

**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:

Sarah A. Baker House
327 South 12th St.

Name, Address, and Telephone Number of Property Owner:

Keith L. and Jean H. Delap
327 South 12th St.
217.224.9303

Style: Gothic Revival

Date of Construction: 1873

Architect or Builder: Attributed to Robert Bunce, architect

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:

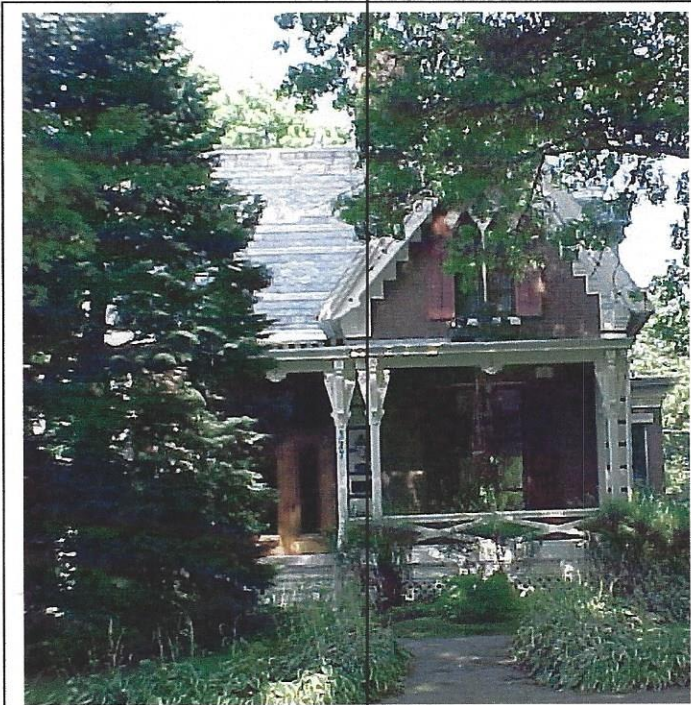
This Gothic Revival home was built for Sarah A. Baker and her younger sister Fanny in 1873. According to *Historic Quincy Architecture*, Sarah's mother was the first woman to develop an addition to the city. Neither of the sisters ever married. Both helped aid soldiers during the Civil War.

The Gothic Revival style was nationally popular from 1830 to 1880. This red brick home features a steeply pitched, cross-gabled roof, and moldings over the windows and doors. The west façade has a one-story porch with Eastlake characteristics. The front gable has heavily decorated vergeboards and the gable end has a set of lancet windows with Gothic detailing. The house is roofed with plain and fish scale-patterned slate shingles. The stained glass fanlight over the double entry doors is in fact a modern addition executed by a son of the present owner. The bay window on the east side was salvaged from a house in Hersman, Illinois owned by the family of the present owners. The National Park Service considered this Gothic Revival cottage to be one of the prime residential examples of the style in the southern part of the state.

The Baker House is located in Quincy's East End Historic District (National Register). It is attributed to local architect Robert Bunce because of the high quality of its detailing. Bunce was not only a fine architect, but also a proficient instructor. He taught young apprentices who later heavily influenced Quincy's architecture. These included Harvey Chatten, who later taught Ernest Wood and Frank Tubbesing.

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

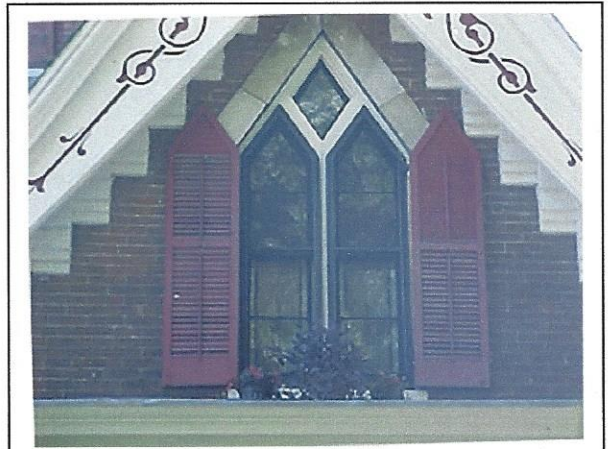
1. Modern stained glass fanlight over front entry
2. Butternut double front doors
3. Front façade windows and shutters
4. Stone window sills and lintels
5. Lancet windows with diamond-shaped panes in front gable end
6. Bay windows on south and east sides
7. Steep cross gables
8. Detailed scrollwork on vergeboards
9. Porch with early Eastlake characteristics
10. Brick corner quoins
11. Elaborate brick corbelling and stepped dentils under eaves
12. Clustered, elongated brick chimney



West façade



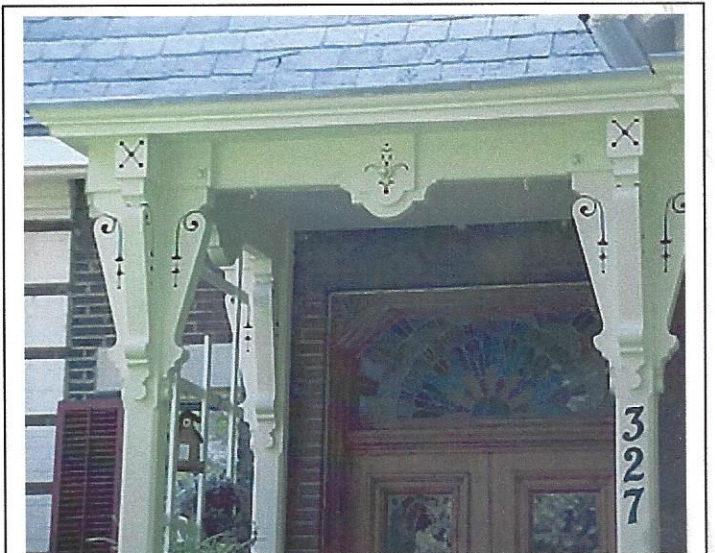
Detail, stained glass fanlight



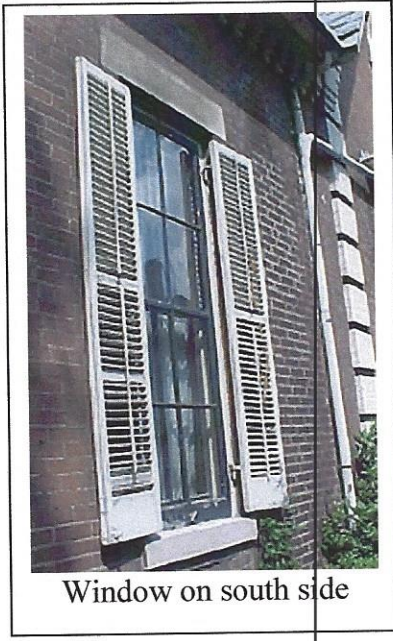
Lancet window in front gable end with diamond-shaped panes



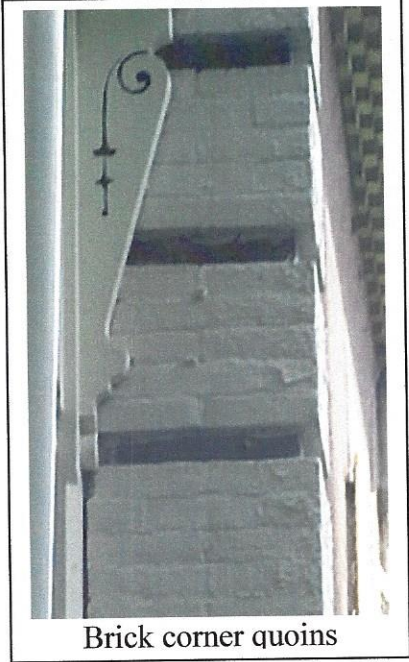
Fanlight over front double doors



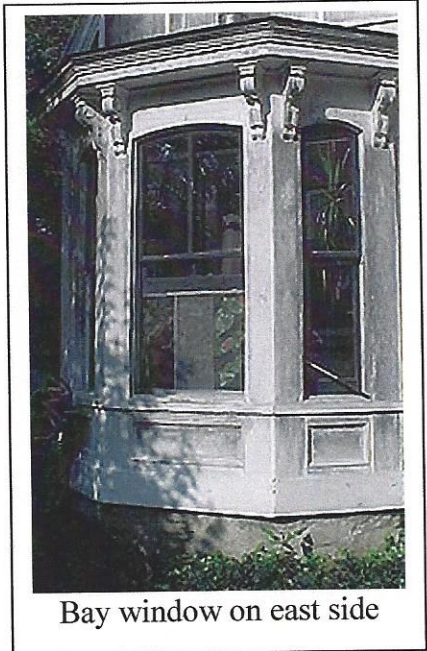
Detailed carving and scrollwork over porch entry



Window on south side



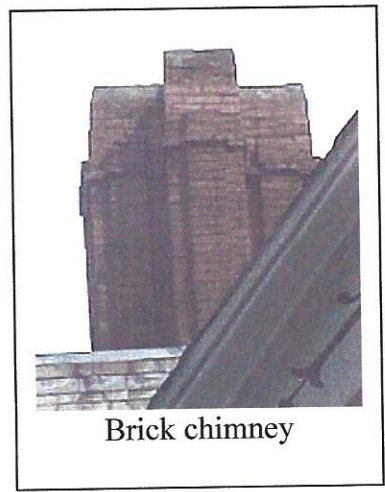
Brick corner quoins



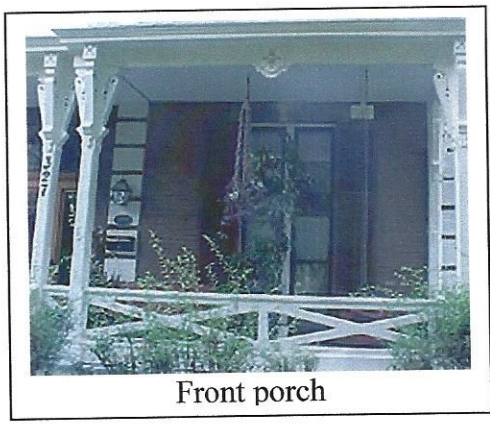
Bay window on east side



South side bay window



Brick chimney



Front 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:

Lands 2S9W Beg SW Cor and E Ln 12th St. E 180ft N 45ft W 180ft S45ft Pt NW Sec 1

Bibliography:

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Quincy East End Historic District, by Quincy Preserves. Quincy, Illinois, 1984.

Signature of Applicant _____ **Date** _____

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Preservation Commission Preliminary Review **Approved** **Disapproved** **Date** 10/1/02

Meeting with Property Owner **Date** 10/31/02

Public Hearing **Date** 11/5/02

Preservation Commission Decision on Recommendation to Designate **Approved** **Disapproved** **Date** _____

City Council Decision on Designation by Ordinance **Approved** **Disapproved** **Date** 3/11/03