



Clarence Chamberlin House

322 West Grand Avenue

1882, Second Empire/Queen Anne/Classical Revival



This house represents the evolution in residential architectural styles between 1881 and 1904 from the Second Empire to Queen Anne/Classical Revival, reflecting the changing tastes of the period. Constructed in Second Empire style in 1881, it was remodeled circa 1904 as a result of fire caused by a lighting strike. The remodeling added many fine elements of the Queen Anne/Classical Revival style. The original mansard roof, for example, was replaced by intersecting shingled gables.

Clarence Chamberlin settled in Eau Claire in 1856 and worked for the Ingram and Kennedy Lumber Company as a salesman. The firm was reorganized as the Empire Lumber Company in 1881 and Chamberlin served on their board of directors. He also served on numerous boards until his death in 1911.