



James McKee House 1939 - Richland County History Room photo.

### **James McKee House, 222 North Central Avenue-1858.**

Characterized by cornice returns in the gable ends, this red brick Greek Revival styled house also features stone lintels and an off-set entrance with a side-lighted door and transom window in the street facing gable end of the house. The Greek Revival style is derived from the classic Greek temple front. Columns of pilasters with an entablature, low pitched pediment, returning eaves; ornamentation such as dentils and rectangular windows lintels are typical.

Built for James McKee, who was a partner in the McKee and Lybrand Mercantile established in 1857, this house was used as the Edwards Medical Clinic from 1945 until 1967. It is now going through a rehabilitation and used as a single family residence.



### **Dr. E.P. Kermott House/Hospital, 224 North Central Avenue.**

Many of the grand old homes in Richland Center no longer exist or have been retrofitted over the years to be used as rentals, storage facilities or businesses. These houses usually have been neglected and have had their original architectural detail removed or hidden. The James McKee House and the Krouskop Mansion are wonderful success stories of tasteful rehabilitation; the E.P. Kermott House is not.

However, this house is significant in the history of Richland Center for being the first hospital in the city. In 1912, Dr. C.F. Dougherty opened a hospital and announced that the City Hospital would have a formal opening. Electrical appliances, including “static and galvanic machines and x-ray for the treatment of rheumatism, goiter, sciatica, nervous exhaustion, anemia, and malnutrition” had been installed. (Margaret Helen Scott, “Richland Center, Wisconsin, A History”). There was an operating room on the third floor. The hospital was fully incorporated in 1914 under the direction of Dr. and Mrs. Dougherty.



**The James McKee House, 222 North Central Avenue.**

*(Keep in mind the homes listed are private residences which are not open to the public. Please respect the occupants' privacy when viewing their homes from the sidewalk).*