

BELVEDERE CLUB 2019 ARCHITECTURAL INVENTORY



Site: 207

Historic Name N/A

Year Built c. 1892

Architectural Style Folk Victorian with Colonial Revival porches

The two-story side-gabled roof is a sub-type of the Folk Victorian style. In this example Doric wood pillars and square post railing in the Colonial Revival style replace the typical Victorian turned porch columns and railings.

Significant Features

- The symmetrical front elevation with shed roof front porch supported by Doric pillars and simple railing. The porch's cobblestone foundation is popular in Michigan.
- The central front door flanked by large double-wide windows contribute to air flow through the cottage as well as promoting indoor/outdoor living popular in summer residences.
- The two-story north side porch with Doric pillars and wood railings at both levels add to the Colonial Revival style detailing.
- The enclosed rear "sleeping porch" was a common feature of cottages in the late 1800s as sleeping in fresh air was advantageous to health. Before air conditioning sleeping porches were likely more comfortable on warm summer evenings.
- The wood clapboard siding with its beveled edges, the window and door trim, and exterior brick chimney that extends through the roof eave, all contribute to the historic appearance.
- The side gable roof form has exposed rafter tails which is more typical of Craftsman style houses and is indicative of the eclectic architectural style.

Condition

The cottage appears to be in good repair, there is minor deterioration on the brick chimney with some spalling brick. The moss build-up on the north side of the garage roof could shorten the life of the shingles.

ADDITIONAL PHOTOS

2007



2019 - Front (east)



North



South



South and East

