

Village of River Forest
Historic Preservation Commission

Historic Homes



RIVER FOREST

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Welcome to River Forest,

home to a diverse collection of Queen Anne, Prairie School, Tudor, Colonial Revival, and Mid-Century Modern residences and public buildings situated within a landscape of mature trees and expansive lawns. These structures showcase the development of a wide variety of architectural styles created by some of the most famous architects of their time, including Frank Lloyd Wright, William E. Drummond, Tallmadge & Watson, and Robert C. Spencer.

This map highlights only a sampling of the most distinguished structures. There are many other architecturally and historically significant properties that have been carefully restored and maintained.

As you tour our village and admire the design and craftsmanship of earlier eras, please respect the owners' privacy.

BUILDINGS BY SIGNIFICANT ARCHITECTS & BUILDERS

Spencer S. Beman		Buurma Brothers (cont.)		Jerome Cerny		Carl J. Kastrop		Robert C. Spencer		
1044	Forest	909	Clinton	7425	Berkshire	500-510	Bonnie Brae	742	Franklin	
Benedict J. Bruns		914	Clinton	1402	Clinton	1406	Harlem	530	Keystone	
	1531-57	Monroe	915	Clinton	7849	Greenfield	7203	LeMoynes	727	Keystone
	7221-27	Thomas	918	Clinton	7900	Greenfield			807	Keystone
	503-11	William	919	Clinton			Keck & Keck		743	Park
Buurma Brothers		924	Clinton	William E. Drummond		1409	Thatcher	926	Park	
		930	Clinton	847	Ashland					
		934	Clinton	535	Edgewood	Henry H. Mahler		Tallmadge & Watson		
	807	Ashland	935	Clinton	555	Edgewood	7623-29	Lake	562	Ashland
814	Ashland	946	Clinton	559	Edgewood	7314	Oak	601	Bonnie Brae	
846	Ashland	947	Clinton	560	Edgewood			7300	Division	
923	Ashland			517	Keystone	Arthur Maiworm		519	Edgewood	
1030	Ashland	838	Franklin	619	Keystone	1036	Franklin	751	Franklin	
1031	Ashland	847	Franklin	735	Lathrop			830	Franklin	
1047	Ashland	915	Franklin	7234	Quick	Guys & McClintock		838	Franklin	
1105	Ashland	927	Franklin	7970	Lake	807	Keystone	737	Keystone	
1123	Ashland	1022	Franklin	7623-29	Lake	1010	Forest	601	Park	
1130	Ashland	1029	Franklin	7753-71	Lake	1111	Forest	1108	Park	
1138	Ashland	1036	Franklin			7551	Quick	1114	Park	
		1039	Franklin	Henry Fiddelke				1120	Park	
802	Bonnie Brae	1046	Franklin	726	Clinton	Olsen & Urbain		7218	Quick	
811	Bonnie Brae	1112	Franklin	751	Clinton	915	Franklin			
814	Bonnie Brae	1122	Franklin	755	Clinton			John S. Van Bergen		
815	Bonnie Brae	1123	Franklin	720	Keystone	Edward Probst		734	Bonnie Brae	
820	Bonnie Brae	1131	Franklin			1037	Forest	609	Clinton	
821	Bonnie Brae	1137	Franklin	Henry Hogans				625	Clinton	
824	Bonnie Brae	1138	Franklin	609	Clinton	Purcell & Elmslie		719	Clinton	
831	Bonnie Brae	1145	Franklin	722	William	628	Bonnie Brae	730	Clinton	
835	Bonnie Brae			742	William	1010	Forest			
836	Bonnie Brae	818	Harlem	617	Clinton	1338	Park	Vierow Brothers		
840	Bonnie Brae			723	William			335	Ashland	
841	Bonnie Brae	806	Jackson	743	William	Harry Robinson		1047	Keystone	
903	Bonnie Brae	814	Jackson	625	Clinton	930	Ashland			
909	Bonnie Brae	815	Jackson	726	William	633	Bonnie Brae	Charles White		
914	Bonnie Brae	831	Jackson	746	William	715	Clinton	815	Ashland	
919	Bonnie Brae	839	Jackson	707	William	731	William	750	Clinton	
920	Bonnie Brae			727	William	722	William	606	Thatcher	
924	Bonnie Brae	1433	Keystone	747	William	735	William	7214	Quick	
925	Bonnie Brae			710	William	726	William			
930	Bonnie Brae	815	Lathrop	730	William	739	William	Frank Lloyd Wright		
931	Bonnie Brae	914	Lathrop	750	William	730	William	559	Ashland	
934	Bonnie Brae	923	Lathrop	711	William	707	William	515	Auvergne	
941	Bonnie Brae			731	William	743	William	530	Edgewood	
		1221	Monroe	751	William	734	William	603	Edgewood	
806	Clinton	1231	Monroe	714	William	711	William	562	Keystone	
810	Clinton			734	William	747	William	615	Lathrop	
826	Clinton	1015	Park	754	William	738	William			
830	Clinton	1023	Park	715	William	715	William	R. Harold Zook		
900	Clinton	1044	Park	735	William	751	William	1426	Jackson	
905	Clinton	1105	Park	755	William	742	William	1419	Keystone	
908	Clinton			718	William	719	William			
909	Clinton	1210	William	738	William	710	William	E. E. Roberts		
		1220	William	719	William	746	William	606	Keystone	
		1226	William	739	William	723	William	706	Keystone	
		1232	William			714	William	539	Thatcher	
		1240	William	Henry Holsman		750	William			
				7200-14	Oak	727	William			
				7314	Oak	718	William			
						754	William			

HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARD WINNERS

2009	45 Keystone 1516 Franklin 8011 Oak 542 Edgewood 223 Gale	Mike and Sharon Lennox Ivan Ivanov N/A Kim Fields N/A	Streetscape Compatibility Award of Merit Award of Merit Streetscape Compatibility Adaptive Reuse
2010	Train Station 1045 Jackson 735 Thatcher 1001 Jackson 315 Forest Auvergne/Lake 610 Thatcher	Housed in the RF Park District building Deogracias Residence Mastbrook Residence Kieselstein John Dzuryak Edward C. Waller, Entrance Gates Ray and Ann Berens	Adaptive Reuse Award of Merit Restoration Award Architectural Details Architectural Compatibility Restoration Award Architectural Compatibility
2011	605 Ashland 210 Gale	Mitka Residence Maychruk Residence	Streetscape Compatibility Award of Merit
2012	558 William 702 Forest 604 Ashland	Synder Residence and Mark Zinni Architects DeWitte Residence and Raino-Ogden Architects Taubman Residence and Studio M Architects	Award of Merit Award of Merit Streetscape Compatibility
2013	731 Monroe	Rosanne McGrath, Studio M Architects	Streetscape Compatibility
2014	344 Keystone	John and Maureen Heakin	Restoration Award
2015	706 Park	Tim and Karen Ryan	Renovation
2016	914 Lathrop 138 Keystone	Wade Weissmann Architecture Stewart Weiner and Betsy Kvam	Renovation Architectural Details
2017	146 Keystone 558 Franklin	David and Marihelen Burns Tim and Emily Ruby	Laurel McMahon Restoration Award Laurel McMahon Restoration Award

SIGNIFICANT PARKS AND MONUMENTS

Washington Square Park
Washington Blvd + Park Avenue
Landscape Arch: Jens Jensen

Washington Triangle Park, 1916
Washington Blvd + Forest Avenue
Landscape Arch: Jens Jensen

Keystone Park, 1915
Keystone Avenue + Lake Street
Landscape Arch: Jens Jensen

Edmund A. Cummings Memorial, 1842-1922
Forest Home Cemetery, 863 Desplaines Ave
Charles White, from Louis Comfort Tiffany

SIGNIFICANT INSTITUTIONAL BUILDINGS

Mazzuchelli Hall, 1924
Central building of Dominican University
Arch: Ralph Adams Cram

Lewis Memorial Hall, 1931
West of Mazzuchelli Hall, Dominican University
Arch: Ralph Adams Cram

Mother Emily Power Hall, 1920
East of Mazzuchelli Hall, Dominican University
Arch: Ralph Adams Cram

Grace Lutheran Church, 1931
Division Street + Bonnie Brae
Arch: Tallmadge & Watson



1 WILLIAM WINSLOW HOUSE AND STABLES
515 Auvergne Place (1893)
Arch: Frank Lloyd Wright

**National Register of Historic Places*
Frank Lloyd Wright described the Winslow House, his first major commission as an independent architect after leaving Adler & Sullivan, as "the first prairie house." Beautifully preserved, this iconic structure echoes the land with its low hipped roof, plaster banding and Roman brick. It marked a revolutionary departure from earlier Victorian architecture.



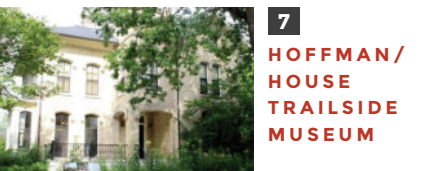
3 CHAUNCEY WILLIAMS HOUSE
530 Edgewood Place (1895)
Arch: Frank Lloyd Wright

Known for its dramatic steep roof and massive chimney, in contrast to the horizontal eave line and string course, this Frank Lloyd Wright design was his first commission to show an Asian influence.



5 WILLIAM E. DRUMMOND HOUSE
559 Edgewood Place (1910)
Arch: William E. Drummond

**National Register of Historic Places*
Drummond, who was a member of the Wright studio from 1899 to 1909, designed the house for himself. The home is loosely based on a Frank Lloyd Wright design for a concrete home published in the Ladies Home Journal in 1907. It is one of the best examples of a prairie style house not designed by Frank Lloyd Wright.



7 HOFFMAN/HOUSE TRAILSIDE MUSEUM
738 Thatcher Avenue (1874)
Arch: Unknown

This building is one of two grand Italianate villas in River Forest that were commissioned by Abraham Hoffman, one of the Village's most prominent early citizens. Established in 1931, the Trailside Museum of Natural History was the first public nature education facility of the Cook County Forest Preserves.



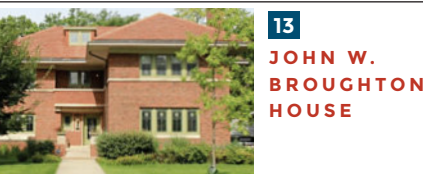
9 JOSEPH J. ARNOLD HOUSE
720 Keystone Avenue (1916)
Arch: H.G. Fiddelke

This 8,000 square foot, Prairie Style mansion sits on one of River Forest's larger lots. In 1925 the stucco was covered in brick veneer, the home expanded and a unique "log cabin" was created on the third floor using whole bark covered logs.



11 C.C. COLLINS HOUSE
606 Keystone Avenue (1906)
Arch: E.E. Roberts

With its brick ground story, and half-timbered upper stories, this E.E. Roberts design exhibits an exterior English cottage style, but with strong interior Prairie emphasis. The house was likely inspired by Wright's Nathan Moore House in Oak Park.



13 JOHN W. BROUGHTON HOUSE
530 Keystone Avenue (1909)
Arch: Robert C. Spencer

A distinctive Robert C. Spencer design, the John Broughton house is a refined example of the Prairie Style with intact art glass windows.



2 DAVID CUMMINGHAM THATCHER HOUSE
511 Edgewood Place (1858)
Arch: Unknown

This historic Italianate house is the oldest residence in the village. Originally located at the intersection of Lake Street and Thatcher Avenue as a country home for David Thatcher, one of the earliest residents of the village, the house was moved to its present location circa 1900.



4 BEN BADENOUGH HOUSE
555 Edgewood Place (1945)
Arch: William E. Drummond

The Ben Badenough house illustrates William E. Drummond's adaptability as an architect. Designed 35 years after his own house (directly north at 559 Edgewood), Drummond created a stately cottage design reflecting then current tastes in residential design.



6 ISABEL ROBERTS HOUSE
603 Edgewood Place (1908)
Arch: Frank Lloyd Wright

Sometimes credited as being the first split-level house, the Isabel Roberts House is Frank Lloyd Wright's most significant Prairie house in River Forest. It possesses features typical of the mature Prairie style, including low hip roofs with broad overhanging eaves, continuous bands of windows and an overall emphasis on the horizontal line.



8 PELLET HOUSE
727 Keystone Avenue (1915)
Arch: Spencer & Powers

The C.S. Pellet House combines Tudor, half-timbered architecture with Prairie School elements, and includes stained glass windows and ornamental floral designs under the roof and on the front. Before forming his own firm in 1905, Robert Spencer shared office space and was good friends with Frank Lloyd Wright.



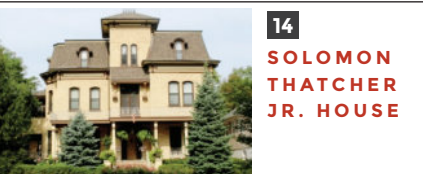
10 JOHN JACKSON HOUSE
706 Keystone Avenue (1900)
Arch: E.E. Roberts

A distinctive E.E. Roberts design, illustrating the evolution of the Queen Anne style by incorporating strong geometric influences and Craftsman detailing.



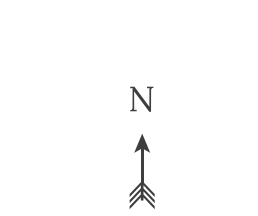
12 J. KIBBEN INGALLS HOUSE
562 Keystone Avenue (1909)
Arch: Frank Lloyd Wright

The Ingalls House was designed by Frank Lloyd Wright for clients asking for maximum fresh air and light to help cure their children of tuberculosis. A Greek cross design with subsequent rear additions by William E. Drummond (1926) and John Tilton (1981), the street view of the house has remained completely intact.



14 SOLOMON THATCHER JR. HOUSE
518 Keystone Avenue (1874)
Arch: Unknown

One of the oldest surviving homes in the Village. Originally a yellow brick Italianate villa with a four-sided central tower and cupola with a side porte cochere for carriages. It was reconfigured for much of the twentieth century as a Spanish castle by the removal of the cupola, front porch and porte cochere. A twenty-first century restoration has returned much of the exterior to its original form.



Edmund A. Cummings Memorial Forest Home Cemetery Forest Park, Illinois



15 JOHN A. KLASERT HOUSE
517 Keystone Avenue (1915)
Arch: William E. Drummond and Guenzel

The John Klesert house, designed by William E. Drummond, represents a prairie interpretation of a traditional 4-square home with a central fireplace. The house is well-proportioned with a unique diamond shaped attic window.



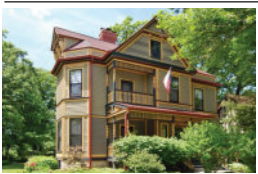
16 RIVER FOREST METHODIST
7970 Lake Street (1912)
Arch: William E. Drummond

Designed by William E. Drummond, this Gothic-inspired brick church features Prairie ornamentation and detailing. Its low height makes the structure feel almost residential in scale.



17 WILLIAM F. BLOCK HOUSE
344 Keystone Avenue (1883)
Arch: Unknown

This magnificent mansion is a beautiful example of the Italianate style that enormously popular in the U.S. from the 1850s until well into the 1880s.



18 WILLIAM HATCH HOUSE
306 Keystone Avenue (1882)
Arch: Frank Lloyd Wright

**National Register of Historic Places*
One of three River Forest homes on the National Register of Historic Places, the William Hatch House is an outstanding example of Queen Anne residential architecture with Stick style elements.



19 JOSEPH J. BUTLER HOUSE
1103 Keystone Avenue (1925)
Arch: Meyer & Cook

This exotic Spanish Renaissance house typifies the revival of romantic styles in the 1920s.



21 HENRY EINFELDT HOUSE
1010 Forest Avenue (1915)
Arch: Purcell & Elmslie

Contemporaries of Frank Lloyd Wright, Purcell & Elmslie were widely commissioned practitioners of the Prairie Style. The Henry Einfeldt House was built in 1915, six years after Purcell's design of the Charles Purcell House, and according to Purcell, "shows what can be done with very conventional houses and very conventional minded people."



23 GRUNOW/ ACCARDO HOUSE
915 Franklin Avenue (1929)
Arch: Olsen & Urbain

Designed in 1929 by Olsen & Urbain, and built by the Buurma Brothers, this large-scale Tudor mansion was originally the home of William Grunow, an early radio pioneer. Its most famous resident was Anthony Accardo, longtime organized crime kingpin who is credited with devising the national commission of regional families to internally settle disputes.



25 RIVER FOREST WOMEN'S CLUB
526 Ashland Avenue (1913)
Arch: William E. Drummond & Louis Guenzel

Converted to a private residence in 2005, this William E. Drummond designed board-and-batten clubhouse with a two-level auditorium and stage is an excellent example of a non-residential Prairie School structure. The Women's Club founded the River Forest Public Library, which was also designed by Drummond, and Drummond's wife was a club member.



27 RIVER FOREST LIBRARY
735 Lathrop Avenue (1928)
Arch: William E. Drummond

River Forest has been referred to as "Drummond country" because of the numerous examples of his work in the community. His designs were greatly influenced by Wright's Prairie School



29 SETH RHODES HOUSE
719 Clinton Place (1916)
Arch: John S. Van Bergen

The Seth Rhodes house is an excellent example of Prairie style architecture. Van Bergen worked for Frank Lloyd Wright and supervised construction of the Robie House and the Mrs. Thomas Gale House before heading out on his own.



31 ELIAS DAY HOUSE
601 Bonnie Brae Place (1907)
Arch: Tallmadge & Watson

Built in 1907 from plans prepared by Tallmadge & Watson. In 1919, Tallmadge reportedly revised the plans from this home for subsequent offering as a Sears catalog house.



20 VERNA ROSS ORNDORFF HOUSE
1044 Forest Avenue (1929)
Arch: Spencer S. Beman Jr.

The house is built in a French Eclectic/Norman architectural style with Romanesque influence, reminiscent of farm houses in Normandy, France.



22 DOUBLEMINT HOUSES
1223-1227 Franklin Avenue (1955)
Arch: Unknown

This pair of homes are a study in symmetry. Sharing one driveway, the homes are an excellent example of Mid-Century Modern shed design. Built by a father for his daughters, the houses achieved fame in a 1980s chewing gum commercial.



24 JOHN PIGGOTT HOUSE
751 Franklin Avenue (1909)
Arch: Tallmadge & Watson

Tallmadge & Watson designed this unusual, cruciform plan bungalow with overhanging eaves, which was featured in "House Beautiful" in 1911.



26 ARTHUR FAVENPORT HOUSE
559 Ashland Avenue (1901)
Arch: Frank Lloyd Wright

An early Frank Lloyd Wright prairie style design with a unique gabled roof and dramatic flared eaves. Built in 1901, the house is based on a design published in the July 1901 issue of Ladies' Home Journal.



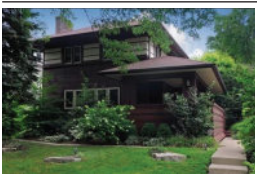
28 RIVER FOREST TENNIS CLUB
615 Lathrop Avenue (1906)
Arch: Frank Lloyd Wright

Designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, and moved to its present location in 1920, the club's low, flowing lines blend with the neighboring residential community.



30 CHARLES PURCELL HOUSE
628 Bonnie Brae Place (1909)
Arch: Charles A. Purcell

Designed by renowned Prairie Style architect William Gray Purcell for his parents in 1909, the house has a high-pitched roof with deep eaves. Windows made to resemble stained glass church windows add a Japanese sensibility.



32 LOZIER HOUSE
7218 Quick Avenue (1906)
Arch: Tallmadge & Watson

Tallmadge & Watson designed this Prairie School home in 1906. Its distinctive lap siding and cedar board and batten is further accentuated by leaded and stained glass windows.

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- Structures by Frank Lloyd Wright
- Structures by William E. Drummond
- Structures by Other Architects
- Unknown Architects
- River Forest Historic District



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