



John Walter House

605 North Barstow Street
1897, Queen Anne



Fourteen-year-old Johannes Walther apprenticed with a brewer in his native Germany. He and his brothers immigrated to the United States in 1874 and within a few years established breweries across Wisconsin. His first brewery, in Spencer, burned in 1889. The following year, Walter purchased the Empire Brewery in Eau Claire, which he renamed the John Walter Brewing Company. As the business prospered, the Walter family moved from their modest home at 628 North Barstow to this expensive residence.