

1680 Maine (1889)



Col. Edward and Virginia (Arthur) Prince house
Architect: Harvey Chatten

This Tudor Revival house began as a Queen Anne in 1889, as the residence of Edward and Virginia Prince. Col. Prince was an attorney and civil engineer who made his fortune building the first water works system in Quincy, begun in 1873.

For his home, Prince employed Quincy architect Harvey Chatten to construct a 6000 square foot, three-story mansion. Chatten used the then popular Indiana limestone for the ground floor facade. German stone masons were employed to construct the 20 room home, the first two floors of which feature seven different fireplace mantels, and parquet floors of maple, oak, walnut, and cherry.

The Princes' daughter, Mary, wed Guy Noll in the house in 1905, and the Nolls resided in the house while raising their two sons. Mary inherited the house in 1922 and brought back Harvey Chatten to renovate the house as the Tudor style home we see today. Chatten removed the turret cap from the northeast corner, adding stone and tile front and side porches, turned two first floor parlors into one large living room and added additional bathrooms.

Mary Noll sold the house to a new owner in 1935, who installed an elevator and added a knotty pine bar off the kitchen. Subsequent owners took out the butler's pantry and servant's dining room, turning the kitchen into one large space. The current owners have installed mosaic tile floors in the kitchen, second floor bath and sun porch. They have also added the limestone pillars and metal fencing bordering on 18th Street.

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