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1424-1428 St. Louis Street - Edwardsville, IL

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New Addresses for Rose Avenue Houses

Just over 50 years ago, the western boundary of St. Louis Street in Edwardsville, Illinois, ended at what is now Rose Avenue. In the 1960s, major upgrades to County Highway 48 (Poag Road) connected the west end of St. Louis Street to New Poag Road. Prior to that, motorists driving west from Edwardsville took St. Louis Street to its end, turned right on Rose Avenue, then left onto what is now Old Poag Road. Old Poag Road was a narrow, winding road which wasn't a promising alternative when the county was looking for a way to make an improved east-west connector from the city to the north side of the new SIUE campus.

In the way was Ammann Place, a six-lot subdivision platted by J. F. Amman in 1915. The subdivision was on the west side of Woodlawn Cemetery, and after the new street was platted, mostly south of St. Louis Street. By the mid-1960s when the road work was being done, only two of the six lots had been developed.

1428 St. Louis Street

On Lot 1 of Ammann Place was a house built by contractor John Stolte in the early 1920s. The address for the house today is 1428 St. Louis St., but when built it was listed on Poag Road, then changed to 7 Ammann Place, then to 7 Rose Avenue, then to 5 Rose Avenue before the most recent change to 1428 St. Louis Street. For the first three addresses, the house was in the same place where it was built.

This was initially an investment property which over the first 20 years was rarely owner-occupied. However, in the 1940s, it was purchased by Erwin and Georgia Heinemeier, and for the first time the house had permanent owner-residents. Erwin was born and raised in Worden, Illinois. Georgia, known as Georgie, was named for her father, George. She was originally from Sangamon County, Illinois. Erwin found work as a laborer for contractors. They raised their sons, James and Gerald, in their home on Rose Avenue, as it was then called.

In 1964, Madison County bought the house on Lot #1 from the Heinemeiers, then advertised it for sale as "House Only." They needed the land for the new road. The advertisement said, "The one-story, five-room frame house with aluminum siding located on Lot 1 of Ammann Place... house, only, will be sold." Bids would be opened Oct. 9, 1964, and the buyer had to remove the house from the premises by April 1, 1965.

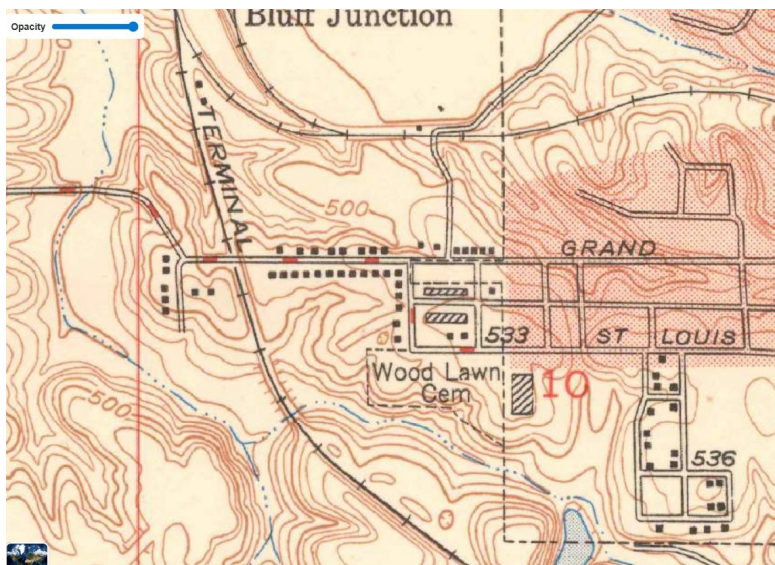
In the end it wasn't moved far, just south to part of Lot 2, which belonged to the only other homeowner in Ammann Place. The address was changed from 7 to 5 Rose Avenue,



This picture, taken in 2014, shows both houses. The bungalow in front is at 1424 St. Louis Street and the moved house at right is 1428 St. Louis St. (Reinhardt)



In this photo, taken circa 1922, the photographer, facing west, is standing on the tracks of a streetcar line that was located at what is now the 1400 block of Randle Street in Edwardsville. Just out of sight (behind the photographer), is the manual switch used to send a car onto a siding. The apparatus shown in the foreground is the switch box with a phone and signal lights to inform engineers where the track would send their car: straight down the track (green with white banner), or onto the siding (red with red banner). Just beyond that, on Rose Avenue, is a shelter for waiting passengers that was known as Wood Lawn Station. On the left, is a corner of a Woodlawn Gardens greenhouse, and beyond that is the house now located at 1428 St. Louis St. before it was moved by the County. (Photo courtesy of St. Clair County Historical Society)



This 1950 map shows St. Louis Street in Edwardsville, Illinois, as it looked before the street extended to New Poag Road. The striped rectangles represent greenhouses. The two boxes directly above "Wood" in Woodlawn Cemetery are the houses now at 1424 and 1428 St. Louis Street.

and it once again became a rental house until the current long-time owner purchased the property. About 20 years ago the address was changed to 1428 St. Louis St. which eliminated confusion with deliveries, etc.

1424 St. Louis Street

Like the house at 1428 St. Louis St., this house also had numerous addresses: Poag Road, 3 Ammann Place, and 3 Rose Avenue, before arriving at its current address. The house was built for Einar and Alma (Ammann) Hallquist. Alma's father was florist Jacob Frederick Ammann who platted the subdivision.

This house was built shortly after the subdivision was platted in 1915. In 2014, Edwardsville's Historic Preservation Commission hired Rosemary Thornton, a Sears kit home expert, to canvas the city to identify kit homes. This house was tagged as a "Sears Honor-Bilt" house, model 259, one of Sears' more expensive homes.

In 1925, Einar Hallquist was promoted to Chief Mechanical Engineer at the Commonwealth Steel Company in St. Louis, Missouri. Since Alma's parents lived nearby at 1306 St. Louis Street, the Hallquists were hesitant to leave, but after Einar commuted for more than a year, they sold their Edwardsville home and moved to St. Louis.

The new owners, Alois and Celia Hahn occupied the house for about 15 years. Several short-term owners followed until 1951 when the house was purchased by Charles and Florence Pour.

Charles Percy Pour was a native of Edwardsville. His father, Frank, was a Bohemian immigrant who first worked as a coal miner, but later turned to farming. His wife, Florence (Madoux) Pour was born in Oklahoma, but her father's job on the railroad brought them to Edwardsville when she was about

10 years old. Charles and Florence had one daughter, Edith. Newspapers from the time are full of stories about entertainments and community activities in the Pour family's home.

There was one devastating incident at the house. In 1977, a teenage driver from Alton and his companion were killed when they missed the curve and went airborne for about 48 feet. The car hit the brick pillars on the front porch of the house.

There have been several owners of the house since then, but the current owners of this special bungalow have been there for more than 30 years.

Two houses, many addresses changes, and two very different stories. That's why these old houses are so interesting. This story was brought to my attention when Aaron Greuel, a regular at the Madison County Archival Library, showed me a photograph of the house at 1428 St. Louis St. before it was moved to its current location. The house was in the background of a streetcar picture taken on what is now Randle Street. Randle Street was a railroad right of way before it became a street. But then, that's another story.

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