

# HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY FORM

Resource Address: <b>951 Chicago Ave Oak Park Illinois 60302 USA</b>
County: Cook
Historic name: Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio
Present name: Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio
Local place name:
Visible from public right of way: Yes
Ownership: Private
Owner/Address:
Land unit size:
Site/Setting:



Home facing Forest Avenue (Village of Oak Park)

Lat/Long: 41.8940631324478600, -87.7997726576721200 [WGS84]

UTM: Zone 16T, 433654.7477 mE, 4638323.4967 mN

Parcel No.

## Historical Information

Historic Function: Domestic: Single Dwelling	Current Function: Recreation and Culture: Museum
Construction Date: ca. 1880-1889 , documented 1889*	Architect: Frank Lloyd Wright
Original or Significant Owners: FLW Home and Studio	Builder:
Significant Date/Period:	Developer:
Areas of Significance:	

## Architectural Information

Category: building, Museum	Style: Shingle Style and Prairie School	<input type="checkbox"/> Additions <input type="checkbox"/> Alterations <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/> Other Ancillary structures:
Structural: masonry	Exterior Material(s): historic wood shingles	
Stories: 2, Bays:	Roof Material: wood shingles	
Form or Plan: , irregular	Roof Type: Gable	
Foundation: poured concrete	Windows: original Stained Glass Geometric pattern casements	
General condition: Excellent	Chimney(s): one brick center exterior and one brick side left exterior	
Basement:	Porch: single-story Full-width veranda	

## Historical Summary:

The original home was constructed in 1889 and has an 1895 playroom addition. The studio was built in 1898 and remodeled by Wright in 1911, converting the studio into living quarters for his family and the home into rental property, adding a garage and apartment. The building was restored to its 1909 appearance between 1974-1987. See attached Historic Landmark nomination report.

## Status (Current Listing or Designation)

National:  indiv.  district  landmrk.  
 State/Province:  indiv.  district  landmrk.  
 Local:  indiv.  district  landmrk.

National Historic Landmark, 1976 / FLW-Prairie School Historic District

Oak Park Historic Landmark, 1996 / FLW-Prairie School Historic District

## Evaluation (Preparer's Assessment of Eligibility)

<i>Recommendation</i>	<i>Level of potential eligibility</i>	<i>Landmark potential</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Individually eligible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eligible as contributing resource	<input type="checkbox"/> State	<input type="checkbox"/> State
<input type="checkbox"/> Not eligible / non-contributing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local
<input type="checkbox"/> Not determined		

*Eligibility:* Designated an Oak Park Historic Landmark in 1996. Designated a National Historic Landmark in...



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**Description/Remarks**

This is a 2-story museum in the Shingle Style with Prairie School influences built in 1889. The structural system is masonry. The foundation is poured concrete. Exterior walls are historic wood shingles. The building has a gable roof clad in wood shingles. There is one center, exterior, brick chimney and one side left, exterior, brick chimney. Windows are original stained glass, Geometric pattern-light casements. There is a single-story, full-width veranda with side wall brick posts. Open verandas with side wall on Forest and Chicago facades. The combined building encompasses both 951 Chicago and 428 Forest.

Date source: Village of Oak Park building permit archives. Other sources: Building permit records.

Survey and Recorder		
Project: Historic Resources of Oak Park	Sequence/Key no.:	Survey Date: September 18, 2014
Prepared By: Douglas Kaarre, AICP Village of Oak Park	Report Title/Name: Survey and Planning	Previous Surveys: Oak Park Survey 1970
Inventoried: 10/08/2013 12:47:23 pm Last updated: 07/27/2021 11:45:38 am by /	Level of Survey: <input type="checkbox"/> Reconnaissance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intensive	Additional Research Recommended? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**Comments on Eligibility (continued)**

... 1976.