

Margaret Anderson

Publisher, Editor, Author

Founded *The Little Review* literary magazine

Personal Background

- Born in Indianapolis, Indiana, on Nov. 24, 1886
- Attended Western College for Women in Oxford, Ohio, before moving to Chicago in 1908
- Lived at 837 W. Ansley Ave., Chicago; worked in the Chicago Fine Arts Building
- Lived in New York and France
- Died in Le Cannet, France, on Oct. 19, 1973

Professional Background

- First professional employment was as a book reviewer for *The Continent*, a religious weekly, and then for *The Dial* magazine. By 1913 she was a book critic for the *Chicago Evening Post*
- In March 1914, founded *The Little Review*, a "...magazine of the Arts making no compromise with the public taste." Its offices were in the Fine Arts Building. The magazine became a centerpiece of the Chicago Literary Renaissance of the 1910s, featuring work by avant-garde writers, poets, feminists, philosophers and anarchists
- Published early works of some of the most influential new writers in the English language, including George Eliot, Ernest Hemingway, James Joyce, Ezra Pound, W.B. Yeats and Stephen Crane. A few chapters of Joyce's *Ulysses* were printed in early 1918 before being stopped by censors.
- The *Little Review* moved with Anderson to France and published its last edition in 1929
- Anderson published a three-volume biography and three other books

Lake Bluff Connection

- In December 1914, Anderson "...wanted to find something modest in the country. And found it – going out at random on the Chicago and Northwestern and getting off at a station whose name promised much: Lake Bluff," according to her autobiography. She and her entourage moved into the Parkhurst Cottage on Ravine and Sunrise, but she was only there for a few weeks because, as noted in the *Lake Bluff Chat*, "Miss Margaret Anderson, after taking the Parkhurst house on the lakefront for the year, was frozen out and is now in the Butman Cottage." (Dec. 24, 1914.) The Butman Cottage was probably 724 Prospect Ave.
- As noted in the Jan. 21, 1915, issue of the *Chat*, Anderson, the "head of a colony leasing the Butman Cottage, was fined \$10 for trespass. She cut down two trees at Mr. Buntings place for use at Christmas." (The Bunting home was at Center and Maple.) The inhabitants of the "Editors Row" on Park Place, including Alice Corbin, William Henderson, Lucian Cary and Augusta Cary, raised the money to pay her fine. Anderson and Cary were once colleagues at *The Dial* magazine. (*Waukegan Daily Sun*, Jan. 21, 1915.)
- In the March 11, 1915, *Chat*, Anderson was described "as a resident commuter and the latest addition to our somewhat noted Editors Row made up of literary and artistic people individually and mutually attractive to each other."
- In August 1915, Anderson was unable to pay the rent on the Butman Cottage. She and the three adults and two children who lived with her built a colony on the beach between Braeside and Ravina in Highland Park

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