

215 Sophia Street



According to the Federal Census records for 1920-1940, Irving Dodge, his wife Irma, and their two daughters, Elise F. and Lucy Janet, moved into the house sometime prior to 1920, and they owned the house. Mr. Dodge was a lawyer and he died in 1942. His wife Irma was a school teacher and she died in 1949. Daughter Janet married Harold Magee in 1929 and they had a couple of children. She died in Newaygo in 1986. Elise did not marry but remained in the house until shortly before her death in 2002. The house was purchased by Kris & Jill Landman from Elise Dodge's Estate.

Upon closer inspection of the pictures posted on Realtor.com, it appears that most of the original woodwork around the windows, doors, and baseboards are still there – just under a layer or two of paint. The floors also appear to be original – again under a layer or two of paint.

The White Lake Area Historical Society's Architectural Award Committee gives out Annual Awards each year to older properties that have been wisely protected and maintained. Such is the case of the Dodge House, which was owned by Elise Dodge, who was also a long time member of the Historical Society. The exterior architectural integrity of the single story Italianate Victorian has been very well maintained. As for interior pictures, it appears that there are none. Perhaps an additional search of houses of this architectural style will help give you an idea of what the interior might have looked like. Otherwise, you have a blank slate to work with.

The well preserved house, the lot landscaping, the neighborhood, and its location to town are very desirable. Welcome to the neighborhood.