

FOURTH & FIFTH AVENUE HISTORIC DISTRICT STUDY COMMITTEE SURVEY FORM

OCTOBER – NOVEMBER, 2009

ADDRESS: 408 S Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan

HISTORIC NAME: Karl Guthe House COMMON NAME:

CONTRIBUTING: Yes

DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1902 SOURCE: Polk City Directory

STYLE: Queen Anne HISTORIC USE: DO/Single dwelling CURRENT USE: DO/Multiple dwelling

MATERIALS

FOUNDATION: Stone WALLS: Vinyl ROOF: Asphalt OTHER: one-story side wing added between 1931 and 1948

DESCRIPTIVE NOTES: A two-story, side-gable house with projecting wings on the south elevation, a two-story bay on the front elevation, and a cross gable and large gable-roofed dormer on the roof (third level). A front porch is situated between the bay window and the one-story side addition. Despite vinyl siding retains essential physical features such as massing, architectural details and materials, retains historic integrity.

OTHER BUILDINGS/FEATURES: garage added between 1916 and 1925 (since removed); second garage added between 1931 and 1948 with concrete block walls; contributing hitching post remant on SE corner

HISTORY: This address first appears in the 1902 Polk city directory as the home of UM professor of physics Karl Guthe and Burton L. Sweet. The tenants in this house change relatively frequently. They include a lawyer, a nurse, a business owner, grocer, auctioneer and meter reader. The first long-term family to live here was the Eli Stockwell family, who lived here from 1922 to after 1940. By 1951, the house was divided into six separate apartments, and was called the "Goetz Apartments."

REFERENCES: Polk City Directories, Sanborn Maps, City maps

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ADDRESS: 414 S Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan

HISTORIC NAME: Sophia Allmendinger et al. House

COMMON NAME:

CONTRIBUTING: Yes

DATE CONSTRUCTED: c. 1920 SOURCE: Sanborn maps (1916, 1925)

STYLE: Arts and Crafts Style

HISTORIC USE: DO/Single dwelling

CURRENT USE: DO/Multiple dwelling

MATERIALS

FOUNDATION: Concrete

WALLS: Metal/aluminum

ROOF: Asphalt OTHER:

DESCRIPTIVE NOTES: Two-story, gable-front house with oversized gable-roofed dormer on the south elevation. A deep full-width porch is situated across the front elevation. A portion of the floor of the porch has been replaced by a stair case leading to a basement apartment. Despite aluminum siding retains essential physical features including massing and architectural details and retains historic integrity.

OTHER BUILDINGS/FEATURES: original garage removed, trees on south lot line contribute

HISTORY: This house replaced a previous one owned by John Klais, a wagonmaker. It has had many occupants, most living here for just a few years. The occupants have worked as dressmaker, seamstress, driver, janitor, nurse, business owner, and music teacher. Several occupants have been single women living at the house at the same time.

REFERENCES: Sanborn maps, Polk City Directories

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ADDRESS: 417 S Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan

HISTORIC NAME: Jonathon Stanger COMMON NAME:

CONTRIBUTING: Yes

DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1903 SOURCE: city directory

STYLE: Queen Anne HISTORIC USE: DO/Single dwelling CURRENT USE: CT/Office

MATERIALS

FOUNDATION: Stone WALLS: Wood/Weatherboard ROOF: Asphalt OTHER: Wood/Shingle

DESCRIPTIVE NOTES: Two-story cross gable with corner wrap around porch supported by Doric columns. Wood shingles in the gable. Retains essential physical features including massing, materials, architectural details and retains historic integrity.

OTHER BUILDINGS/FEATURES:

HISTORY: Jonathon Stanger, a piano tuner, and his wife occupied this house until at least 1940. By 1920 Mrs. Stanger was a widow.

REFERENCES: city directories

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ADDRESS: 418 S Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan

HISTORIC NAME: COMMON NAME: Detroit Edison outbuilding

CONTRIBUTING: No

DATE CONSTRUCTED: c. 1970 SOURCE:

STYLE: HISTORIC USE: DO/Single dwelling CURRENT USE: WP/Electric substation

MATERIALS

FOUNDATION: WALLS: ROOF: OTHER:

DESCRIPTIVE NOTES: Brick and metal fence screening metal utility cabinets and brick building behind.

OTHER BUILDINGS/FEATURES:

HISTORY: replaced two houses (416 and 420 S. Fourth)

REFERENCES: Sanborn maps

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ADDRESS: 423 S Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan

HISTORIC NAME: Bethlehem Evangelical Church COMMON NAME: Bethlehem UCC Church

CONTRIBUTING: Yes ARCHITECT: Richard Rasemann

DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1896 SOURCE: Church anniversary pamphlet (1933)

STYLE: Romanesque Revival HISTORIC USE: R/Church CURRENT USE: R/Church

MATERIALS

FOUNDATION: Stone WALLS: Stone ROOF: Stone/slate OTHER:

DESCRIPTIVE NOTES: Four-story cross-gable church with corner tower. Romanesque and Gothic revival style details and windows. Retains essential physical features including massing, materials, architectural details and retains historic integrity.

OTHER BUILDINGS/FEATURES:

HISTORY: Bethlehem was the first German congregation that Reverend Frederick Scmid organized after arriving in Michigan in 1833 from Basel, Switzerland. In 1874 the congregation split and the Bethlehem congregation constructed this church in 1895-6 which was built by Clanfield Contractors of Ypsilanti. The stained glass windows came from Glaschuette Schonmunzach, a German glass house. The 1935 addition (Parish Hall) architect was either Thomas S. Tanner or Ralph W. Hammett (sources differ) and the builder was James Baird Co. A state historical marker recognizes the congregation as the oldest German Protestant congregation in Michigan.

REFERENCES: Church anniversary booklets (1933, 1958)

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ADDRESS: 426 S Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan

HISTORIC NAME: Jacob A Polhemus House

COMMON NAME:

CONTRIBUTING: Yes

DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1861-63 SOURCE: Deed Research and aerial maps; Liber 48, p. 763 Mary J. and Stephen M. Webster sold to Jacob A Polhemus March 21, 1863 for \$2750.

STYLE: Greek Revival

HISTORIC USE: DO/Single dwelling

CURRENT USE: DO/Multiple dwelling

MATERIALS

FOUNDATION: Brick WALLS: Asbestos ROOF: Asphalt OTHER: Stone

DESCRIPTIVE NOTES: Two-story gable-front with side ell. Double-door entrance, hip roof porch is supported by Doric columns and runs between the main body and ell. Retains essential physical features including massing, materials, architectural details, retains historic integrity.

OTHER BUILDINGS/FEATURES: Lilacs in front yard and cluster of trees at north lot line contribute.

HISTORY: Jacob A Polhemus and various family lived here from 1869 - 1900. Jacob came to the Ann Arbor area from New York (but born in New Jersey) in 1835, and was a member of the Pioneering Society. Polhemus was the owner of J.A. Polhemus and Sons, a livery stable which he founded in 1867. The 1870 surveyor's map suggests the addition that is present today. The family was still residing in this home in 1898 and the business had expanded into a livery hack and bus line. In the 1890s, Jacob is residing with Miss Jennie Polhemus a teacher and Joseph A, a manager. Lydia, Isaac's widow, is still residing there as well. Mr. Polhemus officiated in many township and city offices including Constable. He was Supervisor of Scio Twp from 1849 -1851. He was a member of the Odd Fellows and the Masonic Lodge. Family member, Lydia Polhemus, continued to live in the house, with many boarders until 1916. In 1930 the Diehl Real Estate offices and four apartments are listed in the house.

REFERENCES: Polk City Directories; Chapman p. 505

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ADDRESS: 430 S Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan

HISTORIC NAME: Rose Cummings House

COMMON NAME:

CONTRIBUTING: Yes

DATE CONSTRUCTED: before 1869 SOURCE: 1880 Panoramic Map, deed Liber 71, p. 268 Elizabeth E. Root sold to Rose Cummings December 18, 1869 for \$1700.

STYLE: Italianate

HISTORIC USE: DO/Single dwelling

CURRENT USE: DO/Multiple dwelling

MATERIALS

FOUNDATION: Concrete

WALLS: Wood/Weatherboard

ROOF: Asphalt OTHER: Wood/Shingle

DESCRIPTIVE NOTES: Two-story hip roof supported by carved brackets. Decorative window hoods and a full-width front porch supported by fluted Doric columns. Retains essential physical features including massing, materials and architectural details, retains historic integrity.

OTHER BUILDINGS/FEATURES:

HISTORY: Rose Cummings purchased the house in 1869. The earliest reference to someone living at #42 is in the 1872 City Directory. It is the home of Mrs. Rose Cummings [there is a C. Cummings who is the proprietor of the Traver Flour Mill on Broadway also living in AA then—there are no Cummings in the 1868 City Directory. The 1883 City Directory lists Rose, widow Jonathon, living here with the profession of **tailoress** for Joseph Berry. She resides there with Eugene Cummings a carpenter and Miss Helen Cummings, another tailoress with Mr. Berry. The 1898 City Directory has Rose, widow John, living at 430 S. Fourth. She lived here until 1914.

REFERENCES: Polk City Directories

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ADDRESS: 432 S Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan

HISTORIC NAME: Bethlehem Evangelical Church Parsonage

COMMON NAME:

CONTRIBUTING: Yes

DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1924 SOURCE: Church anniversary pamphlet (1933), pg 19; Polk City Directories

STYLE: Neo-Tudor

HISTORIC USE: DO/Single dwelling

CURRENT USE: DO/Multiple dwelling

MATERIALS

FOUNDATION: Concrete

WALLS: Wood/Weatherboard

ROOF: Asphalt OTHER: Wood/Shingle

DESCRIPTIVE NOTES: Two-story asymmetrical gable front with cross gable dormers at sides. The corner creates a recessed porch with arched openings in the wall. Retains essential physical features including massing, materials and architectural details, retains historic integrity.

OTHER BUILDINGS/FEATURES: One story wood sided one-car garage in rear, accessed from alley. Has a flat roof.

HISTORY: Built in 1924 by the Bethlehem Evangelical Church to serve as a parsonage. The Reverends Gustav Neumann (1924-1928), Theo Schmale (1928 - 1947), and Walter Press (1947 - 1955) lived there until it was sold in 1955.

NOTE: By comparing the photo of the house in 1924, the current structure has a historic addition to the front.

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ADDRESS: 434 S Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan

HISTORIC NAME: Calman House

COMMON NAME:

CONTRIBUTING: Yes

DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1916 SOURCE: Polk City Directories

STYLE: Arts and Crafts Style

HISTORIC USE: DO/Single dwelling

CURRENT USE: DO/Single dwelling

MATERIALS

FOUNDATION: Concrete

WALLS: Stucco ROOF: Asphalt OTHER: Wood/Shingle

DESCRIPTIVE NOTES: Two-story gable front house with a stucco first floor, shingle second floor, and half-timbering in the gable and in the gable side dormer. Retains essential physical features including massing, materials, architectural details and retains historic integrity.

OTHER BUILDINGS/FEATURES:

HISTORY: The 1916 directory lists Emil Calman, the advertising manager of the Ann Arbor Daily Times News. In 1918 George H. Fischer, listed in real estate lived in the house. Restored by a previous owner in 1977. Duplicate (opposite orientation) of 436 Fourth.

REFERENCES: Current owner.

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ADDRESS: 436 S Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan

HISTORIC NAME: Bolich House COMMON NAME:

CONTRIBUTING: Yes

DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1916 SOURCE: Polk City Directories

STYLE: Arts and Crafts Style HISTORIC USE: DO/Single dwelling CURRENT USE: DO/Single dwelling

MATERIALS

FOUNDATION: Concrete WALLS: Stucco ROOF: Asphalt OTHER: Wood/Shingle

DESCRIPTIVE NOTES: Two-story gable front house with a stucco first floor, shingle second floor, and half-timbering in the gable and in the gable side dormer. Retains essential physical features including massing, materials, architectural details and retains historic integrity.

OTHER BUILDINGS/FEATURES:

HISTORY: Built by Frank Bolich, a barber who lived in the house until 1920 when Charles Nissle, a janitor at Martha Cook moved there. Nissle lived in the house until 1962. Duplicate (opposite orientation) of 434 Fourth.

REFERENCES:

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ADDRESS: 437 S Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan

HISTORIC NAME: John and Fredericka Mayer House

COMMON NAME: Bethlehem Church sextonage

CONTRIBUTING: Yes

DATE CONSTRUCTED: c. 1915 SOURCE: estimate based on style

STYLE: Arts and Crafts Style

HISTORIC USE: DO/Single dwelling

CURRENT USE: DO/Single dwelling

MATERIALS

FOUNDATION: Concrete

WALLS: Wood/weatherboard

ROOF: Asphalt

OTHER: Concrete block is textured

DESCRIPTIVE NOTES: One-and-a-half story gable front bungalow with a gable front porch. Retains essential physical features including massing, materials, architectural details and retains historic integrity.

OTHER BUILDINGS/FEATURES: garage added between 1916 and 1925 (now removed)

HISTORY: City directory data and historic maps suggest that this house replaced a very similar one built during the 19th C. Foundation material and architectural style of the current house suggest that it was built sometime during the 1910s. It was remodelled in 1948, according to church booklet (1958). The house was occupied by John and Fredericka Mayer from 1917 until they deeded it to the adjacent Bethlehem church in 1929. It has served as the home of church administrators since then.

REFERENCES: Church Anniversary booklets (1933, 1958), Sanborn Maps, Polk City Directories

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OCTOBER – NOVEMBER, 2009

ADDRESS: 442 S Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan

HISTORIC NAME: Gottlieb Wild House COMMON NAME:

CONTRIBUTING: Yes

DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1894 SOURCE: Polk City Directories, Aerial Maps

STYLE: Queen Anne HISTORIC USE: DO/Single dwelling CURRENT USE: DO/Single dwelling

MATERIALS

FOUNDATION: Stone WALLS: Wood/Weatherboard ROOF: Asphalt OTHER: Wood/Shingle

DESCRIPTIVE NOTES: Decorative siding in gables and upper front, upper spindles on porches, fretwork above cut-away corner, site, fence, double door. Retains essential physical features including massing, materials, architectural details and retains historic integrity.

OTHER BUILDINGS/FEATURES: IHP says "The wrought iron-trimmed wood fence on the front property line is one of the last of its kind remaining in town." It is an antique wooden fence with cast iron pickets and center gates. At the time of this survey it is undergoing repairs and reconstruction. The gate on Packard is newer. There is a one-car garage in the alley accessed from Packard.

HISTORY: This house was constructed by Gottlieb Wild, a merchant tailor that founded G.H. Wild Co./Wild Men's Shop. His wife lived in the house until at least 1940 and his daughter Helen Wild lived in the house until her death in 1988. Helen was a librarian at the IM School of Public Health and was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, and Women's City Club.

REFERENCES: Individual Historic Property Report (IHP), City of Ann Arbor/

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ADDRESS: 445 S Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan

HISTORIC NAME: George and Emma Wahr House

COMMON NAME:

CONTRIBUTING: Yes

DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1890 SOURCE: city directory

STYLE: Queen Anne

HISTORIC USE: DO/Single dwelling

CURRENT USE: DO/Single dwelling

MATERIALS

FOUNDATION: Stone WALLS: Wood/Weatherboard ROOF: Asphalt OTHER: Wood/Shingle

DESCRIPTIVE NOTES: Gable front house has decorative barge boards, sunbursts dormers and bays which make this a great example of high style Queen Anne architecture. Retains essential physical features including massing, materials, architectural details and retains historic integrity.

OTHER BUILDINGS/FEATURES: Non-contributing garage

HISTORY: George Wahr, a bookseller with shops on Main Street and State Street, built this in 1890 but moved into an identical house on N. Division four years later. He was married to Emma Staebler Wahr. The Schaffer family lived in it between 1894 and the late 1970s. A marriage between a widow and the neighbor connects it with 451 next door.

REFERENCES: city directors, maps, Historic Buildings page 65

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ADDRESS: 451 S Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan

HISTORIC NAME: William W. Wines house

COMMON NAME:

CONTRIBUTING: Yes

DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1850s-80s

SOURCE: deed research and 1853 map

STYLE: Queen Anne

HISTORIC USE: DO/Single dwelling

CURRENT USE: DO/Single dwelling

MATERIALS

FOUNDATION: Stone WALLS: Wood/Weatherboard ROOF: Asphalt OTHER:

DESCRIPTIVE NOTES: Two-story gable front house with a hip-roof front porch supported by Ionic columns. Retains essential physical features including massing, materials, architectural details and retains historic integrity.

OTHER BUILDINGS/FEATURES: Small wood-sided shed

HISTORY: The house is actually an earlier house which was substantially altered and expanded in 1887 (within the period of significance) by Cornelia Kerr who added the front-gabled wing. The Kerr family was a large family of women living with their widowed mother. One of their boarders was Principal of the First Ward School. Frank Ohlinger and his wife purchased the house in 1920, and in 1935 he married the widowed neighbor, Elizabeth Shaffer who moved into this house and her daughter remained next door at 445.

REFERENCES: Deed research

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