

Fries did not live long enough to enjoy either his money or his new home. He died in 1869 leaving a wealthy widow. She married Kespohl later that same year and they continued to live in the home. Kespohl worked with a grocery firm in St. Louis until he came to Quincy. When he arrived in 1865 he continued his trade buying out several grocers in the area. Later Kespohl took on a partner in business, George T. Meyer. The grocery business was very profitable for Meyer and Kespohl and they became one of the leading suppliers of the city and the entire Midwest.

Members of the Kespohl family remained in the home until 1963.