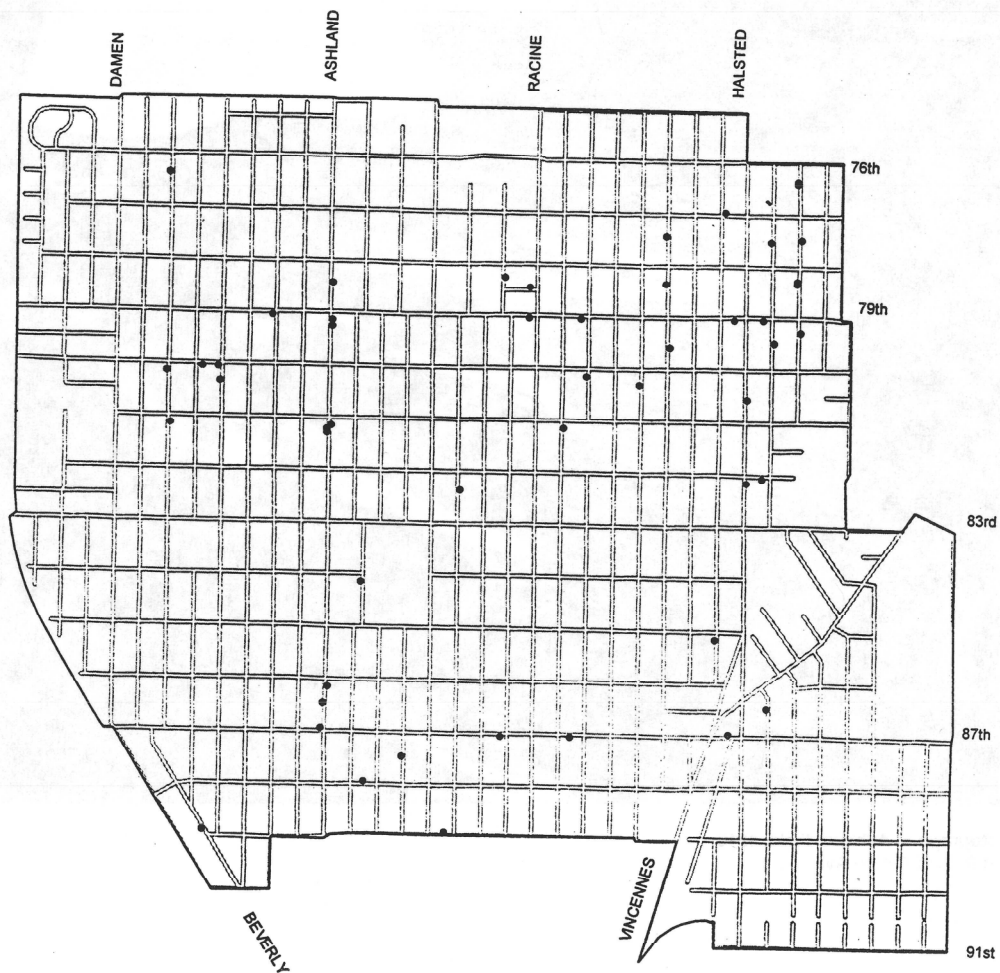


**Community Area #71**  
**Auburn Gresham**

**Population: 59,808**  
**Number of Structures: 11,764**  
**Avg. Date of Construction: 1930**

**Significant Structures: 52**

*Source: 1990 Census, Harris File, CHRS*



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## Community Area #71

# Auburn Gresham

The earliest non-native development in Auburn Gresham occurred along Vincennes Avenue, formerly known as the State Road, which was an important 19th-century route into Chicago. "Ten Mile House" tavern, established around 1850 and named for the distance to Chicago, offered refreshment to travelers, as well as to the truck farmers who settled around what is now 83rd St. and Vincennes Avenue.

The current community area developed as three separate 19th-century settlements: Auburn, Gresham, and Brainerd. Auburn, platted in 1872 around 76th St. and Wallace Ave., at the northeastern edge of the community area, was developed for workers employed by one of the four railroad lines running through the area.

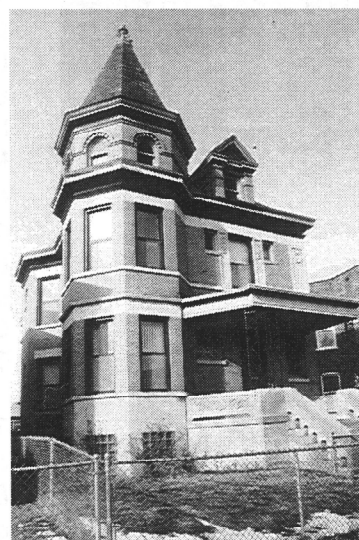
Gresham, located to the south of Auburn, originally was a small post-Civil-War settlement known as "The Grove." The subdivision's railroad station, built in 1872 on 87th St., near Vincennes, remains, although altered for residential use. "The Grove" was officially platted as the subdivision of South Englewood and attracted railroad shops and industries in the 1880s. It acquired its current name of Gresham during the early 20th century.

The slowest section of the community area to grow was the subdivision of Brainerd, located west of Gresham between Racine, Ashland, 87th, and 91st. Named for its developer, Frank Brainerd, the subdivision was platted in 1885. In 1889, Brainerd built a railroad station on land he donated to the Chicago, Rock Island, & Pacific Railroad, whose



8231 S. Ada St.

7828 S. Sangamon St.



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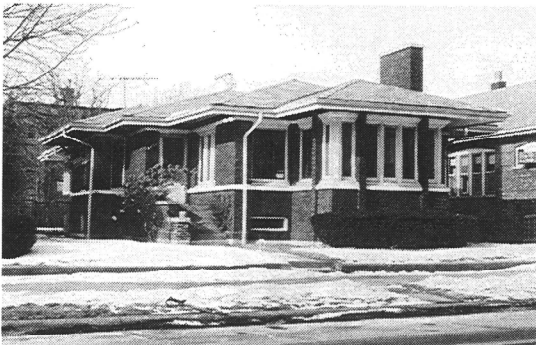
east-west tracks bisected the subdivision. However, very few people moved to the area before 1900. A Romanesque Revival-style commercial building, designed in 1889 by William Brainerd, still stands at 1356 W. 89th St. When Auburn Gresham was defined as a community area in the 1930s, the portion of Brainerd north of the Rock Island tracks was included, while the portion south of the tracks became part of the Washington Heights community area.

Auburn Gresham was annexed to Chicago in two separate actions. The area north of 87th Street, considered part of the Town of Lake, was annexed in 1889. The portion south of 87th Street was annexed in 1890. However, annexation did not provide immediate impetus for development of the vast tracts of open land that surrounded the three existing settlements. Representative of the area's 19th-century architecture are houses at 7630, 7636 and 7919 South Union Ave.

The years before World War I saw building construction begin to increase, encouraged by the improvement of streetcar lines along Halsted, Racine and Ashland. By 1920, the population had increased to 20,000. A brick house (1906) at 7828 S. Sangamon St. and the Oglesby Public School at 77th and Green (1913) are handsome examples of the best of this pre-war development.

The greatest boom occurred during the 1920s, when the population tripled to over 57,000. The principal architectural legacy of that decade is a landscape of brick bungalows punctuated by grand churches and elaborately decorated commercial buildings. A Prairie-style bungalow at 8022 South Morgan St. (1919) is a departure from its contemporaries in design. On the northeast corner of Ashland and 79th is the former Highland Theater (1925), notable for its Classical Revival-style terra cotta details. The Gothic Revival-style St. Sabina Catholic Church (1926) is located at 7817 South Throop St.

*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.*



8022 S. Morgan St.

Firehouse  
8120 S. Ashland Av.



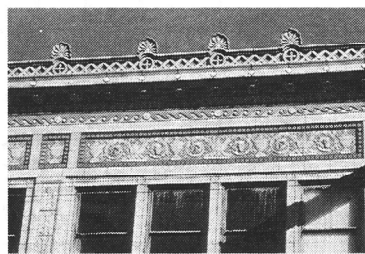
# Community Area #71

## Auburn Gresham

Address	Date	Architect	Building Style	Survey LM	IS	Building Code Type	PIN	Form #
830 W 77 ST	1913	HUSSANDER, ARTH	ART NOUVEAU	N	N	OR SCHOOL	2029414007	711708003
1210 W 78 PL	1926	MCCARTHY, JOSEP	GOTHIC REV	N	N	OR REL MISC	2029322001	711709002
749 W 79 ST	1925	MCCLELLAN, EDWA		N	Y	OR COMM	2033100001	711704003
813 W 79 ST	1925	KOCHER, JACQUES	CHGO SCHOOL	N	N	OR COMM	2032207002	711705001
1107 W 79 ST	1916	LINDEROTH, SVEN	GOTHIC REV	N	N	OR FUNRLHME	2032201006	711705002
1207 W 79 ST	1925			N	N	OR COMM/RES	2032107007	711810001
1701 W 79 ST	1928	HALL, LAWRENCE &	ART DECO	N	N	OR COMM/RES	2031205005	711811003
1801 W 80 ST	1931	MEYER & COOK	ROMANESQUE	N	N	OR CHURCH	2031211001	711811005
1825 W 80 ST	1925	MCCARTHY, JOSEP	CLASSICAL REV	N	Y	OR CHURCH	2031211001	711811004
749 W 82 ST	1924	VON HOLST, HERMA	PRAIRIE	N	N	OR UTILITY	2033122002	711704002
816 W 87 ST	1872		GOTHIC REV	N	N	OR RAILROAD	2032432006	712123002
1117 W 87 ST	1936	MCCARTHY, SMITH		N	N	OR CHURCH	2032425047	712118001
1243 W 87 ST	1898		QUEEN ANNE	N	Y	OR SFR	2505106005	712119003
1600 W 87 ST	1928	SMITH, Z. EROL	GOTHIC REV	N	N	OR COMM/RES	2031430029	711802001
1516 W 88 ST	1926	STOTT, ROY WALTE		N	N	OR SFR	2505101019	712119001
1356 W 89 ST	1889	BRAINERD, WILLIAM	ROMANESQUE	N	Y	OR COMM	2505112026	712119004
8000 S ABERDEEN ST	1920s		GOTHIC REV	N	N	OR CHURCH	2032209015	711705004
8231 S ADA ST	1940	LAUTZ & GRANGER	ART DECO	N	N	OR 2-3 FLAT	2032129009	711810005
7841 S ASHLAND AV	1925	NEWHOUSE & BERN	CLASSICAL REV	N	Y	OR THEATER	2029317040	711709003
7901 S ASHLAND AV	1929	LAUTZ & CHRISTEN	ART DECO	N	N	OR COMM	2032100001	711810002
7917 S ASHLAND AV	1930	DUNNING, N. MAX	ART DECO	N	Y	OR COMM	2032100036	711810003
8101 S ASHLAND AV	1928	RONNEBERG & PIER	SPANISH REV	N	N	OR COMM/RES	2032116001	711810004
8110 S ASHLAND AV	1929	PEARSON, GUSTAV		N	N	OR COMM/RES	2031223022	711811002
8120 S ASHLAND AV	1928	ROBINSON, ARGYLE		N	N	OR FIRE HSE	2031223026	711811001
8601 S ASHLAND AV	1929	RONNEBERG, M.		N	N	OR COMM/RES	2032323001	711801002
8646 S ASHLAND AV	1928	SMITH, Z. EROL	CLASSICAL REV	N	N	OR BANK	2031430038	711802002
8744 S BISHOP ST	1895			N	N	OR SFR	2505102026	712119002
7752 S EMERALD AV	1905	BRINKMANN, WILLIA	ROMANESQUE	N	Y	OR CHURCH	2028314025	711707003
7947 S EMERALD AV				N	Y	GN	2033101021	711704004
8630 S EMERALD AV	1927	ROBINSON, ARGYLE		N	N	OR FIRE HSE	2033314015	712122001
8500 S GREEN ST	1895			N	Y	OR SCHOOL	2032422031	712123001
8059 S HALSTED ST				N	Y	GN	2033108015	711704005
8201 S HALSTED ST				N	Y	GN	2033122001	711704006
8400 S JUSTINE ST	1936	LAUTZ & CHRISTEN		N	N	OR SFR	2032307023	711801001
8101 S MAY ST				N	Y	GN	2032217001	711705006
8022 S MORGAN ST	1919	KOCHER, JACQUES	PRAIRIE	N	Y	OR SFR	2032211020	711705003
7740 S SANGAMON ST	1890s		QUEEN ANNE	N	N	OR SFR	2029420025	711708002
7828 S SANGAMON ST	1906	WORTHMANN & STE	QUEEN ANNE	N	Y	OR SFR	2029428022	711708001
7959 S SANGAMON ST				N	Y	GN	2032205015	711705006
7817 S THROOP ST	1926	MCCARTHY, JOSEP	GOTHIC REV	N	Y	OR CHURCH	2029322001	711709001
7630 S UNION AV	1880s		QUEEN ANNE	N	Y	OR SFR	2028308025	711707002
7636 S UNION AV	1880s		QUEEN ANNE	N	Y	OR SFR	2028308028	711707001
7747 S UNION AV				N	Y	GN	2028316014	711707007
7818 S UNION AV				N	Y	GN	2028322019	711707008
7822 S UNION AV				N	Y	GN	2028322020	711707009
7824 S UNION AV	1916	HYDE, ROBERT M.	CLASSICAL REV	N	Y	OR CLUB	2028322021	711707004
7919 S UNION AV	1890s			N	Y	OR SFR	2033102013	711704001
8858 S WINCHESTER AV	1870s			N	Y	OR SFR	2506207065	712120001
7632 S WOLCOTT AV	1920s		COLONIAL REV	N	N	OR SCHOOL	2030413001	711819001
8000 S WOLCOTT AV	1927	SMITH, A.E.		N	N	OR SFR	2031209021	711811008
8101 S WOLCOTT AV	1937	CARLSON, ELMER C		N	N	OR SFR	2031218001	711811007
8026 S WOOD ST	1936	MEYER & COOK	ROMANESQUE	N	Y	OR REL MISC	2031211001	711811006



Little Flower Church  
1801 W. 80th St.



749 W. 79th St.



Highland Theater  
7841 S. Ashland Av.



Frances Jean Building  
8601 S. Ashland Av.

Survey information for this community area was accurate at the time it was first surveyed in July 1986.  
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