



# John S. Owen House

907 Porter Avenue  
1923, Colonial Revival



John S. Owen married Cora Rust, the daughter of a Michigan lumber baron who owned 37,000 acres of land in the Eau Claire area. In 1873, they moved to Eau Claire, where he was initially employed by Henry Putnam, agent for or part owner of much of the best pineland on the Chippewa River.

Through his connections with Putnam and his position in the Rust family, John S. Owen became one of Eau Claire's most powerful lumber barons. In 1913-14, Owen donated land along the Chippewa River for a city park, now known as Owen Park.

This house, Owen's second residence, was converted to a five family apartment building in 1948. There has been an addition to the north side. Owen's first residence, a massive brick and frame structure, had been located across the street. A portion of the cedar block driveway leading to its carriage house still remains, although the house itself was demolished, about 1940.