

Wilbur F. and Rachel Thompson were married on May 15, 1882. Before building their new home they resided at 628 1/2 North 28th. Mr. Thompson worked at George R. Stewart & Co. where he sold real estate and insurance. The business was located in rooms 4-5 in the Blackstone Building, 6th and Vermont. Thompson was the business manager for the Illinois State Band. He was a band director in Quincy and a member of several bands in Quincy and the surrounding area over the years. For a time he was the head of the WPA music project in Quincy. Thompson died on February 13, 1939.

The entry foyer of the Lewis' home contains quarter sawn oak floors with the original finish. Located in the room is an Eastlake clock, a family heirloom dating back to the 1870's. The wooden blinds in the front windows of the entry and parlor are original to the house. Upon entering the front parlor note the double slide pocket doors. A chair in the front parlor belonged to Mr. Lewis' great, great grandfather who was the Secretary of Agriculture. The dining room fireplace is in the original position, however the 1870's mantle is not original. The original mantle is stored in the basement. Note the single slider door between the dining room and foyer. A swinging door leads to the present utility room which was the original kitchen. The bathroom is original to the house. The transom above the door to the porch has glue chip glass in it. This room also contains the back stairway to the second floor. Woodwork upstairs is cypress and the flooring is heart yellow pine. The upstairs contains three bedrooms, a full bath and a half bath off of the master bedroom that was originally a closet. The bathroom features the original gravity flow toilet from the downstairs bathroom. It was discovered in the basement by the present owners and restored. The bathtub is also original to the house.

The exterior of the home features a steeply pitched hip roof with a single hipped dormer. The front porch is supported by stone piers with double Doric columns at each end.



Wilbur F. and Rachel Thompson House  
307 South 16th  
c. 1915  
Four Square Style  
architect unknown

owners - Shawn and Shalia Lewis

CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT TOUR  
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