



# Columbia House

*A historical snapshot of this old house*

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## Abstract

Previous to 1930, Columbia House was not considered within the city limits and was difficult to track down on census records. Title deeds listed it in 1924 for \$3000 (2024's equivalent to \$54000). It was not included in city fire maps, as it was just outside the lines drawn for fire codes. Supposedly the house has been standing since 1914, but this can not be verified through Title Deeds, City Directories, and blueprints could not be found. **The Tuckers** were the first owners of this address and had four children and raised their nephews before the house foreclosed in 1935. It remained vacant for a year before Stanley and Naomi **Roeder** lived there. Stanley served in the armed forces, they had now known children, but witnessed several late night weddings. In 1940 **the Rapers** resided at Columbia House, having met the previous decade boarding together. Unfortunately, Mr. Raper was caught committing adultery and Mrs. Raper won the house and all belongings as noted in the Title Deed. In 1946, **The Headlees** bought Columbia house and Walter moved in with his wife, children, and mother-in-law. From this point on until 2001, Columbia House passed on through four generations. Walter's son lived there for two years and then his daughter Dorothy and her husband Raymond **Dewitt** took over in 1975 and their children took it over after them through the 2000s.

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### 4. **Tucker Family** (1926-1935)

In 1913 Maude Buzzard almost drowned with a friend in a lake. In 1920 she did an advertisement for a “Dr. Pierce Favourite Prescription”. Ezra Tucker was from Kentucky and Maude came from Fayette Co. IL. They moved to Champaign in 1924 with their children Helen, Jessie, Claude, and Paul. By 1935 they had fallen into foreclosure on the house.

### 5. **Roeder Family** (1938)

Mr. Stanley Roeder was born in Brooklyn, NY and served in the military around the country. Naomi lived and worked in Champaign, often with her mother, Eleanore. He married Naomi in 1931 and they resided in Champaign until 1947 when they moved to Louisiana. They had no children together. Stanley Roeder, Naomi, and her sister Viola Reynolds actually served as witnesses in a few courthouse weddings.

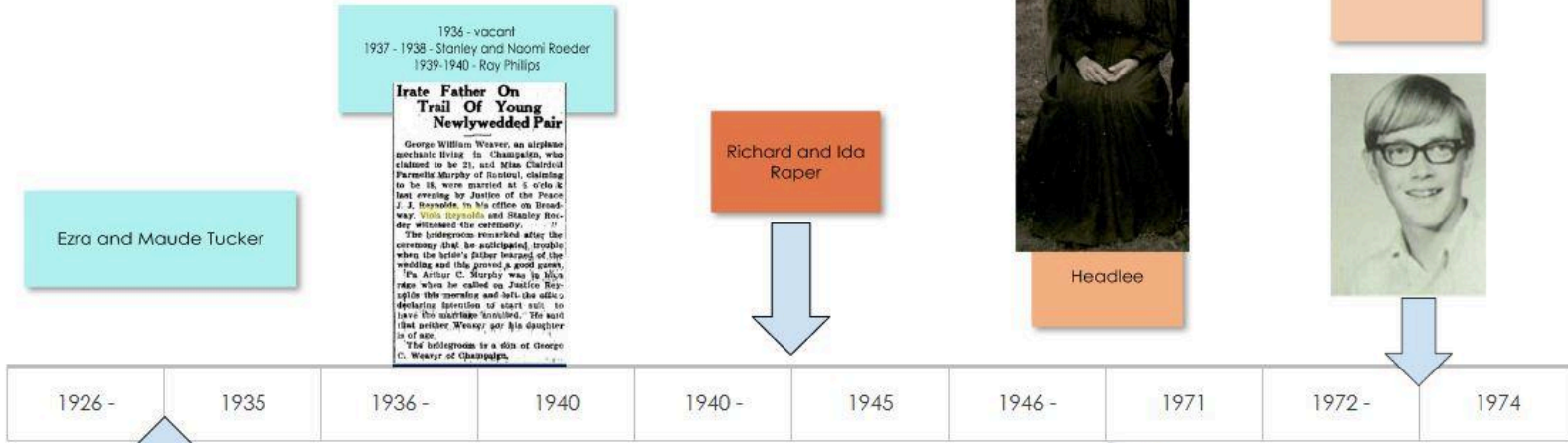
### 6. **Raper Family** (1940-1945)

Richard Raper was born in 1893 in Indiana to Ransom Wallace and Lena Raper. In his 1919 Draft Card he is listed as residing in Urbana, IL. He married Ida Guthrie in 1930. Ida Guthrie was a cook for various industries around town. In 1940 they're recorded as living in this house with their son, Donald. Richard was a laborer for the university. In 1945, according to the house deeds, it appears that Mr. Raper committed adultery and Ida filed for divorce, becoming the sole owner of 1310 W. Columbia.

### 7. **Headlee Family** (1946-1971)


In 1946, the Champaign City Directory has Walter S Headlee residing here. He was married to Ruby I. and her mother, Martha (Belle) McNeeley lived here as well. They lived here from 1946 until 1971 according to Census records and City Directories. Walter worked as a painter and upholsterer. In the basement, over 30 glass bottles for tablets, capsules, and tonics to a Mrs. W. P. McNeely, prescribed by Dr. Christie - of Christie Clinic. In 1920 they lived with their daughter in Willow Branch Twsp IL. Their daughter, Dorothy married Raymond in 1930 and they had a son and daughter named Thomas and Peggy Dewitt.

# HISTORICAL TIMELINE TEMPLATE



**THE TUCKERS**  
1926-1935

Quite the socialites, all members of the Tucker family made headlines in local newspapers. Ezra Tucker was a carpenter, while his wife was musically inclined. Like many, they lost the house in 1928.



**RICHARD AND IDA RAPER**  
1940-1945

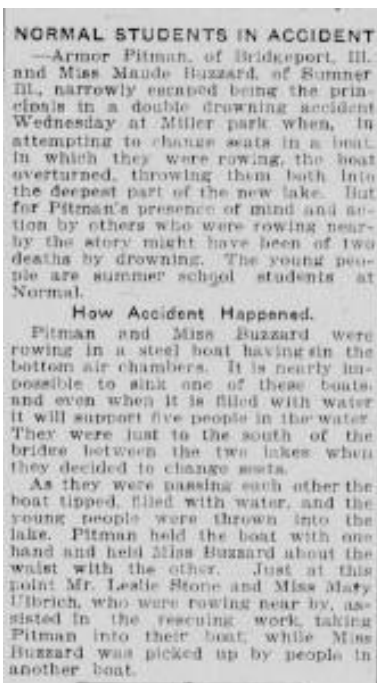
Richard and Ida met when he was Ida's boarder in the 1930 census. 9 years later they moved with their son into this house and 5 years after that Ida won the house in a divorce after the court found Richard guilty of adultery.

**The HEADLEES**  
1946-1971

Walter Headlee lived with his wife, Ruby, her mother (above) Belle, and their children. Walter was a handyman and his handiwork still covers the walls of this house.

## 1926 - 1935

### Tucker Family



07.11.1913 Weekly Pantagraph

#### Troop 9.


Final scores of the Turkey Run contest in Troop 9 were announced at the regular meeting. Bob Chester was high point man with a total of 175 points. Bob received every possible point he could in the contest. Chick Hall was second with 163 points. The other winners were: Fenner Bridgham, 155; Morris Malory, 153; Bill McGraw, 153; Charles Johnson, 144; Jack Carlson, 135; Bill Hagerman, 130; Hay Hagerman, 134; Alfred Reichman, 134; Claude Tucker, 134.

These scouts will enjoy the trip to Turkey Run, held on June 7th.

05.16.1924 Urbana Daily Courier

Monday, June 7, 1920

*50 Years Ago*



A young man who practiced medicine in a rural district became famous and was called in consultation in many towns and cities because of his success in the treatment of disease. This was Dr. Pierce who afterward moved to Buffalo, N. Y. He made up his mind to place some of his medicines before the public, and he put up what he called his "Favorite Prescription," and placed it with the druggists in every state in the Union.

For fifty years Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription has sold more largely throughout the United States than any other medicine of like character. It's the testimony of thousands of women that it has benefited or entirely eradicated such distressing ailments as women are prone to. It is now sold by druggists in tablet form as well as liquid.

WEST UNION, ILL.—"Dr. Pierce has my heart's best thanks for what his 'Favorite Prescription' has done for me. I shall always recommend this medicine. Since using it I am much improved in health. I do not have that 'dragg' feeling I had before."

MISS MAUDE BLIZZARD, Route 3.

06.07.1920 DeKalb Daily

1938

Roeder

J. Reynolds, justice of the peace, was called out at 11:30 o'clock Saturday evening to officiate at the marriage of Mrs. Naomi May Hinkle to Mr. Stanley Roeder.

Mr. Roeder is stationed at Chanutte Field, Rantoul, and Mrs. Hinkle lives in Champaign.

Betty Murphy, Tim Dillon and Viola Reynolds witnessed the ceremony.

"Jay" also performed another ceremony in the evening about 7 o'clock, when Miss Rhoda Florence Lowe, became the bride of Stanley Leon Fleming, both of Allenville. Mr. Fleming is employed in the Brown shoe factory there.

Bernice Reynolds and William Clark witnessed this ceremony.

#### Marriage Licenses

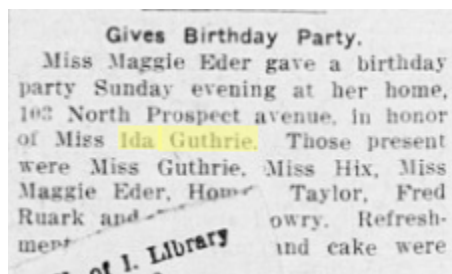
Leo S. Althaus, Urbana, 27; Anna L. Barnes, Champaign, 28.  
 Glen L. Birch, Waukegan Heights, Mich., 32; Hazel L. Keim, Eaton, Ill., 20.  
 Stanley Roeder, Rantoul, 26; Naomi Hinkle, Champaign, 27.  
 Oscar Remke, Rantoul, 22; Sadie Taylor, Urbana, 22.  
 Stanley L. Fleming, Allenville, 21; Rhoda F. Lowe, Allenville, 19.

Nov 2 1931-Daily Illini

Urbana Daily Courier, 2 November 1931

## 1940 - 1945

### Raper



10.21.1912 Champaign News

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### Richard Raper

in the Illinois, County Marriage Records, 1800-1940

	Name: Richard Raper
	Gender: Male
	Marriage Date: 1930
	Marriage Place: Champaign, Illinois, USA
	Spouse: Ida Guthrie Owens
	Film Number: 000338047

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# 1946 - 1971

## Headlee

### Twin City Social Notes

Virginia Ruth Elder entertained 20 of her friends in honor of her eleventh birthday Thursday afternoon in the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fremont McMillen, 711 South Prospect avenue.

The guests were, Deborah Newcomb, Frances Grant, Helen Rice, Emily Foote, Winifred June Ehler, Dorothy Headlee, Cleo Sigmund, Helen Jane Gates, Florence Helen Faullin, Margaret Woolery, Joyce Swanson, Le Beta Haney, June McManaway, Dorcella Boas, Florence Stocker, Janette Martin, Pauline Bateman, and Mary Elizabeth White.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Webber en-

there will be 500 with prizes for high, second high and low scores.

Mrs. John Key will entertain the Chat and Chatter club at 2 o'clock this afternoon in her home, 1311 West Church street, Champaign. After a regular business meeting, two tables of bunco will be in play. Prizes will be awarded to the high scorer.

Members of the Pi Beta Phi alumnae association were entertained at a 6 o'clock dinner last night in the home of Miss Ruth Wardell, 1203 West Illinois street, Urbana. Following the dinner the usual business

### Daily Illini - Jan 31 1928

#### Jurymen Are Selected

Jurymen for two weeks service in the circuit court beginning next Monday were selected yesterday and as follows:

Walter Headlee, Harry Elkins, R. L. Conoyer, William Bland, Wilbur Wascher and J. T. Cassidy, Champaign; G. F. Hurd, T. L. Covery, J. S. Blacker, and F. B. Blue, city of Urbana; Francis Graham, Ludlow; Lem Smedley, Rantoul; Charles Varvel and Samuel Aden, Ogden; Joseph Parry and John Lavanhagen, Philo.

August Consoer, Raymond township; George Adkins, Rantoul; Irvan Harshbarger, Sadorus; R. O. Strong, Ross Hissong, and Edward Dunkman, St. Joseph; Elmer Hutson and George McElroy, Sidney; Jacob Buss, Somer.

Charles Fisher, Tolono; Harold Taylor, John Krumm and Patrick Henneery, Urbana.

#### Y.W. Religion Group Will Meet; Freshmen To Present Program

The religious pilgrimage committee of the Y. W. C. A. will meet at 5 p. m. this afternoon in the Y. Ruth Ann Lydton '35, chairman, announced yesterday.

Trips to local churches on Sunday are being planned, after which members of the committee will have an opportunity to question the ministers and thus acquire information concerning the Jewish, Catholic, and Protestant religions.

"Moods" will be the theme carried out in the Freshman talent program to be presented at the Thursday meeting of the Y. W. C. A. at 4 p. m. today in the Y.

Charlotte Rudolphson and Anne Jeanette Swanson will give dramatic readings. Lois Boot will entertain with an interpretive dance, and Dorothy Denton will sing.

Piano solos by Jean Leslie and Dorothy Dunn, and a violin solo by Dorothy Headlee will close the entertainment program, which will be followed by a tea.