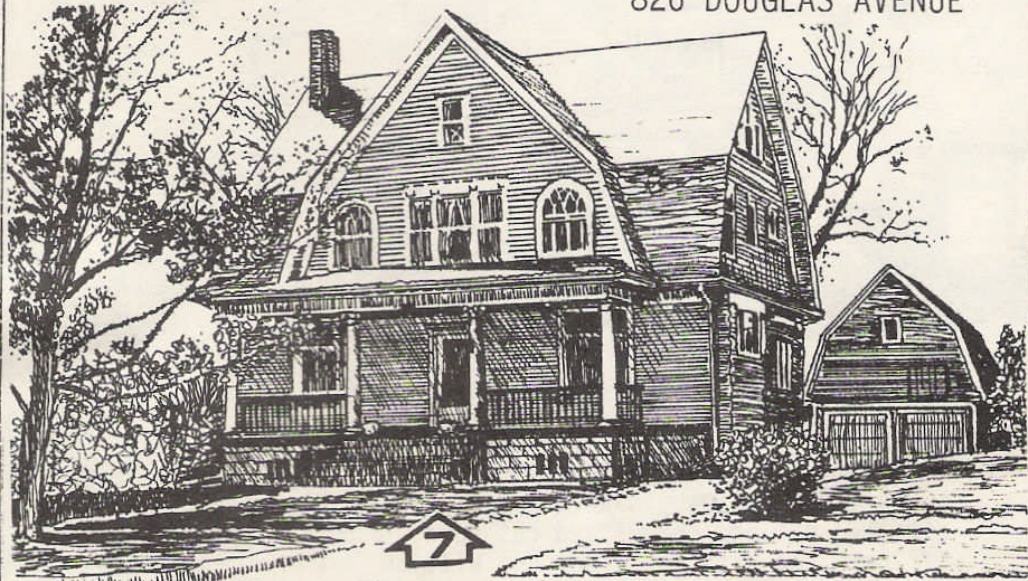


826 DOUGLAS AVENUE



In its 80-year history, two families account for 65 years of ownership! Even so, the current owners had to scrape a lot of paint off the woodwork! The house was built in 1906 for Dr. Thomas E. and Amanda Macauley, who formerly lived at 129 Tennyson Court which is now part of the Elgin Historic District. Dr. Macauley's office was in downtown Elgin at 23 Douglas Avenue. The current owners are researching the original colors of the house and hope to have new exterior paint applied by the end of this summer.

David E. Postle designed this house for the Macauley's in the Dutch Colonial Revival style, exemplified by its cross gambrel roof form, which appears to be the integration of two barn roofs. Note the bilateral symmetry common to all forms of Colonial Revival. The first floor has clapboard siding with shingles above, and the continuous first floor porch roof is supported by Ionic columns.

Note the variety of window exposures: on the first floor with leaded glass above; the second floor, the three windows banded together which have applied decorative classical wreath motif. The flanking windows on either side are semi-circular arches with decorative muntins. Diamond panes adorn the upper level window. On the north side, there is a diamond-paned Palladian window.

The carriage house in the rear is of the same style. It is rare to find an original house and outbuilding still standing.