

327 South 16th Street

The George Fischer House at 327 South 16th was built around 1877. It was built by Buerkin and Kaempfen builders. The Italianate home was one of the most stately homes on South 16th Street at the time it was built and continues to be so today. The front parlor's to-the-floor windows open onto the current Prairie style porch which was built in 1936, replacing the original Italianate porch.

The front parlor of the home features a cast iron fireplace. Mr. Fischer was the owner of Fischer Iron and Steel Company and during his years in business sold stoves and fireplaces. The sliding doors to the dining room are original to the home.

The current owners have done extensive remodeling and adding on in the rear of the house. This addition was tastefully designed to closely match the existing structure and to add space for the Stammerjohn family. The Stammerjohns lived in the house during the construction and mess. Susan had an improvised kitchen during this time cooking in the upstairs of the house.

The new kitchen is located in the part of the house that was probably the original kitchen and back porch. In the middle of the columned entry way to the dining area was a brick chimney.

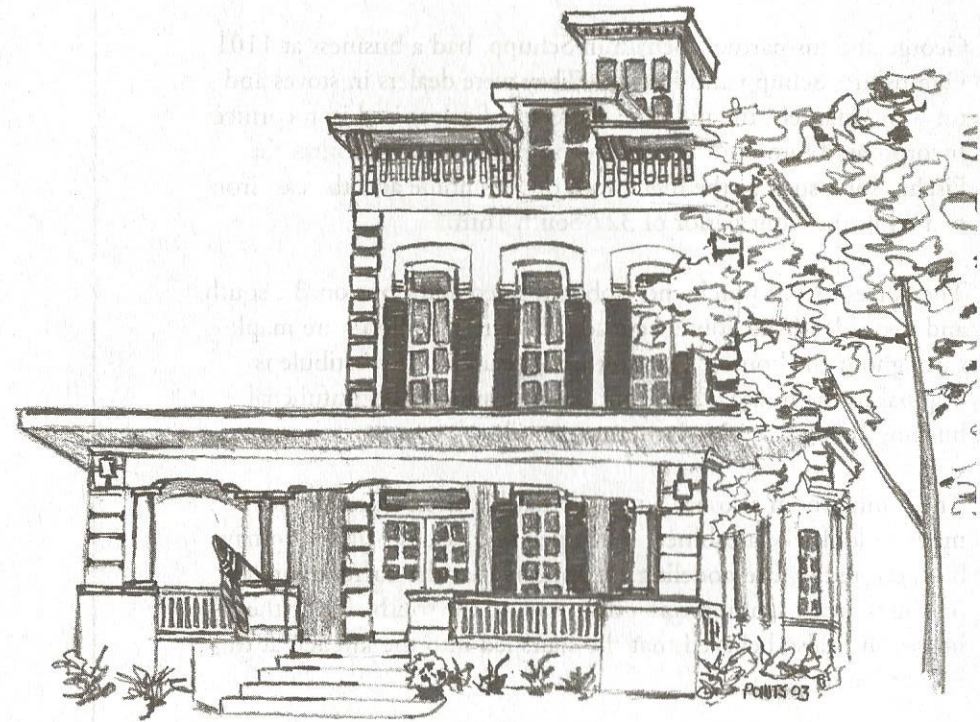
The bath at the top of the stairs is thought to have been a bedroom originally. All of the doors still have their original cast iron hinges that have acorn tips. The floors throughout the house are quartersawn oak and were added in the 20s.

The master bedroom and bath were added by previous owners. Up the third story stairs is the bedroom suite of the Stammerjohn's son, complete with a cupola!

The upstairs TV room was once a bedroom. The hallway, upstairs office and restrooms are new. The new back staircase leads to the family dining area and the downstairs laundry and bath area.

Outside the house the Stammerjohns have added an outside living area where their family and friends can gather in comfort.

Next door at 323 South 16th is the original George Fischer home where he and his mother lived until he married Euphemia Ricker. This home is said to have been built for Fischer's bride who was the daughter of the founder of the Ricker National Bank where the Griffin Center is today.



Year Built: 1877

Name of Building: George and Euphemia Fischer Home

Style: Italianate

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS
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