

Bird's Eye View of Doors

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The Peter Simons Residence
1400 College Avenue (formerly Vine Street)
Construction Date: 1893 Queen Anne Style

Peter Simons, a local sewer contractor, built this Queen Anne in 1893 as a two-family dwelling. The house is a two-story brick structure with a high-pitched hip roof. Detailed decorative brickwork can be found on every elevation of the structure. Another exceptional feature to the house is the stained and jeweled glass window of the living room that looks onto the front porch.

In addition to the window, there are several other interesting features of the interior. The fireplace is original to the home as well as the ornate tin ceiling in the kitchen. The kitchen ceiling had been covered for decades by another ceiling until revealed again fairly recently. The wood pocket doors separating the living and dining rooms are oak as is the wood trim on the first floor. The second floor woodwork is cypress, and each door has ornate Craftsman hinges. The second floor porch offers a bird's eye view of the inside of the city block.