One of two prominently-sited houses at the eastern edge of the District, and facing a tiny triangular park, this Queen Anne style example retains much of its original detailing at the upper stories. A recessed, arched balcony is a distinctive feature. This house was built by James and Mary Burns as a rental property. James Burns was a Janesville real estate and loan dealer.

Architect Frank Kemp, who is credited with the design of both of these Eisenhower Avenue houses, resided briefly in this one. The steeply-pitched gable roof with wide, sweeping eaves and sawtooth-shingled wall surfaces are of note.

Kemp studied architecture in Milwaukee and St. Louis. He practiced in Madison, Janesville, and Beloit, and lived in Janesville between 1892 and 1896. He designed St. Mary’s Catholic Church on Prospect Hill and a number of houses on Courthouse Hill.

Between 1931 and 1960, 305 Eisenhower was the home of Nevada and Rose McCarthy. Nevada, a druggist, was an early collector of old Janesville photographs and views.