



# John Pinkum House

420 Fourth Avenue  
1889, Second Empire



Built in 1859, this home was almost completely redone in 1889. The mansard roof puts this house in the Second Empire style with a strong Queen Anne influence. It contained a third floor ballroom, a common feature in houses of this scale.

John Pinkum came to Eau Claire in 1855 as a carpenter, joiner and millwright. In 1862 he erected a mill, which he operated in partnership with Ingram and Kennedy and which later became the Empire Lumber Company. He managed his mills until his death in 1899.