



## HISTORIC CHICAGO BUNGALOW ASSOCIATION

Longtime Beverly residents Matthew and Mary Doherty were looking for a change when they came upon their Chicago bungalow in 1984. “Our children were growing up and moving out,” recalls Mary, “and we just couldn’t see the point of staying in a 13-room house anymore. We wanted something smaller, but we wanted to stay in the neighborhood.” The octagon-front Chicago bungalow on South Hoyne Street seemed to fit the bill perfectly—it was large enough for the couple and their youngest children, and would allow them to stay in the community they knew and loved.



The Doherty’s new home was 60 years old when they moved in, one of many bungalows constructed in Beverly during the 1910s and 1920s. The home’s original owner, architectural draftsman Harry J. Lemberg, purchased the lot on South Hoyne in the summer of 1925. In May of 1926, Lemberg and contractor J.



Koler began construction on a large Chicago bungalow, which was completed in October at a cost of \$9511. Lemberg, an Illinois native of German-born parents, moved into the bungalow with his wife Lenora and two small children. The Lemberg family led a comfortable life on South Hoyne—by

1930, Harry was working as an interior designer, the family had grown to include another daughter, Dorothy, and the family employed a live-in maid, 16-year-old Tracy Vanderlaan. The gracious yellow-brick bungalow, with its wide front bay and long bands of windows, served as a reflection of Lemberg’s success.

The Lembergs remained in their bungalow until 1942, when they sold the property to Horteur Reeves. The property changed hands several more times during the 1970s and 1980s, before Matthew and Mary Doherty purchased it in 1984.



The Doherty's have made some interior changes—they combined two rear bedrooms to make one large TV room, finished the basement, and recently replaced the bathroom tub with a walk-in shower—but their bungalow remains largely as it looked in the 1920s. Even without additions, the bungalow is large enough to allow the Dohertys to invite their twelve children and forty-nine grandchildren to holiday dinners.



Appreciation for Chicago bungalows seems to run in the Doherty family. Three of the couple's children own bungalows in Beverly, and their daughter's bungalow on South Seeley was chosen as the spot where Mayor Daley formally launched the Historic Chicago Bungalow Initiative in September of 2000. The Doherty's certified their bungalow a few months later. "It has everything we want in a house as we grow

older," Mary states. "It's easy to move around in, there are no more stairs to worry about, but it's got plenty of room. It's just comfortable. Our bungalow is a comfortable, homey house."