

## The Fullerton - Eldridge - Flo Home 147 Fern Ave.



Marie Flo is the current owner of this Sears Fullerton Home. Of all the mail-order houses in Old Forge area, this house stands out as the most unchanged since it was built over 70 years ago. It was featured in the Sears catalog from 1925-1933 and was built

by **Jack Hughes** for the **Eldridge Family**. The front porch was enclosed some time ago, and notice the location of the front door of the plan in contrast to the actual photo to the right. The Eldridge home was built with a mirror-image floor plan of the design featured in the catalogue. Sears plans were readily adaptable to such alterations.



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All the original bath & kitchen fixtures and built-in cabinets are still in place in Marie's home. Today's buyers of Sears kit houses are avidly searching renovator supply stores to buy back these vintage fixtures, such as the kitchen sink and faucets pictured on the left. Photo courtesy of Annette Vogel



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The craftsman-style simplicity of the staircase above was popularized by Stickley. All of the molding, floors, doors & window frames have been left unpainted and exhibit the wonderful patina of vintage wood.

Sears contracted with many companies for their millwork. Doors, windows and sashes often came from this Norwood, Ohio firm. Wavy glass windows, vintage doors, and craftsman style woodwork are wonderful clues when researching the history of mail-order home kit.

