



Steele House

Address: 811 Woodruff Place East Drive

Architect and Interior Designer: Rowland Design

Principal architect: Brent Roberts, also the homeowner

Principal interior designer: Randy Veatch, also the homeowner

Builder: Handyman's Remodeling

Architect Brandt Steele, the son of famous Hoosier painter, T.C. Steele, designed and built the home in 1904, as his family's residence. Current owners Brent Roberts and Randy Veatch have renovated much of the house, working to retain the original architecture, yet incorporate modern design – such as the galley-style white kitchen, which is a sharp contrast to the dark woods in the entry hall and living room.

The one-and-a-half-story home's stucco and timber exterior has Dutch Colonial Revival characteristics with a primary gambrel roof and steep cross gables. Simplified interiors and stained-glass windows designed by Steele reflect an influence of early American Craftsman style. The main historic feature of the interior is the living room with an exposed beam cathedral ceiling, dark wood paneling, and a decorative tiled fireplace flanked by two large stained-glass windows.

Renovations began in 2003, and the home now has a new kitchen, library, master suite, and three bathrooms, all completely remodeled within existing spaces. All spaces are accented with the homeowners' art collection and eclectic furnishings.