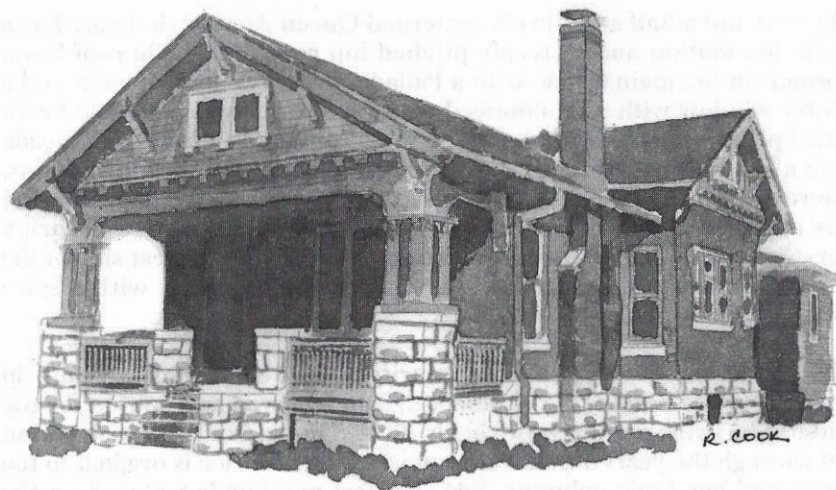




Arnold R. Bertschinger
1501 Kentucky
c. 1914
Craftsman Bungalow
architect unknown

John Batschy
per HSGAC's
Batschy Estimate
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owner - Ruth Hultz

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Lillie and Arnold Bertschinger were the first residents of 1501 Kentucky. Arnold was employed as a shipping clerk for the well known Dick Brothers Brewery which was located at Ninth and York. The Craftsman bungalow was built in 1914. The one and a half story brick house has a stone foundation. The front has a facing gable with cross gables to each side. The full facade entry porch is integrated under the main gable. Stone piers with double square wood columns decorate the entry porch. There is a single door entry with a transom above. The craftsman detailing consists of wood posts on the porch; railing; brackets; wood shingles under the gable at the attic level; and diamond pane windows under the attic gable.

The entry way has quarter sawn oak with beveled glass in the entry way door. The fireplace in the living room is not original to the house. Originally there was a butler's pantry between the dining room and kitchen. The previous owners enlarged the kitchen by removing the butler's pantry and enclosing a back porch. The molding in the back hall is cypress and the floor in the rear two rooms is heart yellow pine. The upstairs at the time of construction was not a finished room. In later years, owners finished the walls and created more living space.

Craftsman houses were inspired primarily by the work of two California brothers, Charles Sumner Greene and Henry Mather Greene, who practiced together in Pasadena from 1893 to 1914. They began to design simple Craftsman-type-bungalows. These were given extensive publicity in such magazines as *House Beautiful*, *Good Housekeeping*, and *Ladies' Home Journal*. As a result, they became popular plans that were offered in pattern books.