

## The Tower House

At the intersection of North Judgement and Truth Streets, stands the legendary "Tower House". Built in the 1850's the house was most notable for the four story brick tower which rose high above the street. The tower was built by Kate Richmond, a famous Shakespearean actress from Boston. While at a dinner party in Chicago one night, the ouija board spelled out the message "Kate Richmond will go to Shullsburg, and there she will take \$8,000,000.00 from the ground".

And so Kate Richmond did indeed go to Shullsburg, where she built the tower so she could observe her land and mine holdings. It was considered an honor to be invited to her home for

The Tower House at Shullsburg as it appeared when H. Kate Richmond was the owner from about 1880 to shortly before 1900.



The Stephens-Hoover House in 1880.

tea. And on fair days, she rode about the countryside in her carriage drawn by two perfectly matched horses.

Kate never did make the \$8,000,000.00 the ouija board promised and eventually she left Shullsburg leaving behind her legacy in the square tower.

Sometime during the 1940's the tower was torn down along with the servants' quarters and stable at the rear of the house. The house is presently owned by Mr. and Mrs. J. Mueller, who hope one day to restore the tower.