

Edward and Sarah Yeargain built their house at 335 South 18th Street on acreage that was on the edge of town at that time. The land was passed down through the family and divided into smaller parcels. The individual homes built on the land eventually grew into a neighborhood.

As with many houses built by working class families during the 19th century, this house was built without an architect's plan, using traditional folk shapes that had evolved over the years.

Although the home's original horizontal lapboard is covered, great care was taken to maintain the trim, color and style of the original home. Note the bead board and arch vent in the gables. The floor plan of the house creates two patio areas. One side has a brick patio and the other has a charming garden area.

As you enter the front parlor, notice the woodwork with its multiple beaded casing, rosettes and the bead board below the bay window. The red oak flooring was installed in the thirties over the original white pine. Steeple tipped cast iron hinges are on the doors throughout the house. The mantle in the living room is one that the Longos found on one of their many antiquing trips. Prior owners closed off a door between the front room and dining room, creating a unique and useful shelving area.

It appears that the downstairs and upstairs baths were added after the house was built, since indoor plumbing was not customary when this house was built. The claw foot tub is probably the tub that was installed when the home gained its indoor plumbing. The kitchen has gone through several stages of remodeling over the years. The pantry off the kitchen and the side porch are original and still intact and provide useful space for the current family.

The second floor doors and trim are cypress and there is a graceful curved wall in the upstairs hallway, as well as convenient laundry room. The Longos remodeled the master bedroom, incorporating a former sleeping porch into a sunny sitting area in their master bedroom and use a mantle piece for a fanciful headboard.



335 South 18th Street  
*BEHIND CLOSED DOORS*  
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**Year Built:** 1885

**Name of House:** Edward and Sarah  
Yeargain House

**Style:** Queen Anne

**Architect:** unknown