



Thomas D. Cook Double House, 853 N. Seventeenth St., 1875. Milwaukee architect Edward T. Mix designed this Victorian Italianate double house for Thomas Cook, a stone merchant.



Christopher H. Starke-Charles and Matilda Baerwald House, 1327 W. Kilbourn Ave., 1897. Most Kilbourn Ave. residences were built in the 1880s and 1890s. The largest of the period are concentrated in the 1300 and 1400 blocks. Originally the homes of business executives and merchants of primarily German origin, the architecture is eclectic. Queen Anne and Romanesque styles are interspersed with houses influenced by German and Flemish architecture.

Twenty-seventh and North Thirty-fifth Streets. The Irish, predominantly semi-skilled and unskilled workers, were employed in the railroad car shops located in the Menomonee Valley.⁸

Kilbourn Avenue

Kilbourn Avenue is an east-west avenue which bisects the West Side. Originally called Cedar Street, Kilbourn Avenue was the site of a number of high-styled, mid- to late-nineteenth century residences. Kilbourn Avenue was probably regarded as an attractive address since Wells Street to the south was a streetcar line and State Street to the north connected with the Watertown Plank Road. Today, surrounding arterials have minimized traffic on Kilbourn Avenue. The construction of apartment houses, hospital expansion, and Marquette University development has reduced the area's residences to a handful. These are situated in clusters, with ornate, larger homes on Kilbourn and simpler cottages on the side streets.

The earliest extant homes in the Kilbourn area date from the 1870s, and nearly all are of masonry construction. The first building code of 1888 established limits for fireproof construction. According to the code, all non-brick or non-masonry covered buildings on the West Side were supposed to have been removed from the area bounded by State Street to Wisconsin Avenue west to North Twenty-fourth Street. New construction was subject to the same limitations.⁹ By 1914, the west limits had moved eastward to North Twelfth Street as city officials realized that heavy urbanization would not stretch so far west.¹⁰

Highland Boulevard

Highland Boulevard gained prominence in the late nineteenth century as a residential street comprised of native and second-generation wealthy German industrialists and businessmen, such as brewer, Fred Miller; hardware dealer, F. C. Pritzlaff; sausage maker, Fred Usinger; and metal fabricator, William Geuder. Created in 1896 by the Common Council as the first public parkway, Highland Boulevard extended from Washington Ave-

Joseph B. Kalvelage House, 2432 W. Kilbourn Ave., 1898. Farther west on Kilbourn Avenue is a large, formal German Baroque Revival house, a showcase of late Victorian decorative arts. Milwaukee architect Otto Strack, born and trained in Germany, designed the pressed tan brick structure, locally referred to as "Kalvelage Schloss." The major features of the facade are a German parapet-gabled central pavilion, and an entrance porch decorated with half-figure atlantes of terra cotta.



was AWOL from the German army and hid aboard the ship that his family was taking to America. The ship was searched, but he went undetected, as the Captain was helping him. Charles helped pay for his family's voyage. They landed in New York October, 1866. He must have gone to Milwaukee almost immediately, at age 12, for his obituary states that he lived in Milwaukee for 64 years.

The 1880 Milwaukee census has the family living at 33 Seventh Street, Milwaukee, which is next door to Louise's family.

Charles was naturalized in 1882; petition for naturalization (#1907) on file at Historical Society, Milwaukee. Witnessed by Otto Lehfeldt and Louis Ahlswede.

Charles died in his home at 2816 Mt. Vernon, Milwaukee. (Document at Milwaukee Court House, vol 575, pg 72)

He is buried in Arlington Park Cemetery, Milwaukee.

(Caroline Bratz to Mary Jo Stroh)

His obituary said that he had been an employee of the Great Lakes Dredge Co in Milwaukee for nearly 50 years, and had lived in Milwaukee for 64 years. Parents: Konrad STARKE and Wilhemina AHLSCHEDE.

Spouse: Karoline Henriette Friederike Luise (Carrie) ROEMING. Charles Carl STARKE and Karoline Henriette Friederike Luise (Carrie) ROEMING were married on 5 Oct 1887 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI. record on file at Milwaukee Court House vol 45 pg 206 Children were: Henry STARKE, Walter Willie Carl STARKE, Caroline Albertina Melusina STARKE, Margaretha Maria Frederika STARKE, Jerome Otto STARKE.

Spouse: Louise BUFFE. Charles Carl STARKE and Louise BUFFE were married on 13 Sep 1877 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI. Record on file in Milwaukee Court House, Volume 9 page 113. Children were: Fredrich Jacob STARKE, Wilhemine STARKE, Conrad W. STARKE, Luise C. STARKE.

Christopher STARKE was born on 12 Jun 1834 in Colensfelt, Hanover, Germany. Information from 1880 Milwaukee census.

Chris was a contractor b??? and dock.

The family lived at 240 14th Street in Milwaukee.

Also living at this address:
THI?LES, Augusta, single, age 17, servant, born in Wisconsin, both parents born in Hanover.
HILL, Brian, B. border, single, age 81. Couldn't read where he or his parents were born.
Parents: Heinrich STARKE and Mrs Heinrich STARKE.

Individual Record

1880 United States Census

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Christopher H. STARKE[Household](#)Male

Other Information:

Birth Year	<1834>
Birthplace	HANOVER
Age	46
Occupation	Contractor Buildin And Dock
Marital Status	M <Married>
Race	W <White>
Head of Household	Christopher H. STARKE
Relation	Self
Father's Birthplace	HANOVER
Mother's Birthplace	HANOVER

Source Information:

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OPPERMANN.

Spouse: Living VALCQ. Children were: Living VALCQ.

Emma Christina STARKE was born on 2 Sep 1884 in Huntington, Huntington, IN?.
Parents: Conrad STARKE and Augustine HARTMANN.

Spouse: Otto TRIPPER. Otto TRIPPER and Emma Christina STARKE were married in 1905.
Children were: Alvera TRIPPER, Bernice TRIPPER, Living TRIPPER, Rosalind TRIPPER,
Julienne TRIPPER, Loran TRIPPER.

Emma Marie Veronica STARKE was born on 24 May 1871 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI.
She died after 1942 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI. Information from 1880 Milwaukee census.
Parents: Christopher STARKE and Ernestina OBERHEIDER.

Spouse: Conrad L TRIMBORN. Conrad L TRIMBORN and Emma Marie Veronica STARKE were
married on 6 Jun 1893 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI.

Ethel Edith STARKE was born in 1927. Parents: Conrad W. STARKE and Catherine
OPPERMANN.

Spouse: Living O'CONNOR.

Spouse: Living WOHLKE.

Ferenard STARKE was born about 1825 in Germany. Parents: Heinrich STARKE and Mrs
Heinrich STARKE.

Frederick C. STARKE captain was born about 1855 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI. He died
after 1890 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI. He was buried in Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI. Birth
date and place from 1880 Milwaukee census-Hesse
from History of the Great Lakes-Milwaukee.

He was a prominent Milwaukee businessman, and is featured in The History of the Great
Lakes, Vol II, Page . Parents: Friederich STARKE.

Spouse: Mary UNKNOWN. Children were: Friedrich Christoph STARKE.

Fredrich Jacob STARKE was born on 5 Jul 1878 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI. He died on
5 Apr 1962 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI. He was buried in Lincoln Memorial Cemetery, 15-6-
8B-2. He was also called Fred and Frtiz. He was a machinist and railroad worker.

Conrad L. Trimborn, Sr.

Bridge Concern Founder Dies

Conrad Trimborn, Industrialist, at One Time Had Been on The Journal Staff

Conrad Trimborn, president and treasurer of the Milwaukee Bridge Co., died late Friday of pneumonia at St. Mary's hospital. He lived at 2647 N. Wahl av.

Mr. Trimborn was born in Milwaukee Nov. 11, 1866. He attended parochial and public schools, and completed his education in a business college.

After leaving school he became city circulation manager of The Milwaukee Journal. Later he was in the building material business and then, for 10 years, was secretary of the C. H. Starke Dredge and Dock. Co.

In 1902, Mr. Trimborn bought farm land on what is now N. Thirty-fourth st., and established there the Milwaukee Bridge Co., which has grown to be one of the largest bridge concerns in Wisconsin.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Emma Strake Trimborn; a daughter, Mrs. Ruth T. Maas; two sons, Conrad L. and Henry A.; a sister, Mrs. Helen Spellman; two brothers, August and Peter; and five grandchildren.

The body will be at the Feerick funeral rooms, 2025 E. Capitol drive, Sunday and Monday. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at the Lake Park Lutheran church. The Rev. John F. Fedders, pastor of the church, will officiate.

Active pallbearers will be Carl Baerwald, William Baerwald, Werner Trimborn, Norval Trimborn, Leonard Spellman and Arthur Vogel, jr. Honorary pallbearers will be Judge Max Nohl, Gerhard A. Bading, Arthur Munkwitz, Henry Merz, Fred Mitchel, Charles Baerwald, Fred Pritzlaff, Fred Luedtke and Arthur Vogel, sr.

Trimborn: Oct. 30, 1936. Conrad Trimborn, aged 69 years, residence , 2647 N. Wahl av., husband of Emma Starke Trimborn , father of Conrad L, Henry A. and Mrs. Ruth T. Mass; brother of August and Peter Trimborn and Mrs. Helen Spellman; also survived by five grandchildren. Funeral services at the Feerick Funeral Home, E. Capitol dr. and N. Frederick av., Monday 2 p.m. In state Sunday after 2 p.m.

*--from The Milwaukee Journal
[from the papers of Anne C. (Spellman) Leahy;
courtesy of Jody (Leahy) Filipi]*

Conrad L. Trimborn, Jr.

Bridge Firm Official Dies

Conrad L. Trimborn, 66, chairman of the board of the Milwaukee Bridge Co., 3282 N. 35th st., died Monday of a lung ailment at his home, 4523 N. Murray av., Shorewood. He was elected chairman in 1959, after spending his entire career with the firm. It was founded in 1902 as a railway construction firm by his late father, Conrad, sr.

Mr. Trimborn was first elected to the board in 1934 as secretary. In 1941, he



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Captain Frederick C. Starke



Captain Frederick C. Starke

he is also a leading member of the Ship Masters Association.

Like many of our successful men, the Captain is of German blood, the home of his ancestors having been in the Kingdom of Hanover. Frederick Starke, the father of our subject, was born in Hanover and came to America in 1847, locating in Milwaukee, where he became prominently identified with marine interests. He was the founder of the Starke Dredge & Dock Co., of that city, and was the sole owner of its plant until his death in 1858, when his brothers succeeded him. The first dock built in the city was constructed by him, as were all the piers built along the beach from 1850 until 1858. A number of bridges were erected under his direction, and in 1858 he built the first tug constructed in Milwaukee, the vessel being also owned by him. His energy and executive ability seemed equal to any undertaking, and his name will always be associated with the development of the city in which he made his home.

Captain Starke was born in 1855, in Milwaukee, Wis., and was educated in that city, attending first the elementary schools, afterward spending three years in the German High School, and three years in what is now known as Concordia College, then an academic institution. On leaving school at the age of eighteen, he began to gain a practical knowledge of shipping by working upon the tugs in which his family had an interest, and on attaining his majority he was made captain of a tug, a position which he held for four years. In 1880 he was appointed manager of the Milwaukee tugboat line, and after continuing in this responsible post until 1891 he sold out all his shipping property and interests, and purchased stock in the Sheriff Manufacturing Company, of which he is now a vice-president, as above stated. In the same year he bought the plant of the Wolf & Davidson Dry Dock Company, and arranged for a consolidation with the Milwaukee Shipyard Company, and formed the Milwaukee Dry Dock Company, of which he has since been vice-president and general manager. This company owns the entire dry-dock system of Milwaukee, and is one of the leading corporations of the city. Captain Starke has always shown great interest in marine matters, and since the organization of the Ship Masters Association, in 1890, he has served as its treasurer. While he has apparently an inexhaustible fund of energy for his business enterprises, he has never diverted it to political activities, and notwithstanding the fact that he is a staunch Republican he does not seek official honors of any sort.

In the complicated activities of modern commercial and industrial life there is need for the employment of widely diversified talents, and any enterprise of magnitude calls to its service the practical business man, skilled in affairs as well as the man who works with his hands. The subject of this sketch, one of the substantial business men of Milwaukee, has shown marked ability in the management of large interests, and at present holds the office of vice-president in the Sheriff Manufacturing Company and the Milwaukee Dry Dock Company, while

Fred and Herbert lived at 310 N. 39 St, Milwaukee; later 528 N. 40 St.

I have some conflicting information:

Fred J. md (2) Mary ?

Fred's death is recorded at the Milwaukee Courthouse, vol 3233.

After Annie's death, Fred lived with Caroline Nelson. They may not have married. They had no children. Caroline died in 1985 at 103 years in Sturgeon Bay, WI. Parents: Charles Carl STARKE and Louise BUFFE.

Spouse: Anna THUROW. Fredrich Jacob STARKE and Anna THUROW were married on 17 Jun 1899 in wauwatosa EV Ltheran Church, Wauwatosa, , WI. Annie's mother was present to give parental consent. It is recorded in the Milwaukee Court House vol. 127 pg 249. Children were: Herbert Willy STARKE, Bernhard STARKE.

Spouse: Emily BRAIRTON.

Friederich STARKE was born about 1806 in Germany. He died before 1866 in Germany. He was buried in Germany. Parents: Konrad STARKE and Wilhemina AHLSCHEDE.

Friederich STARKE was born about 1830 in Kingdom Of Hanover, Germany. He died in 1858 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI?. Birth place from History of the Great Lakes - Kingdom of Hanover.

He came to the US in 1847 with a younger brother, probably Henry, and located in Milwaukee. Founded Starke Dredge and Dock Co and was sole owner until his death, when his brothers succeeded him.

The family lived at 489 5th Street in Milwaukee (June 11,1880). There were several families living in the home at that time:

1. Mary STARKE, widow, age 50 (wife, sister or sister-in-law?), born Hesse, Germany. She is given as the head of the house.

Augusta, age 19, daughter, servant, born Wisconsin

Sena, age 16, daughter, servant, born Wisconsin

2. Frederich C. STARKE (25), and his wife Mary (23)

3. Johan GROH (sailor, age 64, born Hesse, Germany) and his wife Magy (housewife, age 69, born Prussia). Frederich's sister? Parents: Heinrich STARKE and Mrs Heinrich STARKE.

Children were: Frederick C. STARKE captain.

Friedrich Christoph STARKE was born on 16 Oct 1884 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI. He died on 21 Apr 1955. Information from IGI Record, Batch #780806, Sheet 50. Data has not been confirmed. Parents: Frederick C. STARKE captain and Mary UNKNOWN.

Friedrich Wilhelm STARKE was born on 4 Feb 1886 in Huntington, Huntington, IN. He died on 13 Mar 1919 in Marion Springs, , MI. He was called William.

He died of influenza during the world-wide epidemic.

Some of this information from notes of William A. Starke. Parents: Henry STARKE and Marguerite HECKEL.

Spouse: Julia OTTO. Children were: Living STARKE.



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