



318 South 18th

Italianate with Classical Revival Alterations • c. 1836-1846

Current owners: Steve & Dee Adams

Part of the house at 318 South 18th is one of the oldest homes in Quincy. The other parts were added over the years by a progression of owners. The foundation was built by the Moormans in 1836 and the three room house on the north side was built by a teamster names Macken. The occupant was a field worker as the house was on the rear of John Wood's orchard. The south of the house and the second story were built in 1846 in the Italianate style.

In 1915, Guido and Mary Janes from Flood County, Tennessee purchased the house for \$4,500. Mr. Janes was a well-known illustrator of the era whose work occasionally appears in antique stores. After a trip to New Orleans in 1926, Mrs. Janes had the house remodeled from an Italianate to a Classic Revival style. That is also when she added the gates on the driveway. Mrs. Janes lived in the house until 1965.

The next owners purchased the lot behind them and remodeled the back porch, butler's kitchen and bedroom into the kitchen that remains today. The original kitchen is today used as the den.

The entry way is emphasized with the Corinthian portico, the wooden fluted columns with Corinthian capital of three layers of acanthus leaves. The front door has top and side-lites with diamond panes characteristic of Colonial Revival style.

The living room on the north side of the house and the dining room are part of the original structure. Note the federal style woodwork and the floors. The north door in the living room was the original entrance door. The fireplace is still functional and wood burning.

The closet under the stairs was added by the current owners for storage. But once in there, they found the area had already been wall papered.

The central staircase is oak with a mahogany hand rail. Mrs. Adams stripped the paint from and refinished all of the balusters over the course of one winter. The rocker in the hallway belonged to Steve's grandmother.

The son's room was designed by he and his sister, who is currently studying design. The quilt was made from his old sports shirts.

The window seat in the master bedroom was added by previous owners. The pine floor is original.

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