



Oliver and Myrtle Pieper House  
1440 Kentucky  
Bungalow/Craftsman Cottage  
circa 1918  
Architect: W. H. Pieper

Current Owner: Laurie Hahn

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS  
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Pieper was born on November 2, 1881. He was the son of William H. and Anna Menke Pieper. He began his career in the Menke Grimm Planing Mill in which he eventually became part owner and manager. The plant was later sold to Moller Vandenboom Company. In 1920 he established the Pieper Box Factory on the north side of Maine between second and third. He sold the business in 1925 and retired. He married Myrtle Kriegshauser on February 12, 1918. He died on February 7, 1954.

The house is one and a half stories with a gabled roof, cross gables east to west. The first story is brick with a wood shingle half story. The foundation is ashlar stone masonry. There is a full facade one story brick porch with double wooden Ionic order columns. The entrance is a single door with sidelights and toplights. Other decorative features include beveled wood brackets supporting the gable at front eave, simple brackets support sill of attic story window, east cross gable has octagonal bay. Windows are three-over-one double-hung. There is a brick garage with hinged wooden doors and a hip roof.

As you enter the home through the front door notice the 15 light surround with a transom above. The ceiling light fixture is original. The living room and dining room have false beamed ceilings. Window hardware appears to be original. There is a gas fireplace with a mantel shelf. Original hearth was replaced with marble tiles. The dining room chandelier is the original gas/electric light. Notice the original built-in buffet with seven drawers and two doors.

The front and back bedrooms have fir floors. In both bedrooms there is the original floral bouquet wallpaper with just plaster beneath. In the back bedroom the three light fixture and sconces are original. The hall from the back bedroom to the foyer, door transom, door jam and casings are all birch wood with mahogany stain.

The bathroom has a 4'x5' shower stall with exposed plumbing, a pedestal sink and bathtub, all appearing to be original. Tile and porcelain sconces are also original.

In the kitchen the original wainscoting was canvas and has been replaced with bead board which was typical around the turn of the century. The refrigerator space was once a walk-in pantry. The two end cabinets are original.

The attic area is unfinished.