

2901 Maine Street (1930)



Adolph W. and Hazel Dalhaus House Bungalow 1930

Plenty of activity occurred in this late folk form bungalow, which packs a lot of power in a small footprint. The house was first the Dalhaus family home and business office and later the Dalhaus Realty offices.

A. W. Dalhaus was a C.B. & Q. Railway clerk and inventor of the 1920s patented "safety holder" for papers and purses. Hazel Dalhaus was the first licensed real estate broker in Quincy. From this house, various family members ran an insurance business, a real estate business and later National Homes Construction and Dalhaus Realty, whose 1965 City Directory entry states "builder of National Homes and Garages, Sale of Old and New Homes, Developer of Planned Subdivisions, Insurance for Homes, Furniture and Automobiles, Home Improvement Work, Fallout Shelters."

With its quintessential bungalow side hall floor plan and a clever back addition, the home has been an easy living space for its past and current owners. The Dalhaus family was responsible for most of the modifications seen today. The bungalow's many Craftsman/Prairie style windows and living room- dining room combination work together to fashion a light-filled, roomy domestic space for gathering and dining. The compact kitchen, recently redecorated, gives way to the addition accommodating a large kitchen dining area and east of it, a sunny bedroom.

The home's back banking style window and door trim millwork are sleek and of the Prairie style. In contrast are the Art Deco style escutcheons on most doors, including those in the office area in the basement. The two original bedrooms were, in later years, the Dalhaus Realty offices. The current middle bedroom's east wall, with its florescent lighting and decorative trim, might have contained a Dalhaus Realty/National Homes display. The front bedroom's sun porch, carved out of the original full width front porch, was also a display area for the Realty Company. The west side of the porch now covers stairs leading to a basement office. The large glass block window, nine foot ceilings and professional finishings used in this basement office area make it feel like a main floor space.

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