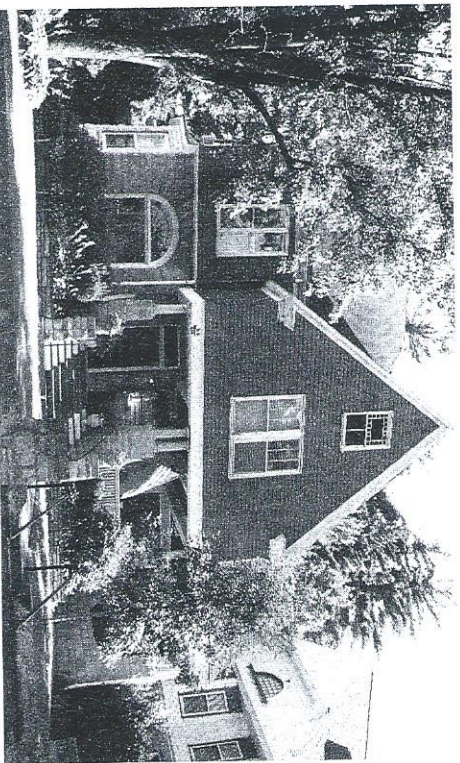




1838 Jersey Street  
Shingle • 1893 • Architect: Harvey Chatten  
Harvey and Mabel Chatten House

Harvey Chatten (1853-1930), a native Quincyan and architect of many East End Historic District homes, built this home which he named "Ivy Wall" for himself and his wife, Mabel, in 1893. Chatten and his wife were great music lovers; Mabel was an opera singer and music teacher.

Although clearly an example of Shingle style, this home has some Queen Anne characteristics; both styles embrace a freedom of plan. Shingle style aims for the effect of a complex shape enclosed within a smooth surface, the shingled exterior, which unifies the irregular outline of the house. As you approach, notice the rusticated cut stone on the first story changing to shingles on the upper story and the irregular, steeply pitched roof line with intersecting gables--all characteristics of the Shingle style.

As you wait for admission at the front door, note the front porch which wraps around the house as it steps back and attaches to the arched porte cochere on the west side. Bead molding which you will see throughout the house in a variety of materials is introduced on the porch in a decorative swag on the stone columns supporting the porch overhang.

In the entry hall, the previous full-length bookshelves on either side of the fireplace were shortened by the current owner using doors found in the home. The living room window to the east of the entry hall is adorned with the original front picture window that features a stained glass fanlight. A sash window with intricate leaded glass is found in the upper window on the east wall.

Henry and Virginia Weis, who owned the home for more than fifty years, made significant changes between 1941 and 1964 to both the interior and exterior of the house and the landscaping using architects Charles Behrensmeier, Frank Horn and Hafner; Hafner & Strackmeyer. The sunroom off the dining room was originally a terrace. On the second floor, the bedrooms and bathroom facing Jersey Street have been reconfigured. The current owner has refreshed paint colors throughout the house and made changes to the laundry room and kitchen to fit the family's needs.

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