

Building History

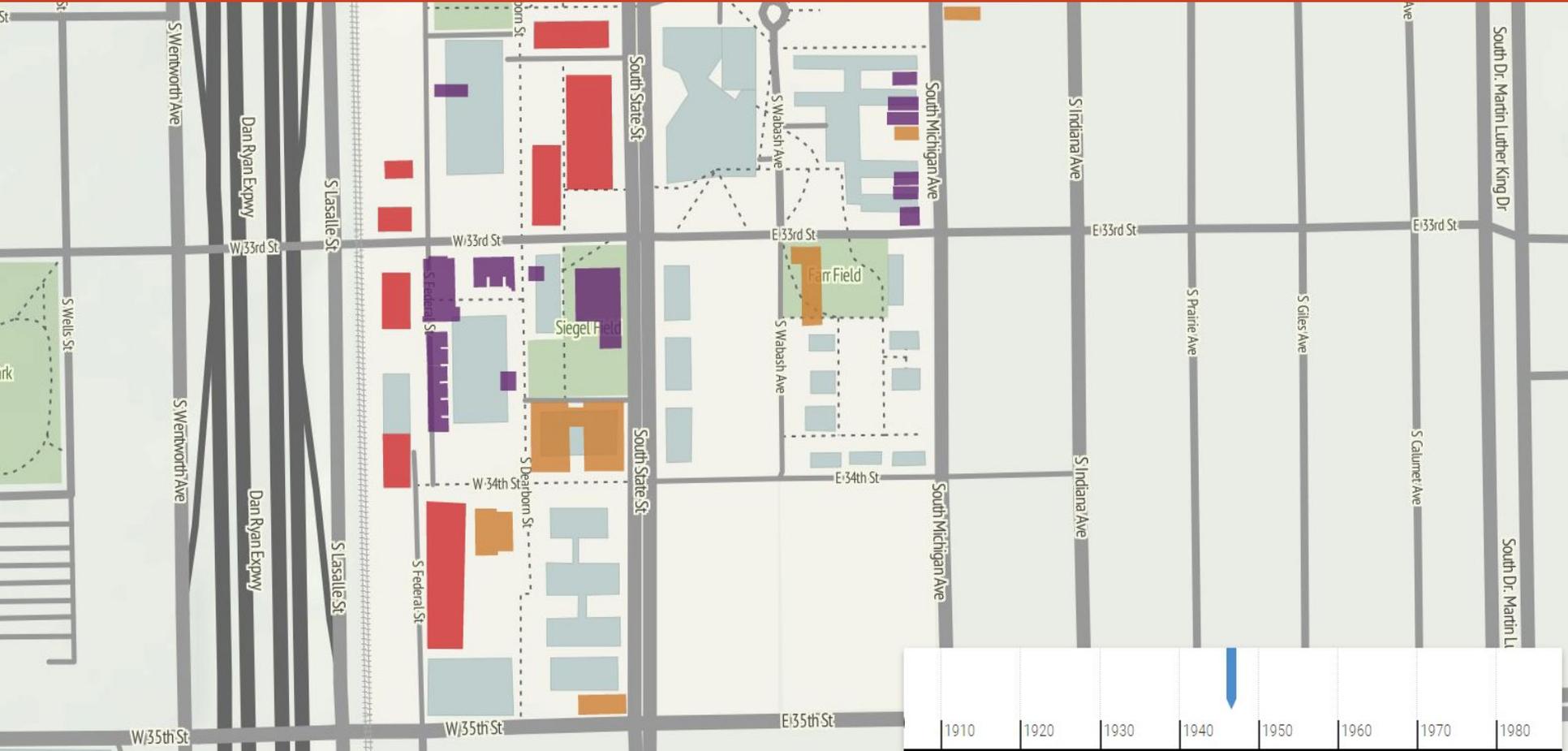
Using Open Source Tools to Build an Interactive Campus
History Resource

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How It Works

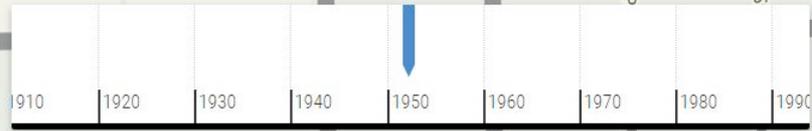


Chapin Hall

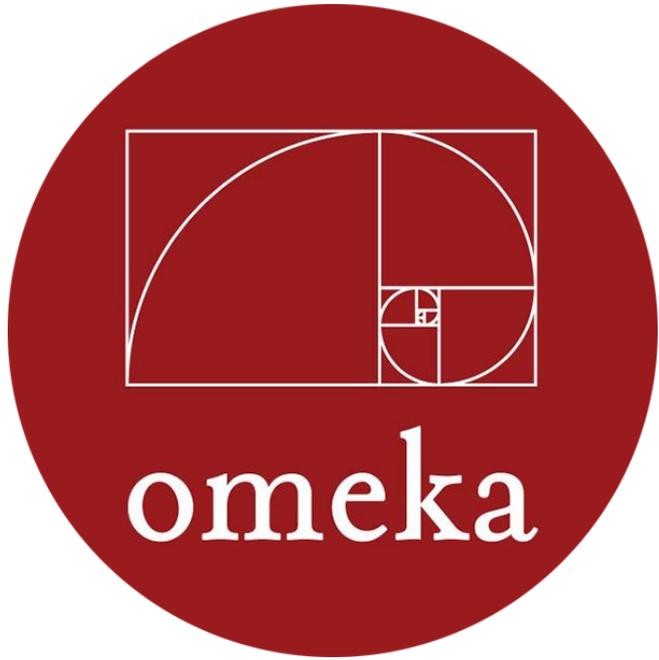


Patton & Fisher
1888 (renovated 1937, demolished 1968)
3333 South Federal Street

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Free & Open Source

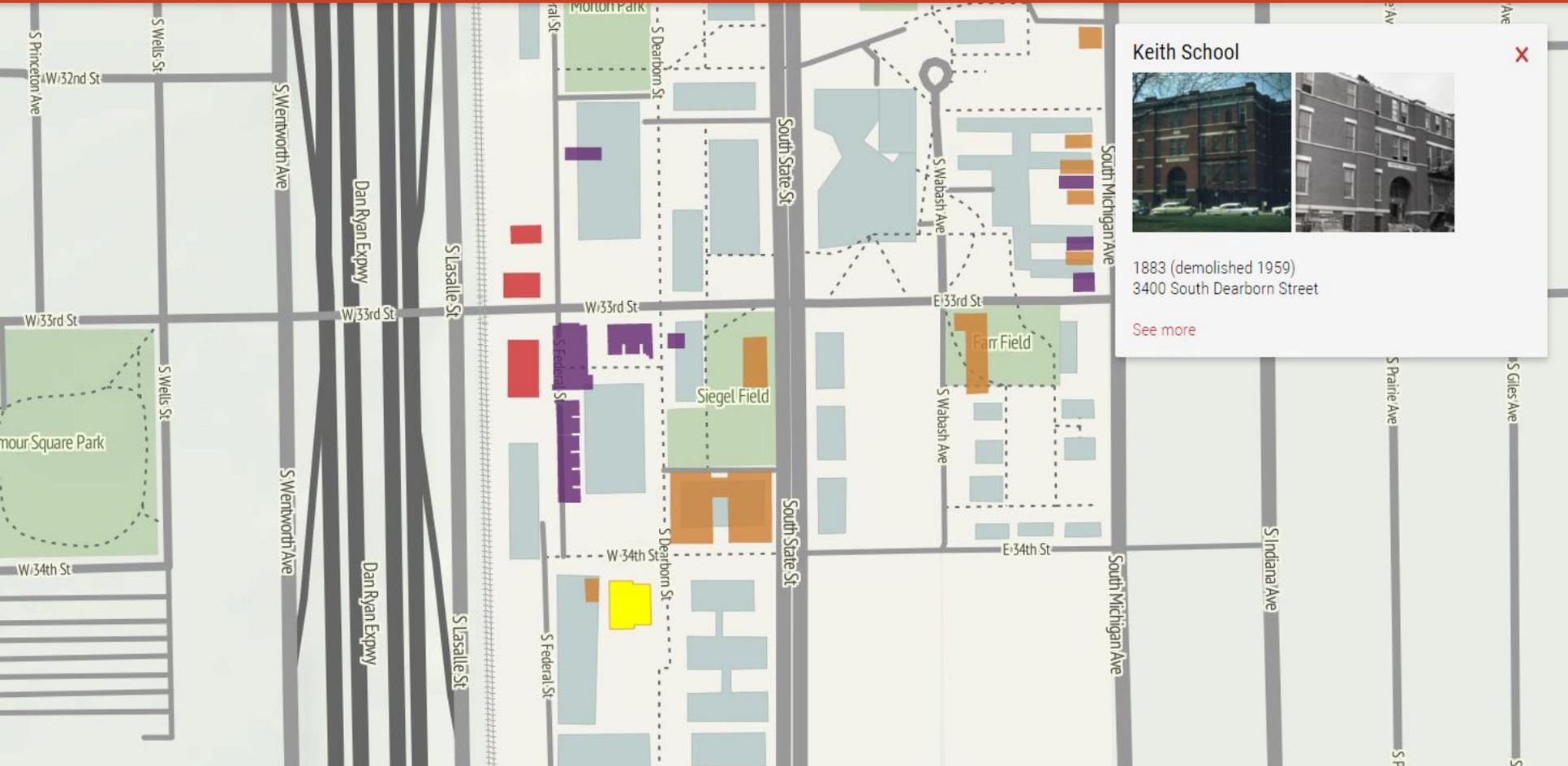


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Tweaking the Code

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51         
52     <?php endif; ?>
53 </div>
54
55     <div id="metadata">
56 <!-- display of specific fields, no labels, with checks for existence of values to avoid extra line breaks if element doesn't exist -->
57     <p>
58 <?php if (metadata('item', array('Dublin Core', 'Creator')) !=NULL): ?>
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60         <div id="creator"><?php echo metadata('item', array('Dublin Core', 'Creator')); ?></div>
61 <?php endif; ?>
62
63 <?php if (metadata('item', array('Dublin Core', 'Contributor')) !=NULL): ?>
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65     <?php echo metadata('item', array('Dublin Core', 'Contributor')); ?>
66     <br>
67 <?php endif; ?>
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69 <?php if (metadata('item', array('Dublin Core', 'Date')) !=NULL): ?>
70     <?php echo metadata('item', array('Dublin Core', 'Date')); ?>
71     <br>
72 <?php endif; ?>
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74 <?php if (metadata('item', array('Dublin Core', 'Coverage')) !=NULL): ?>
75     <?php echo metadata('item', array('Dublin Core', 'Coverage')); ?>
76     <br>
77 <?php endif; ?>
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79 <?php if (metadata('item', array('Dublin Core', 'Description')) !=NULL): ?>
80     <br>
81     <?php echo metadata('item', array('Dublin Core', 'Description')); ?>
82     <br>
83     <?php endif; ?>
84 <?php if (metadata('item', array('Dublin Core', 'Alternative Title')) !=NULL): ?>
85     <br>
86     <?php echo "Formerly/Also Known As:" ; ?>
87     <?php echo metadata('item', array('Dublin Core', 'Alternative Title')); ?>
88     <br>
89 <?php endif; ?>
90 <br>
91 <?php if (metadata('item', array('Item Type Metadata', 'Local URL')) !=NULL): ?>
92     <?php $LocalURL = metadata('item', array('Item Type Metadata', 'Local URL')); ?>
93     <?php echo "Local URL: " . $LocalURL . "<br>"; ?>
94 <?php endif; ?>
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Collaborations & Community



Keith School ✕



1883 (demolished 1959)
3400 South Dearborn Street

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Iterative Workflow & Extensible Design

Paul V. Galvin Library



Walter Netsch, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill

B.W. Handler Construction Co., contractor; Mekus and Johnson, Inc., entrance renovation

1962 (entrance renovated 1985)

35 West 33rd Street

The John Crerar Library moved to the University of Chicago in 1985, prompting the renaming and renovation of the building. Previously, the independent Crerar Library had housed IIT's James S. Kemper Library.

Formerly/Also Known As: John Crerar Library (1962-1985)

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Collaboration Across Campus



New (re)Discoveries



The Arcade Building being demolished, with IITRI Tower in the background

Photographer: photographer unknown

Date: ca. 1964

Original format: 120mm Negative

Archival Collection: 1998.199, Unprocessed Photos Collection, Box S-4

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What's Next?



A Librarian-led Project



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