

**APPLICATION FOR LANDMARK OR HISTORIC DISTRICT
QUINCY PRESERVATION COMMISSION
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Original name (if known) and address of Landmark or boundaries of proposed Historic District _____

James T. Baker House - 1444 Maine Street

Name and address of property owner(s), if different from applicant _____

Quincy Board of Education

1444 Maine Street

Description and physical appearance of proposed Landmark or Historic District:

Grand scale Italianate style house built in 1867-1868 as a home for James T. Baker, a prominent Quincy retail wholesale grocer. The architect-builder for the house was William B. Hauworth. The house sits on Lots 51 and 52 of the Nevins Survey as it has from the time it was laid out on April 1, 1847. The extensive brick walks around the house, from the house to Maine Street and along Maine are all thought to be original.

Describe the architectural features of the building(s). Include photograph of facade of building(s) or photographs of groups of structures for Historic District: (Include map for Historic District.)

The house has unusually large scale double brackets under the soffits along with elaborate dentil molding in one of the most ornate designs to be found. This includes the raised flat elliptical ornament. Unique rope molding surrounds the window frames on the main portion of the house. The West wing of the house is more austere with non-ornamented lintels, window trimmings, and scaled down bracketing. A curved bay west of the rear entrance, part of the original dining room, is a departure from the ordinary box usually associated with the basic Italianate house. The front porch had 4 sets of double columns and corresponding pilasters. The railing is made up of balusters with a cap top. The frieze of the porch had dentil moldings and double brackets and is topped with an ornate gallery which is repeated in the roof gallery. The East porch is a smaller version of the main porch with the same detailing, but smaller in size. There is also a lavishly detailed bay window on the east side of the rear entrance. The house has 6 chimneys with detailed caps.

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Provide a statement of the architectural and historical significance of the proposed Landmark or District. Note the classification of the building if it is included in any historic district or survey, or listed on the National Register of Historic Places. If possible, provide statements of architectural significance by persons with expertise in the subject, their qualifications, and not presently a member of Quincy Preservation Commission:

The Baker house is one of the most stunning architectural sites along its section of Maine Street, and is a wonderful example of adaptive use of a large old house. It is a contributing building in the East end historic district and a significant structure in the Illinois Historic Survey of Adams County of 1972. Important Quincy residents have occupied the house, from James T. Baker in 1868, to Anna C. McFadon in 1872, 1902 William A. Richardson, and John Willis Gardner in 1911. St. John's Episcopal Church purchased the property in 1950 and in 1957 Gardner-Denver Co., took it over as their corporate office. The Quincy Board of Education moved in in 1966

Provide legal description of Landmark as described on deed:

Nevins Survey - It should be noted that the property has not changed
Lots 51 & 52 dimensions since it was originally plotted and deeded.

ADDENDUM

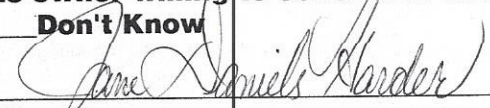
Lots Fifty-one (51) and Fifty-two (52), in Nevins' Addition to the City of Quincy, situated in the County of Adams, in the State of Illinois.

Why do you think this property merits designation? Check appropriate items:

☒ **Architecture** ☒ **Person(s)** ☐ **Event(s)** ☒ **Prominent Landmark**
☐ **Activities** ☐ **Unusual Use** ☐ **Other** _____

Is owner aware of this application? ☒ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Is owner willing to consent to designation of property? ☒ **Yes** ☐ **No** School Board approved 2-22-90
☐ **Don't Know**


Signature

April 3, 1990

Date filed at Preservation Office

April 3, 1990
Date

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Quincy Preservation Commission preliminary review

Approved ☒
Disapproved ☐

Date 4-3-90

Quincy Preservation Commission decision on designating Ordinance

Approved ☒
Disapproved ☐

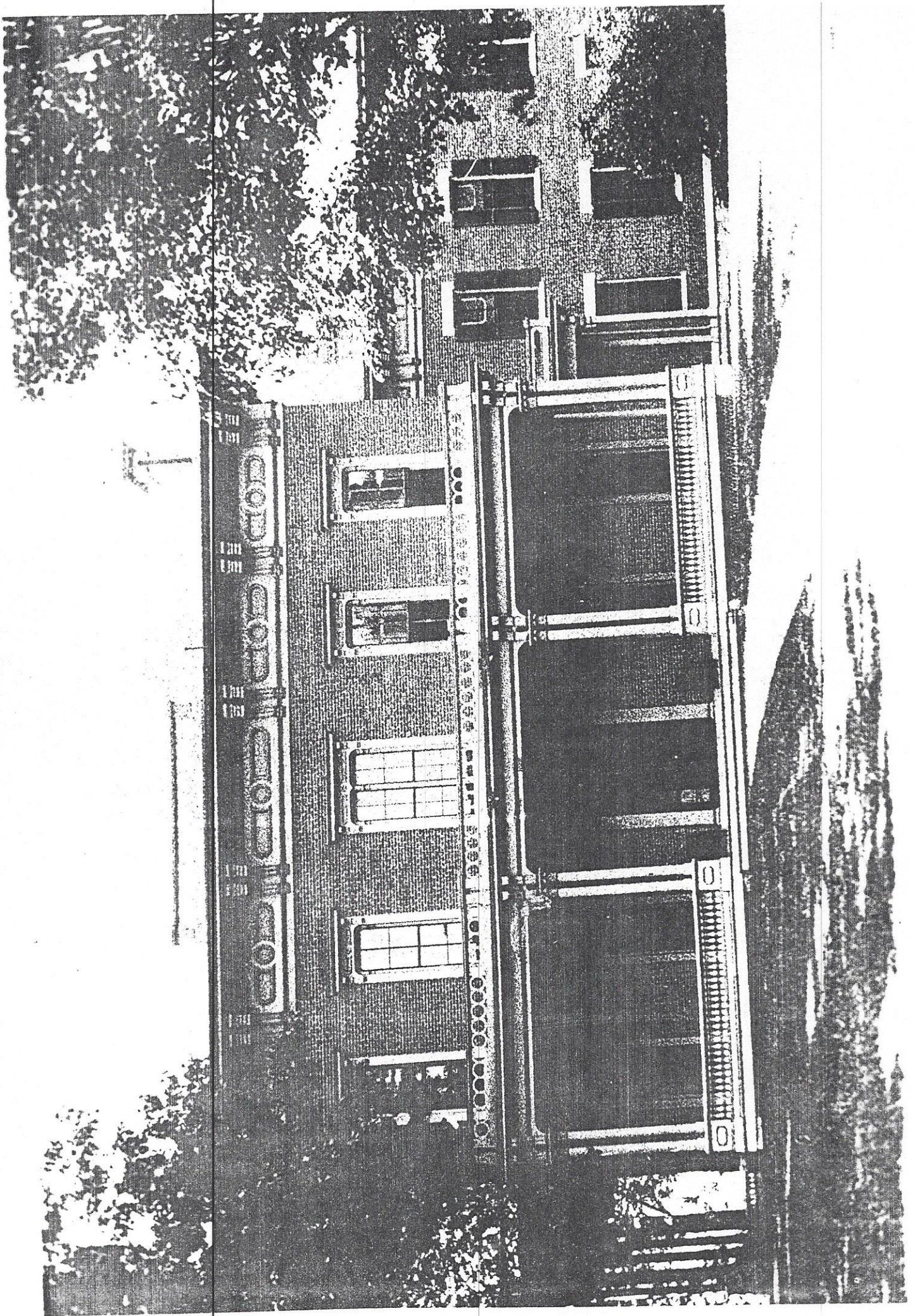
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