



67-022-11 O'Dea House (NR)

5804 Ruatan Street

Berwyn Heights

Built in 1888 using house pattern number 216 distributed by R. W. Shoppell's Cooperative Building Plan Association in the publication *Artistic Modern Houses of Low Cost*, this outstanding example of a Queen Anne-style frame dwelling has a three-story polygonal tower centered in its main facade. The gable ends are adorned with half-timbering and the house is sheathed in diamond-pattern shingles on the upper stories. It is one of the earliest houses in the Victorian suburb of Charlton Heights (now Berwyn Heights). Built by the Charlton Heights Improvement Company, it was acquired by Lawrence and Alice O'Dea in 1939 and listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1987. The house remained in the O'Dea family until 1999.