



1200 Park Place
Queen Anne Style • 1889 • Cruttenden/Tibbets House
Architect: John Batschy

The house at 1200 Park Place was constructed in 1889 by John Crittenden as the “pilot house” of the development, this Queen Anne style home is distinctive with its turret rising above the front porch, capped by a Moorish dome decorated with fishscale patterned shingles. The house also features a large stone-encircled, horseshoe shaped window with stained glass. Cruttenden, together with Anton Binkert, donated the two-block long central parkway. Originally there was a three-tiered fountain on the parkway in front of this house. The developers required each of the subsequent two dozen homes built on Park Place to cost at least \$3000 or more, and be constructed of brick or stone and have at least two stories. Another covenant was that no driveways could enter out onto the boulevard.

Cruttenden, born in Quincy in 1858, served as Adams County Treasurer, but he made his money in real estate. He hired Swiss architect, John Batschy, who came to Quincy in 1864 to design this house. Batschy designed several other houses on Park Place, as well as several structures throughout Quincy. The interior of this house features five fireplaces, made of butternut with different tile motifs ranging from Japanese to American Romanesque. The entry way and dining room still feature original painted canvas on the walls.

The current owner, Ron Prokof, has lived in the house since 1978, and subsequently inherited it from the fourth owner of the house, Ruth Bywater, after caring for her for a number of years.

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