



Irving Andrew & Olive Crane Kendall Dean House  
also known as Mayflower Place

To the Grand Rapids Historic Preservation Commission  
care of Rhonda Baker

This is to request the appointment of a study committee for the property of  
2350 Leonard N.W. Grand Rapids MI 49504 our home was listed on the National registry on July 29, 2023.

Below is a summary from that report:

The Irving Andrew and Olive Crane Kendall Dean House, also known as Mayflower Place, is located at 2350 Leonard Street NW in the northwest part of the city of Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan. The house is a two-and-one-half-story dwelling of wood frame and stucco construction situated at the top of a low hill facing north, set back from the street behind a deep landscaped yard. Built in 1911, the exterior of the house follows the tenets of Classical Revival style architecture, with a centered portico supported by paired Corinthian columns, symmetrical fenestration, and broken pediment front door surround.

The exterior is sheathed in a stucco-like exterior material currently painted a shade of light blue, with white painted trim.

This classically styled exterior is juxtaposed with a carefully styled Arts and Crafts interior which remains generally unchanged, finished in simple woodwork, with panel doors and built-in cabinetry. The house, in its unusual combination of exterior and interior design approaches, outwardly reflects the reverence the Deans held for their colonial ancestors while inwardly reflects a dominant form of interior design of the period. A one-and-one-half story, two car garage sits just to the southeast of the main house and reflects the same basic design and materials. United States Department of the Interior National Park Service / National Register of Historic Places Registration Form NPS Form 10-900 OMB Control No. 1024-0018

Dean, Irving Andrew and Olive Crane Kendall, House Kent County, MI

Name of Property County and State

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The Dean House possesses historic integrity and continues to convey its architectural significance as a notable dwelling in Grand Rapids, employing many of the typical hallmarks of the Classical Revival style. Of particular note is that the house's detailed specifications book, prepared by architect Frank P. Allen and dated May 27, 1911, still exists and provides a comprehensive overview of construction practices that existed over a century ago as "modern" homebuilding, including electrification, came into being. The specifications book allows a close comparison between the house's original design and materials and that of the house in its current state, and clearly illustrates that the house retains substantial original materials and workmanship.

A digital scan of the cover of the specifications book may be found as Appendix A. A scan of the complete specifications document will reside in the research files of the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office.

The original document is retained by the present owners of the Dean House.

I suggest the following to be included as a member of the study committee: Frank & Melissa Patis and...

Sincerely,

Frank & Melissa Patis