

A House Finds A Home

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The 2005 Madison parade of home got started early Monday, at 12:30 a.m., when this 19th century home pulled up its steps and moved from 421 W. Gorham Street to 407 S. Paterson Street. If, for some reason, you were stuck behind this 45-ton temporarily mobile home, it would have taken you more than 12 hours to follow it from Gorham to Broom to Johnson Streets, to Wisconsin Avenue, around the Capitol Square, down East Washington Avenue and over to Paterson, crossing Williamson Street. From Gorham to Williamson took fewer than two hours. The move was halted for several hours one block from its destination while everyone waited for a fiber-optic company crew to arrive to adjust an unexpected line, said Scott Lewis, of Cameron Management. The house is in "pretty good shape," he said, and will probably be a two-unit residence. His company, got this house from 409 West to clear the way for a 12-story student apartment project. This old house It was moved by Heritage Movers, of Delavan, to a spot above a basement foundation that is already poured. Concrete block walls will fill the space between the foundation and the house, which since 1894 has probably seen its share of parades along Gorham Street, but until Monday had never actually been in one.

{CORRECTION} Moved house at wrong address

The house being moved from West Gorham Street to Paterson Street, featured in a photograph on Page 3 of the Local section Tuesday, was at 421 W. Gorham St. (Published June 15, 2005)