

An Indiana chapter preamble.

The Wrangler Society became the Indiana Chapter of Delta Upsilon Fraternity on December 11, 1915. The Wranglers were formed in 1902. The 1904 Arbutus identified the Wranglers as a debating organization, not a social club but that distinction quickly disappeared. From 1906 until 1915, the Wranglers occupied a house on Kirkwood at an unknown address. The group moved to the house at 301 E. Kirkwood in 1915 and became a chapter of Delta Upsilon that year.

The house at 301 E. Kirkwood was designed by architect Milton Pritchett and built in 1897 for Calvin R. Worrall. After the house was no longer a residence, it served several purposes including being home to the Emanon Club from as early as 1903 to 1915 (the Emanon Club became a chapter of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity in 1915). In addition to these fraternity/club uses, it was a jazz club and, for almost 30 years, was a doctor's office. The building had been extended to the sidewalk for commercial space and only the distinctive tower provided evidence of its original grandeur. The building was demolished in 1967 to make way for the Monroe County Library building on Kirkwood. A plaque commemorating the founding of the chapter is mounted on the library building about where the entry door to fraternity's house was located.

Calvin Worrall, the original owner of 301 E. Kirkwood was a very successful attorney, trusted real estate and insurance professional, and community leader in Bloomington: he served in the Indiana legislature in 1887 and founded the Monroe County fair. He was married with two children when he became enamored with his stenographer who was younger than his children. Eventually, he got a divorce and married his 21 year-old "eye-candy" in 1908 when he was in his mid-50s. Once married, his new wife persisted in being a beautiful young woman who was not fully content with an older man. In 1911, Calvin moved his new wife and two children to Oklahoma to separate his restless beauty from her Bloomington distractions but she found new distractions and longed for the kind of stimulation and excitement to be found in a larger city. A move to Arizona and then southern California did not satisfy her so the group moved to San Francisco. She found the stimulations she had been seeking to the extent that she would disappear for long periods and Calvin had to hire detectives to find her and bring her home. Eventually, in 1912, he gave up and they were divorced in San Francisco.

Calvin then moved to Oregon where, in 1915, he became involved in with two others in a scheme to kidnap two small children for a ransom of \$800. He was convicted of conspiracy and spent twelve years in jail. He later died in Los Angeles.

This image of the Worrall house is superimposed on an image of the Monroe County Library Building that occupies the block where the house had been located. This image is in the book, *Bloomington Then and Now* by Derek Richey.

