

ACTIVITIES OF ABDU'L-BAHA IN ILLINOIS, 1912

Visit #1

- April 29--Arrived at night from Washington, D.C.⁵
Plaza Hotel, southeast corner of North Ave. and Clark St.^{5, 64}
stayed at this Hotel during first and fourth visits.
- April 30--Plaza Hotel--morning--met with friends, inquirers, and press reporters.
Home of True Family, 5338 N. Kenmore Ave.--morning--visited Corinne and Davis True.⁵⁶
Bowen Hall, Hull House, south side of Polk St., west of Halstead St.--addressed annual convention of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.^{7, 26, 27}
Handel Hall, LeMoyné Block Building, 29 E. Randolph St.--addressed annual convention of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.^{7, 28, 29}
Drill Hall, Masonic Temple, northeast corner of State and Randolph Streets--addressed Baha'i Temple Unity Convention.^{7, 30}
- May 1- Plaza Hotel--morning--met with friends.³²
*Site of future Baha'i House of Worship, northwest corner of Sheridan Rd. and Linden Ave., Wilmette--1 PM--laid cornerstone.^{8, 9, 32, 34, 35, 36}
Plaza Hotel--afternoon--met with friends.³²
- May 2- Plaza Hotel--morning--met with friends and gave public talk.^{37, 38}
*Hotel LaSalle, 10 N. LaSalle St., Grand Ballroom--afternoon--addressed Federation of Women's Clubs.^{37, 39, 78}
*Hotel LaSalle, Red Room (now known as the Century Room)--afternoon--addressed Baha'i Women's Reception.^{10, 33, 37, 40}
Plaza Hotel--evening--met with friends and inquirers, and gave two public talks.^{37, 41, 42}
- May 3- Plaza Hotel--met with friends and inquirers, and gave two public talks.^{43, 44, 45}
- May 4- *Lincoln Park--Abdu'l-Baha photographed holding flower and standing with Persian friends.^{46, 47, 48}
*Northwestern University Hall, northeast corner of Sheridan Rd. and Chicago Ave., Evanston--evening--addressed Theosophical Society.^{46, 49}
- May 5- Plaza Hotel--morning--addressed Children's Meeting and was photographed afterwards with children in Lincoln Park.^{50, 51, 52}
*Plymouth Congregational Church, 935 E. 50th St.--morning--addressed congregation.^{11, 53}
Home of Dr. Smith T. Forde, 432 W. 61st Place, ^{street view} visited Dr. Forde.^{11, 54}
Plaza Hotel--met with friends and inquirers.
*Cemetery Plot of True Family, Oak Woods Cemetery, 1035 E. 67th St., plot number J-1-147--afternoon--visited grave site of Davis True.^{11, 56}
*All Soul's Church, Lincoln Center, 700 E. Oakwood Blvd.--evening--addressed congregation.^{11, 13, 55}
*Home of Rev. Joseph Melbourne, 4336 S. Michigan Ave.--evening--visited Rev. Melbourne.^{11, 80}
empty lot

* indicates buildings which are still in existence in 1976.

May 6- *LaSalle Street Station--New York Central train #4, scheduled departure time 8:25 AM--left for Cleveland. 57, 79, 82

Visit #2

Sept. 12*La Salle Street Station--New York Central train #21, reported arrival time 5:00 PM--arrived from Buffalo, N.Y. 14, 79, 82
Home of True Family--evening--visited with Baha'is. 14

Sept. 13-Home of True Family--visited with friends, inquirers, and press reporters, and gave public talk that evening. 58

Sept. 14-Home of True Family--morning--visited with Baha'is. 59
Beach east of True home--took walk. 59
Home of True Family--visited with Baha'is. 59
*Northwestern University Hall--afternoon--addressed Theosophical Society. 59
Home of True Family--evening--gave talk to over 100 Baha'is. 60
Home of True Family--spent the night. 56

Sept. 15-Departed for Kenosha, Wisconsin. 15

Visit #3

Sept. 16-Arrived in the afternoon from Kenosha. 16
Home of True Family--visited with Baha'is. 16, 61
*Astor Hotel, 172-176 N. Clark St.--spent the night. 62, 63

Sept. 17*Chicago and Northwestern Station--C&NW train #501, reported departure time 10 AM--left for Minneapolis. 7, 83

Visit #4

Oct. 31-*LaSalle Street Station--Chicago, Rock Island, and Pacific train--arrived from Denver at ~~the break of day~~ 7:45 AM. 64, 81, 85
Plaza Hotel--addressed Bahalis and seekers. 64, 65

Nov. 1- Plaza Hotel--morning--addressed Baha'is and seekers. 12
*Lincoln Park--visited Lincoln Park Zoo, High Bridge, and surrounding areas. 17, 19, 21, 22, 66, 69
*Chicago Athletic Association, 12 S. Michigan Ave.--afternoon--gave public address. 68
Home of True Family--evening--consulted with Baha'is. 12, 69

Nov. 2- Plaza Hotel--morning--addressed Baha'is and seekers. 71
*Home of Eva Russell and Dr. Susan Moody, 329 S. Hoyne Ave.--dined with Baha'is and seekers. 71, 72
Frederick Douglas Center, 3032 S. Wabash Ave.--evening--addressed Baha'is and seekers. 68, 71, 73
Home of True Family--evening--consulted with Baha'is. 71

Nov. 3- Englewood Pilgrim Congregational Church, southeast corner of 64th St. and Harvard Ave.--morning--addressed congregation. 68, 74, 75
*Plymouth Congregational Church--afternoon--addressed congregation. 68, 74
*Home of Rev. Joseph Melbourne--met with Baha'is and seekers. 74
Home of Mrs. Ellen Davies, 5847 S. LaSalle St.--evening--celebrated Nineteen Day Feast. 74, 76

Nov. 4- *Illinois Central Station--Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago, & St. Louis train #16, scheduled departure time 9:25 AM--left for Cincinnati. 24, 81, 84