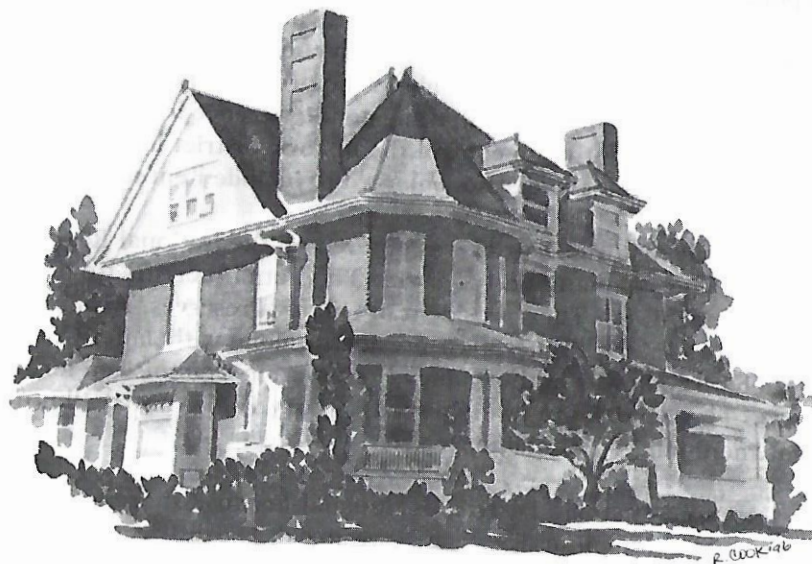


Charles S. Nichols was born in Danville, Kentucky on February 22, 1847. He later settled in Quincy and went to work at Ladd and Talcott. In October of 1879 he married Miss Olive B. Allen. In 1880 he joined with N.C. and J. D. Egan to form the firm of Egan, Nichols and Co., which sold wholesale notions and furnishing goods. January of 1885 saw Nichols and his brother-in-law, J.W. Sinnoek, open their own notions and furnishings goods store located at 213 and 215 North 3rd. They also manufactured and wholesaled overalls, pants, shirts, etc. In 1903 Nichols ventured into business alone selling overalls and pants under the name of C. S. Nichols Co. Later he opened Gem City Garment factory and manufactured clothing. Nichols was one of the founders of the Quincy Country Club. Charles Nichols died February 29, 1896 and Olive died in 1927.

The house is a 2 1/2 story brick with a hexagon tower. The brick at the corners of the tower interlace. The house has a slate roof with twin chimneys. The facade has protruding brickwork design with elaborate dentil border. A large one story porch wraps around the tower and continues across the facade and turns the west corner to the porte-cochere. Double Doric columns support the porch and porte-cochere. The two dormers on the north elevation are visually connected to windows below by a break in the roofline. There is a panel of decorative wood between the windows. The house also has decorative down spouts.

Upon entering the home note the butternut woodwork and beveled glass in the double entry vestibule. The entry doors fold back into the wall. The woodwork throughout the house features dentil molding keeping in character with the outside accents. The wainscoting in the parlor is also butternut. The parlor features a white Carrara marble fireplace mantle originally from the John Wood Octagon House. The window in the front parlor is clear and stained leaded glass designed in a ribbons and fleur-de-lis motif with jewels. This theme is carried out in all of the downstairs windows.



Charles S. and Olive B. Nichols House
1824 Maine
c. 1894
Queen Anne Style
Architect unknown

owners - Tony and Signe Oakley

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December 8, 1996*