

Dan and Vicki Hayden wanted an older home — but not an old house to fix up

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Vicki and Dan Hayden are enjoying the fruits of the previous owners' labor in their historic Queen Anne home at 124 S. 24th.

When the Haydens moved to Quincy from the Chicago area, they looked at a variety of houses and neighborhoods.

"We really didn't know what we wanted, but we kept leaning back to the older homes," Vicki said.



"I liked the historic area. The location was great for my work and I like the (Madison) park across the street," Dan said. "But we didn't want an old house to fix up."

The Haydens found the perfect historic house that former owners, David and Lori Kenady, had renovated. Vicki said it was "very move-in-able" and the Haydens said they had nothing to do except decorate to make it their own.

"We could relax and just furnish our home," Vicki said.

Dan and Vicki enjoy every inch of the three-story Victorian home.

The attic is a perfect guest room and the open floor plan of the main floor gives their toddler, Blake, a place to "do laps."

They have had a great time decorating their home with special painting techniques.

The 100-plus-year-old house is a

show place, with its large rooms, chamfered oak trim and crown molding. Quarter-sawn oak pocket doors separate the front and back parlor. An original built-in book case with diamond panes holds home entertainment equipment.

The foyer, with its dramatic staircase and an arched stained-glass landing window, makes a magnificent statement. Vicki said the window makes the area feel like the sun is shining, no matter what the weather.

It had taken the former owners 14 months to renovate the house with the help of professionals and friends, especially Floyd Lish.

The Kenadys put in a new kitchen, changed the butler's pantry to a laundry room and redid a half-bathroom near the kitchen.

The Kenadys had new ceilings put in and walls skim coated. They stripped all the painted butternut trim and doors upstairs.

They took perfection to a new level when they removed the molding from the raised panel/applied molding doors before stripping them.

The heating bills plummeted after the Kenadys took out every window in the house, reglazed them and tightened up the tracks.

The Kenadys also reconstructed the damaged wrap-a-



AT A GLANCE

Address: 124 S. 24th.

Date of Construction: Circa 1896.

Architectural Style: Classic Queen Anne.

Features: Irregular shape or "footprint," original covering was shingle and clapboard, cross gabled roof with flared eaves, third-story arched window with "square nail" keystone similar to second story arched window, original wrap-a-round porch had a shingled knee-wall on the south and spindles on the north, classical columns, two-story bay area on the south and first-story bay on the north, sleeping porch added in the early 1900s.

round front porch floor and took the columns apart and reglued the loose pieces.

The sprawling porch is one area the Haydens especially enjoy. They like to relax and

watch the rain or enjoy the summer Park Band concert series across the street in Madison Park.

The Haydens also like the central location.