



417 ALGONA AVENUE

This late Victorian residence was constructed as one of two matching cottages in 1891 for Marcellus E. King. The builder, Frank Franzen, built these cottages (the matching one is next door on the west) for a cost of \$3,200. This home is similar to a cottage for a mill hand found in Palliser's Model Homes Pattern Book which was published in 1878. Builders and homeowners used pattern books as guides for constructing or selecting the style of home to be constructed.

This late Victorian cottage reflects a simplified plan and roof form as opposed to the more ornate high Victorian structures. Note the decorative bracketing at the roof gable ends. Also note the horizontal board that defines the first and second stories as well as the second floor shingles that change shape as the plane of the wall changes. The porch hand-rail is original. The decorative elements were made to replace the decorative elements that were missing from the house. Note too, the wood roof shingles.

Upon entering this home, note the original hardware and original moldings as well as the house number in the front door transom window. The front parlor has a stained glass transom above the front window. Typically, in simple cottages design elements from more ornate styles were incorporated, such as the stained glass and carved newel post found in this home. The hardwood floors in the downstairs were installed in this home in the early 1930's.

Upstairs the floors are restored wide board flooring. Note the decorative fern motif in the corners of the door frames. Also note the curved ceilings in each bedroom to allow for higher ceilings.

This home reflects the owners' sensitive restoration and the potential of a modest home for restoration and preservation.