

More About the Page Chapel

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Not sure where the date of 1900 on that picture comes from. I assume it was just someone's best guesstimate. I would bet the farm on my date of 1913 or thereabouts (within 1, or two years at most) and I think you are absolutely correct that the picture is dated incorrectly and would likely have been taken sometime in the thirties or later. Whoops! I just checked the letter I quoted from memory last night. It is dated the 30th of July, 1912. The quote is: "You must be very busy just now between farm and library,etc." As far as the apartment building on the corner of Hiawatha and Seminole is concerned, it is likely the seminary building erected by the Dominicans. (I haven't researched this with a title search as yet, but it could be easily confirmed or disproved by one.) A newspaper article in my "archive" notes that "E.M. Waldron, the Newark builder, has received the contract to erect the \$100,000 seminary on the property in North Oakland, owned by Mr. O'Callahan, of the Dominican Order of Paulist Fathers. The new building, it is reported will be a two story building, and of stucco on hollow tile, with slate roofing. It will be known as the Mount Melchisedech Seminary and Preparatory College. The property owned by the order was the country estate of the late Edward D. Page, the retired New York woolen broker." Later and cheers, Ed