

**W**elcome to this fine example of Prairie style architecture. The home was built in 1913 for the Oakleys and was occupied by descendants of Ray and Kate until 1994.

The house was well maintained and cared for during those 80 years. The house has had only four owners. Since 1994, painted woodwork was stripped, the kitchen was given a dramatic facelift and a beautiful pergola was built around the backyard. The kitchen and baths have all undergone remodeling to allow for current technology and conveniences. Previous owners also restored all the beautiful wood floors.

Janet and Paul Arndt are the home's fourth owners. They are now fully preserving the home, from colors to furnishings, true to its Prairie style design.

The form, materials and details of the house are characteristic of Prairie style architecture. The square, two-story form with its low-pitched hip roof, deep overhangs and wide wrap-around porch is common to the style. Every element of the building's shape announces its Prairie style, horizontal design. The stucco building material and the window design are also very common elements of Prairie style.

The Prairie style is welcomed into the interior of the house as well. The foyer's oak staircase, the front parlor's built-in bookshelves and of the front parlor and dining room all reflect Craftsmen detailing.

Martin Geise was the architect believed to have designed the home. Ernest Wood was a native to Quincy who studied under other local architects Geise designed Wood and Harvey Chatten before practicing on his own. and Irving designed other significant buildings in Quincy such as Jefferson Irving Schools and the Illinois State Bank Building.



## 230 South 24th Street



*BEHIND CLOSED DOORS  
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**Year Built:** 1913

**Name of House:** The Ray and Kate Oakley Residence

**Style:** Prairie

**Architect:** Attributed to Martin Geise