

William Christian Reinhard House

459 West Grand Avenue c. 1900, Queen Anne



This house was built by William Christian Reinhard who moved to the Eau Claire area in 1858 from Milwaukee. While in Milwaukee, Reinhard established the Milwaukee Mechanics Mutual Fire Insurance Company, served in the State Assembly and started the first brass band for the Milwaukee Rifle Company. Reinhard died in 1887 and his obituary states that he started the first brass band in Eau Claire.

A son, William Jr., a contractor, lived in the house until his death in 1931. The house remained in the Reinhard family until 1968.