

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 *Executive Summary*

In May 1990, "The Friends of the Dr. Richard Eells House" incorporated to acquire and preserve a large 2 story brick house located at 415 Jersey in Quincy, Illinois. The property was leased saving the house from demolition.

In March 1992, 510(C)3 federal tax exempt status was secured for the organization.

In June 1992, the property was purchased from the estate of ~~Gene Vieveau and Matilda Klene~~ ^{Klene}.

Beginning in March 1991, the Board gathered information and recommendations necessary to develop a preservation plan and stabilize the house.

In June 1992, the Board authorized a series of preservation and maintenance projects designed to eliminate water entry, stabilized structural problems and secure the house.

Following stabilization the Board authorized completion of historic structures report for the property.

1.2 *Statement of Purpose of a Historic Structures Report*

The purpose of a historic structures report is to:

- (1) Document and analyze the building's initial construction and subsequent alterations through historical, physical and pictorial evidence.
- (2) Document the current state of the building and architectural material and overall structural stability.
- (3) Select an appropriate historic preservation treatment (protection, stabilization, preservation, rehabilitation, restoration, reconstruction).
- (4) Make recommendations for highest and best function and use.
- (5) Establish priorities for implementation of the preservation plan.

In summation, "A Historic Structures Report" is a compendium of all known information about the structure. The report becomes the planning document which is the basis for developing a preservation philosophy, use of the house site, working drawings and specifications.

In addition to the basic structures report, the Board authorized an expanded historic analysis to develop the historic context of the Eells house as it relates to early Quincy history and development.