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This charming bungalow is located in the northern section of the Chatham neighborhood, a part of Chicago's famed "bungalow belt." The house, currently owned and occupied by the Larkin family, features a sunny yellow brick façade with decorative pilasters, original windows, and an original front door. A period garage, done in yellow brick to match the house, provides parking behind the house and privacy for Larkin's well-tended backyard garden.

Local architect Luther W. McDonald, who designed many Craftsman bungalows in the area during the 1920s, designed this house. According to the October 1921 building permit, the original owner of the property was Arthur Kroph. Kroph, along with real estate investor Charles Ringer (owner of the South Shore Real Estate, Investments and Insurance Company), oversaw construction of the \$6,000 bungalow, which was probably completed by the end of 1921.



Unlike many Chicago bungalows, which have had only one or two long-term owners, this bungalow changed hands repeatedly throughout the first half of the twentieth century. John E. Koch, a mechanical engineer, was the first owner to occupy the bungalow. Koch, who brought the property from Charles Ringer in 1926, lived at the property with his family for four years before selling the home to a young Danish couple. Twenty-six year old Einer Iverson, an ice deliveryman, moved into the bungalow in 1930 along with his twenty-two year old wife, Ingeborg, and their two infant sons, George and Edward.



After seven years in the bungalow, the Iverson's moved out as well, selling the property to Gunnar and Greta Benson. The Bensons live there for just two years before selling to Harold and Margaret Challman in 1939. The Challman's stayed in the bungalow for just under ten years; in 1949, they sold the property to Ralph and Adeline Amberg.

The Larkin family purchased the bungalow in 1996; and certified this bungalow with the Historic Chicago Bungalow Association in 2001.