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Our house address is 155 Magnolia Ave.
We have lived here since September 1987.

Henry and Emma Woods built the house in 1962. They lived at 820 Ivy Ave. (the Gunnison House) while the house was being built and used some of the material from that house in our house. The ceiling decorations in the front hall are in both houses today. The Woods also found antique fireplaces, doors, and a billiard ball cue holder (now removed) to incorporate in the house. An indoor grill in the kitchen and a fireplace on the patio were also installed. The walls in the main part of the house are extra thick to add to the old look. It is a neo-classic designed home. The builders name was Mr. Abbott who lived on Chester Rd.

Emma Woods developed cancer and lived in the house only 6 months. There was a small kitchen in the far end of the house, which was used by their daughter Marilyn. It has been changed to a closet. The potting shed on the back right corner was enclosed to make another bedroom.

Henry Woods sold the house to Chuck and Mary Burchenal around 1972. Chuck died of emphysema around 1980. Mary continued living here until her death in 1986. We bought the house and moved in September 1987.

In the yard there is a base from a column that we heard was from the Federal Building downtown. It is used as a birdbath now.

In 1999 the kitchen was remodeled, eliminating a maid's room. The stairway from the basement was also moved to enlarge the space.

We have enjoyed our time here and like the sleds in the winter going down Gunney Hill (Magnolia Ave.)