

# 1401 South 8th Street



**The Edward and Clara Hoener House**  
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**L Plan Vernacular**  
**ca. 1906**

This two story L Plan home was built by a local contractor for Edward Hoener, a molder at Excelsior Stove Company and his wife, where they raised their family, and in the 1940's also housed their daughter, son-in-law and two grandchildren. The home remained in the Hoener family until 1981. There have been a number of changes to the original façade of the house through the years. Stone piers were added to the front porch in the 20s or 30s and north and south dormers added to the house at a later date. None the less, the floor plan remains largely typical of the early 1900s, with a spacious dining room entered through the front parlor, which was likely reserved for entertaining guests. The door, window and baseboard trim throughout the house is cypress, with a carved design reminiscent of Eastlake, and cast bronze hardware. The floors on the first floor are of oak, while those of the second floor appear to be maple.

The current owners have lovingly restored the home, filling it with period furnishing and spectacular wallpaper choices. A gleaming baby grand piano graces the in the large bay of the dining room, and a large organ sits in the front parlor. In addition to the many large, somewhat narrow windows of the first and second floors, which are kept gleaming, a five beautifully polished chandeliers sparkle with prismatic light. Four of these beautiful fixtures can be seen at once from the center of the dining room.

The home boasts an old fashioned, hand cranked country telephone, and a fainting couch, and pieces of modern stained glass, salvaged by the current owners add additional color to the already cozy and exuberant décor.

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