

Oakley House

Oakley House — 1824 Maine — c. 1895 — Queen Anne

One of Quincy's statliest residences makes a perfect setting for the Tony Oakley family and its activities. The stylish hex turret, slate roof, leaded glass windows, wrap-around porch and port cachere also give the home one of the most picturesque and dignified facades on Quincy's Maine Street.

The character of the craftsmanship which created the 12-room post Victorian house is its most memorable and significant feature. Butternut and Cherry are the principle woods found in the inset panelled wainscoting and door and window trim. One is startled at the exquisite finish given both woods in the two front parlors, the vestibule, the foyer, stairwell and dining room. Such work cannot be duplicated today..... at any price.

The extreme contrast between the mantels in the two parlors is worthy of note, the west being Italian marble, curvilinear, as in many earlier Italianate and Second Empire houses, and the east much more austere and indicative of arts and crafts interior styling soon to follow. The height of the wainscot and the insets relate this Queen Anne interpretation to a tudor treatment popularized in many eastern U. S. Queen Anne structures. Especially interesting in the blended interior are the art nouveau light fixtures in both parlors.

Most inviting is the family room to the rear of the dining room. Box beams and panelled wainscoting in walnut-stained fir and a lower ceiling give this room hospitality and warmth conducive to many satisfying family activities. The charming east and south bays, with their distinctive leaded glass are perfect plant areas.

Mrs. Oakley is active in work with Retarded Citizens of Quincy and has devoted the 3rd floor to meeting and activity rooms for the group.

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