
823 Ohio Street
D. 1880's

Owner: William and Margaret Van Horn
832 Ohio Street
Terre Haute, Indiana

Description

Photo #5, Bldg. #57

This eclectic two story home features a combination of Italianate and Queen Anne design elements. The house was built in the 1880's, using red brick laid up in common bond. Basically rectangular in plan, the home has a small wing with chamfered corners projecting from the west wall.

The main facade, which faces north on Ohio Street, is a gable end wall three bays wide. On the ground floor level, the east and center bays contain large segmental-arched windows with heavy hood molds and pronounced keystones. The third bay on the ground floor contains the main entry door, which features side-lights and a segmental-arched transom. On the second floor level, all three bays contain segmental-arched windows identical in design to those on the ground floor. All of the windows on the first two floors of this facade include the original exterior shutters in operating condition.

A single rounded-arch window appears in the gable area of the main facade, over the second floor windows. The wooden trim around this window, comprising the home's most prominent decorative element, includes a series of rays emanating from the window's simple hood mold in a sunburst pattern. These rays are of varying lengths, terminating where they meet the gable's plain frieze. A wooden banding with decorative molding crosses the main facade at the impost level of the arched window's hood; this banding continues down the rake to form an architrave. The roofline is further embellished by raking cornice with decorative molding.

Significance

823 Ohio Street is architecturally significant as an unusual and outstanding local example of Victorian residential architecture. Reflecting a transition from Italianate to the Queen Anne Revival style, it is distinctive for its high degree of integrity, its Eastlake cornice and gable details, and its Venetian entrance. The building has been well-maintained since its construction in the early 1800's, and currently contains a residence and professional office space.

Geographical Data

Acreeage: Less than one acre

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Boundary: Map #1806-22, Block 356, Parcel 004