



## PROJECT PROFILE

### Purcell & Elmslie Restoration



Project Type: Remodel & Addition

Location: Minneapolis

Constructed in 1912 for Dr. Oscar Owre, this Prairie Style house was designed by the Minneapolis firm of Purcell & Elmslie. Having weathered many years and insensitive remodeling, the building was in need of a complete restoration. In order to maintain the historic integrity of the home, all work was done in accordance with the guidelines of the Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission as well as the Secretary of Interior Standards for Historic Preservation.



Repairs to the roof and stucco were required on the exterior, and the original cypress was restored. Inside, the very small kitchen had suffered an unfortunate renovation in the 1950's, in which half of it was given over to a first floor bath. Cues for the style and materials of the new kitchen were taken from the birch butler's pantry, which was still intact. A counter height table doubles as extra workspace, which had to be maximized. Recessing the refrigerator into the wall provided a few more precious inches.



Other interior services included the complete remodeling of two bathrooms, furniture consultations, and finish and color specifications including reproduction of period furniture and stenciling. Clever arrangement of mechanical upgrades allow for discreet air conditioning. The result of this careful restoration is a home that is once again worthy of its Prairie School legacy.

Honored with a Minneapolis HPC Award for Restoration, 1997

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