

2.3 CHRONOLOGY OF CONSTRUCTION, ALTERATIONS & ADDITIONS

ORIGINAL BUILDING

The original 1835 brick house built for Dr. Eells on Lot 6, Block 19 in Quincy, Illinois was a small four room house. It was a three bay two story brick main block with a shallow gable roof, east west ridge, with a one story rank of rooms behind, extending further east than the main block. The roof of the rear was a shed roof, under the window sills of the north wall of the main block. It is highly probable that the east and west wall of this wing on the first floor was a parapet wall. There was one room on each floor of the main block, with the hall and stairs against the east wall. The northern one story part contained a small room on the west behind the parlor and the kitchen on the east; complete with cooking fireplace and bake oven in the exterior firebox and flue structure.

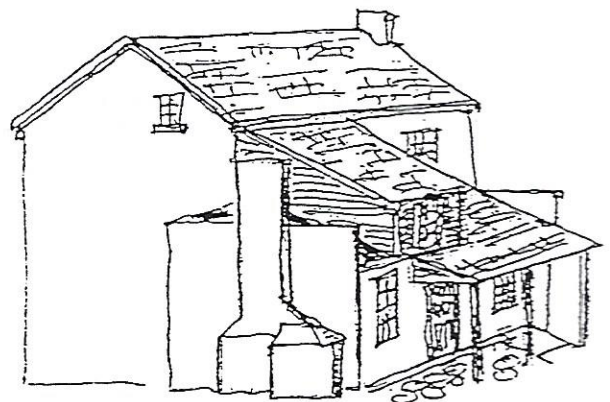
Evidence supports a narrow set of steps located on the west wall of the kitchen that led to a second floor room and hall. The room was approximately 10' wide, in line with the east edge of the main block and in line with the original west wall of the kitchen. The second floor room was probably a storage room.

At the time Dr. Eells was established in this building as his home, there were no more than 12 brick buildings in Quincy, including: the courthouse, Quincy House, Richard Young's house, Anderson's store addition, two store buildings on the west side of the Square, the Methodist Church, Turner's house near 6th and Main, and Dr. Eells house. Development on Maine Street ended at Sixth Street; on Hampshire it ended at Eighth Street; and north of Broadway and south of York was still forest and field. In all, there were about 115 buildings in town, most of them log. By 1837 however, there were 33 brick buildings, 170 frame buildings, and many log structures.

SKETCH OF 1835 HOUSE



South + East



East + North