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that you park in the rear,
off the alley.

613 Broadway

Italianate French Second Empire Style • 1873

Historic Name: Robert W. and Mary A. Gardner

Architect: Unknown • Bybee Insurance, Inc.

Current Owners: The Bybee Family

The home was built for Robert W. and Mary A. Gardner. This grand home has ten rooms and is one of the last remaining mansions of the many that lined Broadway at the time of its construction. Generally eclectic in character it most closely appears French Second Empire in style with high windows, central tower giving a feeling of height, and the circular windows protruding from the roof. However, Italian Villa features can be found also in the wide coves, round arched windows on the sides and rear of the house, the grouping of windows in threes and general shape of the tower and eave brackets. The lovely mosaic floor of the vestibule is a feature typical of the period. The main hall has parlors on either side and features an interesting walnut staircase with a neo-Greek bust carved in the newel post. Walls of the home are four bricks in thickness with plaster applied directly to the inter most course, a total of eighteen inches.

The upstairs consists of a major hall, four rooms in the main section and three in the north wing. The rooms in the north wing have white porcelain door knobs while the hardware in the main wing is made of brass. The two major rooms to the east include fireplaces with butternut mantels. Carved into the mantels is the letter "G". R.W. Gardner was one of the pioneer businessmen in Quincy. Founder of the present day Gardner-Denver Company. Mr. Gardner was a generous contributor to many Quincy institutions, being especially interested in Blessing Hospital for which he accomplished so much. Other enterprises were recipients of his interest as well. The park and boulevard system of Quincy were two of the many projects of his generosity.

Behind Closed Doors Tour
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