

# 2332 York St. (1919)



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**Walter and Rose Heidbreder House**  
**Built in 1919**

The Walter and Rose Heidbreder House was designed by George Behrensmeyer, a noted Quincy architect, who was greatly influenced by Frank Lloyd Wright's habit of designing a house close to the ground to make it appear as part of its surroundings. This design typified much of Behrensmeyer's work in many ways.

- The sturdy house is one of the earlier Prairie Style subtypes with a rectangular floor plan, pitched hip roof, symmetrical façade with the entry at its center.
- The style is usually marked by horizontal lines, flat or hipped roofs with broad overhanging eaves, windows grouped in horizontal bands, integration with the landscape, solid construction, craftsmanship, and discipline in the use of ornament.
- The facade is tapestry brick, a type of construction that places face brick, often of various colors and textures, in a pleasing pattern. Decorative large strips of limestone surround the vertically paned windows and form the heavy lintel and porch columns.
- Stone also decorates the one -story side porch common with this style house.
- The original 2 bedrooms and large bath upstairs have been refigured into 3 bedrooms and 2 baths. The sleeping porch is no longer just an adjunct to the master bedroom and is newly redecorated.
- The original blue-tiled kitchen with a butler's pantry and only 1 cabinet has been recently renovated completely.