FARMING

Truck farms operated by German, Luxembourg and Swedish families made Lakeview the celery capital of the Midwest. Renowned throughout the Mississippi Valley, Lakeview farmers engaged in a celery trade that extended north to Fargo, west to Denver, south to New Orleans, and east to Pittsburgh.



Breweries, brickyards, and railroads were Lakeview's largest employers during the industrial age.

The Best Brewing Company purchased an existing brewery at 1317 Fletcher Avenue (near Belmont and Southport) in 1891. The Best Brewery expanded two years later to include machine, brew, mill, boiler, and engine houses. The brewery, which abutted a railroad spur line to the east, stood on a block which was otherwise residential. After the brewery shut down in 1961, the buildings were eventually renovated as housing units.



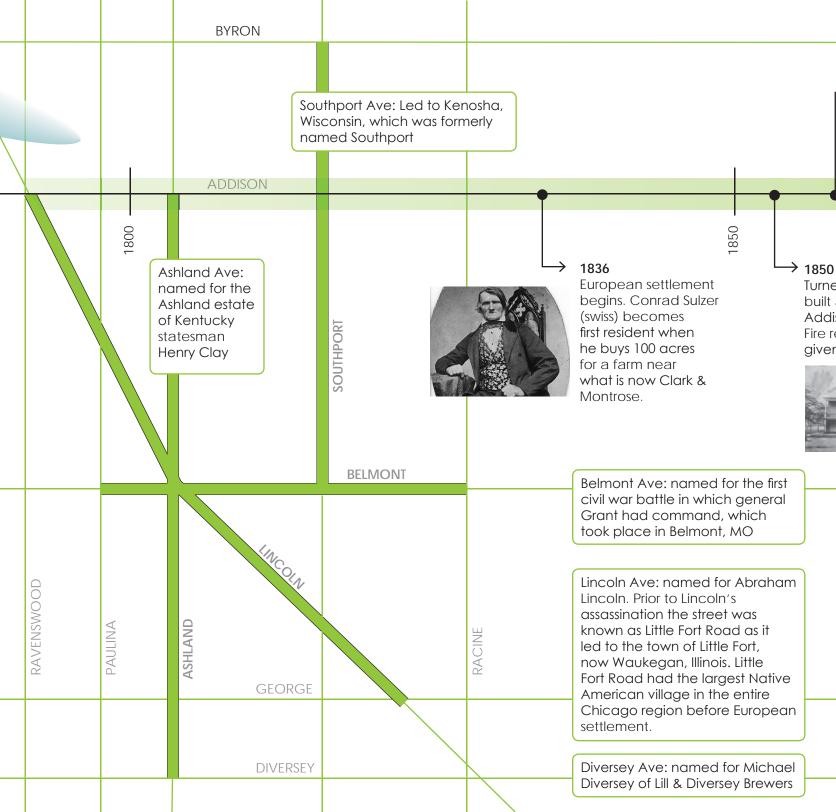
Before European settlement, the area of study (west Lakeview) was mostly woodlands. The glacial ridge where Clark Street exists today marked a change in the landscape from woodland to marsh that eventually met Lake Michiaan. Game huntina in the woodlands was a popular activity among city-dwellers. Rumor has it that the first promoters of Lakeview intended to make it "the Saratoga of the West."

TRANSPORTATION

By 1900, street car rails criss-crossed brick paved intersection at Lincoln/Belmont/ Ashland.



Horse drawn streetcars ran along Clark and Lincoln. At one time, pedestrians and vehicle drivers had to pay tolls at several locations, including a toll gate at the southeast corner of Lincoln/Belmont.





1871

Lakeview experiences a real estate boom after Chicago fire. Many north side residents chose to rebuild in Lakeview, where less expensive frame construction is still allowed.

Turner homestead built at 1854 W. Addison. Chicago Fire refugees were given refuge here.

→ 1864

Lakeview

as town.

incorporated



1869

Turner Festival in Wright's Grove, one of several "picnic aroves" where city people and German farmers from Lake View relaxed in the shade with their families on Sunday afternoons. The atmoshpere was more like an old-fashioned beer garden than park.



1889 ← Lakeview annexed into Chicago.

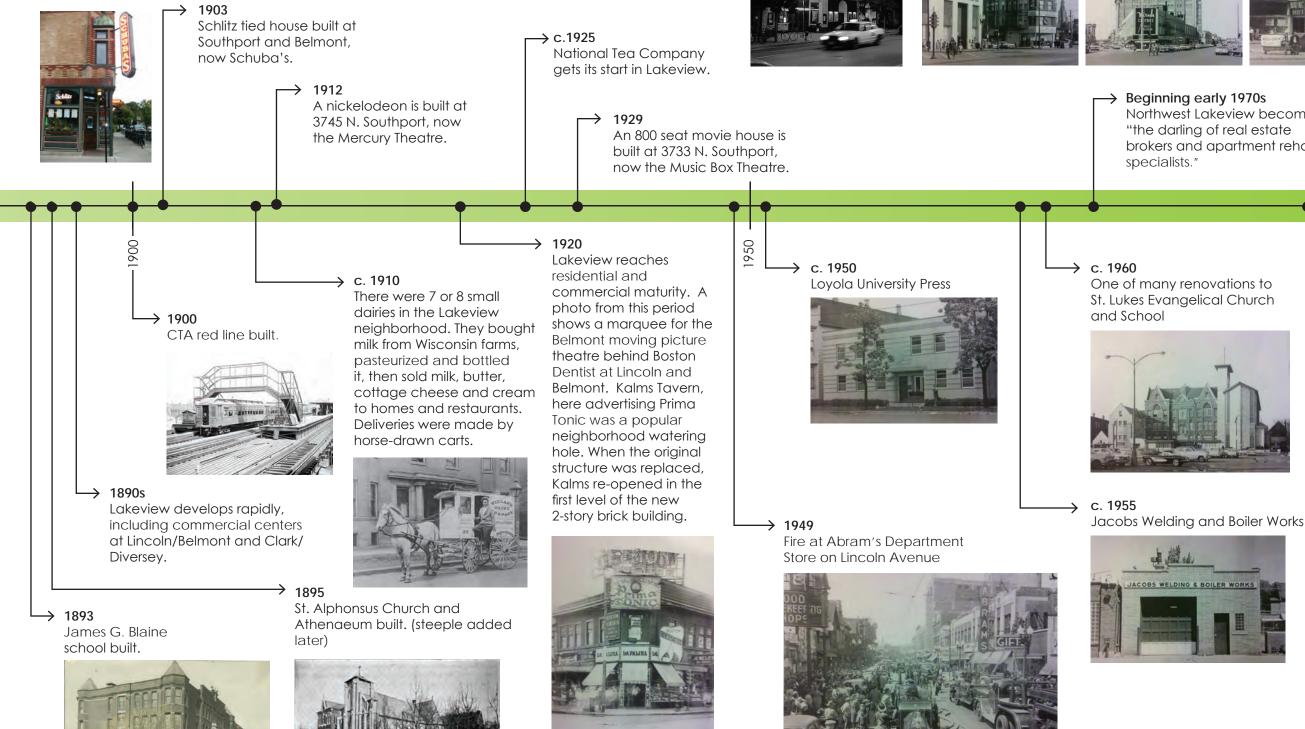
CULTURE

Shortly before prohibition, liquor license fees were steeply raised in an attempt to force lower-class dives out of business. However, many saloon owners who could not afford the fee turned to breweries for financial assistance. In exchange, the saloon keeper would sell the supporting brewery's beer exclusively and was thus "tied" to one brand. The Schlitz brewing company of Milwaukee was the most prolific builder of **tied houses** in Chicago around the turn of the century. Lakeview has two well-known Schlitz tied houses that now operate as Schuba's and Southport Lanes. The Schuba's site was one of eight Schlitz tied houses considered for landmark status by City Council in 2010.









COMMERCE

The intersection of Lincoln, Belmont, and

Ashland was once the largest shopping area outside of the Loop. Photos from the late 1950s through late 1960s show a bustling retail center





Northwest Lakeview becomes brokers and apartment rehab

2000

 \rightarrow 1990

Recession causes cancellation of 325,000 SF mixed-use development on the Wieboldt's site.

