

McNAMER

495 West 7th Street



In 1904, Joseph Rhomberg built this Queen Anne home. It remained in the Rhomberg family until 1956, when Katherine Rhomberg Gehrig sold it. A massive wrap-around porch overlooks downtown and the Mississippi. Pink stucco was added over the original frame in the 1940's or 50's but removed at a later date. Stucco still remains on the chimneys. There was a sleeping porch off the second floor, but it was blown off in 1975 by a tornado. Several Australian pines, planted by the Rhombergs, remain on the property.

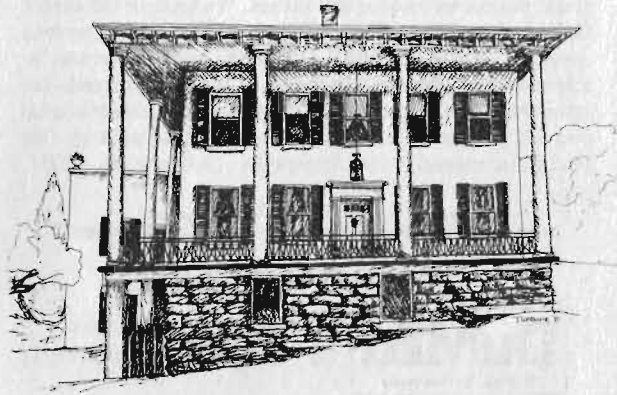
Inside, there are seven rooms on the first floor, six on the second, and a master suite on the third. Six wood columns in the living room were marbled last year, and medallions were added to the ceiling. The original built-in bookcases remain on either side of the fireplace. The kitchen was moved and modernized and the basement finished. On the exterior, a 300 foot retaining wall was built to provide level yard space.

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for your help in decorating
the McNamer home.

WURTZ

508 West 7th Street



It is believed Joseph A. Rhomberg built this double-decked riverboat Gothic in 1856. It remained in the Rhomberg family until 1970. Among his other interests, Mr. Rhomberg was a wine merchant and the eastern bluff of the property was terraced and planted in vineyards. A large, unused wine cellar still extends from the house beneath West Seventh Street.

The house was renovated during the 1940's. The double porches were taken off, and a belvedere was removed from the roof. It is now a combination of Greek Revival and Italian Villa architectural styles. Two central fireplaces were added, along with a south facing picture window in the living room. The remaining area off the southwest bedroom became a deck. The present dining room, which was called a "Christmas Parlor" at the turn of the century, retains its original plaster ceiling molding and medallion. Several interior doors have etched glass windows.

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the Wurtz home.

RANSDELL

583 West 7th Street



This simple vernacular brick two-story home of four rooms was built c. 1870. In 1956 a temporary trailer was attached to provide a more modern kitchen and a bath, and in 1965 an addition replaced the trailer. In 1988 another addition provided more living space and a three-car garage. A graceful wrap-around porch and gazebo were built.

The house has been in the owner's family thirty-six years. In addition to exterior construction, all interior plaster was gutted and the two small downstairs rooms were opened up to form a spacious living area. Windows were replaced and new electrical and plumbing systems were installed. The home now has a modern kitchen, 2½ baths, and a jacuzzi.

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the Ransdell home.

LEITCH

605 West 5th Street



This home was built in 1906. The bluff location was formerly a mining site. Since purchasing the home in 1980 the owners have done extensive renovation inside and out. Major projects included restoring the heavily painted oak woodwork to its original beauty, restoring the fireplace and its mirror and removing inappropriate concrete work outside. All rooms have been sensitively rehabilitated. The most recent projects have been the solarium off the kitchen and an adjoining private patio. Furnishings include period and contemporary pieces throughout the house. Numerous "Great Glass" windows and kitchen ceramic tiles made by Mrs. Leitch enhance the warmth and charm found in this older home.

Thank you

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the Leitch home.

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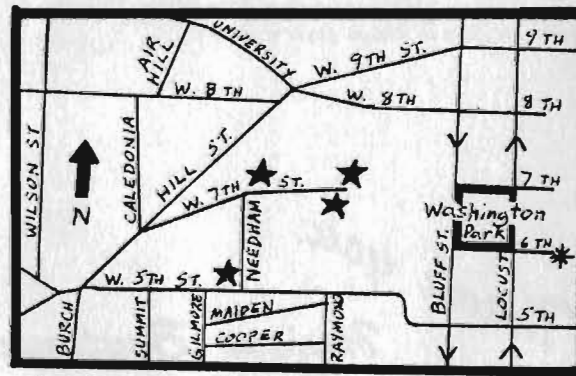
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