



Ogden House

circa 1876

This building is located within the Sheffield Historic District which has been placed by the United States Department of Interior on the National Register of Historic Places. Surveyed and recorded in Joseph Sheffield's Addition to Chicago in 1853, the property was owned by the First Mayor of Chicago William B. Ogden from before 1876 through 1880, then by Edwin H. Sheldon and Jacob Weichbrodt who connected it to municipal services on September 12, 1881. The combined residential and commercial structure served the German-American community that surrounded the corner of Wisconsin (originally Clay) and Bissell Streets under several proprietors including Otto's Tavern and the Bissell Street Pump. The corbel brick & limestone fascia and solid oak infrastructure were rehabilitated by noted 20th Century Architect Harry P. Shaxted and The City Living Group as the first two-unit townhome condominium in Illinois in 1979-1980. Recipient of the Key Award for Excellence in Housing Design from the Home Builders Association.