



2138 Grove

Classic Revival Style • 1918

Architect: John Batschy

Current Owner: Nicole Kramer

In 1918, Joel Benton commissioned John Batschy to build a house at 2138 Grove. John Batschy, one of Quincy's prominent architects, built this home in the Classic Revival Style. Outside architectural elements include an open pedimented porch with Doric columns. Also, the multiple pane casement windows, transom windows and shutters make an impressive decorative accent. The original house was stucco. Vinyl clapboard siding was added by the current homeowner.

The twin columns have been added in the entry area. The French doors on either side of the fireplace are original. These doors lead into the sunroom which contains multiple pane windows and an original bricked fireplace. The trim in the sunroom and parlor are original to the house, but the cove molding was added. On the other side of the entry the original dining room is now the family room. The wooded wall paneling is original to the house. The fireplace chimney breast was added to match the rest of the room. A butler's pantry was removed to add a half bath while updating the kitchen.

At the top of the main staircase, a wall was removed to open up the second floor. The banister of the main staircase was stripped by Nicole to show off the natural beauty of the wood. Reconfiguring of the second floor added closets, a bathroom and a laundry room. The southwest, or computer room, was originally the sleeping porch. In the late 1960's or early 1970's, the second owner of the house replaced the original garage with a garage and second story apartment. The original plans for the house included a vegetable cellar and a coal room in the basement.

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