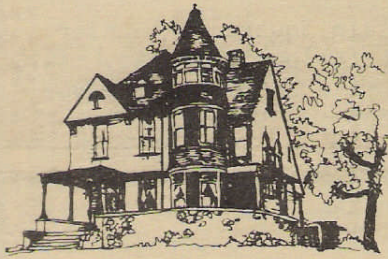


600 EAST CHICAGO - George Richardson residence - This Queen Anne house was designed by the architectural firm of "Turnbull and Postle" for George Richardson and constructed in 1892. He was a superintendent for the D.C. Cook Publishing Company.

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600 EAST CHICAGO STREET  
GEORGE B. RICHARDSON RESIDENCE

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George B. Richardson, a native of Vermont, moved to Elgin in 1889 to take the position of General Superintendent of the D.C. Cook Publishing Co. He apprenticed in the printer's trade in Peru, Illinois and eventually became part owner of the Woodstock Sentinel Newspaper and owner of the Clinton Public Newspaper. Prior to moving to Elgin, G.B. Richardson was a publishing manager in Boston, New York and Chicago.

In 1892, George Richardson had the house at 600 East Chicago constructed. Designed by the local architectural firm of "Turnbull and Postle", this house cost \$6,500 to build. Designed in the Queen Anne architectural style, this house has varied roof forms, different types of siding material and a prominent turret, as well as a number of leaded and stained glass windows. In particular, note the leaded glass in the entry door in the shape of a spider web.

The interior of this house has been nicely renovated. Note the oak woodwork and oak staircase banister and spindles (restored) as well as the stained glass window on the staircase wall. The parlor and dining rooms contain antique light fixtures. Also, note the effect of the turret on the spatial texture of the music room (front parlor) and the second floor master bedroom. The third floor of the house offers a view of Hanover Township from the turret. Altogether the George Richardson residence contains eight rooms and two baths, with a fireplace located in the main parlor.