



The John L. and Elsa Flynn House, 1916  
2220 York Street  
Prairie Style  
Architect: Martin Geise

The John L. and Elsa Flynn home was built in 1916. Flynn was the son of J.J. Flynn, founder of the Quincy Bottling Company long associated with Coca-Cola. He entered the family business in 1910 and was active in its expansion until he died in 1932. They had three sons, John J., Robert and William J., and one daughter, Mrs. Ruth Flynn Leonard. The Flynn family lived in the house for nearly 30 years. The Crickard family bought the house and lived in it for another 30 years. The Traeder family had it for a few years and sold it back to the Crickard family.

This Prairie Style home has wide eaves, string course sills and bands of windows that help accentuate the horizontal lines.

The low, wide interior doorways with their French doors give the interior a spacious feeling. The ceiling moldings, doorway trim and plain spindles of the staircase show the simple elegance of the Craftsman Movement.

The home was designed by Quincy architect, Martin Geise. He worked with architect Ernest Wood and later with Harvey Chatten. Geise was the architect of record for the Illinois State Bank Building at 6th and Hampshire, Irving School, 811 Payson Avenue as well as his own home at 300 East Avenue.

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