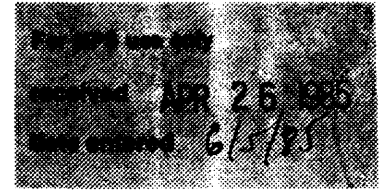


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Downtown South Bend

The Hager Residence  
415 W. Wayne  
141-55437-598  
d. 1910

OWNER: Ronald Joers  
1919 S. Ridgewood Circle  
South Bend, Indiana 46617

Description:

Photo #76; Building #41

The Hager Residence sits on Wayne Street between Lafayette and William Streets. The house is somewhat isolated, surrounded on three sides by parking lots.

The two-and-one-half story, eaves front, gambrel roof house shows strong influences of the Shingle Style. However, only the upper floors are wood shingles; the first floor is brick. The front porch with its bellcast roof, which is an extension of the main house roof, is punctuated by a large gable roof dormer. The dormer has a tripartite window at the attic level and a simple bay window on the second floor. The porch roof is supported by square, brick end piers and fluted Doric columns. The main entrance is flanked by Ionic pilasters.

Significance:

George L. Hager was the founder of the Hager Medical Company, a manufacturer of ready-to-use medicines, including Oak Balm and Blood and Nerve Restorative. The Hager Medical Company distributed their goods throughout the United States and Europe. In 1908, George L. Hager purchased this site and one year later hired the architectural firm of Austin and Shambleau to design a house for his family.

Completed in 1910, the Hager Residence is one of only a few houses in South Bend of this stylistic form. The Shingle Style/Craftsman house, with its unusual features including a bellcast roof and fluted Doric columns, is an excellent example of this style in South Bend. It is also one of only a few remaining small residences designed by Austin and Shambleau, one of the more prolific, early 20th century architectural firms in the city.

UTM Reference: 16/561980/4613620

Acreeage: Less than one acre

Legal: 50 feet East end Ex 6½ feet North side Lot 15  
and 50 feet East end Lot 16, Vail's Block 4

Parcel #18-3001-0387