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Colonel Edward Prince House
c.1889-1920s

The Colonel Prince house is a rarity in construction, designed in one style, rebuilt in another, reconfigured at one time and restored in another. Harvey Chatten, the architect, designed the original Queen Anne style house and is thought also to be the designer of the Tudor Revival seen today.

- The original had a tower and many small porches and windows, a steep roof with many gables, a porch banded with Queen Anne carved spindles and columns.
- The present Tudor Revival presents a sturdier construction, with the upper story and a half replaced with 2 floors, the tower removed, and Tudor-style half timbering completing the transformation.
- The small wooden porches were replaced by massive stone-pillared ones with very wide eaves.
- The interior trim of the living rooms is cherry, oak trims the reception hall and the kitchen/pantry area is butternut. The floors are a combination of red and white oak and butternut.
- The owners during the 1990s made some changes to convert the home into a functional bed and breakfast decorated in a German style.
- This impressive personal residence now has 8 bedrooms, 4.5 baths and 7 fireplaces. It includes an elaborately tiled bath on the upper floor.
- The kitchen has been recently renovated, as well as the baths.
- The present owners have enhanced the porches and yard, replaced wrought iron rails, installed a fountain and sculptures, and improved the beauty and usefulness of every space.
- The carriage house in the rear remains mainly in the Queen Anne Style.