

Community Area #18
Montclare

Population: 10,573
Number of Structures: 2,950
Avg. Date of Construction: 1937

Significant Structures: 16

Source: 1990 Census, Harris File, CHRS

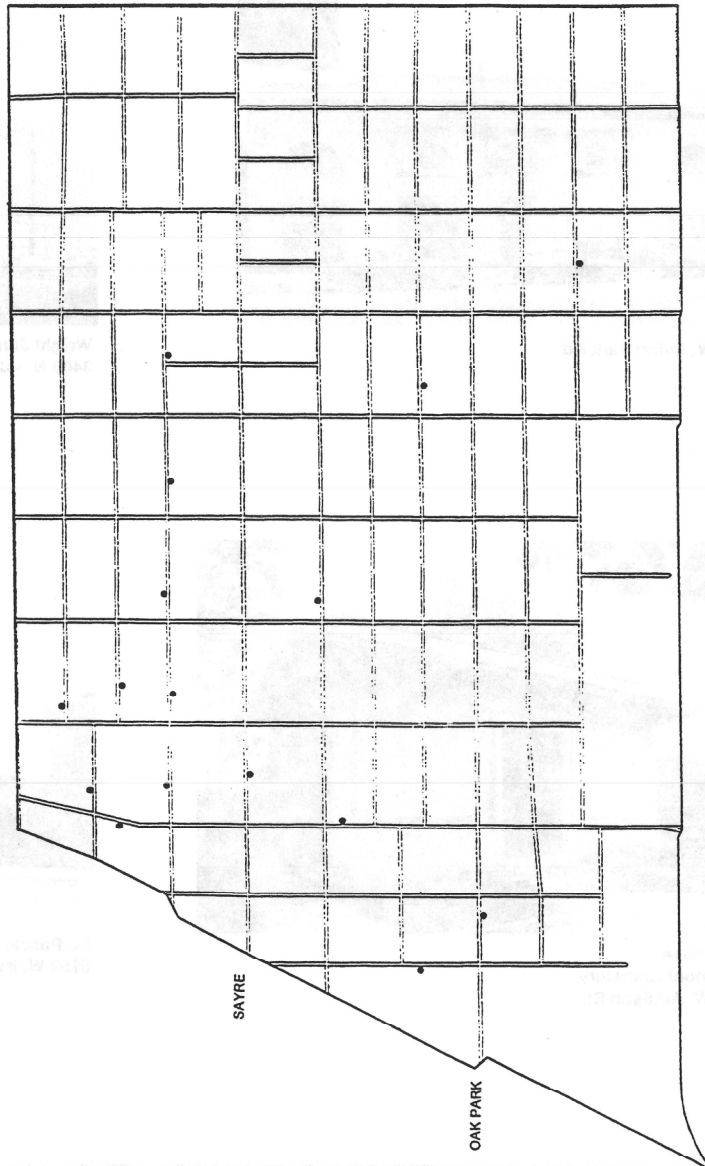
BELMONT

DIVERSEY

GRAND
FULLERTON

SAYRE

OAK PARK



(Dots show approximate, rather than specific, locations of significant structures.)
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The Montclare community area is located on the western border of the city and its southern and eastern boundaries are marked by railroad tracks. The area was named, by a local minister, after the New Jersey town of "Montclair."

In 1840, the area's first frame house was built by William E. Sayre. Other early farmers clustered near the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad station, which was built in 1872 in the southeastern section of the community. In 1889, Montclare was annexed to Chicago, and three of the area's finest residential buildings from this period are: 2533 N. Mont Clare, 2502 N. Neva, and 2333 N. Oak Park.

The extension of the Grand Avenue streetcar line to Harlem Avenue, in 1912, generated more residential development. However, the community's real growth came during the 1920s, when many streets were paved and utilities installed. During this period, Montclare began to assume its present pattern of single-family bungalows, built of wood, brick, and stucco.

The community's oldest residences are primarily located in the area's southern section, while most new dwellings were built in the northern portion of the area. In addition, some two-flats and small apartment houses were also built during this period in the area between Fullerton and Diversey avenues.

Low-rise commercial buildings, many with delicate terra cotta ornament, were built along Grand



2333 N. Oak Park Av.

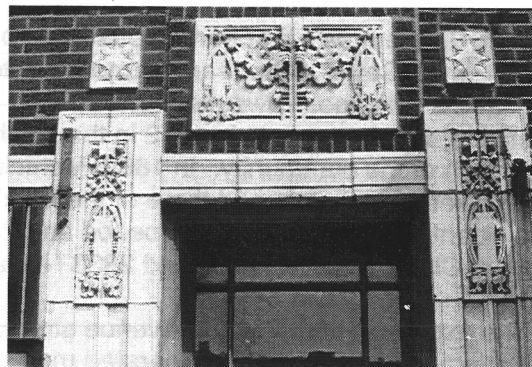
2533 N. Montclare Av.



Avenue during the 1920s. A commercial structure at 6920 W. Fullerton (1925) blends both Art Deco and Sullivanesque details, while the Classical Revival-style Montclare Theater, 1727 W. Grand (1929), features elaborate terra cotta ornament.

Since 1930, light industry has developed along the tracks of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad. The Brickyard shopping mall opened in 1977 on Montclare's eastern border. In 1981, the original Shriners Hospital building (1926) on Oak Park Avenue was replaced at the same location by a new facility.

The focus of the Chicago Historic Resources Survey was on buildings erected prior to 1940. Buildings and developments erected after that date generally are not included in the inventory.

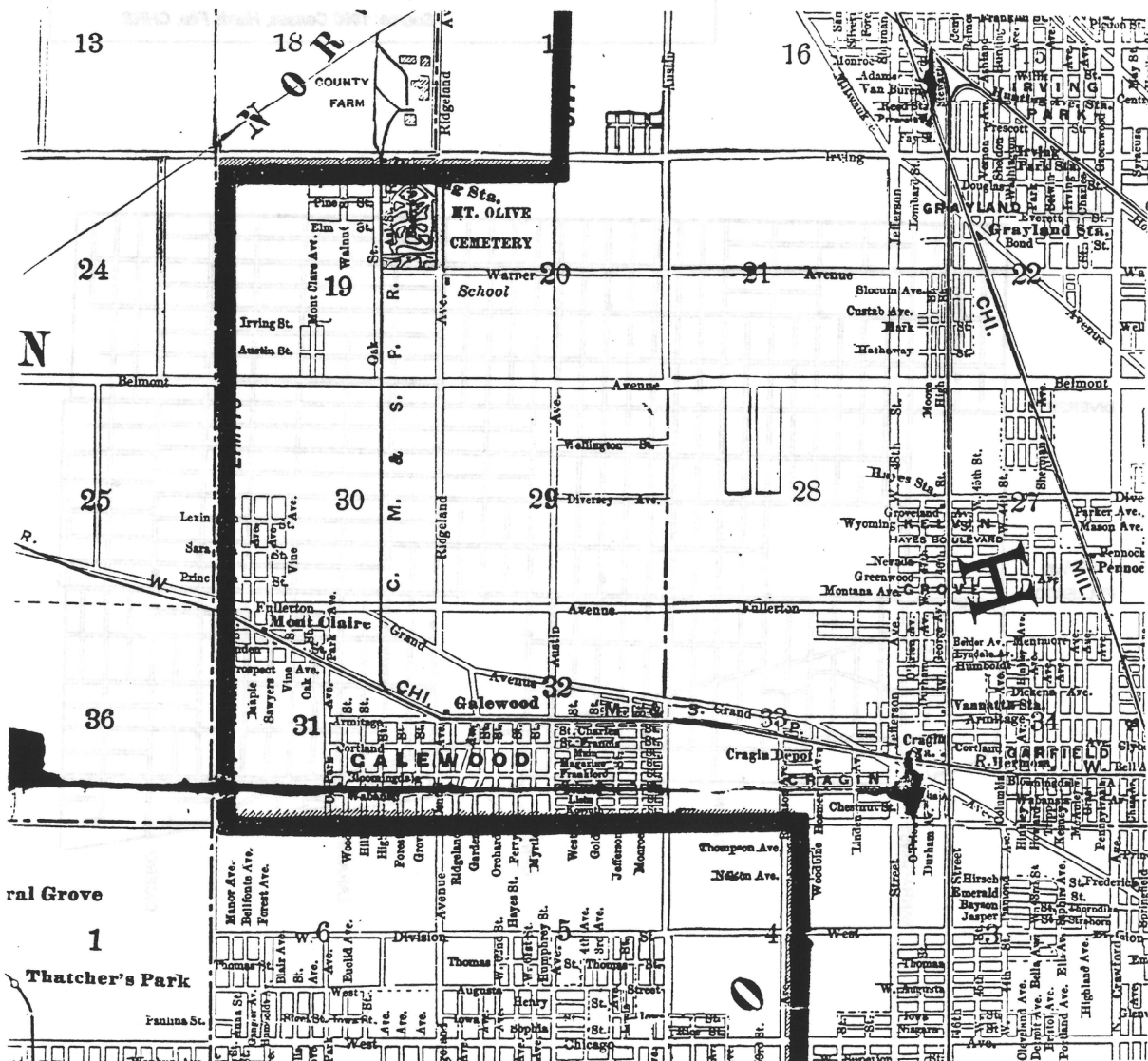


(Clockwise, from above)
2502 N. Neva Ave.
6920 W. Fullerton Ave.
Montclare Theater, 7127 W. Grand Ave.

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Address	Date	Architect	Building Style	Survey LM	IS	Building Code Type	PIN	Form #
6841 W BELDEN AV	1916	JONES, WILLIAM C.	PRAIRIE	N	Y	OR FIELDHSE	1331116001	183606001
6920 W FULLERTON AV	1925			N	Y	OR COMM	1330328029	183610001
7127 W GRAND AV	1929	WHITNEY, WILLIAM	CLASSICAL REV	N	Y	OR THEATER	1331101001	183606002
2533 N MONT CLARE AV	1880s		EASTLAKE	N	Y	OR SFR	1330318010	183610003
2416 N NEVA AV	1923		CLASSICAL REV	N	Y	OR COMM	1330324023	183610002
2502 N NEVA AV	1880s			N	Y	OR SFR	1330316042	183610004
2821 N NEWCASTLE AV	1928			N	Y	OR SCHOOL	1330136001	183615002
2608 N NEWLAND AV				N	Y	GN	1330312025	183610005
2434 N NORDICA AV				N	Y	GN	1330325012	183610006
2521 N NORDICA AV				N	Y	GN	1330319009	183610007
2616 N NORDICA AV				N	Y	GN	1320310030	183610008
2731 N NORDICA AV				N	Y	GN	1330303019	183610009
2833 N NORDICA AV	1924	SWABLAD & CARLS	TUDOR REV	N	Y	OR HOSPITAL	1330130001	183615001
2949 N NORMANDY AV				N	Y	GN	1330218038	183614001
2333 N OAK PARK AV	1880s		ITALIANATE	N	Y	OR SFR	1331202001	183605001
2451 N SAYRE AV				N	Y	GN	1330327002	183610010



An 1890 map of Chicago's northwest side, including Montclare.
The heavy black line represents the Chicago city limits in place at the time.