

Ellwood Mansion through Time



Original House 1879

- Designed by George O. Garnsey of Chicago in the Second Empire style with Gothic elements
- Built in 8 months at a cost of \$50,000 – the average family could build a home for \$1000 or less
- Had central heat, indoor plumbing, and gas-lighting
- Rear veranda ended in a porte-cochere (covered porch) which protected people as they got out of vehicles

Remodel One 1899



- Remodeled by Charles E. Brush of Chicago while he also designed and built the house next door for Perry and May
- Colonial or Georgian Revival elements added – columned portico with balustrade and porte-cochere, fanlight window over front door, swag and wreath decoration on 3rd floor windows
- Dining room enlarged with addition on north side. Kitchen, staff dining room, and pantries moved to first floor
- Electricity probably added at this time

Remodel Two 1911



- Perkins, Fellows and Hamilton of Chicago oversaw remodeling
- Diagonal tower on SE corner and half of south wall were torn off and rebuilt. 1898 porte-cochere moved to north side of porch
- SW corner and old veranda removed to make way for new Arts and Crafts style wing. Site of old veranda on back becomes open porch, then enclosed with glass to become conservatory
- Terrace added to south side