

Current Owner: George and Judy Nelson
Address: 2221 Maine Street
City/State: Quincy, IL 62301
Phone: 224-0702

Original Name: D. Lafayette and Mary Musselman Cottage
Architect or Builder: Unknown
Date of Construction: circa 1882
Style: Queen Anne

Description:

1. Two story cottage
2. Lower half sheathed in clapboard
3. Upper half sheathed in drop siding rather than the more usual shingles
4. Scalloped belt course runs between the floors
5. Originally the house had a front porch set into the southwest corner; this was glazed on two sides with very early examples of clustered casement windows, perhaps the product of the 1890s remodeling; these windows were saved and reinstalled in the new walls when the porch became absorbed into the parlor as a music alcove
6. Small sitting room behind the parlor originally had an exterior door; this has been replaced with a band of windows and the space converted into a dining room
7. In the 1920s a simple fireplace was added to the living room
8. Tiny original kitchen has been extended with an addition on the back of the house

History: D.L. Musselman is best known for his long term ownership and presidency of Gem City Business College which was at one time the largest commercial college in the West. In 1881 Musselman acquired possession of all the lots from 2221 west to the corner and shortly thereafter erected this house, though not living there himself. Oral tradition has it that was a honeymoon cottage and this would square with the marriage of his daughter in the year the property was purchased. In 1882 Musselman sold the house parcel to A.F.J. and Candace Prevost who sold it back to Musselman in 1886 at three times its purchase value, suggesting construction in or shortly after