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Bits of Jefferson Park history still peek out from the hustle and bustle of our ever-changing neighborhood. One of the most obvious hints from the past is an old brick building on the west side of Milwaukee Avenue just south of Lawrence Avenue which has the name "Jefferson" formed out in it's brickwork this was one of the first theaters in Jefferson Park, despite being painted over and other alterations to the storefront through the years, the name "Jefferson" still calls out to passers by.

The simple brick building painted brown and surrounded by a concrete porch on Long Avenue just south of the Jefferson Park Fieldhouse, was known as the park's craftshop building and was once the Henry Esdohr home and favorite place for many residents to get water as Mr. Esdohr's well was the deepest in the area. The house also served as Jefferson Park's library for many years.

Another historic building in the area, Hoyne Savings, at the southwest corner of Lawrence and Milwaukee Avenues, managed to find it's way back to being used for it's original purpose. Opened in 1919 as the Jefferson Bank, then falling victim to the Great Depression and closing its doors, the building reopened and operated as a Walgreens before Hoyne Savings moved in and began using the building once again for what it was intended, as a bank. Hoyne has done a great job keeping the building in tip-top shape.

Many of us know that the City's Streets and Sanitation building at the southeast corner of Lipps and Ainslie was our local firehouse for years, but for newer or younger residents this may come as a surprise. It was a surprise to me when I saw an old photo showing that the firehouse once had beveled glass windows above the carriage doors as well as a Greek-Revival pediment atop and intricate brickwork along the parapet on both the sides as well as the front. Not the first time that architectural detail has lost out to a tight maintenance budget. Wouldn't it be nice if we could get some of that Millennium Park money (17 million just for the "bean" sculpture known as "Cloud Gate") to restore the old firehouse to it's former glory. - *Robert Bank*



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# Leo A. Schueneman - Bowling Alley Pioneer

By Frank Suerth - Photos Courtesy of Mary Durland

Although Leo A. Schuenemann did not live in Jefferson Park, he was one of the many business people of his time, who saw Milwaukee Ave. in the Portage/Jefferson Park area, as a great place to have a business.

Leo was born in Chicago in a neighborhood called West Town on September 26, 1887 to John & Minnie (Kuhnert) Schueneman. He was educated at St. Boniface Parochial School and Bryant & Stratton Business College. He married Helen Pankan of Chicago on November 16, 1910. Leo & Helen had one child, Audrey. She was born on January 20, 1912 in Chicago.

As a young man, he possessed ideals of indoor sportsmanship. In the early 1900's, he built his first bowling alleys in the basement of St. Boniface School. A excellent bowler himself, he was the captain of a bowling team, that won the Championship of the Diocesan Union Bowling League.

He owned or was part owner in many companies in his life time. Geroux & Schueneman - 1907 to 1909, Schueneman & Smerling - 1910 to 1912, Leo A. Schueneman Co. - 1813 to 1924 and finally Schueneman Amusement Co. - 1925 to 1935. He was also president and chairman of LaFayette Building Corp. It was with these last two companies that he built his building on Milwaukee Ave.



Leo Schueneman 1887 to 1935

The Schueneman Amusement Co., operated bowling alleys and billiard halls throughout the city. One was located near Cook County Hospital on the west side and one was on Bryn Mawr near the lake. Leo already operated one on Milwaukee Ave in Logan Square and thought another bowling alley on Milwaukee Ave., but farther northwest, would be a good location. In 1931, he broke ground at 4423 N. Milwaukee Ave. This building would be the last building he would complete. He died 4 years later on April 15, 1935 at age 47. He is buried at St. Boniface Cemetery.

Just about all of the buildings that housed Leo's bowling alleys are now gone. The one located near Cook County Hospital has long since been removed and the building on Milwaukee in Logan Square was demolished to make room for the Blue Line (subway). Up until a few years ago, a bowling alley still operated at the 4423 N. Milwaukee building.

Although the sounds of bowling balls hitting pins are no longer heard on the 2nd floor of the 4423 N. Milwaukee building, the new owners have given Leo's building a face lift and new windows. This building will surely remain a neighborhood jewel for many years to come.

And when you walk by this building, look above the door and you'll still see Leo's name proudly displayed in the stonework.



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## Charles A. Zickermann The 99 Year Old Painter of Leland Avenue

In the early days of Jefferson Park, many people came to start a new life. They were searching for the American Dream, happiness, prosperity and a place to be needed and wanted. They stayed a few years or maybe a lifetime. Most left very little behind for us to find of their stay here; Charles Zickermann was one of them.

Charles A. Zickermann was born to Ralph Zickermann and Johanna Scharoro in

what is now Germany on March 30, 1844. He came to America as a young man and settled in Jefferson Park and by 1889 he was living at 5253 W. Leland Avenue.

We know Charles had four brothers August, Maler, Julius and Christopher and one sister Emilia. August and his wife Augusta had two children Meta and Walter Kramer. August died young and Augusta remarried and Walter took his stepfathers name.

In the 1900 Census, 56-year-old Charles Zickermann is listed, as a painter living with a servant whose name was Fredrika Scitrumerf. Frederika was two years older then Charles and also born in Germany. The 1900 Census page list many servants living in homes where they worked near Milwaukee and Leland.

In the 1910 Census, Frederika was listed as Charles Zickermann's wife.



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**There is no way of really knowing for sure whom these people are but we could do an educated guess. The man in the back must be Charles Zickermann himself, his wife Frederika standing in front of him. The man on the left is most likely Theodore Beusmann with his wife Meta sitting next to him. The women on the far right could be another one of Mr. Zickermann's nieces Freda Aiken.** *Photo Courtesy of Ricardo Villarreal*

Charles must have married her sometime between 1900 and 1910, possibly a cost cutting decision on Mr. Zickermann's part. Being married so late in life, Charles and Frederika did not have any children.

Charles was a painter by trade and he must have painted many of the homes and businesses in Jefferson Park area. His garage burnt down one day so he contacted a carpenter to build him a new one. Charles traded his labor painting for the carpenter's labor – it was the old fashion barter system at work.

On February 4, 1919, his wife Friederika died and by this time Charles was retired with his niece Meta and her 39-year-old husband Theodore Beusmann and Meta's 12 year old son Robert, from a previous marriage, living with him on Leland. Meta took care of the house while her husband Theodore managed a coffee store. Robert was still in school. By 1928, Theodore Beusmann was president of Schueberth Planted Company at 300 W. Ontario in Chicago.

In the early 1920's, the Street Railway Company owned the nearly 9-acre property behind his house and planned build a car barn on it. But fortunately Frank J. Wilson, a former Cook County Commissioner and committeeman for the old 41<sup>st</sup> Ward, led a successful fight to secure the property for of park. This park is now named after him. Besides a Georgian Revival-style fieldhouse, the park had a playground, a putting green, horseshoe pits, tennis courts and a sunken lawn for baseball, football and skating in the winter. Charles must have enjoyed his retirement with having Wilson Park right in his backyard.

Charles A. Zickermann lived on to be 99 years old and died on December 18, 1943, just a little over four months short of his 100th birthday. Theodore and Meta and Robert were still living in the house on Leland at the time of his death. His nephew Walter Kramer

was living in Maywood, California. Charles had one other niece living and she was Freda Aiken.

John V. May on Milwaukee Ave. took care of the funeral and buried Charles next to his wife in a mausoleum in the left wing of the Chapel at Montrose Cemetery.

Theodore Beusmann did not occupy the house on Leland very long. He died a year and a half later on May 6, 1944. Meta married Carl Schick and lived in the house until her death on April 3, 1950. Both Theodore and Meta were buried in Acacia Park Cemetery by the John V. May Funeral home on Milwaukee Ave.

Meta's son, Robert who was born Robert Berger, took the surname of his stepfather but dropped the double N on the end and became Robert M. Beusman. Robert and his wife Gladys and their one son, Curtis moved to Oak Park, IL but still worshipped at the Jefferson Park Congregational Church. Curtis is 73 years old and now lives in Mt. Kisco, NY and still has fond memories of play basketball in the church gym.

Robert Beusman was living in Lincolnwood, IL when he died on March 24, 1954. He left behind a wife Gladys and a son Curtis and a grandson Blair Beusman. Robert is also buried in Acacia Park.

Charles Zickermann did not leave much behind; just a house that he lived in for over 50 years with a window in the house that reads "C. Zickermann - Painter".

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## Beaubien - 100 Years



The Charles Zickermann House at 5253 W. Leland. The glass panel above the door reads C. Zickermann Painter. This house was built about 1889. The house next door at 5259 W. Leland was built about 1899. Both houses are still standing. The picture was taken around 1914 when Leland Avenue was a dirt road.

*Photo Courtesy of Ricardo & Maria Villarreal*

**Ricardo and Maria H. Villarreal, standing in front of their well maintained Charles Zickermann House.**

*Photo by Frank Suerth*



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Postcard from 1908 shows a man with a horse and carriage stopped on Laramie in front of the school. A much different scene than the busses that now line up in front of the school.



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**The Jean Baptiste Beaubien elementary school at 5025 N. Laramie Avenue. The photo was taken from Robert's Square ca 1908**

*Photo by John Groenier, courtesy of Gail Weber*





**First grade class at Beaubien in 1918.**

The Jean Baptiste Beaubien Grade School was built in 1905, with full time classes starting on February 19, 1906. It was built to replace the smaller Jefferson Park School at the same location.

**Principals of the Beaubien School:**

- Mrs. Sarah J. O'keefe (1906 to 1921) first principal
- Ms. Caroline J. Utter (1921 to 1932)
- Miss Madge Phipps (1932 to 1958)
- Mr. Jeremiah J. Healy (1958 to 1980)
- Dr. Thomas Plain (1980 to 1992)
- Mr. Chris Kotis (1992 to Present)

**Some Teachers of the Beaubien School:**

- Mrs. James L. Wright (1914)
- Mrs. Stella L. Thumel
- Miss Margaret Finnegan
- Mr. George P. Lee
- Mrs. Anne L. Nelson
- Mrs. Daisy Gregory

**Some Teachers from the Jefferson Park School:**

- Miss Margaret Finnegan - Mrs. Lambert



**Baubien School Pin**

## Who was Jean Baptiste Beaubien?

Compiled by Frank Suerth

Jean Baptiste Beaubien was born in Detroit in the 1780's to Jean Baptiste and Josette Bondy Beaubien. He worked in the St. Joseph River area in Michigan around 1800 and soon traded in Mackinac and Milwaukee. The first Fort Dearborn was built in 1803 and a year later it is said that Jean Baptiste Beaubien first visited Chicago. He moved there permanently in 1811. His first wife was an Ottawa Indian as well as his second wife Mahnobunouqua. In 1812, he married his 3<sup>rd</sup> wife, 16-year-old Josette Laframboise who was the housekeeper for John Kinzie. Josette was the daughter of Francois Laframboise and Shaw-we-no-quah an Ottawa Indian. Josette died in 1845. In 1855 he married his fourth wife Catherine Louise Pinney. All in total Jean Baptiste Beaubien had 19 children. Not to be out done, his youngest brother Mark Beaubien, who arrived in Chicago in 1826 had 23 children with only two wives. Jean Baptiste Beaubien had an elementary school named after him and Mark Beaubien had a street named after him.

Jean Baptiste Beaubien was an early settler in Chicago. According to some reports, he was the second pioneer to settle in Chicago but this was very unlikely. The first settler was Jean Baptiste Point du Sable who in about 1779 built a cabin at the mouth of the Chicago River on the north bank, property included land now owned by the Tribune east of Michigan Ave. Point du Sable sold his cabin, smaller structures and live stock to Jean Lalime according to documents in French filed in Detroit on May 7, 1800. At the time Detroit was the seat of the territory that include Chicago. A few years later, John Kinzie Sr. purchased the property from Jean Lalime.



**Jean Baptiste Beaubien**

John Kinzie worked as the Chicago area agent for the American Fur Company until Jean Baptiste Beaubien took over in 1827. The American Fur Company traded manufactured goods to the Indians for furs and fish.

Jean Baptiste Beaubien was made a Colonel and headed a group of whites that had fought in the Black Hawk War in 1831 – 1832. He was commissioned Brigadier-General of the militia in the 1850's. His son Madore Beaubien from his second wife could speak English, French and Pottawatomie and also fought in the Black Hawk War. Jean Baptiste Beaubien died on January 5, 1863 and he is buried in the Beaubien family cemetery in Lisle, IL

The name Beaubien is also mention in the early histories of many of Chicago suburbs. The Beaubien clan have play important roles in the villages of Franklin Park, Desplaines, Elmwood Park, Lisle, Naperville and Riverside to name a few.

Partial Time Line:

- 1905 - Beaubien was built.
- 1914 - Additions were constructed at both ends of the building.
- 1917 - Kindergarten were first open in Beaubien
- 1928 - The east wing was added to the north end.
- 1942 - Beaubien becomes a draft station for the war.
- 1947 - Sonya Rodolfo 14, of 5035 Strong and an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Beaubien wins the Chicago Public Schools' Spelling Championship. Sonya received a trip to national spelling bee in Washington D. C. and a bicycle.
- 1948 - Beaubien is cleaned, painted and decorated during the summer for \$10,567.00.
- 1949 - Masonry repairs and new front entrance foundation was made at Beaubien costing \$2,510.00
- 1954 - Science Fair Winner: 3<sup>rd</sup> place in city – Neil Carlson seventh grade.
- 1955 - Edward Casper 17 of 4874 Lipps and Bruce Blyth 17 of 5122 Winnemac were charged with breaking 100 windows at the school with air rifles on January 10, 1955. Both are not in school and do not have jobs and are former pupils at Beaubien. Said they broke the windows because they did not like the principle, Madge Phipps. Both boys spent over 80 days in jail.
- 1958 - Madge Phipps Auditorium – Dedicated June 1958 with engraved plaque place in the school assembly hall.
- 1961 - Schurz opens branch at Beaubien with 275 students.
- 1962 - Boundary changes add 28 students to Beaubien.
- 1963 - Vandals ransacked rooms, broke windows, defaced walls, tore down fire extinguishers, ripped down American flag, submerged a movie projector in a sink of water, spilled food in the teachers washroom and tore hammers off a piano. They took movie projector, radio record player and tools valued at \$350.00.
- 1965 - The school has 735 students with 24 teachers.
- 1965 - First elementary computer club in the city.
- 1967 - Perfect attendance: David Figiloll, 5226 N. Cicero; Jeffrey Gorr, 5052 W. Ainslie; Beverly Heinrick, 5144 N. Lovejoy; Philip Labagnara, 5132 W. Strong; Eileen Orzechowski, 4843 W. Argyle, Berny Petersen, 5021 W. Strong.



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Map at the left show the location of the Old Jefferson Park School.

*Maps Courtesy of the City of Chicago website*

Arial view of the Beaubien School easily shows the additions to the school.







**Class photo taken on the front stairs of the Jefferson Park School around 1900.**

*Photo courtesy of Ron Ernst*



**Jefferson Park School class photo taken about 1904.**

*Photo courtesy of Ed Hinsch*



**Looking north at Jefferson Park School fire in 1905. The partially completed Beaubien School is on the right.**





**The 1945 graduating class of Beaubien elementary school. They received their diplomas from Miss Madge Phipps the Principal, in the school assembly hall at 1:10 PM on June 21, 1945.**  
*Photo courtesy of Ed Hinsch*

**1st row (left to right) Diane Ochlberg, Doloes Cambensy, Elaine Spanik, Ruth Nelson, Vilma Borgardt, Eldoris Bork, Mary Schuetz, Barbara Colquhoun, Marilyn Nelson**

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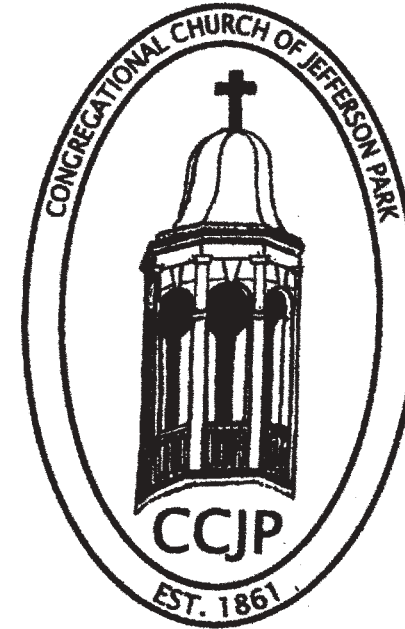
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