

2008 HISTORIC LANDMARK AWARD

c. 1908, Early Colonial Revival - 502 South Princeton Avenue



This house resides on the former Diedrick Meyer farmstead. In 1908, Henry Austin purchased this property. Then in 1920, it was sold to Otto and Bertha Wertzler, a possible descendent of the Meyer family. In 1925, George M. Smith and his wife, Margaret, bought the property. Later in 1927 it was sold to his son George C., and wife Florence, who lived here for 15 years. The Smith family founded G. M. Smith & Son, a successful local real estate company that was established in 1920, and is still in business today. In early 1942, the Ashford family owned the property for four months, and then it was sold to John and Charlotte Morris. It was in 1975 that the current owners, Eugene and Elizabeth Beausoleil, purchased the property and began to substantially improve it along with raising their children; Mark, Matt, John, Luke, and Michelle.

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