



Quarters Four Built in 1872

Quarters Four is an excellent example of High Victorian Italianate style architecture, especially in its use of an asymmetrical plan, a primary design goal of the Italianate style which was rarely achieved. According to Colonel Daniel Webster Flagler, who supervised construction on the island, the building site was selected for these quarters in June 1871 and construction was completed during the summer of 1872. The Architect was Captain Clifton Comly. He prepared plans for the quarters in the spring of 1871, while he was temporarily in charge of Rock Island Arsenal because General Rodman was ill. Comly's Italianate plan for the residence had a less grandiose scale but mirrored the general style and detailing of Quarters One. This beautiful example of 19th century residential architecture contains approximately 6,985 square feet of floor space and has experienced relatively few modifications and alterations. The exterior walls are 24 inches thick at the foundation and are Joliet limestone. The roof consists of asphalt shingles covering a hipped roof of wood.

The "L" shaped screened porch across the front of the house is girded with grillwork forged at the Arsenal. The porch limestone piers support nine, elaborate, cast-iron columns. Between the columns are diamond patterns made from wood lattice painted tan. The bases of the columns are sets of cast-iron brackets. The entire

porch is screened from floor to ceiling. The ceiling and floor are painted tongue-and-groove board and the porch roof is copper covered.

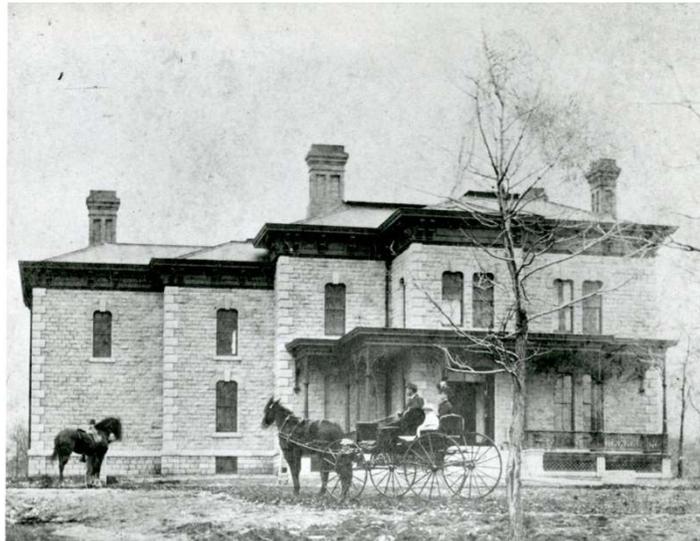
The massive front doors are of solid walnut; the door knocker, locks, intricate hinges, and doorknobs are brass and were forged at the Arsenal. The foyer doors retain an elaborate, cast-brass knob with the silhouette of a Renaissance soldier. The floor in the entry hall is black and white marble block laid in a diamond pattern. The brass chandelier was installed when the quarters were converted from gas to electricity circa 1918. The hall tree with brass-plated umbrella stands on each side was built on the Arsenal in the 1890s. The stairway is of walnut construction with a molded railing, turned balusters, and an octagonal tapering newel post with square base and turned cap. The walls going up the stairs have vertical board wainscoting with a chair rail. The first story flooring in the main floor is covered with wall-to-wall carpeting and probably are varnished alternating oak and walnut boards as in the other quarters. The second story has a varnished narrow oak floor not original to the house. Throughout the first and second floors, there are wide, molded walnut baseboards; however, most are painted white. Elaborate white plaster ceiling rosettes are centered in the ceilings of the foyer, the main stair hall, the dining room, and the parlors.

The first-floor plan is a high style Italianate interior with an asymmetrical plan. The main block has a foyer in the center of the north side which flows into the main stair hall. A pair of parlors is located on the west side and the dining room fills the southeast corner. The wing east of the main block contains a service hall and two pantries, a kitchen (at one time had a fireplace), a laundry room and a service stairway. There is a powder room tucked beneath the main stairway. The northwest parlor has 14-foot ceilings which are decorated with an ornate plaster medallion. This parlor has a beautiful and elaborately cut and polished white Italian marble mantelpiece and hearth. The southwest parlor has a marble fireplace identical to the one in the living room. It is the only wood burning fireplace out of the six in the house, three on each of the main floors. The other five accommodate coal. None of the fireplaces are operational today. The first-floor pantries retain original, tall, wood china cabinets, which are now painted white. The dining room is large enough to permit a seated dinner for 20 or more. The rich deep colors of the original walnut shutters that cover the two twelve-foot windows have been painted white. The

chandelier is brass and crystal. The dining room fireplace has an elaborately cut and polished brown/gray Italian mantelpiece and hearth.

The second-floor plan corresponds closely with the first-floor plan. The second-floor west wing contains three large bedrooms and the master bathroom. The master bedroom overlooks the Mississippi River and has a very large private bath of ninety square feet. A second bath is located between the other two rooms in this wing. This bathroom was updated in 2008. The three main bedrooms have fireplaces. They have elaborately cut and polished white marble mantelpieces and hearths. The mantelpieces are the same style, but small detail differences make each unique.

The east wing contains two additional bedrooms and a family room, or sixth bedroom, and another full bath. This bath contains an old, but not original, claw foot bathtub and the walls are white wainscoting. The house was plumbed originally. The original wooden water tank which was filled from rainwater collected from the roof survives in the wing attic but is no longer in service. A rear stairwell from this wing permits descent into the laundry and kitchen portions of the first floor.



Quarters 4 in 1880

Available records indicate that Quarters Four has been the home to the following service members and their families:

1LT E. M. Wright 1873	1961 – 1962	BG J.W. Boddie, Jr. 1991 – 1994
MAJ D.M. King 1907 – 1917	BG R.B. Anderson 1962 – 1964	COL D. M. Emling 1995 – 1997
MAJ C.A. Waldmann 1917 – 1918	MAJ C.M. Johnson 1964	COL S.L. Roop 1997 – 1998
COL L.T. Hillman 1918	CPT N.D. Hughey 1964	BG J. Edmonds 1998 – 1999
CPT C.L. Bode 1919 – 1920	BG C. M. Prosser 1964 – 1966	BG J. Johnson 1999 – 2001
MAJ C.B. Thummel 1921 – 1924	COL L.M. Orman 1966 – 1970	BG V.E. Boles 2001 – 2003
MAJ F.S. Engle 1924 – 1927	COL J.F. Harris 1970 – 1971	BG R.M. Radin 2003 – 2005
MAJ L.M. Campbell 1930 – 1931	COL R.P. Thomas 1972 – 1973	BG James Rogers 2005 – 2008
COL Capron 1932 – 1933	BG L.E. VanBuskirk 1973 – 1974	BG Larry Wyche 2008 – 2010
LTC A.K. Stiles 1941 – 1944	BG W.J. Whelan 1974 – 1975	BG Gustave Perna 2010 – 2012
LTC T.C. Barney 1945 – 1946	BG W.E. Eicher 1976 – 1977	BG Kevin O’Connell 2012 – 2013
LTC G. Witt 1947 – 1948	BG H.H. Harper 1977 – 1979	COL Darren Werner 2014 – 2015
COL R.H. Bassett 1948	BG P.G. Burbules 1979 – 1982	BG Richard Dix 2016 – 2017
LTC T.J. Raber 1948 – 1952	BG F. Hissong, Jr. 1982 – 1984	BG Heidi Hoyle 2017 –
WOJG A.W. Rogers 1953 – 1954	BG G.P. Bowen 1984 – 1985	BG Michelle & COL Kenneth Letcher 2018 – 2020
LTC O.K. Knight 1954 – 1957	BG P.L. Greenberg 1985 – 1987	BG Gavin Gardner 2020 – 2022
LTC C.A. Broussard 1957 – 1960	BG D. L Benchoff 1987 – 1989	
COL S.W. Smiley 1960 – 1961	BG T. L. Prather 1989 – 1990	
LTC T.E. Gray	BG F.F. Henderson 1990 – 1991	