

The home at 1428 Kentucky was built around 1903 for Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Lauter. Lauter married Julia Schott. The Schott family home was at 1421 State and it was said that the land on which the Lauter house was built was owned by the Schott family. Lauter worked at the family business, J.B. Schott Saddlery, which was located at Third and Hampshire.

The two and a half story brick patterned Queen Anne style home has a stone foundation and a steeply pitched hip roof. The gable roof has a dormer on the main facade with a Palladian window arrangement and a center window with a pronounced arch. The windows are detailed with fluted pilasters, dentils and keystone. The front entry porch is full facade with a low hip roof structure and brick piers with paired round columns. There are dentils and small brackets at the roof line. The west elevation has a gabled dormer. There is an unusual oval window with brick keystones at the 12, 3, 6, and 9 o'clock positions on the west side of the house. The east elevation has a two story octagonal bay with a spire roof.

The double entry way provides security as well as warmth. A built in bench is at the bottom of the stair way and it served as a station for the butler. The living room was originally divided into a front and back parlor, but through the years a wall was removed. The fireplace is original to the home and has Ionic columns. Egg and dart molding is featured on the mantel as well as throughout the downstairs. The floors are quarter sawn oak. The bay window in the dining room has corner molding that is functional yet decorative. The side porch once served as a possible carriage entrance and has been enclosed. The present owners use it as a sunroom/den. The paneling in the den is tongue and groove knotty pine. In the rear bath there is a marble basin that dates back to construction time. The kitchen was modernized by previous owners. The stair rail leading to the upstairs has a unique curve to it. Beautiful leaded beveled glass at the landing casts a prism of color on a sunny day. Butternut was the wood of choice for the upstairs bedrooms. The design of the home features closets in all the bedrooms, as well as transoms above the doors. The function of the transom was to help with ventilation in the home.

At the rear of the property there stands a well preserved board and batten horse barn carriage house. The original wooden floors are still intact. The middle of the barn was used to stable a horse and evidence of a trough is still there. On the outside you can still observe the block and tackle that was used to lift the hay to the loft.



Mr. & Mrs. Charles H. Lauter
1428 Kentucky
c. 1903
Queen Anne
architect unknown

owners - Charles and Jo Cowan

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