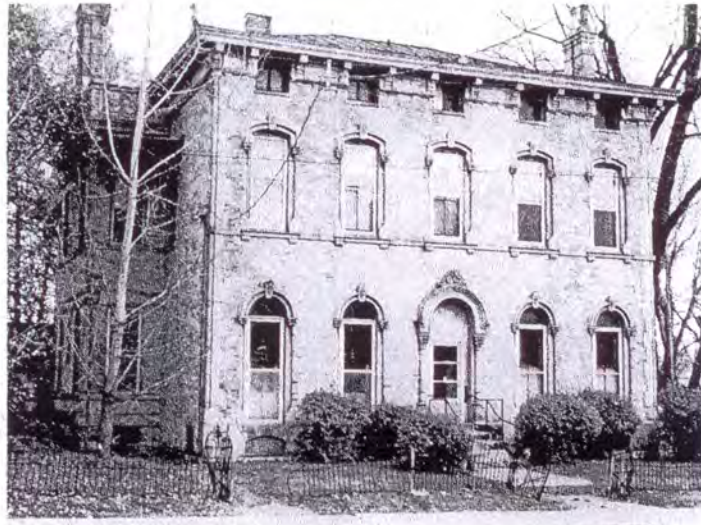


# H E A R N E



Jonathon David Hearne was born on August 7, 1829 in Bourbon County, Kentucky. He moved to Covington in 1861 and nine years later he was elected to serve as president of the Covington branch of the Farmer's Bank of Kentucky. Soon thereafter he founded the First National Bank of Covington and later became president of the Third National Bank of Cincinnati.

Well known in the area's business and banking circles, Hearne became involved in many profitable ventures and acquainted many distinguished Covingtonians of the era — including Jesse Grant and Amos Shinkle. Hearne and Shinkle not only became good friends, but also became successful business partners.

Jonathon Hearne was always interested in and concerned for his city and its people. Not only did he serve on the city council (1872-73), but he was also involved in directing many local projects including the construction of the Suspension Bridge. He died on June 16, 1905.

The home, located at 500 Garrard Street, was built by Hearne in 1874. It was constructed in Victorian-Italianate style with a gazebo overlooking the Licking River. The original estate also included a carriage house and pagoda-shaped summer house, both of which still stand in the rear. Though the exterior of the home is rather depleted, the interior is still beautifully appointed.

The Hearne home stands between the eastern end of Fifth Street and the Licking River, making it the "focal point" for the historic Riverside District. Unfortunately, however, the house also stands directly in the path of a proposed Fifth Street Bridge which would connect the cities of Covington and Newport. To prevent the passage of this proposal, a group of concerned citizens have managed to get the house listed in the *National Register of Historic Places*. Because of this, the home is federally protected — at least for the time being.