



1809 Maine

Prairie Style • 1922

Dr. William H. and Florence B. Baker House

Current Owners: Victor and Tina Wingerter

This Prairie Style house was constructed in 1922 with George H. Behrensmeyer as architect for Dr. William and Florence Baker. Doctor Baker was a physician who practiced surgery in Quincy from 1901 until he retired in the early 1950s. His office was at 123 South Eighth Street.

The house is a two-story, stucco structure with a brick foundation in the Prairie Style. This style was developed in the early 20th Century by a group of Chicago architects, the most prominent of whom was Frank Lloyd Wright. The design was influenced by the open prairies of Midwestern America and featured plans with low horizontal emphasis. The Prairie Style is considered by many to be part of the Craftsman Style.

The exterior of the Baker house is highlighted by a low-pitched hip roof with deep overhanging eaves. There are numerous single and double wood framed windows with multi-pane-over-one sash windows. The west façade features a single brick chimney and a hipped dormer with wood molding and deep overhanging eaves. Also typical of the Prairie Style are the wood belt courses running above and below the second story windows on all facades.

You will note that the main entry porch features original battered stucco piers. The south side of the porch has a solid stucco balustrade with stone caps, while the east side has wood balustrades with stone-capped stucco end posts. The current owners have done extensive renovation, creating a 21st century home in its 1922 bones.