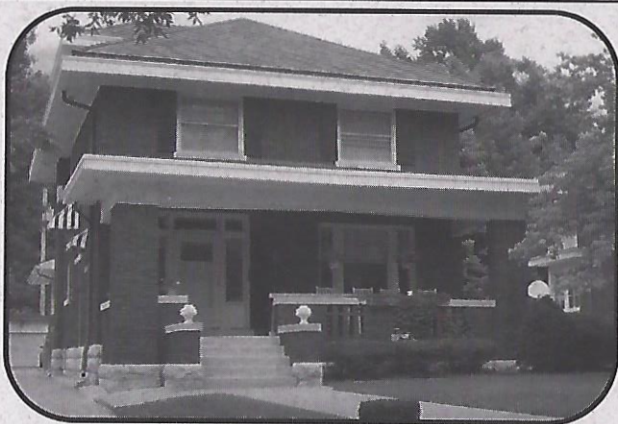


2307 Jersey Street (1919/1920)



John A. and Anna Davis House Four Square/Prairie Style

The Prairie Box, "four-square" at 2307 Jersey is truly an All American style and hundreds of similar houses are sprinkled throughout the city. This home was built in 1919/1920, and occupied for many years by the John A. (Anna) Davis family. J.A. was a co-founder and president of the Davis-Cleaver meat, grocery, and produce company. Originally known at the Selby Produce Co and founded in Quincy in 1892 by Hiram Selby, Davis-Cleaver for many years sold wholesale produce as well as dairy products, poultry and eggs after being bought by John A. Davis, J.J. Hayes and Sam Cleaver in 1916.

The exterior of this sturdy brick home with two to three course exposed masonry foundation, exhibits the characteristic deep, overhanging eaves and full width front porch of the Midwestern Prairie and Craftsman styles. Multiple roof lines are low slung, and the deep overhangs of the eaves on the front entry porch roof and second story emphasize the solidity of the front and side facades. The poured concrete front steps rise between brick side walls with concrete toppers which match the open work brick front porch railing with concrete cap stone. The single-door entry is surrounded by side and top lights, while the large front parlor window to the right of the entry also has glass sidelights, with multipaned upper windows.

Inside, the four bedroom, one bath floor plan of a house of this vintage has been remodeled by past and current owners to accommodate modern living. An addition toward the back of the house added a family room with fireplace off the kitchen, which has also recently been updated, and an additional bath off one of the rear bedrooms.

Throughout the house, the original hardwood floors are exposed, as well as the natural woodwork. In the front foyer, a metal banister which ascended the stairway to the second floor has been replaced with a wooden one, and in the front parlor a brick fireplace adds warmth to the family gathering area. A window beside this fireplace, covered over in a previous renovation, has once again been exposed and restored by the current owners, adding an additional source of natural light to the room.

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