

5. 1648 MAINE STREET      Mrs. E. M. Botsford-Charles W. Gay House      1922  
Tudor Revival Style      Ernest M. Wood architect

After being recently widowed, Mrs. Botsford commissioned Ernest Wood to design a house for her daughter and son-in-law, Charles Gay. The house was built on a lot to the west of her residence and the cornerstone, located on the east side of the front porch, was laid by her grandchildren, William and Caroline Gay. The Tudor Revival characteristics of the house are seen in the design of the staircase, Tudor archways and the leaded glass windows .

Ernest Wood was born in Quincy on June 17, 1863. He attended Quincy public schools and graduated from Gem City Business College. In 1886 he secured a position as a draftsman for Quincy architect Harvey Chatten. He worked in Chatten's office until 1891, when he opened his own office. Wood designed numerous buildings in the area, including Washington School in Quincy, Levering Hospital in Hannibal, MO and several residences at the entrance to Lawndale at 21st and Maine Streets. He died on January 25, 1956 at the age of 92.