

Historical and Architectural Significance continued...

The combined commercial/residential structure at 1727 College has contained various businesses for nearly 100 years. The large, two story building with store front was first used commercially in 1896 by Bernard and Mary Moeller. The couple ran a small grocery, which included a milliner's shop. The Moellers raised a very large family, including Elenore, Ida, Rosa, Edith, Charles, Berta, and Carl. Mary Moeller taught the hat-making trade to Elenora, Berta, Edith, and Rosa. Sons Carl and Charles worked as shipping clerks for Joseph Brothers in their youth. After her husband's death in 1905, Mary Moeller kept the store open and also opted to divide the building into two residences. The Moellers were joined by the Recker family in 1910. The building was sold to Joseph and Katherine Vosse, cigar makers, in 1918.

This building features many traits of the German vernacular so common in Quincy. The red brick construction, and the narrow windows with stone sills and brick lintels contribute to the affect. The roof may have been of the front gable variety originally, but has been altered and is now a shallow hip. The wooden details around the shop windows and door are in very good condition and quite ornate.