



1680 Maine

Col. Edward Prince Home

Tudor Revival Style • Built 1889

Current owners: Terrell and Vicki Dempsey

The Col. Edward Prince home at 1680 Maine is a Tudor Revival style residence today, but it was originally built in the Queen Anne Style. Harvey Chatten was the architect for the home, twice! In 1889 Col. Edward Prince had Chatten design the house and build a fine example of Queen Anne Style complete with a tower on the northeast corner. Then in the 1920s Prince had Chatten transform the house into the Tudor Revival Style seen today.

The home has 20 rooms, 17 closets and 7 fireplaces. The broad porches and porte-cochere give a feeling of seclusion to the first floor rooms. The entry vestibule contains intricate gold scrollwork and opens into a large reception hall with a beautiful open oak staircase to the second floor. There are seven rooms and a half-bath on the main floor. The floors in the home are of white and red oak with walnut inlaid in a variety of patterns.

The front parlor contains a fine Italian marble mantel with a large Austrian gilt mirror above it. A matching mirror can be seen in the dining room. The woodwork in the front parlor and dining room is cherry. The kitchen and pantry have butternut woodwork.

The second floor has six bedrooms and three full bathrooms. The third floor has five bedrooms and one bathroom. There is a full attic above the third floor. The carriage house in the rear is Queen Anne style.

Col Prince's family came to Payson, IL from New York. His father, Deacon David Prince, was one of the founders of Payson Village and Township and charter member of the Payson Congregational Church. Col. Edward Prince served in the Union army during the Civil War. He was instrumental in the surrender of Port Hudson, and the capture of the confederate ships "Starlight" and "Red Chief." Later he became a prominent lawyer in Quincy. In 1873 Prince built the Quincy Water Works, which he quickly sold to "invest his means in more profitable enterprises in order to clear himself from debt and to cease being the target at which every designing and unscrupulous political aspirant might aim."

Prince married Virginia Arthur on September 24, 1867. They had three children, Edward who died at nineteen months, Edith who married Nathaniel Thomas, September 20, 1891 and Mary the youngest, aged 12 in 1892.

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