



HISTORIC CHICAGO BUNGALOW ASSOCIATION



Michael Dempsey bought his chocolate brown brick Historic Chicago Bungalow in the northwest neighborhood of Edgewater in 2001. At the time he was not looking for a house, but a friend from work suggested he look at this exceptional home. Dempsey fell in love. Shortly thereafter Dempsey moved out of his condo near Marine Drive and into his bungalow.

The house sits on an oversized 50 x 150 foot lot

with a backyard that is a gardener's paradise. Perennial gardens outline the lawn, a birdbath and small sitting area allow for an escape from the urban city - a house in the garden indeed. The house itself boasts of two working fireplaces, original casement windows, a breakfast nook, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, a living and dining room, a finished basement with a wet bar, cypress paneling and funky 1940's floor tile, and a partially finished attic that is original to the house. Many of the original interior details remain intact such as the hardware, 2 laundry shoots and the built-in cabinet in the hall.



The contractor and owner of the home was Oscar Peterson; he also owned the neighboring lot. The building permit for the bungalow was recorded on October 26, 1921, with a cost of construction listed at \$10,000. Peterson obtained architectural plans from architect Andrew E. Norman. His office was located on 1531 Devon St. The plans were originally designed for a home located in Wilmette, the twin of Dempsey's bungalow. Dempsey has the original blue prints that not only feature the original floor plan and elevations of the house, but interior details such as the

moldings, doors and built-in furniture.

During the depression, the Petersons were forced to move out and rent the home to make ends meet. Later they moved back into the bungalow until Pat & Victor Lucas bought it in 1979. Dempsey bought the bungalow from the Lucas family in 2001. He plans to maintain the original features of the home and enjoy his Historic Chicago Bungalow.

