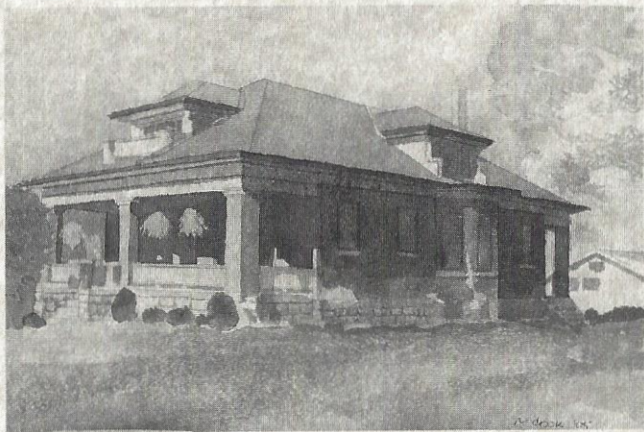




1505 Kentucky

The Robert and Jennie Schott House
Craftsman Bungalow Style with Classical Influences • c. 1914

Architect: Frederick C. Ledebink

Current owners: Jane and Bruce Gardner

The Robert and Jennie Schott house is one of the few bungalows in Quincy that was designed by an architect. Frederick C. Ledebink designed this family friendly home for the youngest son of J.B. Schott. Ledebink also designed the J. F. C. Schott house at 1420 Kentucky and he designed many homes in Omaha, Nebraska.

Robert Schott was a salesman for the J.B. Schott and Company Saddlery - a long time family owned and operated business. He later became a state fish culturalist, reflecting his long-held interest in animals. According to neighborhood folklore, he raised goats and dogs in his large backyard. Garage and basement graffiti supports the tale.

Ledebink designed a home whose specifications called for only the highest quality materials which were chosen for their durability - materials such as the "light-dark" pressed brick, the Lemont stone front door sill, the two-by-twelves over the limestone median wall. For the decorative details, he also specified fine appointments such as the fireplace surround, which is of glazed tile, rather than brick, the leaded glass for the lights surrounding the entry as well as the classical columns and dentil molding between the entry and the living room.

The room arrangement is in the popular bungalow style, with the living room and dining room and kitchen/pantry on one side of the house and two bedrooms and bath on the other side. The Gardners use the largest bedroom for a family room. The second floor originally had a finished hallway, large closet and master bedroom. Two additional second floor bedrooms were later added.

The Craftsman bungalow had been vacant for 20 years when the Gardners bought it. They are only the second family to live in the house. They worked non-stop for a month making it livable, using the home's original specifications and blueprints to guide their work. In the garage, they luckily discovered the original living room lighting fixtures and the kitchen wainscoting.

The trim is oak in the living room and dining room and cypress elsewhere. The floors are oak in the living room and dining room and yellow pine in the other rooms. The window and door trim is oak and cypress.

This handsome bungalow is a beauty all year, but it really sparkles at Christmas, with their Christmas trees and Christmas collections, which are sprinkled throughout the house.

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