

Old Crowe Residence Is Moved From Walnut Avenue To Bethany Circle

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The big, ornate, five-room Crowe residence at 139 Walnut avenue has been moved to 545 Bethany Circle where John Landino, the house mover who purchased the dwelling, will remodel it and rent it.

The area which it occupied will be used as a parking lot for White's mortuary.

Landino, who purchased the residence from Emmet L. Rittenhouse, moved the house about two miles, to its new location.

The residence is one of the landmarks of the city, dating back to the early '80s when it was erected by P. H. Devoll, the first Domestic sewing machine agent, and his wife, Betsy. Devoll was crippled and made his way about the city in a wheel chair. Braden and Andrews followed Devoll in conducting the agency here.

The house has been known as the old Crowe residence for years, however. Harvey and John Crowe lived there for many years. Theirs were the last families to occupy the residence.

It became a meeting place for a Pentecostal church.

Before the house was built, the property was part of an apple orchard extending from what is now the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company building to the H. C. Chase residence, the lot which now is occupied by the First Baptist church annex.

Two other residences were built on this section with the Devoll place. They were moved at the time the business area expanded to include their lots.

The house which stood to the west of the Devoll residence, now is on Taylor street. It was owned by T. E. Martin. It was a metaphysic-

al library and place for Sunday and midweek services.

The other of the three homes became one of the first tea rooms of the city.

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