

J. L. FLYNN HOUSE 2220 YORK STREET 1916

Prairie Style
Martin Geise, architect

This two story tapestry brick home dominates the southwest corner of 23rd and York Streets. The wide eaves, string-course sills and band of windows help to accentuate the horizontal lines of the Prairie Style home. Doorways, that are low and wide, with French doors (removed on the east side of the foyer) give the Flynn House a spacious interior. The ceiling moldings and doorway trim show the simple elegance of the Craftsman Movement, as do the plain spindles of the staircase.

The architect Martin Geise was born in Quincy on May 15, 1878 and attended St. Francis School and Quincy College. When he was 15 years old, he worked in the office of architect Ernest Wood and later with architect Harvey Chatten, until opening his own office at 800½ Maine Street. Geise was licensed in Iowa and Missouri and maintained an office in Keokuk, IA. He was the architect for many buildings in the area, such as the Illinois State (now Boatmen's) Bank, Irving school and his own home at 300 East Avenue, across the street from George Behrensmeyer's house. He died at the age of 68 in Barnes Hospital on February 12, 1947. In the **Quincy Daily Journal**, his obituary stated, "His personality is as clear cut as the structures he plans."

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS
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