

reliving arch lintels

13. Large window with decorative brick work at north side of stairwell
14. South side rectangular bay window pier (west of chimney column) featuring brick work, curved cut stone piers and a tripart arched window at the third level with stone arched lintels and stone sills
15. Three different cornice treatments at the roof level of the east facade, which, beginning from the southeast tower include:
 - a. lintels with narrow stone trim on south tower
 - b. wood Greek Revival panels at center
 - c. decorative stone cornice under the roof gable
16. South, west and north cornices have Greek Revival cornice
17. Black tin roof
18. Three story tower at southeast corner having curved bell roof and finial
19. East roof pediment with a pair of square windows with Stick Style mullions and two types of wood accents: shingle and vertical stick
20. South side roof gable with shingles in pediment
21. Three chimneys with corbel detailing
22. Back porch with square columns and Stick Style balustrade (railing)

History:

Ezra Best was president of the E. Best Plumbing and Steam Heating Company which he founded in 1879. His father, John H. Best, was president of the Illinois State Bank and Mayor of Quincy from 1907-08. In October of 1888 the property on 12th Street was sold to the Bests and interestingly enough, placed in the name of Mrs. Florence Best, Ezra's wife. The Bests commissioned local architect John Batschy to design their home, one of his earliest structures in Quincy.