

A Look Back in Time

The Fred and Alice Carpenter House, 6318 Third Avenue, is a contributing property within the National Register of Historic Places in the Third Avenue Historic District. The Third Avenue Historic District is a mixed-use neighborhood along Lake Michigan a few blocks south of Kenosha's downtown. The Carpenter House was originally designated a Kenosha Historic Site in 1979. A reevaluation was conducted in May 1997. The Common Council approved redesignation of the property as a local landmark on May 19, 1997.

The Fred and Alice Carpenter House is a two-story building that has details suggesting the Colonial Revival Architectural style. The house was designed by Chicago architect Max Dunning and built for the Carpenter's in 1915. Fred H. Carpenter was vice-president of the First National Bank of Chicago and a broker. The Carpenter's lived in the house until the late 1960s.

The house has a rectangular plan and a steeply-pitched jerkinhead gable roof. The second story of the building is covered with wood shingles and the first story is covered with wide clapboards. The house has generally regular fenestration of eight-over-one light, double-hung sashes. There are also a number of smaller, irregularly-sized multi-light openings that punctuate the walls of the house. The most prominent feature of the main elevation is a two-and-one half story gable-roofed bay that projects above the roofline. The upper level of the bay is dominated by a round-arched opening that is filled with multi-light casements and decorative panels. The bay is enclosed on the first story except for a small multi-light opening with a decorative surround. The main entrance features a plain door decorated with a very narrow elliptical transom. The door is covered by an entry porch that features a Palladian arched roof supported by a wide frieze and two round columns. A small balustrade with an elaborate cut-out pattern connects the columns to the flat pilasters that flank the entrance.



Experience the grandeur of the Fred and Alice Carpenter House and the Third Avenue Historic District for yourself. You will be glad you did!