

Architectural Features (cont'd)

- 5 - There is a high-pitched roof.
- 6 - There is a clapboard double-tiered west gable with brackets and a half-round window.
- 7 - The windows are typically rectangular with stone sills.
- 8 - Six original stained glass windows on the front (facing south and west).

Architectural and Historical Significance (cont'd.)

Ludwig Fries built a large Italianate house for his family in 1866 on Lot 8 (the NW corner), and sold Lot 7, located next door to the west, to George T. Meyer on December 16, 1865 for \$3,000.00. Meyer also built an Italianate house in 1866; the Fries and Meyer houses are identical and were probably built at the same time. Ludwig Fries died October 9, 1867, leaving his widow, Johanna, the family home at 331 College and Lots 5 and 6. On April 11, 1894, Johanna Fries sold the east 50 feet of Lot 6 to Gustav and Mary Poetsh for \$1,250.00. Gustav and Mary Poetsh built a large home of late Queen-Anne architectural style in either 1894 or 1895. All three houses - the Fries/Kespohl House at 331 College, the George T. Meyer House at 323 College, and the Gustav and Mary Poetsh House at 317 College - sit at the top of a hill on the same site line and overlook Quincy and the Mississippi River. Its location and beautiful view give this home, along with other homes in this square block, importance and significance.

The house has had little alteration except for the removal of the railing and banisters on the front and rear porches and west side bay. Wooden shutters were removed and are stored in the basement.

The house has had only six owners, including the present owner, David Marold. Marold was told by Martin McGee, the previous owner, that the house was built with stolen materials from either a lumber yard or construction company where the owner and original builder of the house was employed. The tax records show that Gustav and Mary Poetsh sold their home and property to Joseph Buerkin and Charles Kaempfen of Buerkin & Kaempfen Construction Company who owned the house from 1896 to 1904. In 1904, the third owner, Herman Weber, bought the remaining 50 feet to the west of Lot 6, thereby creating a very large and attractive yard. Weber also bought, at that time, Lot 5. However, it should be noted that Lot 5 is located approximately 20 to 30 feet below and down the hill from Lot 6, going west. Harman and Nancy Weber owned and lived in the house from 1904 until 1943; Martin McGee owned the home from 1943 until 1982; David Marold purchased the home in 1982 and is the present owner.

The Gustav and Mary Poetsh House at 317 College was listed as a contributing structure in the 1980 Quincy Multiple Resource Survey by the Illinois Department of Conservation.