



320 South 16th Street
Prairie Style • circa 1915
William and Anna Heidbreder House

A Prairie style house on South 16th was built for William and Anna Heidbreder around 1915. William was the secretary and manager of Gem City Stove Company. The wide overhanging eaves and wide front porch reinforces the horizontal lines of this Prairie Style house. The porch is anchored with brick columned posts. The arranged windows on the second floor geometrically also are characteristic of the Prairie Style.

A transom and sidelights with leaded glass frame the front door. Four leaded glass windows adorn the north side of the entry. Also in the entry stands an original card file from the old library, now the Gardner Museum. Two carved wood columns stand at attention between the entry and living room areas. There is a wide oak mantel above the fireplace with glazed brick. Single and double oak pocket doors are available to enclose the dining room. There is a box bay on the south side of the dining room and a small porch off the west side.

In the kitchen an entire south wall is covered with original butler's pantry cabinets. The cabinets at the opposite end of the kitchen were custom built to match the old pantry cabinets. Also included in the 1985 kitchen remodeling project were the pressed tin ceiling, floor tile, and butcher block island. Another porch on the west side was enclosed and enlarged to provide a three season room. Unique to this kitchen is a laundry chute near the center of the room.

The oak staircase has turned balusters, paneled walls, and a built-in bench at the landing. At one end of the second floor are three bedrooms. The large second floor bathroom has the original hexagonal ceramic floor tiles, wall tiles, tub, and sink. The other end of the second floor includes the maid's room, a sewing room across from the maid's room, and a walk-in closet with built-in storage. Owner Donna Foley enjoys sharing and showing all of the amenities of her house. She also takes pride in the garden areas of the backyard that backs up to the Quincy Junior High School Athletic Field.

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