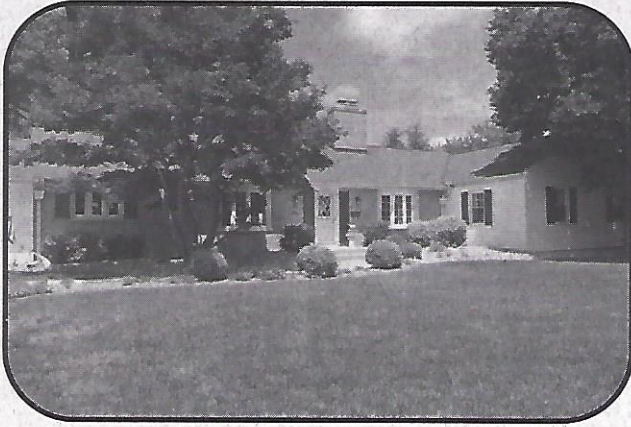


2815 Maine Street (1959/1960)



Adolf C. and Betty J. Dalhaus House **Mid-century Ranch**

The four bedroom ranch at 2815 Maine, built in the late 1950s, was the home of Adolf C. and Betty J. Dalhaus, well known to all Quincyians as the founders of Dalhaus Realty Company.

Adolf C. "Bud" Dalhaus started in the realty business with his mother Hazel W. Dalhaus in 1935. In 1925, Hazel W. Astry, who married A.W. Dalhaus in 1914, was licensed as the first female realtor in the city of Quincy. Her son Adolf C. developed his own branch of the Dalhaus Realty business when he became a representative of National Homes in the 1940s, and began his program of local Quincy subdivision development featuring those "pre-built" modern homes. Over the years, Dalhaus Realty was responsible for the subdivisions of Melrose, Granview Acres, Monroe Estates, Dalhaus Subdivision, Melody Meadows and Meadowbrook, first and second additions. In all, the Dalhaus family of realtors constructed well over 700 homes in Quincy, with over 100 National Homes built in Granview subdivision, on the south side of Harrison, between 18th and 19th streets.

It is possible that the home at 2815 Maine is a National Home, although the current owners have found no solid evidence of this attribution. They have, however, found many interesting features in the house that might suggest such an origin, including evidence of a "NuTone" intercom system throughout the house, later removed.

The open floor plan, hardwood floors throughout the house and numerous closets attest to the attention to detail of the builders, and a concern for comfort and convenience as well as ease of movement for the family in residence. The large four-window bays located symmetrically to the left and right of the front entry assure that the living-dining area of the house is flooded with light. A wood burning fireplace with limestone hearth adds a cozy feeling to this family gathering area.

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