

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: ILLINOIS	
COUNTY: COOK	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

6th Congressional District - Congressman: Harold Collier

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME					
COMMON: Walter Gale House					
AND/OR HISTORIC: WALTER GALE HOUSE					
2. LOCATION					
STREET AND NUMBER: 1031 West Chicago Avenue					
CITY OR TOWN: Oak Park					
STATE: Illinois	CODE: 17	COUNTY: Cook	CODE: 031		
3. CLASSIFICATION					
CATEGORY (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		OWNERSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> Public Public Acquisitions: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work In progress	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious			
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific			
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY					
OWNER'S NAME: Dennis G. and Myra LaRoque					
STREET AND NUMBER: 1031 West Chicago Avenue					
CITY OR TOWN: Oak Park	STATE: Illinois	CODE: 17			
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: COOK COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN: Chicago	STATE: Illinois	CODE: 17			
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS					
TITLE OF SURVEY: A survey of the historic resources of the Village of Oak Park, Illinois					
DATE OF SURVEY: 1970	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPARTMENT FOR SURVEY RECORD: Municipal Building Village of Oak Park					
STREET AND NUMBER: Euclid and Lake Street					
CITY OR TOWN: Oak Park	STATE: Illinois	CODE: 60302			

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

DESCRIPTION

The house is frame construction on a granite foundation. Its exterior sheathing is mostly narrow clapboards. Originally there was a porch extending across the front of which today only a small part remains on the entrance side. The roof, formerly shingled in wood, is now covered with asphalt shingles. Most of the ground floor windows are sash while those in the second story are casements. The diamond-pane, leaded-glass in the casements is mostly intact.

The ground floor contains a hall with stairway, reception room, living room (called library in the plans), dining room and kitchen and pantry. The hall, beautifully paneled in oiled birch, has a railing with highly attenuated balusters framing the stairs. The second floor contains four bedrooms, one with a fireplace, and a single bath. On the third floor there is a large room laid out on an east-west axis.

HISTORY

The house was commissioned in 1893 by Walter Gale who belonged to one of Oak Park's founding families. He operated a hardware store in the community. The architect was Frank Lloyd Wright whose own house was a half block to the east. This commission seems to be the first undertaken by Wright after he left Adler & Sullivan about June, 1893. Its style, a kind of geometric Queen Anne, reveals clearly Wright's sources -- its Queen Anne style comes from Wright's first teacher, J.L. Sullivan. The house is also of special interest in showing Wright's predilection for informal planning and in suggesting the great distance the young architect still had to go before his early modern style would mature about 1900.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1893

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

The house is particularly notable as the first independent work by America's best-known architect. It is also significant in showing the effect of Wright's study with Sullivan which was to lead the younger man in the direction of a more disciplined geometric manner. Beyond this, the dwelling also serves as an example of a well-designed, picturesque residence of the 1890's with fine interior woodwork and a small but magnificent stair hall. As an important link in Wright's evolution from a more traditional to an early modern style, the house is especially valuable.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

MANSON, GRANT - FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT TO 1910
 HITCHCOCK, H.R. - IN THE NATURE OF MATERIALS

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LEAS THAN TEN ACRES							
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			LATITUDE			LONGITUDE	
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	0			0			41°	53'	41"	87°	48'	07"
NE	0			0								
SE	0			0								
SW	0			0								

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 4

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Dennis G. and Myra LaRogue**

ORGANIZATION: **(AND Paul E. Sprague - Illinois Historic Structures Survey)** DATE: _____

STREET AND NUMBER: **1031 West Chicago Avenue**

CITY OR TOWN: **Oak Park** STATE: **Illinois** CODE: **60302**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

 Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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S E R I N S T R U C T I O N S

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

1. NAME		STATE	
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AND/OR HISTORIC: Walter Gale House		COUNTY	
2. LOCATION		COOK	
STREET AND NUMBER:		FOR NPS USE ONLY	
1031 West Chicago Avenue		ENTRY NUMBER	
CITY OR TOWN:		DATE	
Oak Park			
STATE:		CODE	COUNTY:
Illinois		60302	Cook
3. PHOTO REFERENCE		CODE	
PHOTO CREDIT: Albert Iada, Whitaker QuernseyStudio, Inc.			
DATE OF PHOTO: 3/20/73			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Dennis G. LaRoque,			
1031 W. Chicago Ave., Oak Park, Ill. 60302			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			
Exterior view of house:			
Front view from Chicago Avenue			
		/ 16651007/View/	
		V6511016/1665106/60302/16651014/16651016/	
		/16651032/1/16651033/16651034/16651035/1/	

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Form 10-301
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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PROPERTY MAP FORM

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STATE:	Illinois			
CODE	60302	COUNTY:	Cook	CODE
3. MAP REFERENCE				
SOURCE: U. S. Department of the Interior Geological Survey				
River Forest Quadrangle, 11 - Cook Co., 7.5 Minute Series Topographical				
SCALE:	1:24000			
DATE:	1963			
4. REQUIREMENTS				
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS				
1. Property boundaries where required.				
2. North arrow.				
3. Latitude and longitude reference.				

ILLINOIS HISTORIC SITES SURVEY INVENTORY

1. Name of Site:

Common

Historic Walter Gale House

2. Location:

Street and Number 1031 W. Chicago Avenue Township Section
City or Town Oak Park Zip Code Range 1/4 Section
County Cook

3. Classification:

Category (check one)

() District (x) Building
() Site () Structure

Integrity (check one)

() Altered (x) Unaltered
() Moved () Original Site

4. Ownership:

Status (check one)

(x) Private
() Public

(x) Occupied
() Unoccupied
() Preservation work in progress

Access to Public

() Yes () Restricted () Unrestricted (x) No

Present Use (check one or more)

() Agricultural () Industrial () Religious
() Commercial () Military () Scientific
() Educational () Museum () Transportation
() Entertainment () Park () Other
() Government (x) Private Residence

5. Ownership of Property:

Owner's Name

Phone Number

Street and Number

City or Town

State

County

Zip Code

6. Description: 2 story wood

() Excellent (x) Good () Fair () Deteriorated
() Ruins () Unexposed

Is there a program of preservation underway? (x) Yes () No

ARCHITECTURE

7. Historical Themes: (check one or more of the following)

- Archeological Site (Pre-Columbian)
- Archeological Site (Post-Columbian to 1673)
- French Influence (1673-1780)
- Illinois Frontier (1780-1818)
- Illinois Early (1818-1850)
- Illinois Middle (1850-1900)
- Illinois Late (1900-present)
- Famous People (give names & dates)

F. L. Wright

8. Specific Date: 1893

Areas of significance (check one or more of the following)

- Aboriginal (historic)
- Aboriginal (pre-historic)
- Agriculture
- Architecture
- Art
- Commerce
- Communication
- Conservation
- Education
- Engineering
- Industry
- Invention
- Landscape Architecture
- Literature
- Military
- Music
- Political
- Religion/Philosophy
- Science
- Sculpture
- Social/Humanitarian
- Theater
- Transportation
- Urban Planning
- Other (specify)

Brief statement of significance: (include all names and dates)
Use additional sheets if necessary. Wright's 1st independent work.

9. Form prepared by: Transitional. NR

Name and Title: _____ Date: June 12, 1971

Organization: _____ Phone: _____

Street and Number: _____

City or Town: _____ County: _____ Zip Code _____

During the course of the Survey we often find it necessary to search for a particular site. When filling out the Survey form, please list according to the following example, published references to the site for which forms are being completed. If a bibliography can be compiled, it will greatly deduct from the Survey's task.

Bibliography

Robertson, Robert, Of Whales and Men. New York, Alfred K. Knopf, Inc., 1954.

