Listed in the National Register of Historic Places

In 1875, James Millikin, founder of Millikin University and the Millikin National Bank, began construction of the Millikin home. The home as it stands today was completed in 1876. The Homestead’s exterior reflects the Italianate style, and the most dramatic feature of the interior of the home is the large central staircase.

A stained glass oriel window with a bench to seat ten beneath it is visible on the landing. Today, the fully restored landmark is known for its woodwork, elegant fireplaces, plasterwork, etched and stained glass.

James and Anna Millikin lived at the Homestead for 34 years. During the early years, James Millikin was involved in the growth of the Millikin Bank, and he later devoted his energies to founding and then developing Millikin University. The University remains an integral part of the community today.
The James Millikin Homestead, located on a three-acre tract of land, is available to rent for parties, wedding and baby showers, weddings, luncheons and dinners and meetings. Maximum capacity accommodated 50-75 people.

Inside Rentals: There are approximately 35-40 place settings and chairs for sit-down luncheons and dinners. The fee for inside rental is $100 per hour from start to end of the event, and there is an additional fee of $25 for set-up and clean-up time. A $100 non-refundable payment is due when making your reservation.

Lawn Rentals: The lawn of the Homestead is available for rental at a $250 flat fee. There will not be any access to the inside of the home.

Additional Rates: The Homestead is a beautiful setting for portrait and wedding photography, and both the interior and exterior are available for use. Inside photography fees are $25 per hour, and outside fees are $10 per hour.

Private tours of the Homestead for individuals and groups are also available during non-open house hours. Fees for the tours are $5 per person, with a minimum of $20. Youth groups, summer camps, clubs, etc., fees are $1 per person, and there is not any charge for school groups.

For rentals or special tours, please call the homestead at 217-422-9003 and leave a voicemail.