

# 701 WEST OAKDALE DRIVE

Fort Wayne, Indiana

## Legal Description

Lots 31, 32, and 33 of the Oakdale Terrace Addition to the City of Fort Wayne (platted in 1917 by the City and Suburban Building Company)

## Chain of Title

It is assumed that all transactions relate to the property described in the legal description unless otherwise noted.

The information composing the chain of title was obtained from the following sources:

- Allen County, Indiana, Public Access Tax Information (PATI) - <http://www.lowtaxinfo.com/allencounty/#/SearchView>
- Allen County, Indiana Recorder's Office (Rousseau Centre) – microfiche, deed indexes, deed books, and deeds

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|---|------------|
| Katy E. Kunkel to XXXXX<br>(PATI)   | 06-12-2014 |
| Matthew J. Nofziger to Katy E. Kunkel<br>(PATI)   | 11-25-2003 |
| Todd Gelwicks to Matthew J. Nofziger<br>(PATI)  | 02-11-1999 |
| Nelson F. and Jean M. Gould to Todd Gelwicks<br>(PATI)  | 05-23-1995 |
| Neva Zahn Liddy to Nelson F. and Jean M. Gould<br>(PATI)  | 01-13-1967 |
| Henry L. and Mary Miller to Neva Zahn Liddy<br>(Allen County Recorder's Office - microfiche)  | 08-09-1951 |
| Samuel W. and Charlotte Fletcher to Henry L. and May (sic) Teagarden Miller<br>(Allen County Recorder's Office – deed book #328, pg. 270-271)   | 01-09-1931 |
| • \$11,500.00   |            |
| City and Suburban Building Company to Samuel W. and Charlotte Fletcher<br>(Allen County Recorder's Office – deed book #328, pg. 270)  | 01-09-1931 |
| • \$1 – Quit Claim  |            |
| • Partial text of deed: “This deed is executed for the purpose of correcting the description in a certain deed executed by said grantor Henry A. Simon and Dean Simon, husband and wife, which said deed is dated December 21 <sup>st</sup> , 1925, and recorded in Deed Record 300, page 189, of the records in the Recorder's Office, Allen County, Indiana.” |            |
| Dean Simon to Samuel W. and Charlotte Fletcher<br>(Allen County Recorder's Office – deed book #312, pg. 278-279)  | 11-16-1927 |

- \$10,000.00

James R. Newkirk to Dean Simon 04-07-1927  
(Allen County Recorder's Office – deed book #309, pg. 41-42)

- \$1 – Quit Claim

Henry A. and Dean Simon to James R. Newkirk 04-07-1927  
(Allen County Recorder's Office – deed book #309, pg. 41)

- \$1 – Quit Claim

City and Suburban Building Company to Henry A. and Dean Simon 01-02-1926  
(Allen County Recorder's Office – deed book #300, pg. 189)

- \$11,475.00
- Subject to certain mortgages dated October 25, 1922, the principal sum of which is \$6,300

## History

The house at 701 West Oakdale Drive was built in 1922 by the City and Suburban Building Company (C&SBC), which platted the Oakdale Terrace Addition in 1917.<sup>1</sup> In December of 1921, the C&SBC received a building permit for a residence at 701 West Oakdale Drive for a cost of \$8,500,<sup>2</sup> and in November 1922, it was reported that Henry Simon had purchased a new home on Oakdale Drive. The residence was “of the bungalow type and has a living room, dining room, den two bedrooms, kitchen and bath.”<sup>3</sup> Though the specific address was not mentioned in the news article, a search of Fort Wayne city directories showed that Henry Simon lived at an address of 701 West Oakdale Drive as early as 1923,<sup>4</sup> and the photo that appeared with the 1922 newspaper article matches that of the structure that is currently on the site of the same address.<sup>5</sup>

Henry A. Simon was born on January 23, 1892, in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, to parents Charles and Rebecca (Williams) Simon.<sup>6</sup> On December 9, 1916, Henry married Dean Bowell in Fort Wayne, Indiana.<sup>7</sup> In 1920, Henry was working as a musician in the theater industry,<sup>8</sup> but in January of 1923,

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<sup>1</sup> Allen County (IN) Recorder's Office Neighborhood Resource Center, <http://inallen.fidlar.com/WebSenseCustom/Details.aspx>, Oakdale Terrace Addition (accessed 17 April 2017).

<sup>2</sup> “Building Permits,” *Fort Wayne (IN) News-Sentinel*, 5 December 1921, 12.

<sup>3</sup> “Henry Simon Buys New Home on Oakdale Drive,” *Fort Wayne (IN) Journal-Gazette*, 5 November 1922, Section 3, 3.

<sup>4</sup> *Fort Wayne City and Allen County Directory 1923* (Fort Wayne, IN: R.L. Polk and Company, 1923), 1030.

<sup>5</sup> “Henry Simon Buys New Home on Oakdale Drive.”

<sup>6</sup> Indiana State Board of Health, death certificates, Coroner's Certificate of Death Local Number 82D, Registered Number 110, Henry A. Simon, 17 January 1941; database with images, “Indiana, Death Certificates, 1899-2011,” *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com>: accessed 14 April 2017).

<sup>7</sup> Record of Marriages in Allen County, Indiana, Henry A. Simon, Dean Bowell, 9 December 1916; database with images, “Indiana, Marriages, 1810-2001,” *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com>: accessed 14 April 2017).

<sup>8</sup> 1920 U.S. census, Allen County, Indiana, population schedule, Fort Wayne Ward 5, enumeration district 55, sheet 12A, line 2, family 170, Henry Simon, image, *Ancestry.com* (<http://ancestry.com>: accessed 14 April 2017); citing NARA microfilm publication T625, roll 421.

opened his own real estate company.<sup>9</sup> On June 8, 1929, Henry married Hilda Schnorr, his first marriage having ended in divorce.<sup>10</sup> This marriage only lasted a short while as he then married Ethel Roose on May 29, 1931.<sup>11</sup> Henry died on January 17, 1941, as the result of an overdose of a sedative. His death was ruled a suicide.<sup>12</sup> Survived by his wife, Ethel, and daughters Betty and Joan, Henry was buried in Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne.<sup>13</sup>

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"Simon Funeral Will be Monday." *Fort Wayne (IN) Journal-Gazette*, 18 January 1941.

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<sup>9</sup> "Henry A. Simon Opens a Real Estate Office in Bass Block," *Fort Wayne (IN) Journal-Gazette*, 16 January 1923, 6.

<sup>10</sup> License for Marriage, Allen County, Indiana, Henry A. Simon, Hilda E. Schnorr, 8 June 1929; database with images, "Indiana, Marriages, 1810-2001," *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com>: accessed 14 April 2017).

<sup>11</sup> License for Marriage, Allen County, Indiana, Henry A. Simon, Ethel Marie Roose, 29 May 1931; database with images, "Indiana, Marriages, 1810-2001," *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com>: accessed 14 April 2017).

<sup>12</sup> Indiana death certificate Local Number 82D, Registered Number 110 (1942), Henry A. Simon.

<sup>13</sup> "Simon Funeral Will be Monday," *Fort Wayne (IN) Journal-Gazette*, 18 January 1941, 2.