

Century Elms Bed and Breakfast

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- Italianate style farmhouse built in 1858 (165 yrs old). The property had 60 acres of land originally
- It's two stories with hip roof and center cupola
- 2- Victorian Roman-Arched fireplaces made of white marble
- Original walnut staircase
- The original servant's quarters is in the back half of the house with original small stairs
- Built by Christopher Arnold; a young gentleman farmer
- William Payne, who was in the textile industry, purchased the farmstead in 1865. He was president of the Janesville Wollen Mills.
- Joseph Craig purchased the Payne farmstead in 1927. He helped bring General Motors to Janesville. He saved the Rock County 4H club by purchasing it in 1929 and later created scholarships for individuals through the 4H club.
- John Saxer purchased Century Elms in 1958. The home eventually became known as the Saxer mansion.
- John Saxer and his wife Madelyn were in charge of John F. Kennedy's presidential campaign of southern Wisconsin.
- The Saxers a dinner for JFK and Jackie at the Parker Pen building. The Kennedy's visited the Saxer mansion before the dinner.
- John Saxer owned a sporting goods store in Janesville.
- Shery Saxer and her husband purchased the mansion from her parents in 1985.