



J. Russell and Henrietta Wells House
1825 Jersey
1906
Queen Anne Style
Harvey Chatten, architect

owners - The Staff family

The J. Russell and Henrietta Wells house is a blend of various architectural influences. Harvey Chatten designed it to have Queen Anne styling in its brick work. The gambrel roof is often found in Shingle style. The Prairie style is contained in the service wing along with classical detailing under the eaves. The house is situated perpendicularly to Jersey Street with entrances on the east and west.

James Russell Wells studied architecture and design at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Boston School of Art. He practiced his profession for one year in Boston before returning to Quincy. Upon his return he became a partner in his father's business of Wells and Adams, a mortgage banking business. Partners were his father George Wells, James Adams and J. Russell Wells. The business was housed in room #3 of the Wells Building, located on the southwest corner of 5th and Maine Streets where Mercantile Bank sits today.

Wells married Henrietta Rosamond Eaton on November 8, 1898. They were the parents of four sons and one daughter. Before moving to their new home, the Wells family resided at 1433 Vermont.