



832 DOUGLAS



In 1906, Thomas S. Huntley had the architectural firm of Postle and Mahler complete plans for gambrel/shingle style home. Thomas Huntley was a local attorney who also selected Elgin's "Gold Coast" as his place of residence. Probably the dominant feature of this house is the use of fieldstone for the front porch, foundation, chimney and fireplace.

The interior configuration of this house has remained unchanged since it was built. Upon entering the foyer, note the beveled glass windows and stained-glass entry door as well as the built-in window seats. Dominating the living room as well as the master bedroom is a fieldstone fireplace. In the bay-windowed den as well as the kitchen are original hardwood floors, noteworthy for their extremely narrow boards. In the kitchen, the original built-in cabinets remain. The dining room is noteworthy for its beamed ceiling and the built-in buffet with leaded glass. Note also the leaded glass in the swinging door between the kitchen and dining room.

While going up to the second floor, look up and note the skylight, original to the home. Light filters down through it via a tent-shaped glass enclosure in the roof. As throughout the home, the door knobs upstairs are of glass and each door has a keyhole cover. Note also the porcelain sink in the girl's bedroom and the sleeping porch off the master bedroom. The small room off the back staircase was originally for the maid.