

Henry Stoy House on River Road



Typed captions appearing above and to the side of the photograph:

Stoy House on River Road, where Henry & Elizabeth (Fullenlove) Stoy lived. Modernized by "Bud Earton". Mrs. Stoy was a Betterton, Adelia Woodruff's aunt, died of exposure in flood time.

Also house in which Will Vaughn Moody, who became poet of national fame, often visited, being cousin of Henry Stoy, wrote "The Great Divide", "The Fire-Bringer", Gloucester Moore" and many fine poem. His first "Clouds" appearing in Public Press, New Albany, during High School Yr.

[Source: Emma Carleton Scrapbook #4, p. 94]

Peter Stoy House on West Market Street



[Source: Preservation: Metropolitan Preservation Plan 977.219 F196, p. 27]



Birthplace of
George Raymond Walter
Born here June 17, 1897
New Albany, Indiana

Picture taken September 25, 1973

George Raymond Walter standing
near front door

This building is now known as
"The Stoy-Moody House"

Historic marker in front of
house states in part:

"The Stoy-Moody House
411 W. Market street
Built in 1847

Architecture: Greek Revival"

About the year 1890, they took up residence at 141 W. Market street, the house number later being changed to 411, about the year 1896. This house, at that time, was owned by Paul Reising, who purchased it from the Peter Stoy heirs. However, Mr. Reising disposed of the house in 1914. The building, which is said to be an example of Greek Revival influence on domestic architecture, was built, it is believed, for Peter Stoy, a New Albany pioneer, in the year 1847, and occupied by his wife, Mary E. (nee Wieks) Stoy, a native of Erie, Pa., and the Peter Stoy descendants until 1888. Mr. Stoy, a ship cabin builder, was born and reared in Philadelphia, Pa., coming to New Albany in 1818. Henrietta Emily Stoy, a granddaughter of Peter and Mary E. Stoy, married Francis (Frank) Burdette Moody. Mrs. Moody's father was Peter Raymond Stoy, who was born on February 25, 1825, and married Ellen Beeler, also of New Albany. Ellen died on Dec. 19, 1912.

In 1866 Peter R. Stoy, with several others, organized the Ohio Falls Iron Co. 1876 saw Peter's appointment to the position of Vice-president, Treasurer and General Manager of this 1000-employee Iron Works. It is said that few men in Indiana have attained more local prominence, both social and financial-wise prior to 1890, than Peter R. Stoy. He became known as one of Indiana's successful business men. It is believed the younger Stoy, Peter R., died in 1892, at 66 W. Market street where he lived while an executive of the Ohio Falls Iron Co. Peter, the elder Stoy, died December 17, 1846. Henrietta E., one of at least 3 children of the younger Peter R. Stoy, and her husband, Francis B. Moody, and their children moved into the Stoy home-stead at 141 W. Market street about 1871, with Henrietta's grandmother, Mary E. Stoy, widow of Peter, from Spencer, Indiana. Mary E. Stoy passed away about the year 1878. The sixth of seven children of Henrietta and Francis Moody, who was born in Spencer, Indiana, July 8, 1869, was named William Vaughn Moody. He was about two years old when he was brought by his parents to 141 W. Market St. William attended New Albany schools.

After the death of Francis Moody, William's father, the children were obliged to separate and the house was sold in 1888 to Paul Reising owner of the City Brewery which was located at Fourth and

Spring streets. Mr. Reising resided at 111 W. Fourth street.

About a year after graduating from New Albany high school in 1885, William Moody enrolled at Harvard University, and never returned to New Albany. Later, after graduating from Harvard Mr. Moody also obtained his M.A. degree in 1894, which is believed to have been in English, from this institution. Besides Harvard Mr. Moody also taught at Radcliff and the University of Chicago where he became assistant professor of English. In 1908 Yale University conferred a Doctorate of Literature on William V. Moody. He occupied a splendid position in American letters as a poet, playwright and literary critic.

On May 7, 1909, he married Mrs. Harriet C. (nee Tilden) Brainard, a teacher in the public school system for 9 years who it is believed was living in Chicago at the time of their marriage. Mrs. Brainard was born about 1862 in Parkman, Ohio, 15 miles northwest of Warren, Ohio, the daughter of W. M. Tilden a native of New York state and Harriet Converse who was born in Ohio. William Vaughn Moody died in Colorado Springs, Colorado, on October 17, 1910, from a tumor of the brain. Mr. Moody's remains were taken to Chicago, Illinois, where he was cremated at the Graceland Cemetery and Crematory on October 20, 1910, with the remains being delivered to his wife. On February 22, 1932, at the age of about 70 years, Harriet C. Moody died of acute myocarditis (inflammation of the muscular part of the heart wall), in Chicago, Illinois. Her remains were cremated on February 24, 1932, by the same establishment that cremated her late husband's remains, and her remains were delivered to Elizabeth O'Neill of 2970 Ellis Ave., Chicago, Illinois, also the residence and place of death of Harriet C. Moody.

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