

Wewers-Rupp House

Wewers-Rupp House — 1270 Park Place — Prairie — 1915 — Martin Geise, architect

Next to the last house built in Quincy's first subdivision, this spacious and stately home offers an interior designed with a full life-style and the most demanding entertainment needs in mind. Twelve rooms and a finished attic apartment gave the original occupants the privacy opportunities that the family arrangement dictated.

Henry J. and Bertha Rupp had the house built for their own family and Mrs. Rupp's mother, Mary Wewers. Mr. Rupp was treasurer of the Gem City Stove Company; Mrs. Wewers was the widow of the president of the stove works. Rupp was a son of one of the founders of George Rupp & Brothers Company, a giant salvage business in Quincy.

One of Quincy's most imposing prairie houses, the tile-roofed Wewers-Rupp House boasts a profusion of first and second floor open and all-weather porches, six second floor rooms (arranged in two or three suites), a room-sized landing, six first floor rooms which included a reception foyer, living room, library, and dining room. Striking features on the first floor and landing are the stylish prairie stained and leaded glass inserts in the entry vestibule, front and rear, in green-gold-lavendar and the stylized tulip plants in amber and green in the sliding French doors, built-in cabinet doors, and buffet window of the dining room.

Of particular note are the original light fixtures, quartered oak woodwork and beaming, prairie-interpretation columns flanking the living room arch, and the unusual four-legged concentric, circled symbol built into the spindle system of the stairway balustrade. Woodwork in the master bedroom matches the rest of the house in style but is a mellow, light cherry.

Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Zinn, present owners of the Wewers-Rupp house, moved to Quincy several years ago for the express purpose of living in one of Quincy's most stylish architectural gems.

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