



166 North 18th

Rusticated Prairie Style • 1910-1912

Architect: George Behrensmeyer

Current owners: James and Elizabeth Hayashi

The William T. Duker house at 166 North 18th is constructed using native limestone from local quarries. The large Romanesque style stone arch stands over the center-roofed entry, which extends into a wonderful wrap around porch.

The building of the home took an extended period of time because the construction was started three times. The story goes that Duker returned from a cruise and had the entire first floor taken back down because he wanted it pitched more. After this was rebuilt, Duker again returned from a trip and demanded that it be taken down and done again because the pitch was incorrect. Mr. Duker was the president of the W. T. Duker department store and Quincy National Bank.

The front door opens into a large foyer with a large open staircase to the rear. At one time, the beautiful oak floors seen today were covered in carpet. The musicians performing on the landing of the grand staircase are the children of the current owners.

The living room to the right runs the entire width of the home. The marble fireplace in the living room is functional and burns wood. The rear of the living room is filled with bookshelves.

The dining room on the left of the foyer is mahogany. A previous owner of the home had three windows and a built-in hutch removed and a ceiling to floor picture window installed.

To the rear of the grand staircase is the den with the original powder room. The kitchen of the home has been enlarged to include the original back porch. The butler's pantry is now used as the home office.

This house has a twin in Keokuk, Iowa at 1001 Grand. Both homes were built from the same set of plans, which was not a common practice in those days. The rear of the Quincy home is frame and they have the large, matching carriage house. The Keokuk home is stone on all four sides with an expansive view of the Mississippi River.

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