



132 Edgington Lane

Deed records suggest that this house was probably built around 1905-1907 by H(ans) Peter Bruhn, who apparently purchased just the lot in January 1905 for \$1000. Danish immigrant Bruhn (1857-1910) worked as an assistant manager of H. F. Behrens Company, grocers¹. He and his wife Cecelia (1859-1949, nee Duer), also an immigrant from Denmark, raised seven children, three of whom – Anna, Dagmar, and Charles – were listed as living with their parents on Edgington Lane at the time of the 1907-1909 city directory.

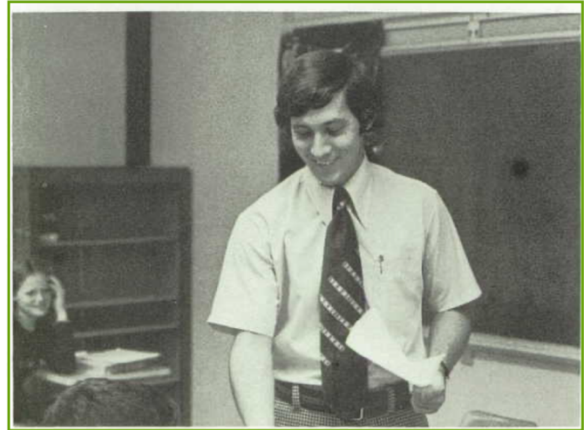
An undated family portrait shows Cecelia, surrounded by seven adults – undoubtedly her children. Anna (1884-1971), who later inherited the house, is identified as standing fourth from the left. In that early directory, she is listed as working as a dressmaker, while Dagmar (1886-1940, later married name Shorts) was a stenographer, and Charles (1887-1940) was a salesman for H.F. Behrens Company. The other children were George (1880-1956), Mary Catherine “Mamie” (1891-1983, married name Buzzard), (Benjamin) Harrison (1889-1939), and Mabel (born c. 1896, married name Stephens).



¹ The 1907-09 Wheeling City Directory states that the H.F. Behrens Company was located at 2217-19 Market Street and were grocers and European steamship agents. An online search shows several pieces of crockery bearing the company's name.

At the time of the death of H. Peter Bruhn in 1910, at the age of 52, Anna, Dagmar, and Mabel – a teacher at nearby Edgington Lane School, lived at 132 Edgington Lane along with their widowed mother, who lived until 1949.

Anna Bruhn died in late 1971, and the property was sold in the spring of 1972 to Daniel and Darlene Mozena Petri. Daniel Petri was a teacher and basketball coach in Ohio County Schools and later in Brooke County Schools during the time they owned the property. The 1975 Brooke High School yearbook included his picture in the faculty section.



DANIEL PETRI
A. B. West Liberty
English I
Fellowship of Christian Athletes
Varsity Assistant Basketball Coach
Golf

In the fall of 1979, Robert F. and Rebecca Och purchased the property. Och was employed at the family-owned Wheeling Typewriter Company that – despite its name – also sold new and pre-owned office furniture for many years.

Eric Heinowitz and Hilary Kinney purchased the property in the summer of 2024.

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Sources:

- Ancestry.com
- Brooke High School Yearbook, 1975
- FindaGrave.com
- Ohio County Deed Records
- Wheeling City Directories
- WV Vital Records