

## **West Side Spiritualist Church History**

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The existing structure is an approx. 9,000 square foot, two-story building at 79 McDowell Street that was constructed in 1912. The adjacent brick residence was constructed before 1887. The property was donated to the church and may have been connected. The 1891 Sanborn Map indicates the YMCA Chapel on this site. The church has two asymmetrical westwork towers between a gable-front with an arched window opening that contains a rose window and stone tracery. An entrance is located at each tower. The exterior walls consist of 8" load bearing concrete masonry units with a 4" masonry veneer. A 1974 cornerstone reads "Greater Christ Temple Apostolic Church."

*April 9, 1911 Columbus Dispatch*

Valuable Piece of Property Presented to West Side Spiritualist Church.

"... deeded by Miss Katy Yeiser to the West Side Spiritualist Church on condition that a memorial window be dedicated to her in the new temple, that the congregation pay the expenses of her funeral and she be given \$2,000 in cash for present needs. Miss Yeiser is without near heirs. The property value is \$17,000."

*September 8, 1911 Columbus Dispatch*

"The Cornerstone of West Side Spiritualist Church will be laid Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, corner of State and McDowell streets, with addresses by Mayor George S. Marshall, Judge Samuel L. Black and others."

*March 4, 1912 Columbus Dispatch*

Spiritualists Meet to Dedicate a Church

" 'A religion that will help us to live, that will teach us concerning our relations with our fellow man,' is the greatest need of church people today, said George B. Warne of Chicago, president of the Spiritualist Association of America, who addressed the West Side Spiritualist Church Sunday. ... His sermon was a part of the dedication of the new church."

**\*\*The Great Flood Occurs March 23-26, 1913 >>**

<http://www.thisweeknews.com/content/stories/2013/03/26/as-it-were.html>

*May 17, 1913 Columbus Dispatch*

"For the first time since the West Side Flood, services will be held in the West Side Spiritualist Church, State and McDowell. The church, which was practically a new building, was damaged to the extent of about \$1,000. More than 400 people were rescued from the church at the time of the recent flood."