



QUINCY PRESERVATION COMMISSION

706 MAINE STREET, 3rd FLOOR, CITY HALL ANNEX

QUINCY, ILLINOIS 62301-4057

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July 25, 2001

Mr. Cody Wright
Cultural Resources Manager
Illinois Historic Preservation Agency
1 Old State Capitol Plaza
Springfield, Illinois 62701-1507

RE: Building at 1221-23 Broadway, Quincy, Illinois

Dear Mr. Wright:

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to assist you in your Section 106 review of the above referenced structure.

The lot was originally owned by Charles R. S. Curtis, a local physician. John F. Altenheim purchased the property under review in 1891 and constructed a building for his feed store. The street level was used for his business and apartments were on the second floor. In 1896, the first floor was divided into two storefronts and was occupied by two new tenants—George H. Moyer Harness and Saddlery at 1221 Broadway and Roy H. Bowzer Meat Market at 1223 Broadway. A barber took over the 1223 space c. 1910, when a bicycle repair shop opened at 1221. The bicycle shop moved to 1223 c. 1925. Other longtime occupants include Reliable Plumbing and Heating and Electrolux Sales and Service at 1221 and Broadway Press, which was located at 1223 for over 60 years. In 1991, the building underwent a \$25,000 renovation during which the interiors of the first-floor storefronts were recombined. It reopened as the Tower of Pizza restaurant that occupies the building today.

The building is a two-part commercial block, the most common type of commercial building constructed from 1850-1950. It reflects an Italianate stylistic influence with its five-ranked façade and tall, narrow, segmentally arched windows. Other significant architectural details include the decorative brick cornice and recessed storefront window.

This building has been a viable commercial presence on Broadway since its construction in 1891. In addition, it remains architecturally intact and is in good condition. As such, we do not recommend demolition.

Sincerely,

Rick Dulaney
Chairman