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HOURS

The historic Home & Garden Tour hours are 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM on Saturday & Sunday. ArtsFest exhibitor booths are open 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM on Saturday & Sunday. Live ArtsFest music will run from 1:00 pm to 10:00 pm on Saturday.

FREE TROLLEY & PEDICAB RIDES

Free rides are provided both days from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm, courtesy of the Neighborhood Association. You can board and exit the trolley at the stops designated on the tour map (see back of booklet). Feel free to flag down the pedicab wherever you see it.

FOOD & REFRESHMENTS

Food trucks can be found near the corner of W. Wayne and Union.

RESTROOMS

Restrooms can be found at the Swinney Park Tennis Courts and inside the Lutheran Downtown Hospital lobby. Portable toilets can be found at both ends of ArtsFest.

PROCEEDS FROM THE HOME & GARDEN TOUR

Proceeds from the tour enable the West Central Neighborhood Association (WCNA) to further its historic preservation and neighborhood improvement efforts. The WCNA currently offers its members cost-sharing programs for home beautification, sidewalk repair, tree planting, and security camera installation. Along with that, the WCNA is proud to be saving money for improvements to Moody Park, and recently used funds to save a home from demolition. The WCNA is continually looking for ways to improve the lives of the people within its borders.

By opening these beautiful, historic homes, we help Fort Wayne and the surrounding area learn about the homes' architecture and interior craftsmanship. It is a charming neighborhood to live, filled with astonishing houses and people with a strong community spirit.



Welcome to our neighborhood and thank you for helping us celebrate our 40th Annual Home and Garden Tour and ArtsFest!

We are proud of our historic West Central neighborhood and committed to keeping it a vibrant and welcoming community. We are excited to share our neighborhood with you and hope you will come back to visit or, better yet, become one of our valued neighbors!

The tour stops have been handpicked by a committee of neighbors to provide you with an interesting and rewarding experience. We believe these homes represent a true cross-section of the types of houses you will find here. If there is anything we can do to make your visit better, please do not hesitate to share requests or comments with any of our volunteers.

Please visit **westcentralneighborhood.org** for more information about this event, or like us on Facebook to learn more about our ongoing efforts to help beautify historic West Central.

Thanks again,

Tyler Bowers, President, West Central Neighborhood Association

Have Feedback?

Was there something you loved or hated? Was there a volunteer who went above and beyond? Did you find anything confusing or frustrating? What did you think of the addition of Art Spaces?

We want to hear it all!

Send an email to **info@westcentralneighborhood.org** with your comments and suggestion, and we'll make sure they're passed on to the committee for next year's event!



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TOUR EVENTS



During the Home & Garden Tour, please join us for free art and music at **ArtsFest** and visit the **Food Trucks** near the corner of W. Wayne & Union Streets.

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SWINNEY LOG HOUSE

The Log House, located to the rear of the Swinney House at the Swinney Homestead, was built in 1849 in Lancaster County, Indiana (near Huntington) by John Holsinger Ulrich (Oolry) on 122 acres of farmland. The house took one year to build. The logs are all walnut, as are the baseboards and window moldings. The fireplace room was both a kitchen and dining room. The next room was a parlor and bedroom.

The house was purchased and saved from demolition in October of 1976 by Settlers, Inc. When they purchased the house, it was one large room. Ten couples spent five busy weekends stripping off aluminum siding and other modern additions to get it down to bare logs. The logs were numbered, disassembled and stored in two facilities until the cabin could be re-assembled on this site. The Log House represents the type of home that Thomas and Lucy Swinney lived in, here on this property, after their marriage in 1827. A barn and other farm buildings were originally located to the rear of the house.

Settlers have used the log house for educational programs on early American living, daily life and traditions since 1979.

OWNERSettlers, Inc.

STYLE

Log House

YEAR BUILT

1849



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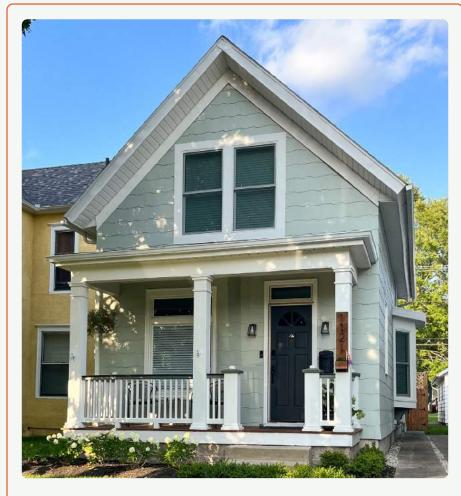
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1121 GARDEN STREET

Also known as No. 61 Garden Street, this quaint gable-front cottage includes many quintessential features from the Queen Anne style including a gabled roof, picture window with transom, and side oriel window supported by brackets. While Allen County tax records show the construction of this home to be 1910, many records suggest otherwise, dating the home back to before 1883. That's the year original owner Jeanie Cannon passed away, leaving this home to her son John Cannon, who lived just next door. A few years later, he sold the home, and it sold again in 1897 for \$1,750, after which it served as a rental.

In 1923, the Federal Building Company purchased both halves of lot 56 and they're believed to have financed a renovation of this home, along with construction of the home at 1125 Garden.

The property was sold eight times between 1944 and 2007, when it was purchased for \$58,000. The current owners have made many improvements to both the interior and exterior of the home, including the construction of a detached garage on the rear of the property.

OWNERS

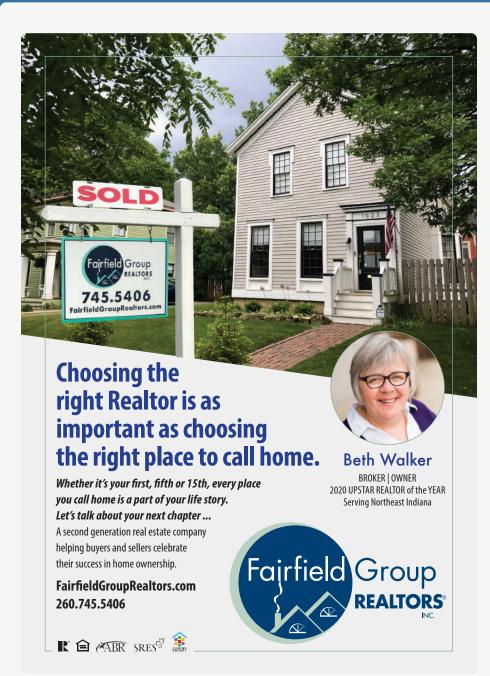
STYLE

YEAR BUILT

Mark & Vicki Zumbraegel

Cottage / Queen Anne

Pre 1883







1225 W. JEFFERSON (GARDEN ONLY)

From the incredibly rare surviving surface-mounted gutters on the roof, to scroll work at the gable peaks, and milled verge boards with rosettes, so much can be said about this impeccable example of a large gabled Queen Anne style home. Also note the curved knee braces with fan accents at the gable and dormer corners, notched wood clapboard siding accenting the flared gable, fluted Tuscan-style columns supporting the porch's flat roof, and an impressive gooseneck balustrade encompassing the front porch which features a handsome double entry door with transom.

The original owners of the home, Christopher and Wilhelmina Schultz, sold it to Dr. Otto W. Gross in 1882 for \$1,050. Dr. Gross was a graduate of the Indiana University School of Medicine and practiced in Fort Wayne as a chemist and pharmacist.

The property was purchased in 1886 by John G. and Margaret Gutermuth and their son Valentine, who was already a notable women's clothier with a shop on Calhoun Street dealing in cloaks, fur, and fine jewelry. The Fort Wayne Sentinel reported that Valentine intended to erect a handsome cottage home on the land, which is the house you see today. Valentine filled the large home with six children and a servant before moving to 332 W. Wayne Street in 1890.

The 1225 address was added in 1906, and both sides of the home were rented for most of the twentieth century. Today, this home continues to function as a duplex.

OWNERS

Jack Hill & Rebecca Good STYLE

Queen Anne

YEAR BUILT

c. 1880s



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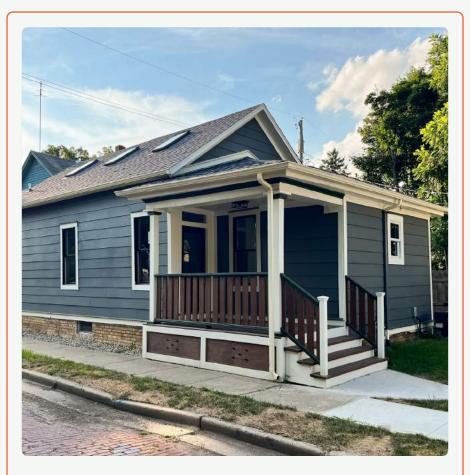
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1116 JONES ST.

This modest worker's cottage was purchased in 1907 by Johanna Knake, who bought it to relocate her family of seven to the city from a farm off Leesburg Road. They only lived here for a few months before moving out and using it as a rental property. In 1911, this home was sold to John and Augusta Froshang for \$2,000, who also used it as a rental.

The location of this property near the Fort Wayne Electric Company and rail line made it a desirable rental home for workers making modest wages. According to classified ads at the time, multiple tenants operated businesses out of the home, including dressmaking and tailoring services, and a shop that sold used cigar-making equipment. The property fell into disrepair in the early 2000s before the current owner purchased it in 2021.

At the time of purchase, this 864 square foot home had a sinking foundation and a gutted interior that had been severely damaged by a chimney fire. Today, the property sits on the original foundation but the interior features an updated floorplan and additional square footage. Recent renovations include a modern kitchen, large primary bedroom with walk-in closet, and a large center beam added to the roof peak to allow for full use of the building's height. Future plans for the home include using it as professional short-term rental housing for Electric Work tenants and visitors.

OWNER

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STYLE

Worker's Cottage

YEAR BUILT

Pre 1907



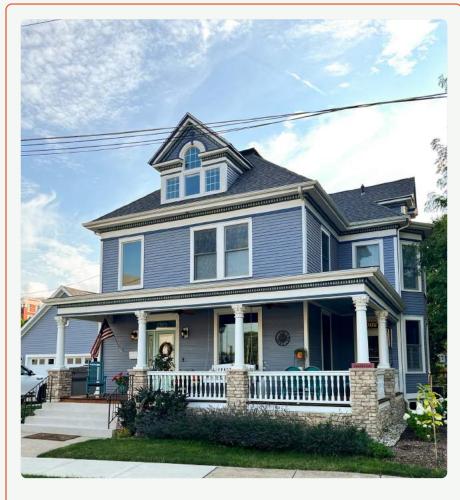
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1302 JACKSON ST.

This grand Queen Anne-Free Classic style home was recently restored back to a single family home after being in a state of disrepair for years. Many of the key architectural features from the original 1906 construction are still intact, including the north facing bay window, large wraparound front porch, and the flat roof or widow's walk at the center of the hip roof. The dormers featured on the north, south, and east sides of the home were exaggerated to allow for more usable space in the attic.

The original owners were Frank and Veronica Perrey. Frank was a successful businessman and blacksmith. He served as Treasurer of the National Association of Master Horseshoers, President of the National Horseshoers Protective Association of Indiana, and President of the State Master Blacksmith Organization. The Perrey family occupied homes on both Jackson and Union Streets before building this one. In 1909, not long after moving into this home, Veronica died of a stroke. After Veronica's passing, Frank began renting out rooms. The 1910 U.S. Census indicates four boarders, including Veronica's sister, occupied the home. Frank sold the property in the early 1930s and moved in with his sister-in-law just a few houses down at 1310 Jackson Street until his passing in 1940.

OWNERS

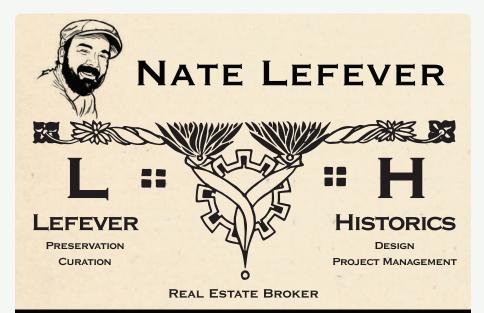
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STYLE

Queen Anne Free Classic

YEAR BUILT

1906



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1020 W. WASHINGTON. BLVD.

This restored home is a prime example of the Queen Anne style, with features such as cedar shake shingles at the peak of the gable roof, a pair of decorative twelve-pane oval windows, round tapered Tuscan columns supporting the front and side porches, and a decorative balustrade atop the front porch to give the impression of a terrace. Other notable features include the oriel bay window in the hall of the home, a large picture window with transom, and decorative corbels supporting the flared eves at the roofline. All of this work can be credited to its current owners, who restored the property not long after purchasing it in 2012.

According to the 1890 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, this lot originally housed a simple two-story home with a one-story addition on the rear. It was most likely a simple brick Italianate, which was common for this neighborhood at the time.

At some point around 1910, the home you see here was constructed by Henry J. Miller. Miller helped start the Fort Wayne Lamp Company, which was eventually absorbed by the Fort Wayne Electric Company. The house was later used as a rental property and changed hands five times between 1925 and 1940. It was sold under land contract in 1962 for \$21,000.

OWNERSAnnie Weikart

STYLE

YEAR BUILT

Queen Anne

c. 1910





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1122 W. WASHINGTON. BLVD.

This home incorporates styles and features that correlate to the taste of the owners at their time of possession and over the years has seen several additions and renovations. Architecturally, It is something of an ancestor to the American Foursquare design. The original structure was built in the late 1860s to early 1870s as a modest home. The traditional two story layout, nine pane pattern or "prairie style" upper sash windows and transoms, and low-pitch hip roof with generous eaves, all speak to the original construction trends of the era. Modifications to the property have embraced features of both Italianate and Craftsman design, with major alterations to the original building including the addition of stucco and the one story addition on the west side of the house.

The construction of this home is most likely credited to Andrew R. McCurdy, director at the DeWald & Co. store. He sold it to Christian and Emma Hitzeman in 1882. Christian served as director of Wayne Dry Goods and a Deacon of Emmanuel Church. In 1919, they sold the property to local insurance agent F. William Ortlied, who would later become the Allen County Auditor. He sold the home in 1922 to Dr. Howard and Caroline Blosser, who made many of the renovations and additions we see today, including additions to the rear of the house and the large screened-in front porch. The Blossers kept the property until 1969 when it was purchased by Dean L. Harris who, along with his heirs, owned the property until 2020. Extensive remodeling and restoration work was completed by Crown Homes, Inc. before being purchased by the current owners in 2021.

OWNERS

Robert & Lynn Brockmann STYLE

American Foursquare / Italianate / Craftsman

YEAR BUILT

c. 1860/1870





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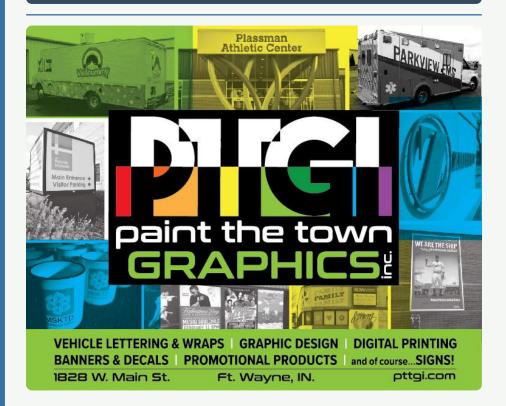
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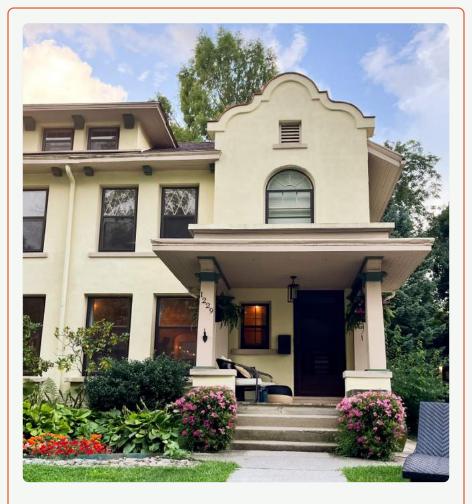
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1229 W. BERRY ST.

A rather uncommon style of home for Fort Wayne, this Mission-style duplex contributes to the architectural diversity of the West Central neighborhood. The Mission style started in California in the 1890s, but never became widely popular outside the southwestern United States.

Identifying features of the style seen in this home is the smooth stucco exterior, the curve-shaped parapets, wide overhanging eaves, and porches supported by square columns. Other accents include single Palladian windows over the porch roofs and modillions under the front eaves.

Research suggests that this duplex was built circa 1910 for Theodore Thieme, although he never lived here, as the first owner was Horatio Ward. Thieme was best known in Fort Wayne for opening Wayne Knitting Mills in 1891, which was the first factory for the production of hosiery in the United States.

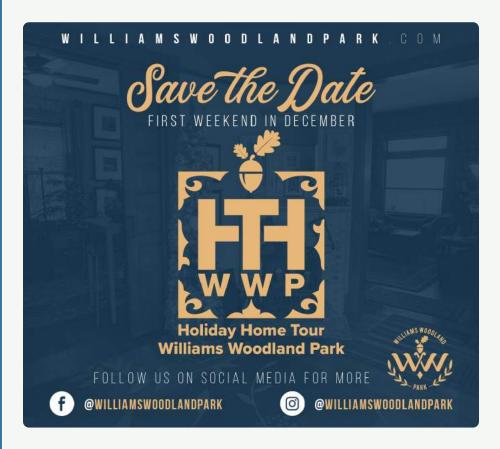
In 1920, Fred and Mary Vance and their children Helen and Fred lived at 1229 W. Berry Street while John and Jane Ewing lived in the east duplex at 1227 W. Berry Street.

OWNERS

STYLE

YEAR BUILT

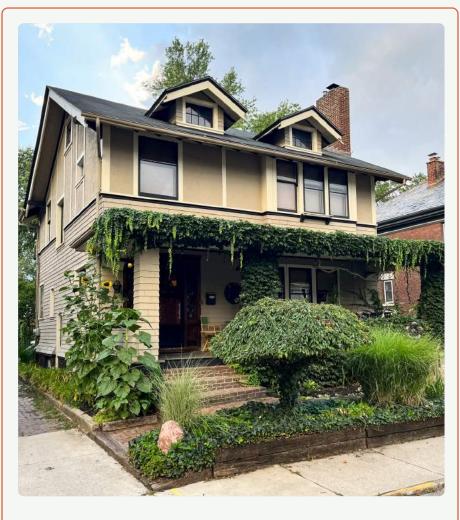
Jay & Sarah Gremaux Mission c. 1910







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816 ROCKHILL ST.

The uncle and nephew architectural firm of Mahurin & Mahurin designed this Craftsman-style house. Built circa 1910 for Michigan native James Shields, it features a shingle-sided first story and a stuccoed second story with a half-timbering detail. Two front dormers with multi-paned windows accent the attic story, and the welcoming main entrance is highlighted by an oak door and leaded glass sidelights. Other leaded glass windows and a variety of artistic works are found throughout the home.

James Shields came to Fort Wayne around 1894 and married Mary Fitzpatrick in 1909. They had at least two children: Mary and Louise. When first living at 816 Rockhill Street, James owned Shields Clothing Company on Calhoun Street which sold clothing, hats, caps, and men's furnishings. Later, James was secretary of the City Water Works under Mayor William Hosey and supervised the operations of the newly constructed water filtration plant in 1933. Daughter Mary was married to Hans Schwieger who was the founder and first conductor of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic Orchestra. James died in 1954 at age 83.

OWNERS

Jake Patten & Becky Johnson

STYLE Craftsman

YEAR BUILT

c. 1910

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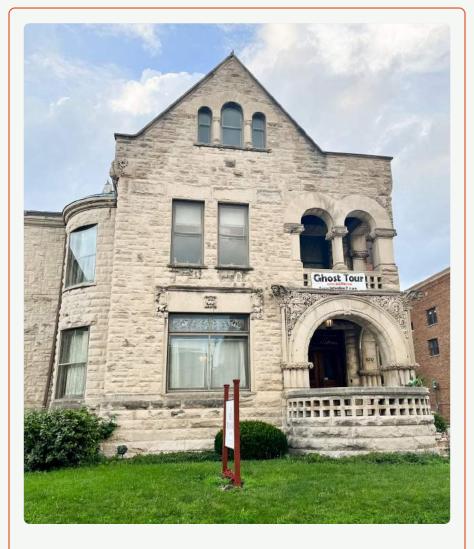
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420 W. WAYNE ST.

This Richardsonian Romanesque style house was designed by Wing & Mahurin in 1893 for Robert Bell, an attorney and state senator. Contrasting smooth and rock-faced stone masonry on the exterior creates a striking effect. Other features include an open loggia above an entry porch with large Syrian arches.

On the west side of the house is a matching addition designed by architect A.M. Strauss in 1935. While in existence as a residence, the house boasted seven bedrooms, a card room, billiard room, formal ballroom, and a library. Outstanding hand-carved and imported hardwoods compliment the interior design.

The Klaehn family bought the residence in 1926 and converted it for use as a funeral home. It remained a funeral home for over 93 years until they left the building in 2018 and the Sturm's bought the building in 2020 to preserve its beauty.

OWNERS

Robert and Patricia Sturm

STYLE

Romanesque

YEAR BUILT

1893



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- SWINNEY CABIN
- 1121 GARDEN ST.
- 1225 W. JEFFERSON BLVD.
- 4 1116 JONES ST.
- 5 1302 JACKSON ST.
- 1020 W. WASHINGTON ST.
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- 9 816 ROCKHILL ST.
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