

JOHNSON STREET HOUSE



Fig. 1. 1120 W. Johnson Street, 1994. [Author Photo, AP-6]

This old house first appears in the city directories in 1916, as the home of two families. It remained a boarding house until 1960 when it was purchased by the Wisconsin University Building Corporation (WUBC). From 1960 to 1964 the University leased it from the WUBC for use as the home of the University of Wisconsin Education Research Service. In June 1962 the WUBC conveyed the title to the property to the University. Since that time the house has hosted the physical education department, statistics, computer science, the Afro-American and Race Relations Center, several medical programs, and its final occupant International Studies and Programs, which moved out in 1994 in preparation for the demolition of the house to make way for Chemistry Unit Five.¹

1) City directories in the state historical; society's collection; Regent's business records in regent's vault; University directories in the University Archives.