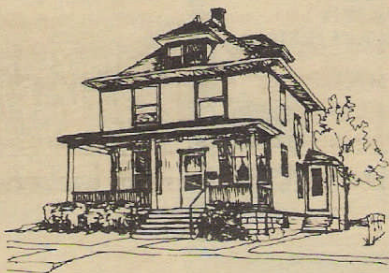


515 DIVISION - This residence was built in 1903 for R.P. Wilcox. It is an example of the American Four Square representing the architectural movement away from ornate Victorian styles to simpler exteriors.

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515 DIVISION STREET 5  
AMERICAN FOURSQUARE

This house built in 1903 is representative of the American Foursquare architectural style. This style of house appeared during the first decade of the 20th century and was representative of the movement away from ornate Victorian architecture. The Foursquare also provided a means to obtain the most space per dollar. The square or box plan used a minimum of land and materials to en-

close a considerable amount of space. The siding is simple clapboard, the porch and window detailing is restrained and there are no turrets or second story porches. In fact by 1908 similar houses could be ordered through the Sears and Roebuck catalog as a "kit".

Although the exterior of this residence is plain, the interior is both spacious and finely appointed. The front door, fireplace mantel and staircase are constructed of oak while the majority of the woodwork in the house is Georgia yellow pine. Of special interest is the "stick and ball" detailing found in the living room doorway. Also note the stained and beveled glass windows found throughout the house. The living room fireplace is original with its green tiles and cast iron screen. Carefully restored, this house contains its original kitchen cabinets, most of the original light fixtures, as well as iron floor registers, a claw foot bathtub, a marble sink and glass transoms above the bedroom doors. The treatment of the attic demonstrates the creativity of the present owners as well as their sensitivity to their 80 year old house. Upon exiting the house note the wrought iron picket fence on the east lot line. Most of the iron fences that were once common in Elgin have disappeared, thus this is an interesting remnant of a by-gone era.