

The **Sonnentheil House** is a historic house located at 1826 Sealy Ave. in Galveston, Texas.

After the original Sonnentheil home was destroyed in the Great Fire of 1885, Jacob Sonnentheil bought a double lot on the northeast corner of 19th and Sealy and built this house.

The house was described as having been "planned from the inside out" meaning the interior spaces were planned prior to the exterior design.

No architect claimed it at the time of construction, but it is suspected to be designed by Nicholas J. Clayton, because of stylistic elements common to Clayton's work.

The Texas Historic Landmark inscription states: Built in 1886-87 for German native Jacob Sonnentheil (d. 1908), this home probably was designed by prominent Galveston architect Nicholas J. Clayton.

Sonnentheil served with the Confederacy during the Civil War and operated a wholesale dry goods store on The Strand in Galveston. The Sonnentheil house displays influences of Eastlake, Gothic, and Italianate architectural styling. Outstanding features include the finely crafted double gallery

Lee Trentham, a wealthy Houston chemical engineer and businessman purchased the house in 1976 and spent \$275,000 restoring it.^[6] The Sonnentheil Home was owned by Arthur Louis Schechter from 1987 until 1999. Current owner purchased the home in 2022