



The Edwin G. and Tot Collyer House  
126 South 24th Street  
Shingle  
circa 1895  
Architect: unknown

*Current Owners: Joe and Lynn Mercurio*

Very little is known about the Collyers other than Edwin was a clerk for the Railway Mail Service.

The house is a 2 1/2 story frame house with wood shingles and a complicated hip roof. There is a wrap-around wood porch with wood balustrade and round wood double columns. The entrance has a single door with top light. The brick chimney is tall with decorative escutcheon.

The east (front wing) has a steeply pitched gambrel roof. Look for the unusual window at the attic level. There is a Palladian window with a pronounced decorative keystone at the second level.

The north gabled wing has a "box" bay/oriel. Look up and notice the ribbon and bubble patterning, the narrow pronounced keystones and the double arched windows.

Of special note is the front window on the first floor. Above the window is a beautiful beveled leaded glass insert with zipper cut center design.

Upon entering the front hall all of the woodwork is cypress: the front door, the trim and the staircase and spindles. The floors are all oak. There are cypress pocket doors between the living room and dining room with original brass hardware. All doors have transoms. In the living room the fireplace is under a restoration process - originally had a "comfort stove" - should have decorative turn of the century tile. The large tapestry is dated to the turn of the century. The ceilings are 10 feet. The cypress bookcases were probably added in the 1920s or '30s.

Many of the furnishings in the house have belonged to family members. For example: the Czechoslovakian child's costume in the shadow box in the lower hall and the horizontal gilded mirror, settee and rocker in the dining room.

In the upstairs note the rounded corners at the top of the stairway. Currently the upstairs has two bedrooms with the third being used as a family room. Floors are flat sawn oak.

The carriage house/garage has a 600 square foot loft with oak floors and was recently restored.