



W. S. Warfield coachman's residence
1637 Jersey
c. 1888
Queen Anne Style
architect unknown

owners - Richard and Amy Halter

The house at 1637 Jersey was built around 1888 for W. S. Warfield's coachman. Warfield lived in the mansion at 1624 Maine. The first occupant of the house was Henry F. Kersieck. J. Henry and Vendina Holtman were the next occupants to live in the property beginning in 1896. Holtman was Warfield's coachman until 1906 when he took other employment.

The third occupants of the house were Albert J. and Elsa Stone. Stone was a bookkeeper for the E.M. Miller Co. located at 118-132 South 6th. In 1908 Albert and his brother Elbridge bought into the E.M. Miller Company that built carriages and coaches. The company made landaus, victorias, buggies, surreys, barouches, broughams, rockaways, as well as funeral hearses and pallbearers' coaches; when the automobile came along they converted to the autohearse. The largest order filled was for seventy-five horse drawn buses for use on Fifth Avenue in New York City, with another order of fifty after that. They built twelve passenger buses for the Columbian Exposition in Chicago, which were later used for stage coaches in the western mountains. It is said when the bomb was thrown at the Czar of Russia, Alexander II, he was seated in a carriage made by the E. M. Miller Company. As late as 1905 the company was employing 150 men, but with the death of Miller in 1910, and the coming of the automobile, business fell off and the E. M. Miller Company ended on April 16, 1930. J.E. Hildebrand and Leo Amen took over the buildings of the discontinued carriage business.

The W.S. Warfield coachman's house is a very simple, functional house. Upon entering the home the butternut stairway with its ornate newel post comes into view. A sitting room with ornamental fireplace is just to the right. Mrs. Halter has decorated the home for Christmas in a Victorian theme incorporating antiques inherited from her family. Previous owners updated the kitchen and added the family room. The stone wall seen from the family room is the former stable of the Warfield mansion.

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TOUR
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