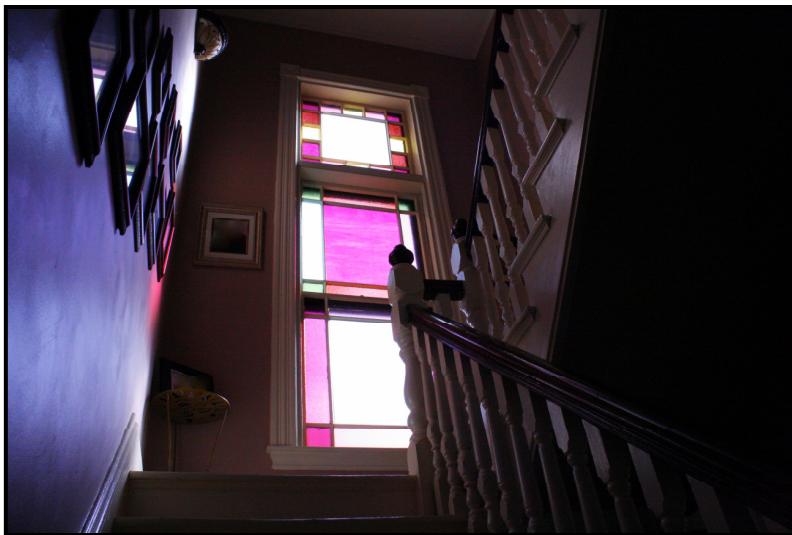


# *Architecture of the West Side Village*

The homes built in our neighborhood in the early to late 1800's were mostly colonial, Victorian, and Italianate vernacular style homes dispersed throughout the neighborhood. Exterior moldings and trim work were ornate with detailed corbels and still can be seen on many homes today. Interiors were of the finest craftsmanship often built with mahogany and cherry woodwork, large, tall windows allowing a lot of light and lofty tin ceilings. With Bangor being the lumber capital of the world, it is no surprise that our homes were typically sided with clapboard siding with cedar shingles particularly used as a decorative feature.



One of the decorative details of more wealthy residences included stained glass window. In the 1800's during the industrial revolution the desire for well made, good quality, hand crafted products increased as stained glass windows were again used as a sign of wealth.

The row of colored glass squared around a panel of clear glass is a decorative element particularly associated with the Victorian style. Glass with bold deep colors was typical of the 1880's and 1890's.

Many stain glass windows from our late 1800's residences and buildings have survived and are once again appreciated as major features of our historic neighborhood.

*Did you know...*

*The use of stained glass windows in our neighborhood architecture was a sign of wealth!*

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*The **Bangor Museum and History Center** has a wonderful collection of photos from the "Assessors Collection" of Bangor's homes and businesses taken in the 1930's-Early 1940's. If you've ever wondered what your home looked like in its original state, chances are there is a photo of your home just waiting for you to come see! The Bangor Museum and History Center is a wonderful gem in our city...just a stone's throw from our neighborhood located in the historic Thomas A. Hill House on the corner of Union and High Streets at 159 Union. Plan to spend several hours...because once through the large antique doors of the museum, you will be entranced! It is recommended to make an appointment for a customized research session particularly if you wish to search for specific houses, etc. You can even purchase a photographic reproduction for a small fee. Check the Bangor Museum and History Center's website (link on the Neighborhood History page) for hours of operation and admission fees.*

*It is worth every penny!*



On a visit to the Bangor Museum and History Center last summer, I asked to see what the houses across the street and next to my house looked like "back in their glory days." I knew my house's original color was dark brown including the trim but I was surprised to find that *all* the houses around mine were also originally the exact same color!

~Kate

