

- (20) Attic level dormer on west façade with on shingled brackets.
- (21) Four rubble stone chimneys.
- (22) Exposed curved raftertails under eaves between second and third levels; moldings and fascias on all facades.
- (23) All wood framing and trim around windows and door surrounds.
- (24) All stone lintels and sills including arched lintel on south façade.
- (25) Curved bays on south and north facades.

That 228 South 18th Street is historically significant for its architecture, for the persons associated with it, and as a prominent landmark.

The house was built in 1894 for John Willis Gardner, son of Robert W. Gardner of Gardner Governor Works. Robert W. Gardner was born in London in 1832 and moved to Quincy in 1852. He became internationally known for his design of steam engine governors. His first interests started with Henry Mitchell in 1852, when he and Mitchell purchased the Turner plant. He started experimenting with governors in 1859 when he became sole owner of the plant, and he obtained his first patent in the following year. Gardner was talented in business development as well as in scientific study. The Gardner Governor Company was founded in 1883. The firm grew to ship governors to almost every country in the world.

J.W. Gardner also became well-known internationally. Born in Quincy in 1863, J.W. started working for his father in 1881 after dropping out of school to become a full-time employee. Like his father, J. W. also enjoyed scientific study, and in 1883 he secured a patent for a spring type governor. When Robert W. Gardner died in 1907, J.W. became president of the company. Under J. W. Gardner's creative expertise and leadership, the company continued to flourish through expansion and acquisition of other companies. In 1927, the Gardner Governor Company merged with Denver Rock Drill Co., to create the Gardner-Denver Company. The company continued to grow and acquire other companies, developing from a 40-employee firm to more than 1,600 employees. Plants were located in Denver, Colorado and LaGrange, Missouri, as well as Quincy. On his sixtieth anniversary with the company, J.W. was presented with a miniature gold model of his spring governor set with diamonds.

J.W. Gardner's success extended beyond his work at the Gardner-

Denver Company. He and his wife Helen were well known throughout the city for their many contributions to and personal interests in Quincy institutions and civic organizations. J.W. was responsible for many improvements, including "the Gardner gym of the old Y.M.C.A., Gardner Park with the Gardner gateway, and miles of trees along the paved highways of Adams County . . ." Gardner also served as president of the board of Blessing Hospital and president of the board of the State Savings Loan & Trust Company. Gardner was known for taking a personal interest in his employees and associates. When he and Mrs. Gardner traveled overseas on business he would send postcards and purchase souvenirs for his employees.

J.W. Gardner and his wife Helen resided at 228 South 18th Street until 1911, when, as the story goes, J.W. Gardner and William Richardson decided to swap houses. It is believed that J.W. concluded that 1444 Maine Street, the James T. Baker House, was more suitable for his family and its social needs. William Richardson, born in 1848 in Washington D.C., acquired the residence at 228 South 18th Street in September 1911. William Richardson was the son of the Hon. William Richardson, known throughout the state for his role in politics. William Jr.'s accomplishments extended to many disciplines, including engineering, law, and politics. He and his wife Anna devoted much time and energy to both the city of Quincy and private civic organizations.

Thomas Black purchased the property for his family in April 1935. Black was president and manager of Black White Limestone Company. The Blacks sold the house in 1968 to John Bertoglio, of Bertoglio-Middendorf & Co., and his wife Elnora. In 1978 Philip and Beverly Gibbs purchased the house. Gibbs was the director of sales at Harris Corporation. John and Nancy Parke purchased the property in 1983. It then was sold to the current owners, Walter Giesing, president of Walter Louis Fluid Technologies, and Diane Giesing, the company's general manager, in 1989.

A major fire broke out in the attic when the house was being restored in 2002. The resulting damage required major renovations, which the Giesing's have completed. The beauty of the John Willis and Helen Gardner house can still be appreciated today.

Harvey Chatten, a well-known Quincy architect, designed the house