

Tom Potter Home
221 E. Lovett



The stately home located at 221 East Lovett is of the Eastlake style and based on a nineteenth-century design reform started by architect and writer Charles Eastlake. This home is currently owned by Tom Potter, has five exterior doors, twenty seven windows and four porches.

The interior has extensive hardwood trim and moldings along with an open stairway found in the foyer. There are three pocket doors which are all operational. The original hardware for the doors and windows is still present. In the library, there is ~~found~~ an original gas lighting fixture which is still operational. The home has two fireplaces.

The original lot was the location of the old fourth ward school which was built in 1856. By 1885, the building was in poor condition and the school board sold the lot to David "Ladd" and Marion Tremaine. In 1889, the Tremaines constructed this home. The Tremaines owned a livery and dray service on S. Washington Street.

In 1919, Meyer and Mary Vomberg purchased the home. Mr. Vomberg, along with his son Arthur, operated the Vomberg Men's Clothing store located on Cochran. Arthur, who never married, carried on the business after his father's passing. Arthur Vomberg started a foundation to assist local college students, and upon his death, left his entire estate to this foundation. Today, the Vomberg/Trumley foundation gives grants in collaboration with Olivet College, to assist all Eaton County residents with furthering their education.

Mr. Potter, and his late wife Linda, were collectors of Asian antiques with a specialty in Japanese cloisonné. These can be found throughout the home along with antique clocks and furniture. There is an eclectic mix of furniture from Chippendale through the Edwardian Period.

