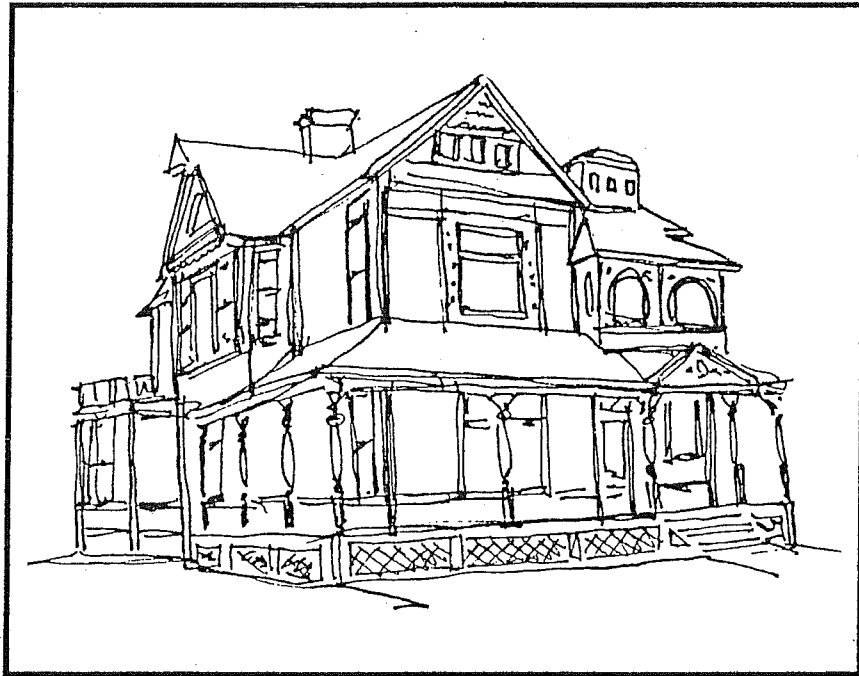




# Neighborhood Association

**"A small town in a big city..."**



## **Walking Tour**

## **WELCOME TO OLD HIGHLAND!**

**WE WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE YOU TO THE QUALITIES WHICH MAKE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE. TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO GET TO KNOW ABOUT US, AND THEN STROLL ALONG OUR STREETS TO EXPERIENCE FOR YOURSELF THE PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE OF OLD HIGHLAND.....**

### **AN EXCELLENT LOCATION TO ENJOY THE CITY.**

Old Highland is an excellent location to take advantage of city amenities, parks, and events. Major highways and bus routes are close and convenient. The Warehouse District, within walking distance, is known city-wide for its restaurants, galleries, and antique shops. Go a little further and you are in downtown Minneapolis, which makes Old Highland a very convenient home for those who shop, work or attend sports events in the metro area.

A few blocks away, Boom Island Park offers paddleboat rides and docking on the Mississippi. On the near side of the river, you can walk, bike, and picnic along the Mississippi Mile. This beautiful stretch of trails and woods passes under the new Hennepin Suspension Bridge and provides easy access to downtown and the University. Numerous events are hosted on the river, including the international boat races during the Aquatennial, and the spectacular showers of fireworks throughout the year.

West of Old Highland, is Theodore Wirth Park and the network of roads and trails around the city's lakes. Here you can hike, golf, bike, cross-country ski, and sled in beautiful, natural surroundings.

"It's close and convenient to anything we want to do."

### **BEAUTIFUL HOMES RICH IN HISTORY.**

If you like the warmth of maple floors, the intricacy of oak spindles, or the sunlight as it filters through stained and leaded glass, take a look at the homes in Old Highland. In one of the oldest neighborhoods in Minneapolis, these spacious Victorians offer craftsmanship and individuality that is difficult to find in the modern housing market. You will also find that the lots are usually large in comparison to those in other neighborhoods.

But the most surprising thing about these historic homes, at least to many visitors, is their affordability. And your income won't be eaten-up by property taxes, either. Whether you buy a house which is fully renovated, or a gem rough cut and ready for polishing, you will get outstanding value.

"It's the last neighborhood with beautiful older homes we could afford; no question, it beats the 'cookie-cutter' houses of the 'burbs."

### **A RARE AND SPECIAL SENSE OF COMMUNITY.**

People who visit Old Highland are often impressed by the strong sense of community here. Neighbors stay in touch by helping each other in building and remodeling projects, taking part in yearly clean-ups, visiting, or just by saying "hello" on the street. People know and provide support for one another.

The Old Highland Neighborhood Association works to keep the neighborhood safe and growing in a way that is healthy for its residents. The progressive attitude and support system attracts people from varied backgrounds and encourages entrepreneurial and creative endeavors such as home-operated businesses and skilled craftsmanship.

"We've chosen to raise our kids here ... we believe the cultural diversity and quality of the schools will make them better world citizens."

### **QUALITY CHOICES IN EDUCATION.**

Minneapolis offers a great selection in schools and learning programs for your child's education. The schools listed below are all within walking distance of most homes in Old Highland:

**Lincoln:** K-6 (Fundamental)

**Willard:** K-4

(Science/Math/Technology Emphasis)

**Hall:** K-6 (Montessori)

**Webster:** K-8 (Open School)

**Bethune:** 4-6 (Continuous Progress)

**Franklin:** 7-9 (Science/Math/Technology Emphasis)

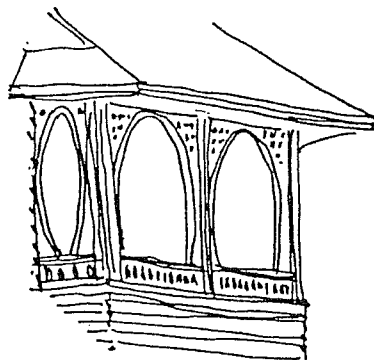
**North High:** 9-12 (Fundamental & Visual Arts Magnet)

Parents here are very enthusiastic about their children's schools. They praise the teachers and the special programs for handicapped and gifted/talented students. The facilities are highly rated for qualities and opportunities such as the large numbers of computers available.

"The teachers are dedicated and ... they're here because they want to teach here."

**THESE ARE JUST A FEW OF THE REASONS WHY WE THINK OLD HIGHLAND IS SPECIAL! WE HOPE YOU WILL THINK SO, TOO.**

### **THE RESIDENTS OF OLD HIGHLAND**



## BRIEF HISTORY OF THE OLD HIGHLAND NEIGHBORHOOD:

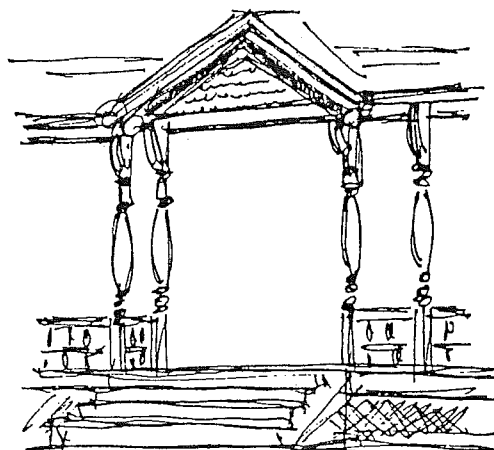
The area known today as Old Highland is a portion of the original northern section of the Fort Snelling Military Reservation which was claimed for the United States in 1809 by Lt. Zebulon Pike. In 1857, the area immediately north of Bassett Creek was separated from the Reservation and opened for settlement. The Old Highland area comprised a portion of one of the thirteen land claims filed at that time.

During the period from 1857 through the 1860's much of north Minneapolis was platted and basic traffic routes established. The major arterials became the present-day Lyndale Avenue and West Broadway. Several early residences, many of which still survive, were constructed within the survey grid system during the decade of the 1870's. These residences were for the most part, simple frame dwellings.

The period of the 1880's through the 1890's saw major growth and development in the Old Highland Neighborhood, which now boasted large, architect-designed and contractor-built residences of distinctive period architectural styles. The population was generally upper-middle-class merchants who operated businesses in the neighborhood along Washington, Plymouth, and West Broadway. At this time the neighborhood was known as Highland, so called because it was located on the first high land above Bassett Creek and Oak Lake to the South. (Today, Bassett Creek runs underground through a tunnel and Oak Lake has been filled to accommodate warehouses and the present-day Farmers' Market. Until consolidation of postal services in the early 1930's, the regional post office was known as the Highland Station.) Many of these fine residences from the "Golden Age of Highland" still remain; a number have been lovingly restored by their owners.

The period between World War I and II saw intensive development and settlement of the area to the west of Highland to the boundaries of Theodore Wirth Park. The population and housing stock of Highland remained fairly stable until after World War II when many of the second generation families relocated to the suburbs of Golden Valley and Saint Louis Park. This migration reached greatest intensity during the 1960's, culminating at the time of the Plymouth Avenue "conflicts" of 1969.

Resettlement of the area by young families immediately followed in the early 1970's. The existing housing stock, exhibiting the effects of age, became a target for clearance and renewal. Many substantial dwellings were lost, being replaced by smaller buildings of modern design. However, many of the distinctive residences were reclaimed and renovated to retain the historic character of the neighborhood. The residential mix of architecture and lifestyles which resulted has produced the diversity which today makes the Old Highland Neighborhood unique and vital, offering the character and quality which fosters both progressive thinking and reverence for heritage.



## BRYANT AVENUE NORTH

1509 BRYANT AVE. N.  
"Princess Anne" frame residence designed and constructed by B. Kevenhorester in 1904 for Wm. VonderWeyer, partner and brother-in-law of John Lohmar (1514 Dupont N.). VonderWeyer was a state representative in 1899 and authored a bill to impose a property tax on the railroads. He did not get re-elected for a second term!



1627 BRYANT AVE. N.  
One of the oldest residences in Old Highland, this two frame dwelling was built in 1882. It represents the Italianate style. The Classical style wrap-around porch was added at the turn of the century. The raised corner site gives prominence to the residence and offers striking vistas of the Minneapolis downtown skyline.



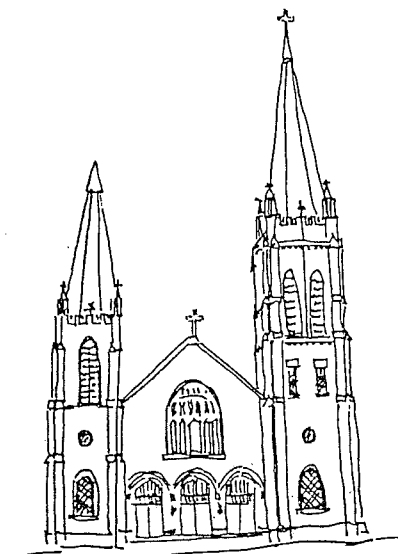
## ASCENSION CHURCH/CLUB/SCHOOL RECTORY, AND CONVENT

Located between Dupont and Bryant Avenues, north of 17th Ave, the Ascension Parish has played a major role in the life of Old Highland since 1890. The Ascension complex consists of five distinctive buildings. The oldest, the church itself, dates from 1901. It is a twin-towered Gothic brick building with elaborate stained glass and exquisite interior. It was designed by E.J. Donahue of Saint Paul under the direction of Archbishop Ireland.

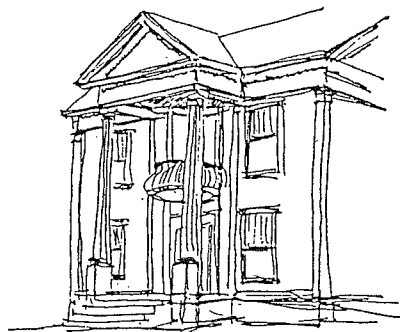
The Ascension Club, now the Centro Cultural Chicano, was erected in 1919 according to designs by Minneapolis architects Bertrand and Chamberlain, followed in the next year by the Georgian-style Rectory just to the south of the church. The former rectory, the Barber House (1890) was moved to 1731 Dupont Avenue North and converted to a duplex.

The Ascension School faces Dupont Avenue and is a fine example of the English Renaissance style. It was constructed in 1927 according to designs of architect Charles A. Hausler. Note the sculptural stone ornamentation, with figures of children, a boy with an open book, and an owl.

The final building in the complex is the former Ascension Convent, now Ascension Place. It was erected in the Spanish style in 1940. It is located to the north of the church at 1803 Bryant.



1815 BRYANT AVE. N.  
Often called "Tara" by neighborhood residents for its resemblance to the plantation house in "Gone With the Wind", this impressive two story frame residence was constructed in 1903 for R. P. Wilkinson. Note the second-story wrought iron balcony sheltered by the two-story portico.

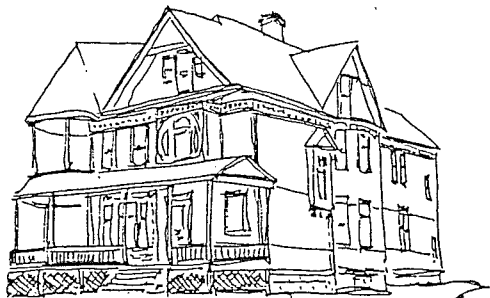


1501 DUPONT AVE. N.  
Elaborate Eastlake/Stick-Style residence with turrets and carved ornamentation. Constructed in 1888 for John Young, treasurer of Minneapolis Gas Light Company. Architect: Charles Sedgwick.



## DUPONT AVENUE NORTH

1425 DUPONT AVE. N.  
Queen Anne Style residence constructed in 1890 for Frederick Stevens, lumberman. Note oriel window on north elevation and stained glass panel with globe and open book in library window. A two story, six-stall carriage house formerly occupied the rear of the property. Architect: T. P. Healy.

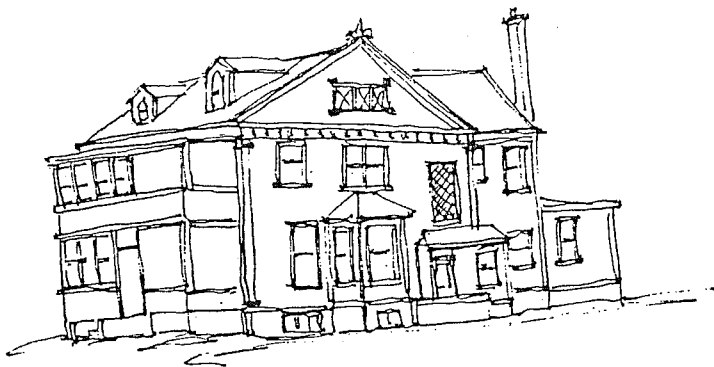


1508 DUPONT AVE. N.  
Two story frame residence moved to present site in 1981 from Broadway and N. Sixth Street. Constructed ca. 1860 by Emmanuel Case, founder of Minnesota Horticultural Society and builder of first suspension bridge across Mississippi River at St. Anthony Falls. Altered in 1885 by addition of bay windows on north and south. Oldest surviving residence in North Minneapolis; designated by Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission.



1509 DUPONT AVE. N.

Two story Neo-classic style residence, modified early in century to duplex. Note corner pilasters and gable windows. Constructed in 1899 by Horace N. Leighton, for his own residence. Leighton was alderman and noted building contractor, responsible for construction of St. Mary's Basilica. Leighton subsequently built and moved to 1509 Fremont Ave. N. and altered this house to a duplex with the addition of a two story front porch.



1605-07 DUPONT AVE. N.

"Princess Anne" style frame duplex constructed in 1899. Moved to present site and rehabilitated by Paul Shambroom and Joan Rothfuss in 1986. Originally at 1827 Bryant Ave. N.



1514 DUPONT AVE. N.

Ornate Queen Anne residence listed on the National Register of Historic Places and designated by the Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission. Constructed 1895-98 for merchant John Lohmar; architect: Peter Jeub. Note turrets and spindlework. New carriage house on alley matches design of house.



1616-18 DUPONT AVE. N.

Brick duplex, originally constructed ca.1900. Moved from Bryant and 18th Avenue N. to present site and rehabilitated in 1981 by Chuck and Linda Callender.



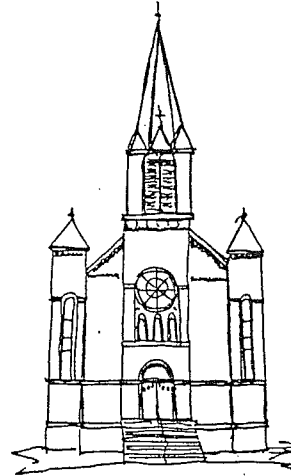
**1617 DUPONT AVE. N.**

Opulent Eastlake-style residence designed by O'Meyer and Thori for Dr. K. Ertl in 1889. Occupies originally-platted double lot. Note elaborate stained glass and decorative wooden window frames, columns and brackets.



**ST. PETRI LUTHERAN CHURCH  
(ST. JOSEPH HIEN CATHOLIC CHURCH)**

The former St. Petri Lutheran Church is located on the northeast corner of Dupont and 18th Avenues. Note the cornerstone of this simple Romanesque Revival style brick parish church bearing the inscription "Evan. Lutheran St. Petri Kirche / 1894" This building is a reminder of the strong ethnic roots of Old Highland.



**1625-27 DUPONT AVE. N.**

Two story Stick Style frame residence constructed in 1887 for F.K. Kost. Property retains original carriage barn with hay-loft door. This house once had a cupola/tower.



**EMERSON AVENUE NORTH**

**1506 EMERSON AVE. N.**  
Elaborate Neo-classic style frame residence with wrap-around porch and bracketed eaves; note original multi-pane windows and balustrade. Residence is positioned on prominent corner lot. Constructed in 1901 for C.W. Sawyer, president of Sawyer Lumber Company.



1839 EMERSON AVE. N.  
 Towered brick "chateau" style  
 structure designed as North  
 Branch Library (note carved  
 stone panel above entrance)  
 in 1890 by northside resident/  
 architect Frederick Corser.  
 Listed on National Register of  
 Historic Places and designated  
 by Minneapolis Heritage Pres-  
 ervation Commission.



1427 FREMONT AVE. N.  
 Towered Queen Anne style frame  
 residence with wrap-around porch  
 and oriel windows. Constructed  
 in 1897 for George Leighton,  
 contractor. Architect T.P.  
 Healy (attributed).

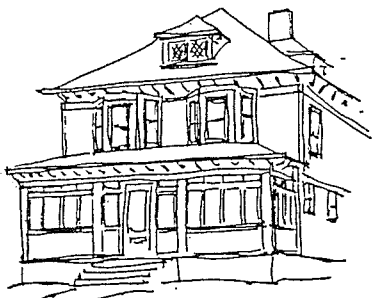


1527 FREMONT AVE. N.  
 Two story frame residence in  
 Georgian/Neo-classic style;  
 note "Palladian" window on  
 north elevation. Constructed  
 for F.S. Thompson, member of  
 Mpls. Real Estate Board, in  
 1902.



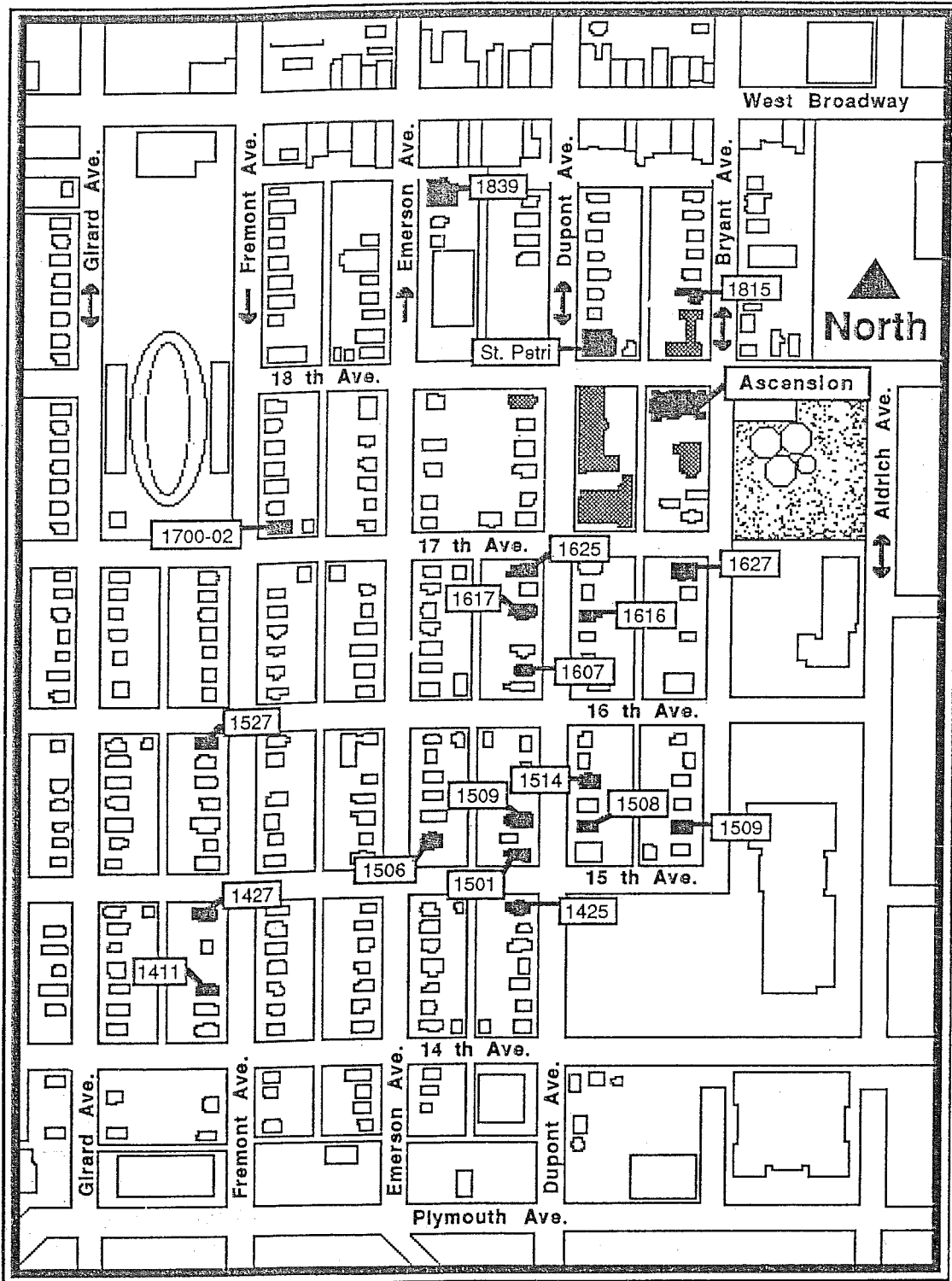
## FREMONT AVENUE NORTH

1411 FREMONT AVE. N  
 Two story frame residence with  
 dormered hipped roof; note  
 brackets under eaves and double  
 bay windows. Constructed in 1904  
 for F.A. Gross.



1700-02 FREMONT AVE. N.  
 Representative of several brick  
 four-plex apartment buildings  
 constructed during the early  
 1900's in Old Highland. This  
 example was erected in 1902 by  
 Jacob Oswald and is distinguished  
 by a two story classic portico.





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