

“The Corona”

613 Court Street



Known as the Corona this house was sold as a kit in the Sears & Roebuck catalogue between 1915 and 1922. It was part of the selection known as “Honor Built” which were the most expensive and finest quality homes sold by Sears. Corona was originally priced at \$1,4800.00 and went up to \$2,647.00. This price included all the materials to build this seven room bungalow, including all millwork, lumber, lath, shingles, building paper, eaves trough, down spout, sash weights, hardware and painting material. In homes recognized as “Honor Built”, joists, studs and rafters were to be spaced 14 7/8 inches apart and interiors featured clear-grade wood flooring and inside trim made from yellow pine, oak or maple wood.

Sears kit homes contained 30,000 pieces and once ordered, these 30,000 pieces were delivered via two boxcars that arrived at the nearest train depot. The kit included a 75-page leather bound book that instructed owners how to assemble the 30,000 pieces. The Corona features beam ceilings in the living and dining rooms plus a brick mantel with built-in bookcases and windows on either side in the living room. There is a colonnade and bookcase between the living and dining rooms with a built-in china cabinet in the dining room.

The original plan included a wrap-around front porch (which is now a sunroom). Originally the house included a sleeping porch upstairs and only one bathroom. In the current house, the sleeping porch is now a home office and a half bath has been added upstairs. Purchased in 1999 by the current owners, the house has undergone some considerable renovations-most notably a new roof, new exterior paint chosen to more closely resemble the catalog photograph and new teak front and back porches. On the interior, hardwood floors remain throughout the home.