



*Gardner-Patterson-Waller House
Pickett Court, Shiloh Hills*

The Waller house, the major portion of which was moved in April 1996 to the Shiloh Hills Subdivision on the western edge of Burlington, sat on a large lot on the north-west corner of Kane Street and Gardner Avenue (next to the Wheaton house). It was built about 1871 by Palmer Gardner, a pioneer settler, and came to be known as Gardner's Prairie, just outside Burlington in Walworth County - not far from Shiloh Hills. Gardner's country home still stands off Highway DD. It is currently the Scott Wilson home.

The original Gardner house on Kane Street was a large, square, two-story house, with a long, columned porch. The house commanded a lovely view of the village of Burlington and the surrounding countryside, which at the time consisted mainly of farmland and orchards.

The house was later owned by the Andrew Patterson family, and the third story and a Victorian tower were added. In April 1920, attorney George W. Waller bought the residence as a home for himself, his mother Harriet, and his sister Annie.

Inside the house was an impressive amount of woodwork, including a parquet floor, a

circular staircase, which contained no rails, sliding parlor doors, and intricately carved moldings.

Prior to the move to Shiloh Hills, the house was slated to be razed to make way for an educational center. But after an auction of many of the furnishings, the house was bought and moved. Several of the auctioned furnishings were bought back from the purchasers and reinstalled in the house. The house is now owned and has been restored by the Scott Beatse family.

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