



1206 Park Place
Queen Anne Style • 1891 • Architect: John Batschy
Edward and Matilda Menke Residence

Newlyweds Edward and Matilda Menke built their home at 1206 Park Place in Quincy's first subdivision. This new neighborhood had a covenant requiring that the homes cost at least \$3000, be set back a certain distance from the street, and be built of brick or stone. Carriage house access was restricted to the alley behind the homes.

The book "Portrait and Biography Research of Quincy" describes the home as "a handsome brick residence of the latest architectural design. It is beautifully finished both inside and out, and is filled up with all the latest modern improvements, and is handsomely furnished and is the model of convenience and comfort."

Menke was the director of Menke Stone and Lime Company. He had stone brought in from Minnesota, Ohio and Indiana to decorate the brick home along with ornamental brickwork.

Attributed architect, John Batschy, designed the Queen Anne style home with a classical balance and decorative detailing inside and out. The exterior's ornate stone panel features carved acanthus. Beautiful stained glass is featured throughout the home.

The interior of the home has many styles of wood trim made of oak and walnut. Each room on the main floor has different detailing. The fireplace surrounds are very detailed. The stunning dining room fireplace includes a stained glass window and cameo corner pieces.

The current owners have made this treasure their home and lovingly care for it, ensuring that it will continue to shine for generations to come.

*Behind Closed Doors
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