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The Wayman house was built by William Wayman in 1820 and remained in the Wayman family for four generations. William emigrated to the United States from England and settled in Tidewater, Virginia. He then traveled from Virginia to Covington, Kentucky in the early 1800's.

His son, Henry, a local lawyer, was the second family member to own the house. Shortly before the Civil War, Henry invested a great deal of money in a tobacco business in Cincinnati, Ohio. At the outbreak of the war, however, he was falsely accused of being a Confederate sympathizer and was barred from crossing the Ohio River. Unable to lay claim to his property and tobacco holdings, Henry lost a fortune.

In 1876 the house became known as the Wayman Piano School under the direction of Ada L. Wayman. In its prime, the school had an enrollment of more than one hundred students and a staff of nine instructors. The last Wayman to occupy the house was Miss Norean Wayman who lived there until the early 1970's when the house was torn down.

The house, located at 18 East Fourth Street, had thirteen rooms and an interior graced by a handsawed solid cherry stairway. The front porch and tall columns were added to the house after two large shade trees were removed.