



About 1840 Count Agostin Haraszthy discovered the Sauk Prairie area. A ten-acre burr oak grove, now known as Marion Park, was to serve as the backdrop for his Hungarian-type manor house. But in 1848 the Count, ever the adventuresome pioneer, after 9 years in Wisconsin, turned to new frontiers in California. Work on the first story cement walls of his home had already begun.

His unfinished house and 160 acre farm were sold to Dr. John and Elizabeth Wright. Dr. Wright, who was a chemist, felt the cement walls were not suitable for the rigors of Wisconsin winters – they were already cracked..



**139 Prairie Avenue:** The Wright House as it appears today. Walter Pashley, who designed railroad depots in Wisconsin, planned the new brick house for the Wrights. The red bricks were made in Madison, the lumber was floated down the Wisconsin River at a cost of \$169.50. The Wrights moved into their new home in August, 1851.