



House History

James W. Bryan Garland, Nebraska House

NE – Garland – Raymond Road - 1579

Address: 1579 Raymond Road

City: Garland

State: Nebraska

Map and Lot Number:

S-T-R: 2-11-4 NW 1/4 NE 1/4, N 1/2 SW 1/4 NE 1/4

The Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter
and

The North Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 2, Township 11
North, Range 4 East of the 6th P.M.,
Seward County, Nebraska

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Map:

First Owner: Don and Bridget Farrall, now living in Lincoln, Nebraska

Architect: Built from James W. Bryan's design that appeared in Scientific American Architects and Builders Monthly, July 1887, Plate 9, "A Residence in Kansas City, MO"

Builder:

Build Date: 2002

Julia Sweeten, who writes the Hooked on Houses Blog online originally wrote about the Robert Beatty Jr. house, built from the Bryan plans, when the Beatty house was in disrepair and waiting for someone to come along, buy it and restore it. Julia found the Garland, Nebraska house, built from the same plans in 2002, and wrote about it in her blog in 2013:

"Years ago I told you about a Queen Anne Victorian in Kansas City known as the James W. Bryan house. It was on the market at the time for \$175,000. I later heard about a couple in Nebraska who had come across the original plans and illustrations for that historic house in an old book from 1887 and loved it so much that it became their dream to build their own version of it...

[The couple who built their house in Nebraska] explain that they bought 60 acres of land for their new-old Victorian: "We chose this specific section for its rolling hills, its mature trees, and its proximity to Lincoln, Nebraska, the community that we have been a part of for the past twenty years." Then they set out to build their dream house on it.

The old book they found in an antique store included floor plans for the house and some basic dimensions to go by: "We were committed to building this 'New-Old house' in an authentic manner, true to the original, and not just an exterior cosmetic treatment."

"On the inside, we also followed the original floor plan, adding just enough to make it more livable for 21st-century people."

They eliminated the back stairs intended for a live-in servant in the 1880s, and they added a second full bath on the second floor, a main floor powder room, and a laundry room. However, they add, "This did not change the original floor plan as much as one would think."

The original Victorian, which is listed on Kansas City's Historical Registry, had 5 bedrooms and 1 bath, with about 3,000 square feet. This one also has 3,000 square feet, but with 4 bedrooms and 2.5 baths."