

## A LITTLE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR HOUSE....

This beautiful, stately Queen Anne Victorian home was built in 1894, for the then astronomical cost of \$14,000 by a prominent banker and businessman of Princeton, Elmer D. Morse, who later was elected to the State Senate in 1901. It was his wish that the house be built on a man-made hill so it would be "magnificent upon completion."

The home has 16 rooms featuring two impressive fireplaces with Italian marble tiling, built-in dining room china cupboards, original stained glass windows and pocket doors. The downstairs consists of a foyer, parlor, library, dining room, kitchen, maid's quarters and two baths. The second floor has five bedrooms, a linen press, bath and summer porch (a later addition). There is also a third floor large enough for living quarters and, of course, a basement used for food storage, coal bin and cistern.

The woodwork, which is maple in the west half and oak in the east, is all original to the house and was restored about 30 years ago. Floors are solid maple with an interesting placement in the foyer laid diagonally and bordered. Stenciling in the dining room is a copy of the original wallpaper pattern and the colors, mauve and seafoam, correspond with the fireplace surround. Composition pressed board called Lincrusta on the dining room, foyer and staircase walls was made to resemble tooled leather and is authentic late nineteenth century, originally a dark sepia color and painted white. The dining room has an interesting lion face and fruit pattern, common designs of the period.

We are attempting to research, restore and preserve this lovely old house and are fortunate to also reside here, being the seventh owners. The spacious rooms and beautiful woodwork have been maintained in the elegant Victorian style and are a spectacular setting for the display and sale of our antiques, furnishings, and accessories. We hope you enjoy it as much as we do.

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ON BUILDING THE HOUSE...

March 8, 1894

...R. G. Williams of Manchester brought a load of wool to Princeton Tuesday which was sold to E. D. Morse. Morse holds the Princeton wool market up to figures as good if not a little ahead of any market in this part of the state.

March 15, 1894

...Tim Paull will soon commence to move E. D. Morse's residence back to give room for that new mansion, which will soon be in progress of erection. E. D. will have a magnificent home when completed.

March 22, 1894

...E. D. Morse's home will soon be moved to the back end of his lot to make room for that elegant residence he is about to erect.

April 12, 1894

...Those who have had the pleasure of inspecting the architect's design of E. D. Morse's new home pronounce it very fine. The stone foundation of the building has been commenced.

April 19, 1894

...The walls on E. D. Morse's residence are so far up as to give a person an idea of the elegance of what his future home will be.

May 3, 1894

...Barring the weather building has progressed at this early date in May here in Princeton much further than could have been surmised early in March. The stone foundation of the American House is about completed, also the foundation of E. D. Morse's residence and the bank building. The work so far has been pushed by Joseph Hutter, a Fond du Lac contractor and a man who appears to be master of his business and a pusher. The work on Henry Manthey's new home has been put in shape by Gus Krause, and is now so far along that Mr. Manthey will soon be under his own "roof tree". This is an

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aggregation of booming enterprise that gives our coming city a mighty healthy appearance. We boom over in this "neck o' woods", and move right on without blowing or unnecessary talking.

May 10, 1894

...At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Princeton State Bank, held on Wednesday, May 9th, 1894, L. D. Moses, Elmer D. Morse, Gustav Teske, Chas. Cowan, Geo. W. Carter, J. C. Weller and J. E. Leimer were elected as directors for the ensuing year. The officers of the bank are L. D. Moses, President; Elmer D. Morse, Vice President and J. E. Leimer, Cashier.

May 31, 1894

...The roof on E. D. Morse's new residence is put on. The building being up an idea can be formed of its dimensions and its shapely elegance. It will be finished in fine style.

July 12, 1894

...E. D. Morse has purchased this season some 60,000 pounds of wool. It has been bought at from ten to fifteen cents a pound, some of the earliest purchases being taken at 17 cents. This is a year of r-e-f-o-r-m, you know.

July 19, 1894

...E. D. Morse will put in a gas generator to furnish his house and premises with light. It will prove cheaper than kerosene and lamp cleaning for lighting purposes.

Oct. 4, 1894

...The painters are at work on the Morse mansion. It will be painted in modern style to correspond with the ornate construction of this elegant home.

Oct. 18, 1894

...Princeton can now boast of having the finest bank building, the finest school house and the finest private residence in Green Lake county, the latter being the new home of E. D. Morse.

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