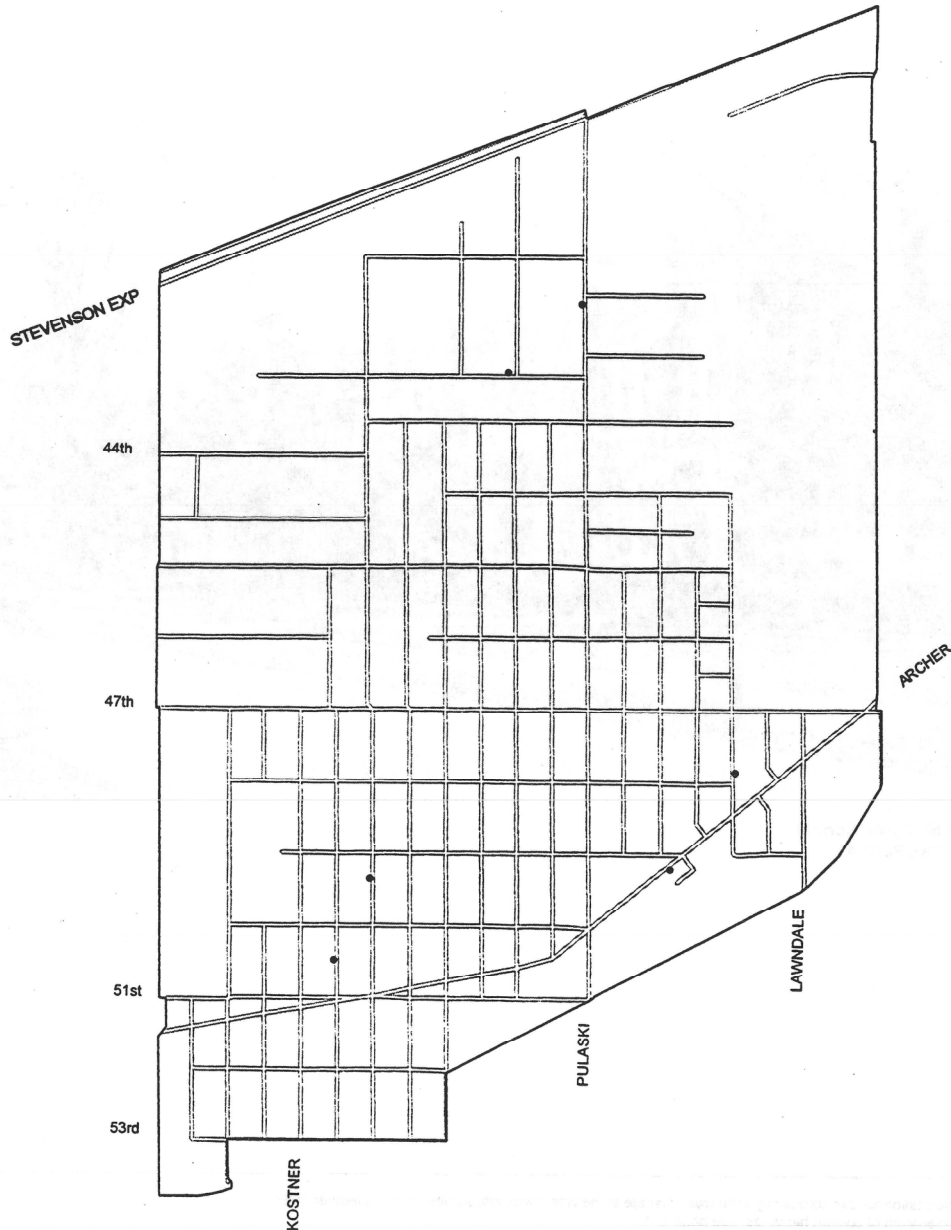


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Population: 9,227
Number of Structures: 2,903
Avg. Date of Construction: 1943

Significant Structures: 6

Source: 1990 Census, Harris File, CHRS



(Dots show approximate, rather than specific, locations of significant structures.)
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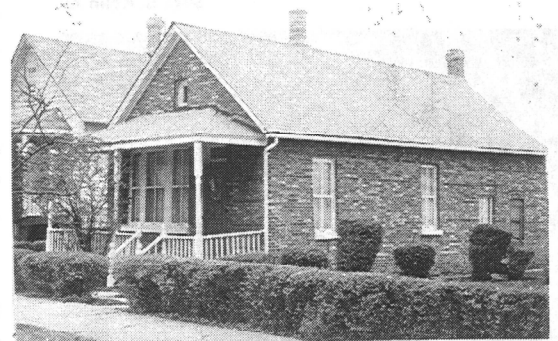
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Once known as the Archer Road district for the early road running through its southern section, Archer Heights takes its present name from an early community subdivision.

Archer Heights was mostly swampland in the early nineteenth century, crossed only occasionally by Pottowatomies following the route that would become Archer Avenue. Construction of the Illinois & Michigan Canal, Archer Avenue, and the Chicago & Alton Railroad in the mid-1800s brought workers into the area. Not many chose to stay. Only a few isolated farms were to be found until the 1880s.

In that decade, further railroad expansion brought roundhouses and machine shops into the area. This development stimulated land speculation, but little settlement resulted. Establishment of the Santa Fe freight yards at 35th Street and Central Park Avenue brought in a few new residents. When Chicago annexed Archer Heights in two stages during 1889, land speculation increased. The rate of settlement remained low, however. A brick cottage built in the decade after annexation sits at 4759 S. Hamlin Avenue.

Significant residential development came only after the turn of the century, spurred by expanding industrialization in adjacent communities and by the completion of a horse car line on Archer Avenue in the late 1890s and the line's electrification in 1906. During the early 1900s, land south of 47th Street and west of Pulaski Road was subdivided for resale. Due to the lack of paved streets and city



4759 S. Hamlin Av.

services, however, few lots were sold until around 1912. At that time, industrial workers began to move into the subdivision and farm the large lots. Two cottages constructed during this building boom are found just north of Archer Avenue at 4928 S. Kildare and 5046 S. Kolin.



4928 S. Kildare Av.

A second building boom occurred during the 1920s, when residential areas gained water, sewer, electric, and gas lines, as well as paved sidewalks. Industrial workers built one-story single-family frame (and, increasingly, brick) houses, mostly in the area south of 47th Street. Brick two-flats also became increasingly popular. The growing residential population was served by commercial establishments along Archer Avenue. One such business was a funeral home built in 1931, which stands at 4901 S. Archer.



5046 S. Kolin Av.

The 1930s saw increasing industrial expansion in Archer Heights, particularly north of 47th Street and along the community's commercial transportation lines. Two Art Deco-style manufacturing buildings from this period stand at 4100-30 W. District and 4100-50 S. Pulaski. In the early 1940s, the Central Manufacturing District opened its Pulaski Road development on 400 acres between the Sanitary and Ship Canal and 44th Street, Hamlin Street and Pulaski Road.

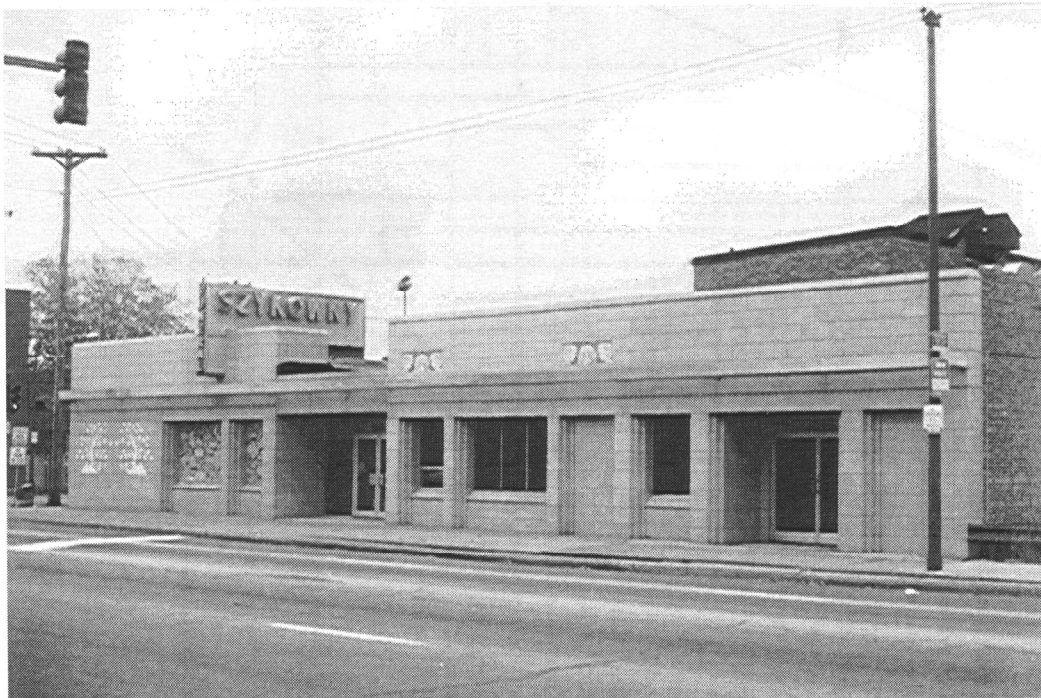
In the 1950s, residential building surged once more, primarily in the southwestern section of Archer Heights. New residents built both single- and two-family brick dwellings.

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.

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Archer Heights

Address	Date	Architect	Building Style	Survey		Building Type	PIN	Form #
				LM	IS			
4901 S ARCHER AV	1930s	TUCKER, GEORGE L	ART DECO	N	Y	OR	FUNRLHME 1911114047	572324002
4100 W DISTRICT BV	1937		ART DECO	N	Y	OR	MANUFACT 1903201017	571221001
4759 S HAMLIN AV	1890s			N	N	OR	SFR 1911104024	572324001
4928 S KILDARE AV	1910s			N	N	OR	SFR 1910217030	572325002
5046 S KOLIN AV	1914			N	Y	OR	SFR 1910224041	572325001
4100 S PULASKI RD	1930s			N	N	OR	MANUFACT 1903201004	571221002



Szykowny Funeral Home
4901 S. Archer Av.