

FRANCIS A. BAKER HOUSE AND BARN 1835 KENTUCKY STREET c. 1845

Greek Revival Style

Builder unknown, perhaps Baker himself?

This early house and barn were built for the family of Francis Baker, who operated an apple orchard on ten acres near 18th and State Streets. The house was built at the north edge of the property and provided a good view of the orchard. Many changes and alterations have been made to both the house and the barn. Over the years the barn has been used for storage, to house horses, as a repair shop and now for a computerized office.

The front porch has been shortened; it originally extended across the entire front of the house. A series of enclosed porches have connected the barn with the house and other remodeling makes it difficult to determine the original uses of some rooms. As with most Greek Revival homes, the rooms are clustered together to conserve heat. The staircase is nestled in the middle of the house and retains the original double vertical-paneled door, common in this style.

*Behind Closed Doors
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