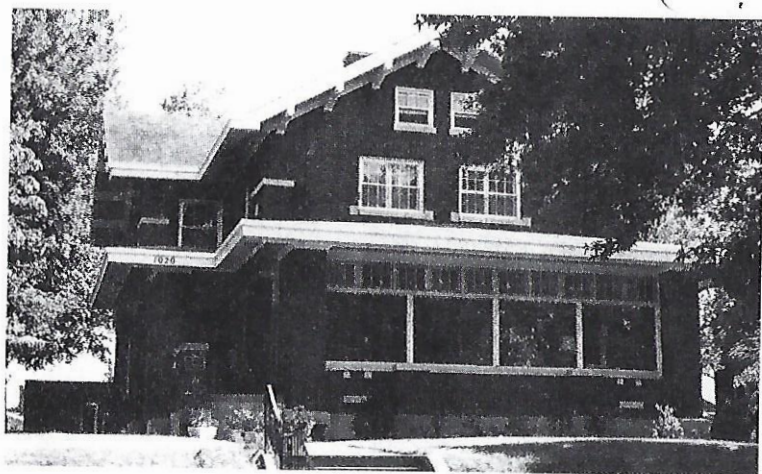




1020 Kentucky Street
 Prairie Style • 1917 • Architect: George Behrensmeyer
 August (Manny) Dick House

This massive, side-entrance Prairie Style home, though built for a bachelor, became the ideal home for two separate families in the second half of the 20th Century. Its generous size, spacious kitchen, sunroom and large bedrooms made it the perfect home for current owners.

The home's clean lines, quality materials and fine artisanship are evident throughout the house—from the pointed arch in the front door—repeated in plaster between the entry area and stair hall and bedrooms—to the massive quarter-sawn oak staircase sporting Behrensmeyer's trademark design.

This high style dwelling has distinctive features sprinkled throughout, including the twelve-inch wide crown molding in main floor rooms, the pier mirror near the staircase, the massive fireplace with its sleek, unsupported mantle, and the dining room's plate-warmer radiator. The original light fixture and hand-painted anaglypta wall covering make the den a distinctive room. Other interesting features are the double-glass doors between the den and the entry and the "ice" door in the pantry.

The spacious, uncluttered kitchen, with its custom made oak cabinets that replicate the original butler's pantry built-ins, together with the family's oak table and chairs offers visitors a nostalgic peek at a kitchen of the past that is functional for the present.

The second floor's private spaces are large, bright and airy. Notice the built-in vacuum cleaning system outlets in the hall, as well as the faceted glass doorknobs and the bathroom's original white subway tile and ceramic floors.

The exterior of the Prairie Style house boasts additional noteworthy features, such as hefty offset brick pilasters, massive brick piers supporting the porch roofs, square limestone detailing and wide eaves with decorative braces. The three-car garage (the second story burned in the 1940s) was the carriage house for the Jacob and Margaret Dick house that sat on this double lot. Jacob was one of three Dick brothers who founded Dick's Brewery. Jacob and Margaret's son, Manny Dick, tore down the family home to build his new then-modern house.

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