



502 N. 12th

The Frederick and Theresa Rupp House • 1894/95  
Queen Anne • Architect: Unknown

On the corner of 12th and Spring, just across and a bit north of Quincy's landmark Maid Rite, sits the Frederick and Theresa Rupp house, built in 1894/95. Frederick was one of the founders of the very successful Rupp Brothers & Co., iron, steel and junk merchants. Born in Hessen Germany in 1848, he came to America in 1867, where he married Miss Theresa Hoene in Quincy in 1883. The home which the Rupps had built at 502 N. 12th Street was a large one which provided living space for their family of nine children. Following Mr. Rupp's passing, his wife Theresa continued to make a home for their unmarried children at 502 N. 12th, including one daughter, Bertha M., who was listed in city directories through the 1960s as living at the family home, and working first an "engrossress" or "entrossier", later a clerk and framer, at Oenning Glass and Book. Beginning in 1945 and continuing through the 1970s, Theresa and Bertha also acted as managers of the Rupp Tourist Home at this address.

This gracious home, with a front entrance and porch facing 12th street, features tall, narrow one over one windows set singly or as multiples on the first and second floors, and smaller rectangular, square and quarter circle accent windows at the third story attic level. A three window, extending hexagonal bay on the south façade is flanked to the east by a two story recessed porch extending to an apparent later addition to the east.

The home, after being operated as a boarding house for many years, eventually sat unoccupied for a time, and has recently been converted by its new owners into a retail gift and coffee shop on the ground floor, with rental apartment unit above. Inside, it retains its original flooring and woodwork, two fireplaces and transom level leaded and stained glass windows. Of particular charm is a round leaded window on the landing of the main staircase featuring a stained glass dogwood motif, which looks out on a living dogwood in the north yard.

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