

A History of 180 East Fountain Avenue, Glendale

Legend has it that the homes at 170 and 180 East Fountain Avenue were originally twin houses, built in 1901 by Mrs. Charles Richardson as wedding gifts for her two daughters. The homes were mirror images; they were positioned on the property so the mother, who lived in the stately brick home at 160 E. Fountain, could see the front doors of both her children's homes. Through the years many changes have been made to the two homes, but many similarities still exist.

The Herr family lived in 180 for nearly 30 years, and in the late 1950's and early 1960's removed the original front porch, adding a bay window in the living room. Also at that time a half bath replaced the first floor butler's pantry off the dining room.

During the 1980's, the next owners, the Bangerts, turned the front bedroom into a den. Mr. Bangert purchased a black walnut tree, and personally produced the trim in his basement workshop. The leaded glass doors are from a School of Engineering Library (possibly Miami's).

Subsequently, the Browers restored the master bedroom to its original octagonal shape, matching the dining room, and renovated the second floor bath with a whirlpool tub and separate shower.

In the 1990's the Moores, in addition to many mechanical and decorating improvements, added a front porch reminiscent of the original porch. The small second floor room that previously served as a nursery or sitting room was converted to a walk-in closet.

Around 2002 the Schadlers added a full bath on the 3rd floor, serving the two bedrooms on that level.