Free Classic home built in 1903. It was designed by J.M.E. Reidel. Paneling for the home was brought from Europe. The balcony on the carriage house was brought from the Aveline House hotel after it burned in 1908. The Aveline, built in 1862, was located at the southeast comer of Berry and Calhoun.

Henry Beadell was a native of London, England. He owned the People's Store, which was later known as the Boston Store. He helped form the following businesses: Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, Peoples Trust and Savings Co., Lincoln National Bank and Trust, and Wayne Pump. He was a former president of the Commercial Club (now the Chamber of Commerce). In 1909 He was named to the Executive Committee of Lincoln National Life Insurance Company.

The Beadells were great card players and on snowy evenings would go so far as to send the coachman in the sleigh to pick up the Mackwitzes from their home on Webster Street. The coachman would have to shovel to the Mackwitzes' front door, so the couple could reach the sleigh, then drive them back to the Beadells where they would enjoy an evening of cards and friends. (1979 ARCH Tour, Griswold, Ankenbruck)

## 353 West Woodland – Frank Culbertson

This Queen Anne Home was built in 1891 by Frank Culbertson, a local distributor of R.G. Dun Cigars. The home may have been designed by Wing and Mahurin, since they shared the same office building, and undoubtedly knew each other. The porch is a reconstruction of the original, based on a 1905 photograph.

Mr. Culbertson was in charge of the Fort Wayne Centennial Celebration along with Perry Randall and VIhiliam Graeter. He was a member of the old Commercial Club. He left Fort Wayne in 1909, and the house was sold to Adolph and Sophia Foellinger. Mr. Foellinger was a druggist, and worked for the Fort Wayne Drug Company. In 1919 they sold the home to their daughter and her husband, Emma and Martin Lueke.

Martin Lueke was Superintendent and President of the Board of Directors of the Irene Byron Sanitarium. He also served as legal advisor to Lutheran Hospital, and Lutheran Orphan Society. In addition, he was a founder of Valparaiso University. He served on the Executive board of that institution until 1938.

Mr. Lueke also served as chairman of the Fort Wayne Commercial Club and was instrumental in the founding of the Fort Wayne Chamber of Commerce. He served as its first Director, from 1918 to 1926. He served as the first president of the Fort Wayne Rotary Club (1915), and served as director of Fort Wayne's Community Chest for six years. He was also a strong Democrat, serving as vice-president of the city Democratic Committee (1910) and as chaimran of the 12th District Democratic Central Committee from 1916-1920.

The Luekes sold this home to Michael and Helen Burns in 1944. Michael Bums served as a city councilman from 1922-1935. He ran for mayor in 1935, and lost. His son, Paul "Mike" Bums also became a city councilman, and was elected Mayor of Fort Wayne in 1951. (Survey of Neighborhood, Griswold, Ankenbruck, 1979 ARCH Tour)

# FAIRFIELD AVENUE

# 2301 Fairfield Avenue – Fairfield Manor Apartments

Designed in the Beaux-Arts style by local architect Charles Weatherhogg, the c.1927-1928 Fairfield Manor stands as the first high-rise luxury apartment building in Fort Wayne.

# 2323 Fairfield Avenue – First Baptist Church

The First Baptist church began in 1820 in the ruins of Wayne's original Fort. The Reverend Isaac and Christina McCoy and six of their children came to Fort Wayne via the Wabash and Erie Canal. The Reverand McCoy organized the congregation on August 3, 1822. Charter members included Pe-me-sah-quah and Ah-Pez-sah-quah, granddaughters of Chief Little Turtle.

Over the next century the congregation moved several times. In 1950 the building at this address was dedicated. On September 11, 1994 the First Baptist Church celebrated Founder's Day, marking 172 years as a congregation in Fort Wayne – the oldest Fort Wayne Church! (research by First Baptist Church)

## 2325 Fairfield Avenue – James M. Barrett Home

This grand home was built c. 1886 and demolished in 1941. The vacant lot was later part of the site of the present First Baptist Church. Mr. Barrett was an attorney with the law firm of Barrett, Barrett, Peters and McNagney. Mr. Barrett was an official in the Fort Wayne and Norlhem Indiana Traction Company – the Interurban. James M. Barrett also left a lasting legacy to the City of Fort Wayne. He is the man who developed the 'Barrett Bond' system for citizens to participate in public improvements, such as sidewalks, and curbs. He was also a member of the Fort Wayne Quest Club.

(1925 city directory; News Sentinel, January 31, 1941; 1913 Fort Wayne, Ankenbruck)

## 2401 Fairfield – Frank H. Cutshall

This grand home was demolished in 1980 to make room for a growing First Baptist Church, located next door. The home was built by Frank H. Cutshall, and designed by Marshall and Guy Mahurin. He was the vice president of the Horton Manufacturing Company during the 1920s, when the company was supplying one half of the world's washing machines.

He served on the boards of the Fort Wayne Development Corporation, the Wayne Hardware Company, and was president of the Old National Bank. (Ankenbruck, city directory, 1913 Fort Wayne)

## 2423-2427 Fairfield – Samuel M. Foster

These Craftsman-style homes were built in 1915 for Samuel Foster. He built 2427 Fairfield for himself and his wife, and 2423 for his daughter, Alice Foster McCulloch. The homes were joined in 1951 when they were bought by a funeral home.

Samuel M. Foster was president of the German-American Bank, which changed its name to Lincoln National Bank during World War I in a gesture of patriotism. He was also one of the original organizers and later president of Lincoln National Life Insurance company. He and his brother, David Foster (who lived in the 2300 block of Fairfield on an estate called Walnut Place) donated land to the city to create Foster Park. (city directory, Ankenbruck, Griswold, Fort Wayne News Sentinel, 10-10-92)

# 2445 Fairfield Avenue – Victor Rea

The Carriage House Apartments are currently at this address, but in the 1920s, 2445 Fairfield was the residence of Victor Rea. Mr. Rea and his partner George Jacobs brought their Dudlo Manufacturing Company to Fort Wayne from Cleveland, Ohio. Dudlo produced insulated wire, using a patented process developed by George Jacobs (2520 Fairfield). When Dudlo Manufacturing closed in 1926, Victor Rea created Rea Magnet Wire Co. Mr. Rea was active In the Chamber of Commerce and Quest Club. (Griswold, Hawtield, city directory)

### 2515 Fairfield – Herman Freiburger

Herman Freiburger built this English Tudor home in 1913. It was designed by Indianapolis architect Herbert Foltz, and was featured in the Christmas 1915 issue of *Wildwood Magazine*. (*Wildwood Magazine*)

# FAIRFIELD VIEW PLACE

### 2538 Fairfield View Place – Allen / Livergood

In 1920 this home was owned by Emest Allen, a real estate agent, and Alvin Livergood, a traveling salesman. (city directory)

### 2622 Fairfield View Place – Laurence E. Huffine

In 1920 Mr. Huffine lived here; he was a traveling salesman. (city directory)

### HOAGLAND AVENUE

2304 - 2318 Hoagland - No information available.

#### 2320 Hoagland Avenue – Paul and Anna Trier

The Triers lived here in 1920. Mr. Trier was an elevator operator. (city directory)

### 2322 Hoagland Avenue – Christopher Meyer

In 1920 Christopher and Kathleen Meyer lived here. Mr. Meyer was the president of Superior Automatic Heating Company. (city directory)

### 2329 Hoagland Avenue – William C. and Edith Rastetter

This home was built in 1903. It is a rare example of the Shingle style of architecture with unifon'n wood shingle siding, and simple yet refined details, including an unusual copper shingle roof.

From 1913 until 1946 the home was owned by William C. and Edith Rastetter. William was president of Louis Rastetter and Sons, Co., a woodworking firm that made everything from bike wheels to rocking chairs. William Rastetter established the South Side Bank, at the southwest comer of Woodland and Calhoun in 1927, and was its president. The bank closed in 1931. Mr. Rastetter also served as a School Trustee. (Quest Club, Ankenbruck, city brochure)

### 2330 Hoagland Avenue - Arthur L. & Nelle Hadley

This Queen Anne-style home was designed by Frank Allen and built in 1902 for Arthur Hadley. He was the chief engineer for the Fort Wayne Electrical Works. He began his career at the "Jenney" Electric in 1889. In 1923 he was the Chief Engineer of the Apparatus Department. His specialty was AC (alternating current) machinery. He lived in this home until his death in 1955. (Linkous, city brochure)

### 2334 Hoagland Avenue – Walter G. Zahrt

Mr. Zahrt lived here in 1910. He was the sales manager at S.F. Bowser and Company. (city directory)

### 2401 Hoagland Avenue – William H. Creighton

This c.1915 Tudor Revival style home is the only one of its kind in the neighborhood. It was built by William H. and Luretta Creighton. Mr. Creighton was the Chief Draftsman of the General Electric Company at Fort Wayne. (Holiday Home Tour 1992, city directory)

#### 2402 Hoagland Avenue – Roscoe Heaton

Mr. Heaton lived here in 1910. He was a clerk at the S.F. Bowser Company. (clty directory)

## 2415 Hoagland – Charles T. and Maude Pidgeon

Charles T. and Maude Pidgeon built this Queen Anne home in 1903. Mr. Pidgeon was president of Pidgeon Millinary Company and C. T. Pidgeon Realty Company. Although the large recessed arches in the gables are somewhat unusual, this imposing home posesses many typical Queen Anne features including a steep, multi-gabled slate roof, an irregular plan, two story bay windows, and a variety of decorative treatments. (city brochure, Caricature)

### 2418 Hoagland Avenue – William A. Braun

William Braun lived in this Queen Anne Cottage in 1910. He was an Electrical Engineer at the Fort Wayne Electrical Works (General Electric). (city directory)

## 2420 Hoagland Avenue – Adam A. Serva

Adam Serva lived here in 1910. He was the Assistant Secretary at the Fort Wayne Electric Works (General Electric). In 1911 he was named Sales Manager, an office he held for many years. (Linkous, city directory)

## 2421 Hoagland Avenue – William H. Rohan

William H. Rohan built this Colonial Revival home in 1910. Mr. Rohan was the vice-president of the Old National Bank. The home has had the front porch removed and a limestone facing added to the lower story. In 1919 Creighton Williams, the grandson of Jesse L. Williams, lived here. (1979 ARCH Tour, Survey of Neighborhood, city directory)

## 2426 Hoagland Avenue – Clinton R. Willson

Clinton Willson lived here in 1910. He was the cashier of the Commercial Bank. He was later president of the Fort Wayne Morris Plan Company, a bank organized by Theodore Thieme, the President of the Wayne Knitting Mills. (city directory, Ankenbruck)

# 2430 Hoagland Avenue – Charles Lang

This c.1901 Queen Anne Cottage was built by Charles Lang, who lived here until 1907. The home then went through a series of owners and tenants, including: Nellie and Lewis Ellingham, President of the *Journal-Gazette*; James Ewing and Winifred Bond; Martin Miller Ellingham, secretary-treasurer of the *Journal Gazette*; Margaret Vesey, vice-president of Vesey Florists. (survey of neighborhood)

### 2432 Hoagland Avenue – Charles Sperry \ William Seidel

This c. 1901 Queen Anne home was built by Charles and Belle Sperry. They sold the home to William and Sophia Seidel in 1910. The Seidels lived here until 1944. Mr. Seidel was in the woodworking business. (Survey of Neighborhood, city directory, city brochure)

### 2435 Hoagland Avenue – Fred H. and Jean Jones

The Jones family built this home between 1910 and 1920. Mr. Jones was an insurance adjuster. (city directory)

### 2438-2440 Hoagland Avenue – Duplex

In 1910 Wendell Chaftin lived at 2438. He was a civil engineer for the Pennsylvania Railroad. (city directory)

## 2442 Hoagland Avenue – Ogden and Martha Pierce

Ogden and Martha Pierce, co-owners of Troy Steam Cleaners, created this Queen Anne home by enlarging an existing house in about 1895. A fanciful roofline is formed by projecting dormers, gables, and a polygonal turret. Martha Pierce was the daughter of David W. Jones, the founder and editor of the Fort Wayne Gazette. She assisted him in his work, and did the layout work for the 1874 History of Fort Wayne by Mr. Brice, published by D. W. Jones. Her brother, Fremont L. Jones, lived next door at 2510 Hoagland. (city brochure, research of homeowner)

## 2501 Hoagland Avenue - listed under 347 Suttenfield Street

## 2509 Hoagland Avenue – William Rohen

The original owner was William Rohen, who also built homes at 2421 Hoagland and the 2400 block of Harrison. He worked for a firm that had been started by Charles McCulloch, son of Hugh McCulloch, President Lincoln's Secretary of the Treasury. While walking to work one day, he told Leland Johnson (2504 Webster) that he had once known 90 percent of the people in Allen County. He had felt that mortgages were a good investment and had recommended them to his friends. Then the depression came and a lot of these people lost money. He told Leland, "I probably have more enemies than friends now!" (1979 ARCH Tour)

## 2510 Hoagland Avenue – Fremont L. Jones

Fremont L Jones built this c. 1890 Late Queen Anne home next door to his sister, Mrs. Ogden Pierce. Mr. Jones and Mrs. Pierce were the children of David W. Jones, owner of the *Fort Wayne Gazette* Newspaper. The *Gazette* later merged with the *Journal*, to create the *Journal-Gazette*.

Fremont Jones was a leading businessman in Fort Wayne at the tum of the century. He was co-owner of the Troy Laundry, along with his brother-in-law Ogden Pierce. He was a member of the Old Aqueduct Club, and recalled several childhood exploits in the Builders of Greater Fort Wayne History Book:

" 'We used to hang our clothes on the rafters beneath the aqueduct,' says Fremont L. Jones, 'and sometimes when the town marshalls, 'Pat' McGee and 'Chris' Kelly, came to drive us away, we were in too much haste to put them on again. Once, the late 'Billy' Wilson, chased by the Marshall, ran all the way from the aqueduct through the garden and orchard of Judge Hugh McCulloch, and burst into the house, to the great consternation of the inmates, for he had neglected to take his clothes along. Sometimes we could escape to the big basin, but when the officers came from both directions at the same time it was hard for us to get away. Ah, those were the good old days!' "

Mr. Jones was also one of the organizers of Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, and a director and member of the Executive Committee. He was also the director of the Citizen's Trust Company, member of the Old Commercial Club, Chamber of Commerce, and Quest Club. Additionally, he helped organize the Tri-State Loan and Trust Company, and was director of the Van Arnam Manufacturing Company. (Griswold)

# 2515 Hoagland Avenue – Joseph and Margaret Banks

The Banks family built this c. 1920 Dutch Colonial home. Mr. Banks was the a general foreman for S.F. Bowser and Company. (city directory)

## 2516 Hoagland Avenue – Emery Dildine

Emery Dildine lived in this c. 1900 Queen Anne home during the 1920s. The original builder is unknown. Mr. Dildine was employed as a general foreman for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. (city directory)

## 2521 Hoagland Avenue – George and Sarah Maxwell

This c. 1915 American Foursquare was owned by the Maxwell family during the 1920s. Mr. Maxwell was a traveling salesman. (city directory)

### 2526 Hoagland Avenue – James W. Haughton

In 1925 James and Mary Haughton lived in this American Foursquare. Mr. Haughton was a general agent for the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company. (city directory)

### 2527 Hoagland Avenue – Mrs. George A. Hause

In 1920 Juna Hause, the widow of George Hause, lived in this American Foursquare. (city directory)

## 2528 Hoagland Avenue – Owen and Kate Heaton

This 1896 Colonial Revival was built by Judge Owen Heaton and his wife, Kate Heaton. They lived in this house until 1901. In 1912 he ran for congress on the Bull Moose ticket with Teddy Roosevelt. He lost! So did Teddy! A later owner was William Shambaugh, a prominent local attorney. He was strongly identified with the Lincoln National Bank. He was an active member of the Democratic Party and served three terms as a state representative, and one term as Leader in the House of Representatives. He ran for mayor in 1894, and was the author of the municipal charter of Fort Wayne which was passed in that year. He was the city attorney for twelve years.

A still later owner was Daniel G. Milligan, an official of the S.F. Bowser Pump Co., and was married to Veme Bowser, daughter of S.F. Bowser. (1979 ARCH Tour, Griswold)

### 2535 Hoagland Avenue – Ralph and Estella Dick

This Dutch Colonial Revival home was built c. 1915. In 1920 The Dick family lived here. Mr. Dick was employed as the general manager at Louis Rastetter and Sons Company, a woodworking factory owned by VIhlliam Rastetter (2329 Hoagland Avenue). (city directory)

### 2600 & 2602 Hoagland Avenue - No information available

### 2605 Hoagland Avenue – Culbertson Carriage House

Frank Culbertson (353 Woodland) built this carriage house in about 1905. It is of late Victorian design. In later years it was converted into a residence. (Survey of Neighborhood)

### 2606 Hoagland Avenue – Henry Diebold

The Diebold family lived here during the 1920s. (city directory)

### 2610 Hoagland Avenue – Charles E. Glass

This brick American Foursquare was built c. 1920. In 1925 Charles and Alma Glass lived here. Mr. Glass was an engineer for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. (city directory)

## 2612 Hoagland Avenue – John L. Guillot

This American Foursquare was built c. 1920, by John and Lillian Guillot. Mr. Guillot was a barber, whose shop was at 110 West Jefferson. (city directory)

## WEBSTER STREET

### 2308 Webster Street

This one-story cottage was built after World War II. It is a part of the property at 301 West Creighton. (owner's research)

## 2317 Webster Street – Frank E. Tibbles

Frank E. Tibbles lived in this c. 1895 home in 1899 and 1903. He was a yard master for the Pennsylvania Railroad. (city directory)

### 2318 Webster Street- Clarence E. Hartshorn

This American Foursquare home with Colonial Revival influences was built c. 1910 by Clarence and Anna Hartshorn. Mr. Hartshorn owned Laurents and Hartshorn, a wholesale meat market, located at the corner of Dwenger and Edsall Avenues. (city brochure)

### 2323 Webster Street – Charles A. Stockridge

Charles A. Stockridge, and his family lived here from at least 1899 through 1910. He was a letter carrier for the Post Office. (city directory)

2326 Webster Street - No information available

## 2329 Webster Street – James S. Rowan

The home that was once at this location was owned by James S. Rowan between at least 1899 and 1903. Mr. Rowan was a Conductor for the Pennsylvania Railroad. The home was later demolished. (city directory)

### 2330 Webster Street – John S. McCurdy

Joel Ninde, Fort Wayne's first woman architect, designed this Colonial Revival/Craftsman-style home. It features an unususal polygonal bay window in the center of the second tloor. The home was built for John and Annie McCurdy c.1904. In the mid-part of the century, the home was used as a public bath house offering healthful mineral baths. (1988 Towers and Turrets, owner's research)

### 2402 Webster Street – Aaron Vail / Oliver Hanna

Aaron Vail built this Prairie-style home in 1907. It was designed by John Wing, and features Meditenanean influences. Aaron Vail was a manufacturer of wooden barrels. In 1922 the house was purchased by Oliver Hanna, a merchant and banker. Oliver was the grandson of Judge Samuel Hanna, one of Fort Wayne's pioneer citizens. Oliver Hanna was a director of the Old First National Bank. Mr. Hanna entered the wholesale boot and shoe house of Camahan, Hanna Company, then organized the wholesale dry goods and notions house of Hanna, Willer and Co. In 1882, in partnership with James D. Nuttman, he formed the banking institution of Nuttman and Co., of which he became president. He was a member of the old Commercial Club. He died in 1935. The house passed to his daughter, Mrs. Julia Williams and remained with her until 1957. A much later owner was Isidro Moreno, owner of the El Charro Restaurant. (1979 ARCH Tour, city directory)

### 2403/2405 Webster Street – Younge-Ingham

John W. Younge owned this Queen Anne home between 1899 and at least 1903. He was the president of Younge's Medical and Surgical Institute. The Ingham family lived here sometime later. Daughters Marian and Meribah Ingham taught in the Fort Wayne Schools. (city directory, Survey of Neighborhood)

## 2409 Webster Street – McKeag family

The McKeags lived here in 1910. Mr.McKeag was a teacher for Fort Wayne Schools. The second owners were Mr. and Mrs. George Bryce. (survey of neighborhood)

## 2412 Webster Street – Finnel/Russell

The original owners, James and Elizabeth Finnell, purchased this lot in 1904 and built in 1905. It was the first house on the block, and the contractor was Michael Kinder. The house is as it was built except the dining room which had a bay window. When the house next door was built and ruined the view, the window was replaced by a built-in leaded glass china cabinet and French doors were made, leading to the back yard.

Mr. Finnell was a conductor for the Pennsylvania Railroad. The Finnells were charter members of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and donated a window which bears their name. Mr. Finnell was also a charter member of the Knights of Columbus.

The second owners were James and Katherine Russell. Mr. Russell was a nephew of the Finnells. He purchased the home in 1948 at Mrs. Finnell's death. Mr. Russell has many fond memories of visiting the Finnells when a young boy before the first World War. He can recall sitting on the front porch listening to strolling musicians touring the neighborhood. When Russells moved in, they had the original wallpaper removed from the foyer walls and found that the workers, before placing the paper, had written on the wall behind, I AM STILL FOR WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN." (1979 ARCH Tour)

# 2414-2416 Webster Street – Charles F. Paul

Mr. and Mrs. Paul lived at 2416 Webster, and rented out the 2414 half of this house. Mr. Paul was a traveling salesman, and later was a partner in the firm of Husar-Paul Cigars and Cigarettes. Tenants of 2414 included Mr. and Mrs. Daniel G. Miller, who later purchased the Heaton/Shambaugh home at 2528 Hoagland. Other tenants were Mr. and Mrs. O.C. Wright, Mr. Wright being a Master Mechanic for the Pennsylvaniia Railroad, and Mrs. and Mrs. George Tilbury. Mr. Tilbury was a longtime brakeman and Conductor for the Pennsylvania Railroad. (1979 ARCH Tour, Survey of Neighborhood)

### 2415 Webster Street – William Lipsett

William Lipsett, the original owner of this c.1896 Queen Anne-style home, worked as a Conductor for the Pennsylvania Railroad for 52 years. (Survey of Neighborhood)

# 2417 Webster Street – Robert F. Harding

Robert F. Harding built this home c. 1910. He was the purchasing agent for the Fort Wayne Electrical Works, and later became supervisor of the Order and Stock department, in the General Electric years. In 1917 he was voted one of the most capable members of the G.E. management team. (Linkous, city directory)

## 2420 Webster Street – Herman Mackwitz

Mr. Mackwitz was publisher and manager of *Die Frei-Presse Staats-Zeitung* which lasted for 32 years and was the last of the Fort Wayne German-language newspapers, closing its doors in January 1927.

The German-language papers played an important role in introducing the immigrant to the ideals of the American way of life. Men like Herman Mackwitz exerted tremendous intluence in the days when Fort Wayne's population was nearly 60 percent German. Many a newly arrived German asked Mr. Mackwitz for advice on a variety of questions, from economics to politics. It is said that Herman Mackwitz carried the German Democratic vote in his vest pocket. In the election of 1920 he supported Republican nominee Warren G. Harding. The Democratic nominee, James M. Cox, made a special trip to Fort Wayne to try to get the support of Mr. Mackwitz, but to no avail.

Mr. Mackwitz was a charter member of the Tumers and his spouse a charter member of the Women's Club. They were both very much involved in the social and civic affairs of the city. They were good friends with the Henry Beadells from over on Woodland Street. (1979 ARCH Tour, Survey of Neighborhood)

## 2425 Webster Street – Hibbins Family

John Wing designed this house in 1913 as a wedding present for his daughter and her husband, George Hibbins. (I988 Towers and Turrets, 1913 Fort Wayne)

## 2430 Webster Street – Andrew G. Burry

This 1913 Craftsman-style home was originally owned by Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Burry. When the foundation was dug, an Indian skeleton was found. Mr. Burry was president and general manager of the firm he established, the Fort Wayne Paper Box Company, now part of Container Corporation of America. Mr. Burry served on the building committee for the construction of the Lincoln National Bank Tower, and later served as a director of that bank. He was also the president of the Fort Wayne Rescue Home and Mission for 17 years. The Burrys had two children, Alice and Ralph. Alice Burry was born in an upstairs bedroom and her arrival was announced throughout the neighborhood by a young Emestine Greenick, who shouted, 'Ralph Burry has a sister!" Andrew Burry lived to be nearly 102 years old. Alice Burry is married to Fort Wayne attorney John Hoffman. (1979 ARCH Tour, Griswold)

### 2431 Webster Street – Greenick Family

This c. 1900 home was originally owned by the Greenick family. Charles Greenick was a machinist for the Wabash Railroad. His widow still owned the house in the mid-1970s. (Survey of Neighborhood)

### 2432 Webster Street – Kenneth Countryman

This 1910 American Foursquare was built by Kenneth Countryman. It is a rare example of an American Foursquare with a truncated hip roof and flared eaves. (city brochure)

### 2435 Webster Street – Jewell/ McCurdy

George and Etta Jewell bought this Queen Anne home in 1900 from the Tri-State Building and Loan Company. Mr. Jewell worked as a travel agent for the Hoosier Manufacturing Company. They sold the home in 1905 to Dr. John S. McCurdy and his wife, Annie. Dr. McCurdy was a dentist and at one time used the first floor kitchen as his Dentist Office.

The McCurdys owned the home until 1940. It went through several owners until 1983, when it was purchased by Simpson United Methodist Church to be used for a young adult co-op ministry called the Journeying Program. After the Journeying Program ended, the church sold the home to its director of Christian Education and Church Growth. (owner's research)

### 2501 Webster Street – Harry M. Quicksell

This c. 1900 home is Queen Anne style. The second owner, Harry M. Quicksell, was the president of the Indiana Technical College. (Survey of Neighborhood)

## 2504 Webster Street – Leland Johnson

This c.1911 Colonial Revival was designed by Guy Mahurin, and built for Mr. Leland Johnson. Mrs. Johnson was the daughter of S.F. Bowser. Her sister, Mrs. O'Rourke, built a home next door. Leland Johnson was a mechanical engineer.

The land for 2504, 2514, and 2518 Webster had been purchased in the original 1903 sale by H.C. Berghoff of the Berghoff Brewery. The Johnson family bought all three lots, and later sold two of them. (1979 ARCH Tour, 1988 Towers and Turrets, city brochure)

## 2509 Webster Street – Dr. Calvin and Mary English

This c. 1915 Prairie-style home was designed by John Wing, and built for Dr. and Mrs. Calvin English. Dr. English helped found both the Parkview School of Nursing and the Lincoln National Life Insurance Company. He was an original stockholder of Lincoln Life, and was a longtime member of its Executive Committee. His home is a fine example of the prairie style, which emphasizes horizontal lines and wide, overhanging eaves, reflecting the flat midwestem landscape. Dr. English kept bees in the backyard that stung all the children in the neighborhood. (1979 ARCH Tour, Quest Club, Griswold, city brochure)

### 2514 Webster Street – O'Rourke Family

Mrs. O'Rourke was a sister of Mrs. Leland Johnson (2504 Webster) and built her home next door in 1915. She was also a daughter of S.F.Bowser. (1979 ARCH Tour)

# 2515 Webster Street – Sylvanus B. Bechtel

Mr. Bechtel lived here in 1910. He was the Assistant General Manager for the S.F. Bowser Company. (city directory)

# 2518 Webster Street – Thomas C. Burch

This c. 1920 bungalow was occupied by Thomas Burch in 1928. He was a salesman for the Fort Wayne Drug Company. (city directory)

# 2522 Webster Street – Reuben Reynolds

This c. 1920 Colonial Revival was the home of Reuben and Rosa Reynolds in 1920. Mr. Reynolds was a manager of the International Harvester Company, which had moved to Fort Wayne in 1920. (city directory)

### 2523 Webster Street – Murphy Family

Catherine E. Murphy, the widow of Francis J. Murphy, built this home in 1903. She had six children who worked in the following occupations: two were teachers, one bookkeeper for the White National Bank, one lireman, one cashier for Wolf and Dessauer, and one clerk for the Wabash Railroad. One of the daughters, Elizabeth Gertrude Murphy, purchased the home in 1922. She lived here until 1957. She never married, and was a school teacher at Hanna School. (1979 ARCH Tour, city directory, Survey of Neighborhood)

### 2525 Webster Street – Edward J. Disser

This c. 1920 Colonial Revival home was built by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Disser, who raised nine children here. He was the secretary manager of the First Joint Stock Land Bank once located at 801 Calhoun Street. In this capacity he was able to assist local farmers after the first World War, when many of the old farming families were losing their lands due to changes in the economy. Mr. Disser also served as secretary of the Wayne Investment Company, and secretary-treasurer of the Lake Everett Stock Famws Company.

Mr. Disser was a member of the Fort Wayne Commercial Club, and Chamber of Commerce, and had a leading role in the building of the Catholic Community Center in downtown Fort Wayne in the mid 1920s. He was also a member of the Isaac Walton League, and helped to create the city-owned fish hatcheries at Lakeside Park in 1927. (Griswold)

## 2526 2528 Webster Street – Duplex

In 1920 Viola Hider lived in the 2526 half of this duplex. 2528 was occupied by Richard L. and May McCarty. (city directory)

## 2531 Webster Street – Howard B. Goyer

This one-story home was built after World War II. In 1950 Howard Goyer, a traveling salesman, lived here. (city directory)

# 2534 Webster Street - Charles Sander

This c. 1920 American Foursquare was built by Charles W. and Anna Sander. Mr. Sander sold books at 133 West Main Street. (city directory)

### 2535 Webster Street – Alex Tower

This c. 1915 Colonial Revival home was built by Mr. Alex Tower. Mr. Tower was with the Pennsylvania Railroad. Daughter Mary Tower married Dr. Calvin English (2509 Webster). The second owners were Mr. and Mrs. John H. Lickert. Mr. Lickert was the owner of the Lickert Manufacturing Company, which produced a food chopper in the mid-1930s. Mr. Lickert remodeled the inside of the house somewhat to accomodate a complete pipe organ. The organ was placed in the living room, and the small room on the northwest comer of the house contained all the pipes. All of the woodwork including the organ case is of golden oak. (1979 ARCH Tour)

# 2615 Webster Street – Charles E. Rollins

Mr. Rollins lived here in 1903. He was employed by the Porter Adams Excavation Company. In 1910 Margaret Lamb lived here. She was the widow of David Lamb. (city directory)

# SOUTH HARRISON STREET

# 2315 Harrison Street – Arthur Twining

Mr. Twining lived here in 1910. He was a clerk for the Pennsylvania Railroad. (city directory)

# 2316 Harrison Street – Sol A. Wood

Sol A. Wood, a local attorney, Judge, and namesake of the Wood Youth Center, lived here during the early part of this century. He was a one-time law partner of Judge Howard Townsend (347 West Suttenfield). (city directory)

### 2317 Harrison Street – Louis Bobilya

In 1903 The widow Marie Bobilya lived here with two of her children. Mr. Bobilya had recently died. (city directory)

## 2318 Harrison Street- Patrick Dinklage

Mr. Dinklage lived here in 1903. He was a conductor for the Pennsylvania Railroad. (city directory)

## 2321 Harrison Street – Joseph Slingluff

Mr. Slingluff was a clerk for the S.F. Bowser Pump Company. He lived here in 1903. This home was later demolished. (city directory)

## 2322 Harrison Street – Andrew Andersen

Mr. Andersen was a foreman for the Westem Gas Construction Company. He lived here in 1903. (city directory)

## 2323 Harrison Street – Warren E. Maxwell

In 1920 Warren and Berniece Maxwell lived here. Mr. Maxwell was a helper at the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. (city directory)

### 2325 Harrison Street – Whiteleather family

The widow Carrie Whiteleather lived here in 1899-1903. This home was later demolished. (city directory)

### 2327 Harrison Street – Thomas Dyer

Thomas Dyer lived here from at least 1899-1903. He was an engineer for the Pennsylvania Railroad. (city directory)

### 2329 Harrison Street – George Szink

George A. Szink lived here in 1903. He was a foreman for the Pennsylvania Railroad. (city directory)

# 2350 Harrison Street – Third Presbyterian / Stumpf Family

This was the site of the Third Presbyterian Church built in 1900. It was designed by architect Charles Weatherhogg, who also designed the Fairfield Manor Apartments. The church was destroyed by arson in 1974. The congregation then moved to the comer of Woodland and Webster Streets.

In 1986 local architect Richard Stumpf designed the current Contemporary style home at this address. He later made it his personal residence.

## 2401 South Harrison Street – Edward A. Bames

This Colonial Revival/Queen Anne was built in 1900 for Mr. Edward Bames. This house retains the asymmetrical massing of the Queen Anne style, yet bases other design elements on Colonial or Classical models. The Palladian window in the gable and the porch with grouped columns are noteworthy features. The home had its own complete electrical system run by a generator in the basement. The system was designed by Mr. Bames, who was an electrical genius.

Edward Bames was an engineer, and came to Fort Wayne in 1889 to work for the Fort Wayne Electric Works – the "Jenney Electric." He remained with the company after it was bought by General Electric, and at his retirement in 1931 he was General Superintendent at the Fort Wayne plant. He was an associate member of the Edison Pioneers, a group of men who were associated with Thomas A. Edison in the days prior to and including the year 1885. He was a member of the old Commercial Club and was on the board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce. (Griswold, city brochure, 1979 ARCH Tour, Linkous)

### 2402 South Harrison Street – Anthony Arnold

This c. 1890 Queen Anne was built by Anthony Arnold. He was a cabinet maker for the Packard Piano Company. (city directory)

## 2405 South Harrison Street – Robert H. and Oma Carlson

The Carlson family lived here in 1920. Mr. Carlson was a salesman at Straus Brothers. (city directory)

### 2406 South Harrison Street – Hemlan Siemon

Mr. Siemon owned Siemon and Bro., a book and stationery store at 714 S. Calhoun. He lived here in 1903. (city directory)

### 2409 South Harrison Street – Frank Riblet

Frank Riblet lived here between 1899-1903. He was a travel agent. (city directory)

# 2410 South Harrison Street – O 'Connell / Kinnaird

The O'Connells built this Dutch Colonial-style home in 1891, before Harrison Street was paved this far south of downtown. They sold the house to John and Therese Rohan in 1901, who sold it to William and Josephine Rohan in 1902. John Rohan became the Allen County Treasurer in 1903. His brother, William Rohan later built homes at 2421 and 2509 Hoagland. In 1909 the Alexander Kinnaird family purchased the property and lived there until 1948. (Survey of Neighborhood, Ankenbruck)

# 2413 South Harrison Street – P. J. Henry Myers

Henry Myers lived here from at least 1899-1910. He was the chief clerk for the New York, Chicago and State Line Railroad. The home was later demolished. (city directory)

# 2414 South Harrison Street – Robert Hammond

Robert Hammond, a brakeman for the Pennsylvania Railroad, lived here from at least 1899-1910. (city directory)

### 2420 South Harrison Street – Mrs. Hazel Geake

Mrs. Hazel Geake lived here in 1920. (city directory)

### 2423 South Harrison Street – Aaron Vail

This home was built sometime before 1899. City directories show Robert Reilly owning the home in 1899, and Aaron Vail owning the home in 1903. Mr. Vail was the president of Fort Wayne Cooperage. He later built the house at 2402 Webster Street. (city directory)

## 2424 South Harrison Street – J . E. K. France

J. E. K. France was an attorney. He lived here from at least 1903 to 1910. In 1899, he lived at 496 South Harrison, in what is now the 2500 block (probably 2516). (city directory)

## 2427 South Harrison Street – August Katt

Mr. Katt lived here in 1903. He was a traveling salesman. This home was later demolished. (city directory)

## 2428 South Harrison Street – George Brinsley

George Brinsley and Vernon Jones lived here in 1903. (city directory)

## 2501 South Harrison – Simpson United Methodist Church

In 1866 Simpson was organized as the Centenary Methodist Episcopal Church located in a home on Bass Street. It moved to the southwest corner of Harrison and Masterson (Dawson) Streets in 1867. In 1885 the church was re-dedicated as the Simpson Methodist Church, honoring Matthew Simpson. He was the tirst president of DePauw University, and was a close friend of Abraham Lincoln.

In 1910 the congregation moved to 2501 South Harrison. It continues to grow and plays an active role in the Williams-Woodland Park Neighborhood. (church research)

# 2502 South Harrison Street – Willard C. Duglay

This home was occupied by Willard and Vema Duglay in 1925. He was a bookkeeper for S. P. Coppock and Sons. (city directory)

### 2508 South Harrison Street – William D. Bevelhaimer

Mr. Bevelhaimer was a carpenter for he Pennsylvania Railroad. He lived here from at least 1899 to 1910. (city directory)

### 2509 South Harrison Street – Fellman Kring

Mr. Kring was a painter at the Pennsylvania Railroad yard. He lived here from at least 1899-1910. (City directory)

### 2512 South Harrison Street – William H. Myers

Mr. Myers was a teller for the Hamilton National Bank. He lived here from at least 1899-1910. (city directory)

# 2515 South Harrison Street – Elmer Poore

Mr. Poore lived in the house that was here in 1903. It was later demolished. (city directory)

### 2516 South Harrison Street – Henry Rippe

Mr. Rippe worked as a stenographer for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in 1903. (city directory)

### 2517 South Harrison Street – Max Gellert

Mr. Gellert lived here from at least 1899-1910. He was a tinner for the Pennsylvania Railroad yard. This home was later demolished. (City directory)

### 2518 South Harrison Street – Homer Smitley

Mr. Smitley was a beehive manufacturer. He lived here from at least 1899-1910. It can be assumed that Mr. Calvin English, who lived behind him on Webster, bought his beehives from Smitley. (city directory)

### 2521 South Harrison Street – Clarence Swann

The Swann family lived here from at least 1899-1910. Clarence Swann was the assistant treasurer for the Westem Gas Con. Company. This home was later demolished. (City directory)

### 2522 South Harrison Street – Edwin Junghaus

Mr. Junghaus was a contractor, along with his two sons. They lived at this address from at least 1899-1910. (city directory)

### 2525 South Harrison Street – Henry Heuer

Henry Heuer, Superintendent of the Wayne Knitting Mills, lived here in 1903. This home was later demolished. (city directory)

### 2526 South Harrison Street - George W. Culler

The Culler family lived here in 1920. Mr. Culler was a real estate agent. (city directory)

### 2527 South Harrison Street – Brown and Perry

Herman Brown and Ely Perry lived here in 1903. They owned Brown and Perry Company. This home was later demolished. (city directory)

### 2612 South Harrison Street – John W. Malin

The Malin family lived here during the early 1920s. John Malin was a carpenter for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. (city directory)

### 2613 South Harrison Street – R obert E. and Eliabeth Hensel

The Hensel family lived here c. 1920. Robert was a clerk at the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. (city directory)

### 2616 South Harrison Street – Joseph H. and Carherine Crummitt

The Crummitt family lived here in 1920. Mr. Crummitt was a barber at 206 West Superior Street. (city directory)

# SOUTH CALHOUN STREET

### 2314 South Calhoun Street – Lewis H. Bassett

The Bassett family lived here in 1903. Mr. Bassett was a traveling salesman. The home is no longer here. (city directory)

## 2320 South Calhoun Street – George Frost

Mr. Frost lived here in 1903. (city directory)

#### 2322 South Calhoun Street – Christopher C. Craig

Mr. Craig was an engineer for the Pennsylvania Railroad. He lived here between 1899 and 1903. (city directory)

#### 2326 South Calhoun Street – Lawrence Bittenger

The Bittenger family lived here in 1903. Mr. Bittenger was a clerk for the Pennsylvania Railroad. His son George was a clerk at F.C. Heit Company. This home was later demolished. (city directory)

#### 2416 South Calhoun Street – George A. Durgee

In 1903 George Durgee lived here. He was a travel agent for the Moellering Bros. and Maillard Company. (city directory)

#### 2426 South Calhoun Street – Frank W. Byer

In 1903 Mr. Byer lived here. He was the Assistant Train Master for the Pennsylvania Railroad. His boarder, John H. Hanna, was a fireman. This home was later demolished. (city directory)

#### 2432 South Calhoun Street – Charles A. Claypool

In 1903 Mr. Charles Claypool lived here. He was an agent of the McCormick Harvester Company. The rest of Harvester didn't arrive in Fort Wayne until 1920. (city directory)

#### 2520 South Calhoun Street – John B. Miller

In 1903 John B. Miller lived here. He was a barber, and his business was located uptown at 1612 South Calhoun. He also rented to Elizabeth Fetick, the widow of Nicholas Fetick, This home was demolished to make room for parking for Simpson United Methodist Church. (city directory)

#### 2522 South Calhoun Street – Soest Drugs / William Hayes

In 1903 William Hayes lived here. He was a conductor for the Pennsylvania Railroad. He also rented out business space to Louis J. Soest, who had a drugstore here. This building later became the home of Coe Heating and Air Conditioning. (city directory)

#### 2526 South Calhoun Street – Henry Schwartz

The Schwartz family lived here between 1899 and 1903. Mr. Schwartz was a plasterer by trade. This home was demolished in order to provide parking space for Simpson United Methodist Church. (city directory)

## 2528 South Calhoun Street – William S. Compton / Klotz Block

In 1903 Mr. Compton lived here. He was a Hostler for F.H. Meyers. This was a business building known as the Klotz Block, owned by Daniel F. Klotz. He was a stripper (of furniture?) and ran his business here. This building was later demolished. (city directory)

## 2530 South Calhoun Street – William C. Bishop

In 1903 Mr. William Bishop lived here. He was an agent for the Fratemal Assurance Society, the precursor of the Lincoln National Life Insurance Company. In 1905 he became one of the first five agents employed by Lincoln Life. This home was later demolished. (city directory, Quest Club)

## 2600 South Calhoun Street – South Side Bank

The South Side Bank, started by William Rastetter, was here until 1931. It closed during President Franklin Roosevelt's Bank Holiday, and never opened again. It was one of many local casualties of the banking industry during the depression. (Ankenbruck, Quest Club)

## 2602-2606 South Calhoun Street – Becker Saloon

In 1903 this building was a saloon, run by Elizabeth Becker. She was the widow of Michael Becker. (city directory)

## 2608 South Calhoun – No information available

## 2614 South Calhoun – George Russell

In 1903 there was a house at this site. Mr. Russell, the owner, worked as a clerk at the Rurode Dry Goods Company. (city directory)

# 2616 South Calhoun – The Rialto Theater

The Rialto Theater opened in 1924. It was considered one of the Midwest's most beautiful theaters at the time of its opening, and cost \$150,000 to build. It was run by James Heliotes and Charles Lambarakis. During the 1930s blonde bombshell Marilyn Maxwell worked as an usher here. She later went on to being a movie star, and travelled the world during World War II as Bob Hope's cohort in the USO. (News-Sentinel, Ankenbruck)

# **PONTIAC STREET**

### 118 West Pontiac Street – Harry Clark

In 1910 Mr. Clark lived here. He was a plumber for J.F. Schwegman. (city directory)

### 120 West Pontiac Street – Shirley N. Longsworth

In 1910 Ms. Longsworth was an agent for the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, located in the Schoaff Building. (city directory)

### 210 West Pontiac Street – Howard F. and Lillian Bennigin

The Bennigins lived here in 1920. Mr. Bennigin was a foreman at the General Electric Company. (city directory)

## 240 West Pontiac Street – A .O. Dinius

Mr. Dinius lived at this address in 1903. He was a truck builder at the Pennsylvania Railroad shops. (city directory)

### 350 West Pontiac Street – Mynhart Brueckner

The widow of George R. Brueckner, lived here in 1955. He had been an engineer at IBM. (city directory)

### 414 West Pontiac Street – John H. and Clara L. McElwain

The McElwain family lived here during the early 1920s. Mr. McElwain was an assistant train master with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. (city directory)

### 418 West Pontiac – Walter W. Bicknell

Mr. Bicknell lived here from at least 1899 to 1903. He was a boiler inspector for the Pennsylvania Railroad. (city directory)

### 120 West Pontiac Street - William W. Foster

Mr. Foster lived here in 1910. He was an Electrician for the S.F. Bowser Company. (city directory)

### 446 West Pontiac Street

During the 1960s, this address held offices for Doctors Lewis W. Knight, Karl M. Beierlein, Richard W. Terrill, and John W. Rouosseau. (city directory)

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