

COLONEL KILER K. JONES HOUSE

2335 North 12th Street

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This brick Italianate house was built in the middle of the 19th Century; the architect is unknown. Colonel Jones operated a full fledged farm, was in the grain business, built a terminal and piers and owned several river boats. Later he moved to Chicago and founded the "Gem of the Prairie" which eventually became the "Chicago Tribune."

The property changed hands many times. Part of the land was sold, porches and verandas were removed, the west wing was removed and a family room was added. However, the handsome marble fireplaces and mantels are still in place; the marble used came from Carrara, Italy.

At one time the Otto Langhankes, whose daughter became the famous movie star Mary Astor, operated a poultry farm on the property; they lived in the home for several years.

In spite of the many changes this spacious beautiful house is very liveable. At the present the property is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Swanson.