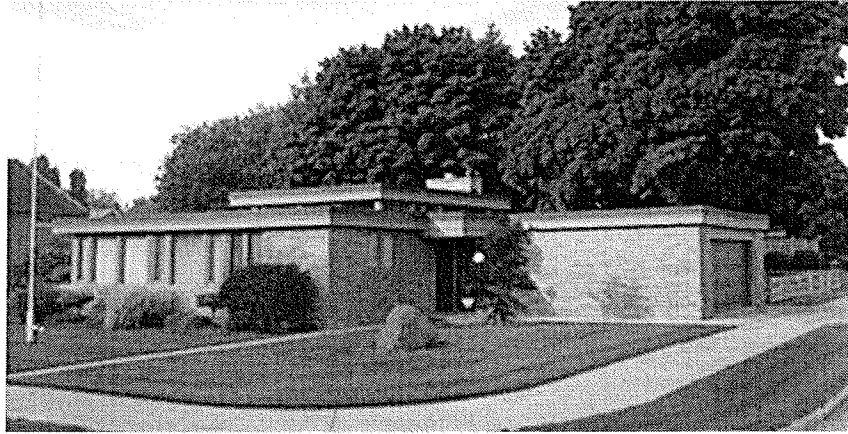


Manree Park Neighborhood
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Architectural and Historical
Intensive Survey Report



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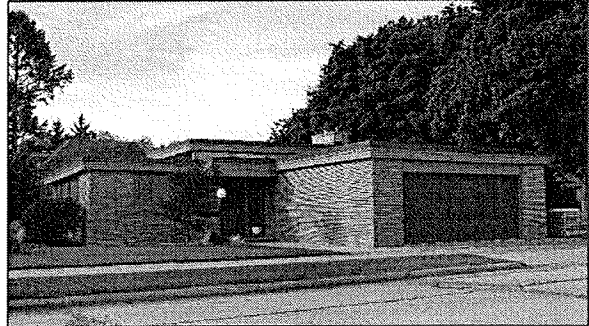
to Frank Lloyd Wright in its emphasis on organic modernism. John Randal McDonald died in 2003.⁸⁰

A building that is attributed to John Randal McDonald in the survey includes the following:⁸¹

<i>Address</i>	<i>Historic Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Class</i>
1001 Russet Street	John Randal & Josephine McDonald House	1952	Eligible

Edgar Tafel

Edgar Tafel was born in New York City in 1912. After attending New York University, he travelled to Spring Green, Wisconsin to work as an apprentice with the architect Frank Lloyd Wright and was one of the original members of the Taliesin Fellowship that convened in 1932. Tafel was married and divorced in the 1930s. Tafel worked extensively on a number of Wright's projects, notably managing the construction of the S.C. Johnson Building in Racine, Wisconsin from 1936 to 1939 along with Wingspread, the home of Herbert F. Johnson, outside Racine. Tafel left Taliesin abruptly in 1941 and remarried. His second wife died in 1951, and he had no children. He was frequently referred to as a post-modernist in the 1960s and 1970s, though he rejected the label. Later in life Tafel wrote the books *Apprentice to Genius: Years with Frank Lloyd Wright* in 1979 and *About Wright: An Album of Recollections by Those Who Knew Frank Lloyd Wright* in 1993. During his career, Edgar Tafel designed 80 houses, 35 religious buildings, and 3 college campus master plans. Edgar Tafel died in 2011 at the age of 98.⁸²



*Louis H. & Marie Hamilton House, 1949
4001 Haven Avenue*

A building that is attributed to Edgar Tafel in the survey includes the following:

<i>Address</i>	<i>Historic Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Class</i>
4001 Haven Avenue	Louis H. & Marie Hamilton House	1949	Eligible

Contractors and Masons

Racine had numerous carpenters, builders, contractors, and masons operating at any one time since its founding. Of the builders known to have constructed buildings within the neighborhood, none of them achieved national reputations, although many gained local and regional favor within southeastern Wisconsin.

Able Home Builders

Little is known at the present time about the Able Home Builders.