



## 2049 Maine

American Four-Square • 1893 • Enoch Chatten House  
Current Owners: Chris and Sue Wilhite

This American Four Square was built in 1892 for Enoch and Alice Chatten. Enoch Chatten was born in 1846 and was a Civil War veteran. He was a prominent citizen and served as City engineer for 29 years.

Enoch's younger brother was Quincy architect, Harvey Chatten. The Quincy Daily Journal for June 3, 1892 reported that Harvey lay the foundation for his brother's house that day at the corner of Maine and Twenty-first streets and that the structure would be constructed of pressed brick. In a subsequent article dated June 19, 1893, an attempted burglary was reported at the Enoch Chatten home while the family was asleep upstairs. Then in a June 13, 1895 article, the wedding of their daughter Miss Jessie A. Chatten took place at this home. It appears the Chattens lived here until 1913.

The red brick two-story house sits on a stone foundation and features a number of interesting architectural details. Chatten used fine detailing of crenellated brick above the windows on the first and second floors. Also note the used rounded bricks on the edges of the house. The house features a turreted bay over the front porch, and has a large arched window with more crenellated brick on the west side of the house.

The inside features a beautiful butternut grand staircase. The living room has a tapestry brick fireplace topped by an Arts and Craft era mantel. There are open wood beams and fleur-de-lis medallions in the window transoms. The kitchen has a pressed tin ceiling that uses basket weave pattern with egg and dart molding. Seven sets of French doors and a large sun porch add to the bright and open feeling. The current owners have done extensive repainting.