



**Historic Plaque Application
415 Linde Street
Oshkosh, WI 54901**

Formerly 49 Linde Avenue

**E 63 FT OF N 164 FT OF W1/2 OF LOT 30 AS PER LEACHS MAP OF 1894 ALSO LOT 10 EXC
N 10 FT ALSO S 10 FT OF LOT 8 & ALL OF LOT 11 BLK 37 BER H DAYS 2ND SUBD**

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2018 City Assessor Map



The address at 415 Linde St (formerly 49 Linde Ave) first appeared in *Bunn's City Directory of Oshkosh 1908* and listed Charles C. Konrad as the resident. Although the Oshkosh City Assessors website lists the home's construction year as 1910, Scott Cross from the Oshkosh Public Library checked the city tax rolls and found that Charles C. Konrad purchased the property in 1906. Penciled in next to the record of purchase was an indication that new structures were to be taxed. The 1907 record then has the taxed structures listed. This would indicate that the home was constructed in late 1906.



Residence of C. C. Konrad, Built by Jerome Miller

Jerome Miller

CONTRACTOR and BUILDER

ALL WORK GUARANTEED FIRST CLASS

Expert Workmen Employed

Personal Supervision

ESTIMATES FURNISHED

Phone 1805.

271 Monroe Ave.

OSHKOSH

Miller constructed the home at 415 Linde St (49 Linde Ave) in 1906 for Charles C. Konrad. An advertisement for his construction business was posted in *C. C. Konrad's Directory of Winnebago County, Wis 1910* and shows the home he built on Linde Ave.² Miller did other contract work in Oshkosh, like repairs at Dale and Washington schools. In 1914 his business was acquired by C.R. Meyer & Sons Company, but Miller continued carpentry work with that company.³

The home was built by Jerome Miller. Miller worked as a carpenter for a number of local builders in the city before he went off on his own as a self employed contractor and builder for a short period of time. The *Bunn's Oshkosh Directory 1903-4* listed him as a carpenter for J. T. Raycraft Company in Oshkosh. For a short period of time (1904-1905) Jerome Miller and Peter L. Peterson formed a partnership called "Miller & Peterson", but it lasted about a year until the partnership dissolved and the two ran separate contracting/building businesses.¹

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION.

THE Firm of Miller & Peterson Have This Day Dissolved Partnership. Jerome Miller Will Conduct the Business, Pay All Bills and Collect All Outstanding Accounts.
May 8, 1906.

JEROME MILLER,
P. L. PETERSON.

Announcement

MR. JEROME MILLER, a well known carpenter contractor of this city, has been taken into the firm of C. R. Meyer & Sons Co., thereby putting the company on a general contracting basis through which they will handle the general work of all kinds of building construction.

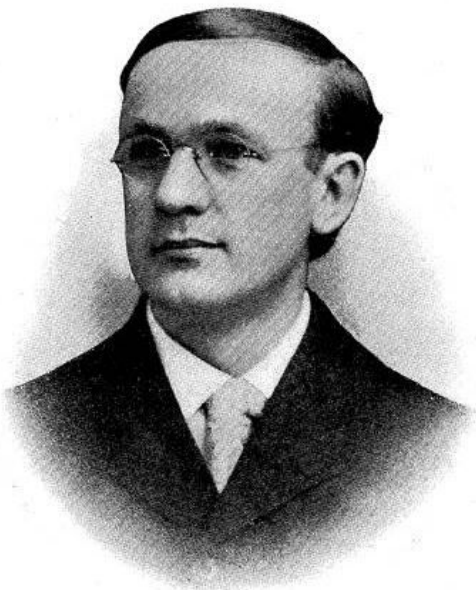
IN connection herewith, Mr. Miller wishes to state that he is here pleased to serve all his old customers as well as new ones. Through this association the firm of C. R. Meyer & Sons Co. is more fit than ever to handle with greater speed all classes of work pertaining to this line from repair work to the construction of entire buildings of any size.

C. R. MEYER & SONS CO.

¹ Notice of Dissolution - *Oshkosh Daily Northwestern*, May 24, 1905. Pg 3, Col 5.

² Advertisement - *C. C. Konrad's Directory of Winnebago County, Wis 1910*

³ Announcement of Sale - *Oshkosh Daily Northwestern*, March 13, 1914. Pg 3, Col 1



Charles Christian Konrad was born in Oshkosh in July 1878. He was a son of William Konrad-- the founder of Konrad Furniture Company in Oshkosh that evolved into Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home that still exists in Oshkosh today.⁴ Charles worked in his father's furniture/undertaking business at a young age. Konrad got a job at the New German American Bank in Oshkosh as an assistant cashier. In 1910 he formed his own directory business and began compiling and publishing the *C.C. Konrad's Directories of Oshkosh and Winnebago County*.⁵ Konrad sold his directory business to the larger Wright Directory Company of Milwaukee in 1918. Over the years he worked as a cashier at local banks, president of a local automotive tire company and as an insurance broker.

He and his wife, Sophia, lived in their home at 415 Linde St (49 Linde Ave) for approximately twenty-four years and then sold the home and moved to Lake Street.⁶ Mrs. Konrad passed away in 1935 and Christian in 1960.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

In making this, my first bow, to the citizens of Winnebago County, I desire, first of all, to say that this book exists in answer to a demand.

And I would say further that it has been my constant aim to meet this demand in a way eminently satisfactory to you all.

In order to carry out this aim, I have spared neither expense nor care to secure complete and reliable information from every section of the County by the most up-to-date and approved methods. I have made a bona-fide personal canvass throughout all the cities, towns, and rural routes of the County.

The information collected in this canvass has been most carefully collated and compiled by competent helpers. This book is not a book of history, and all persons using it should remember that it is primarily a book of reference. Yet it has seemed good to me to add such matter of an historical character as will give added value to the volume.

I have sought in the arrangement of the general details of this book, to distribute the matter in a way both practical and pleasing to the eye.

A competent engineer was employed to write all the street headings from original data.

The external appearance of this book speaks for itself.

Extreme care has been exercised in the spelling of names, etc., and in the dispatches for the correction of changes of address, the same caution has been observed up to the printing of the last letter.

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How the New City Directory Will Help Oshkosh Grow

We are going to take inventory of Oshkosh.

The new Konrad City Directory will be a veritable City Catalog of everybody and everything here; compiled rapidly by a crew of experts; printed promptly and distributed before many people have an opportunity to arrive, leave, move or die. Such Directories are very valuable.

A City Directory is an expression of Civic Pride. When the need of such a publication first makes itself felt in a community, it is because few people can readily name all the people in various kinds of business. Buying and selling to each other fosters a spirit that makes cities grow. The City Directory offers a legitimate means for progressive and up-to-date concerns to advertise their wares each to the other, and to outsiders who wish to learn quickly just what the local market affords. It is the only publication which within its covers compresses the whole city into small space, catalogued, indexed and so arranged that it answers any and all questions.

The new Konrad Directory will contain advertising, and will be compiled upon the same plan that causes merchants and manufacturers in other cities to purchase every available inch of spare space, including covers, edges and margins. Directory advertising is unique and has a pulling power all its own. You will find none but representative concerns in the Directory ads.

Copies of the new Konrad Directory will be placed in the Directory Libraries of all the leading Cities of the Country, where they will be referred to from time to time by people who wish to know something about the City. The Merchants and Manufacturers' Association appreciate this advertising of Oshkosh, and have endorsed the new Directory, which will be out this fall.

For information regarding advertising, reservation of space, etc., phone or write

Wright Directory Company

CHARLES C. KONRAD, OSHKOSH REPRESENTATIVE.

Publishers of City Directories All Over Wisconsin.

Successors to Konrad Directory Co. and John Bunn.

Main Office: Milwaukee

Oshkosh Headquarters: Athearn Hotel

⁴ C.C.Konrad Obit - *Oshkosh Daily Northwestern*. January 4, 1960

⁵ Special Announcement of New Directories - *C. C. Konrad's Directory of Winnebago County, Wis 1910*

⁶ 1930 is the last year Charles and Sophia were listed at the 49 Linde Ave Address

The
**New German American
Bank**



OSHKOSH, WISCONSIN

OFFICERS:

C. W. RAUFORD, President
GEORGE HILTON, Vice-President
J. H. WALL, Vice-President
T. R. FRENTZ, Cashier
C. C. KONRAD, Asst. Cashier

DIRECTORS:

C. W. Radford
J. H. Wall
W. Konrad
R. A. Brauer
C. Look
C. W. Davis
George Hilton
T. R. Frentz
D. Witzel
W. P. Gruenewald
G. W. Neuman
E. Moerke

The Bank of the People--The People's Bank!

It is the boast of The New German American Bank that it is the Bank of the People and that every one of its 6500 customers is perfectly satisfied—that not one of them all has any complaints! There must be some reason for this! What is it? That is easy! At the New German American Bank everyone is always treated with uniform and unfailing courtesy. There are no favorites at the People's Bank. Young and old, rich and poor, black and white, large and small, all are equals! Do the people appreciate this? Look at the last statement of the New German American Bank and see:

RESOURCES:		LIABILITIES:	
Loans	\$ 964,815.04	Capital	\$ 100,000.00
Overdrafts	203.67	Surplus	25,000.00
Banking House	38,000.00	Undivided Profits	14,178.49
Real Estate, Furn. and Fix	7,280.65	Deposits	1,133,082.24
Cash	261,961.37		
	\$1,272,260.73		\$1,272,260.73

TODAY'S DEATHS

**C. C. Konrad,
Ex-Insurance
Broker, Dies**

Charles C. Konrad, 81, formerly of 427 Merritt Ave., died today at 12:30 a.m. at Alexian Brothers Home. In ill health for three months, he had been at the home three weeks.

Mr. Konrad had been an insurance broker for many years before his retirement.

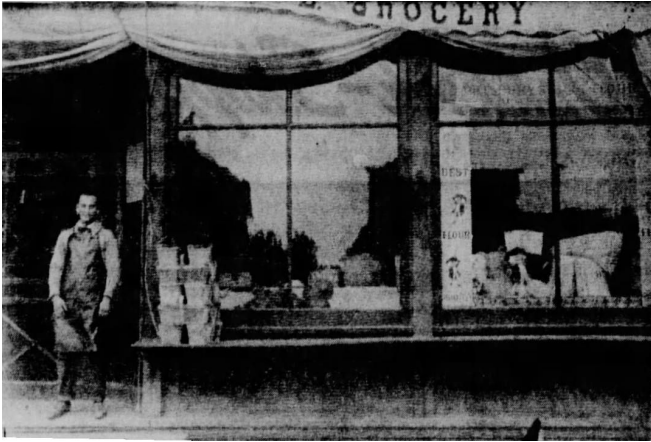
He was born in Oshkosh on July 18, 1878, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Konrad. He was married here on June 18, 1903, to Miss Sophia Senn, who preceded him in death in 1935.

Mr. Konrad was a life member of Muskegon Masonic Lodge.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Alex Redlin, Waukesha; three sons, Charles Konrad, Loveland, Colo.; Paul Konrad, Kansas City, Mo.; and Richard Konrad, Oshkosh; three sisters, Mrs. Minnie Schuelke, Oshkosh, Mrs. Tillie Sibberson, Topeka, Kan., and Mrs. Emma Elbert, in California; three brothers, Otto and George Konrad, Oshkosh, and Dr. Frank Konrad, Boston, Mass.; four grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Thursday at 1:30 p.m. at Konrad Funeral Home, with the Rev. Erling W. Rabe, pastor of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home from Wednesday evening until the hour of services.



The Konrad home was purchase by William N. and Ada Lennon in the early 1930s.⁷ Lennon owned and operated Lennon Bros Groceries on Main Street in Oshkosh. His career in the grocery business started in 1915 when he and a business partner started a grocery store on Wisconsin Avenue. William's brother Raymond bought out partner's share of the business and together they formed "Lennon Brothers." As the business flourished the brothers moved their store to expand their operation. They eventually ended up in a building on the 400 block of Main Street that once stood on the vacant lot south of present day Gardina's Wine Bar & Cafe.⁸ Lennon Bros Groceries was one of the biggest locally owned grocery stores in Oshkosh when it closed in 1959.⁹



The 415 Linde house was occupied by 3 generations of Lennons from about 1931 to 2014; William N. & Ada Lennon, William D. & Gloria Lennon, and Daniel and Jean Lennon.

⁷ Oshkosh City Directory 1932

⁸ *Oshkosh Daily Northwestern*. June 26, 1953

⁹ La Point, Ron. 2012. *Oshkosh: preserving the past*. Indianapolis, IN: Dog Ear Publishing. Pgs 71-75

Further Research-

- Check Winnebago County Register of Deeds for chain of title history
- Check *Oshkosh Daily Northwestern* articles for history of Linde Family
- Check C.R. Meyer Company for information on Jerome Miller & projects
- Check Oshkosh Public Museum for additional information on Charles Konrad, William Lennon, & Jerome Miller information.