

**APPLICATION FOR LOCAL LANDMARK
QUINCY PRESERVATION COMMISSION
706 Maine Street, City Hall Annex, Third Floor
Quincy, Illinois 62301 Telephone (217) 228-4514**

Original name (if known) and address of proposed Landmark:

William and Ella Dwire House
1621 Vermont

Name, Address, and Telephone Number of Property Owner:

William G. and Mary Twaddle
1621 Vermont
(217) 228-2023

Style: Queen Anne

Date of Construction: c. 1897

Architect or Builder: Ernest M. Wood

Provide a statement of the historical and architectural significance of the proposed Landmark. Note if building is included in any historic district or survey, or listed on the National Register of Historic Places:

William Dwire, who came to Quincy in 1876 and founded Wellman and Dwire Tobacco Co., built the home in 1897 for himself and his wife Ella. They occupied the home for approximately 13 years. Other occupants include Herman and Frances Heintz (1910 – 1920), Dr. John and Alice Miller (1920 – 1925), Eugene and Louise Potter (1926 – 1937), and Dr. Ralph S. and Winifred Thesen (1937 – 1975).

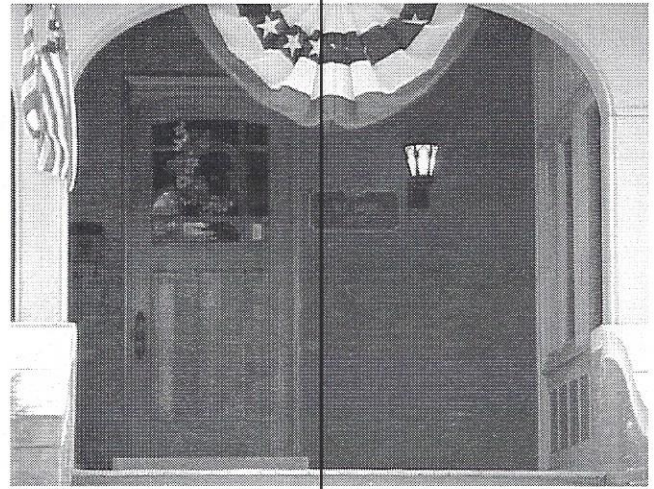
The house was designed by Ernest Wood, one of Quincy's preeminent architects. It represents the Queen Anne style, and, like many half-timbered examples of this style, it shares a number of characteristics with early Tudor architecture. The building is a two story Queen Anne with an asymmetrical façade featuring a full-width one story front porch and porte-cochere. Its roof is steeply pitched and has a dominant front-facing gabled dormer (common in Queen Anne homes after 1890). The gable has a cutaway bay window, plus a row of three windows and decorative half-timbering. There is a polygonal wooden tower projecting from front of the second story. The porch has heavy turned posts with solid spandrels.

List the significant exterior architectural features of the building. Include photographs of building facade for proposed Landmark:

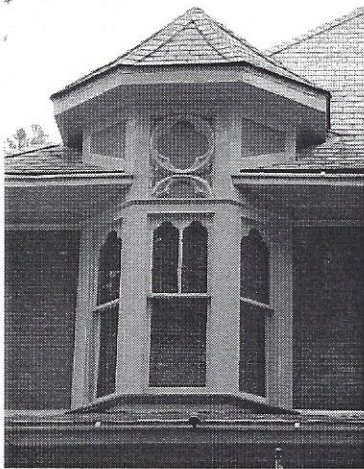
- Full-width one-story porch with porte-cochere
- Heavy turned porch supports with solid spandrels
- Front-facing gabled dormer
- Cutaway bay windows
- Brackets under eaves
- Ribbon windows
- Decorative half-timbering
- Polygonal wooden tower
- Two-story rear porch with arches
- Detailed decorative woodwork



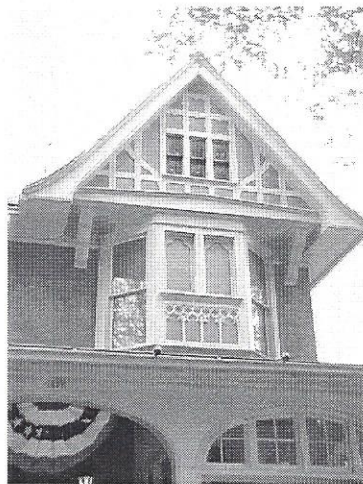
South façade



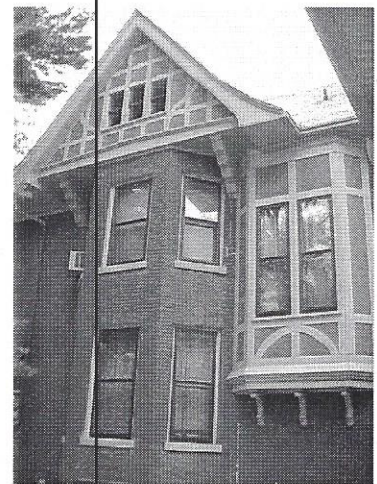
Detail of entry



Polygonal tower



**Cutaway bay and gabled dormer
with half-timbering**



**West façade with projecting bay
and brackets under eaves**



**East façade with decorative woodwork and two-
story rear porch**



North façade with two-story rear porch

Why do you think this property merits designation? Check appropriate item(s):

Architecture Persons Event(s) Prominent Landmark

Historical Unusual Use Other _____

Is owner aware of this application? Yes No

Does owner consent to this designation? Yes No Don't know

Legal Description:

Nevins Survey, Lot 10

Bibliography:

McAlester, Virginia and Lee. *A Field Guide to American Houses*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1992.
Payne, Richard. *Historic Quincy Architecture*. Houston: Herring Press, 1996.
Quincy City Directories (1900-1952)
Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps

Signature of Applicant

Date

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Preservation Commission Preliminary Review Approved Disapproved Date _____

Meeting with Property Owner Date _____

Public Hearing Date _____

Preservation Commission Decision on Recommendation to Designate Approved Disapproved Date _____

City Council Decision on Designation by Ordinance Approved Disapproved Date _____