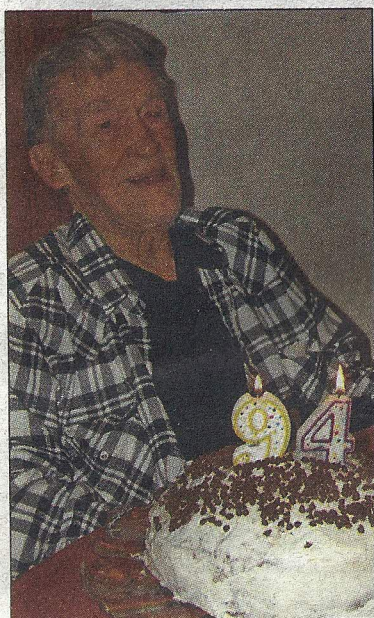


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The "Irish Castle," at 103rd Street and Longwood Drive has served many purposes since Robert C. Givens had it built for his family in 1886-1887. Former resident Miroslaw Siemens, Jr. (above), who celebrated his 94th birthday in July, recently spent an afternoon touring the building and recalling memories of the home he grew up in.

Fond memories recalled as former resident returns to Beverly's iconic Irish Castle

by Errol Magidson

On Father's Day, June 20, Mirosław Siemens, Jr., and several of his children and grandchildren visited the historic Irish Castle in Beverly. Siemens, who celebrated his

94th birthday in July, grew up in that majestic medieval Castle on the hill and was in town staying with daughter Lucinda for the wedding of his granddaughter, Merryn.

Siemens was about five

years old when his parents, Dr. Mirosław and Bonnie Siemens, purchased the Castle from the Burdett Family in 1921. Mirosław, Jr., spent all of his formative years in the Castle. He is the only living member of the

Siemens family who resided in the Castle. His two younger brothers, Roman and James, and his younger sister, Patricia, are deceased.

He visited the Castle on Father's Day for an interview with

this reporter, who is working on a documentary tentatively called "Our Castle on the Hill: The History of Chicago's Irish Castle and Its Keepers." Josh Van Tuyl, assistant director of
(See Siemens page 31B)

