

Dr. Daniel E. and Mabel Hillman Smith House, 392 N. Park Street - 1905.

This house, built by Dr. Daniel Eugene Smith in 1905, is a well preserved example of the Dutch Colonial Revival Style of architecture. The gambrel roof is the distinguishing feature of this style and is sometimes seen with flared eaves. There is a wide variety of siding used such as wood clapboard, shingle, brick and stone; or as with the Smith House, a combination of wood clapboard and shingle siding. There are often gable-end chimneys and decorative windows. The entry may have a decorative hood with brackets or portico with columns. Porches are placed under overhanging eaves and there are shed,



Daniel and Mabel Hillman Smith - Unbehaun photo.

hipped or gable dormers. The Levi and Myrtle Bancroft House at 277 North Sheldon Street is another fine example of the Dutch Colonial Style located near the Smith House.

Doctor Daniel E. Smith opened a dental office in Richland Center in 1894 after having recently arrived in the city. On June 23, 1897, Dr. Smith and Mabel Webster Hillman were married. They purchased an existing house at 392 North Park Street and had it moved and lived in it while they built their new home in its place.

Dr. Smith engaged in several community organizations and campaigns. He led the drive for the Red Cross during

World War I. He was also a part of the citizen's committee which inquired into the financial stability

of the First National Bank just prior to its failure in 1929. Smith also served on the police commission which selected Richland Center police officers in 1939.

Richard and Suzanne Unbehaun are only the third owners of this house. The Smiths added a garage with living quarters above in 1925. In 2000 the Unbehauns added a two-car garage with a large sewing room above. During this work they took great care to match the original siding and shakes so the addition appears to be part of the original building. The Richard and Suzanne Unbehaun House at 392 Park Street is listed on the Richland Center Register of Historic Places.



First Street view showing the Smith's 1925 garage addition - Unbehaun photo.

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