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Overall plan dimensions: 46'-O" X 71'-10". Cellar, two principal stories, and attic. Four story tower. Exterior walls and most interior partitions are brick bearing walls. Wood joist floor system; wooden roof construction.

Central hall floor plan with service ell at rear connected by a "breezeway" to a brick summer kitchen. Summer kitchen was reconstructed during late 1960's following original design.

House has been restored by the Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana. The interiors are appropriately furnished and decorated with many valuable Victorian furnishings and a small number of suitable modern reproductions where necessary. Some modifications have been made at the second and attic floor to provide a caretaker's apartment and storage spaces. The cellar has been finished to provide meeting rooms for community use.

The lot is surrounded by a black metal fence reproducing one seen in early photographs of the house. The site is well landscaped, including a flower garden.



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/ The house was built in 1864 for John D. Morris, an Indianapolis businessman who was one of the five sons of Morris Morris the pioneer. Noble C. Butler, who bought the house in 1881, was a vice president of the Capitol National Bank and toward the end of the century was active in a local literary society.

It is believed that D. A. Bohlen, a prominent Indianapolis architect, designed the house (Agnes M. Hanna, Indianapolis Star, 7 Apr. 1929). The house is a significant example of the period and, in its present condition as a museum of the decorative arts of the period circa 1875, is an important landmark. It is one of the few houses of its type still standing in Indianapolis.



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