



218 S. 18th  
Joseph W. Emery Home  
Georgian Revival Style • Built 1879  
Current owners: Michael and Lee Curtis

The Joseph W Emery home at 218 South 18th was built in 1879 as a frame farmhouse on a four-acre tract. Joseph worked in banking with L & CH Bull and later with EJ Parker as cashier. In 1881 he and William V Channon founded the stove manufacturing business of Channon-Emery Stove Company. Channon's widow built a house directly across the street at 217 South 18th. Joseph married May Foote Newcomb April 26, 1893. May is the eldest daughter of Richard Newcomb who built the Newcomb/Stillwell mansion in 1890.

In 1888 Emery sold the house to Margaret Stillwell, the widowed mother of John A Stillwell, who became president of Electric Wheel Company and was Emery's brother-in-law. In 1906 it was sold to John Stillwell's sister-in-law Mrs. Mabel Newcomb Cottrell and her husband, George. They are believed to have had the house made over into the Georgian Revival brick home seen today.

The landscaping around the home has recently been updated. The stonewall across the front was uncovered and new plantings unveil the front of this beautiful home.

When entering the home note the leaded glass in the fanlight and sidelights of the front doorway. The central hallway has beautiful wainscoting. To the right is the living room, which extends across the north width of the house. Leaded glass doors lead to an adjoining side porch.

To the left of the hallway is the parlor, which also has leaded glass doors opening to a side porch. The corner fireplace in this room shares a common flue with the fireplace in the dining room. The home has six fireplaces, which have all been restored to working condition. Four of the fireplaces are corner fireplaces and two have their original mantels.

The dining room features an eight-branch chandelier. At one time this room had a doorway to the front parlor that has been removed.

In the 1920's a rear wing was added. In the 50's an upstairs family room was added. And in the 60's the two-car garage was added to the rear of that addition. The current owners have lived in the home since 1979. They remodeled the kitchen and expanded it to incorporate a porch on the northwest corner of the house. The adjoining deck leads to the pool area.

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