

THE CHARLES W. GLOVER RESIDENCE
16 RUGBY PLACE

This home was erected in 1905 for Charles W. Glover, one of the founders of a firm which became Elgin Metal Casket Company. President Calvin Coolidge was laid to rest in an Elgin casket and President John F. Kennedy was carried in an Elgin casket from Dallas to Washington, D.C.

This home is typical of the Colonial Revival style of architecture. It is characterized by its overhanging gable roof and bilateral symmetry. The revival style borrows many of its features from other architectural styles. Classic details can be seen in the dentils, the pediments over the windows and dormers, the Doric pilasters on the ends and the Corinthian porch columns. The fan lights in the dormers are typical of the Colonial style. The bay window on the south side of the house is an Italianate feature.

One enters the home through double doors. The vestibule has the original Bombay tile. Passing into the main hall, you see the open oak staircase with grand paladian stained glass window. Note the unusual door casings and baseboards. Off the main hall is a half-bath with pedestal sink.

To the left is the main parlor. Note the stained glass window and the fireplace with carved wooden mantel and glazed tiles. This room may be closed off from the rest of the house by sliding pocket doors.

To the right of the main hall, one enters the dining room. Also equipped with pocket doors, this room has ceiling moldings which form a "perfect ellipse." Take note of the radiator with the built-in pie and bun warmer.

Upstairs there are four bedrooms plus a servant's room. The master bedroom and the bedroom with the fireplace were originally a bedroom and sitting parlor connected by double doors. Notice the oval stained glass window in the children's bedroom. There is an exact duplicate of this window in the closet off the master bedroom. The bathroom has a pedestal sink and the original Bombay tile.

Before you return downstairs, note the small back room which was the servant's room. Off the servant's room is a sun porch. These rooms, located in the rear of the house, allowed the servant quick access to the kitchen down the back stairs.

Although not open for viewing, the third floor was the ballroom. This single large room has three dormers which can be seen on the front of the house.

Returning to the main floor, you enter the kitchen. Between the kitchen and dining room is the butler's pantry.

The original floor plans for the house, as well as the exterior elevations and blueprints for the unique casings, will be on display for your viewing.