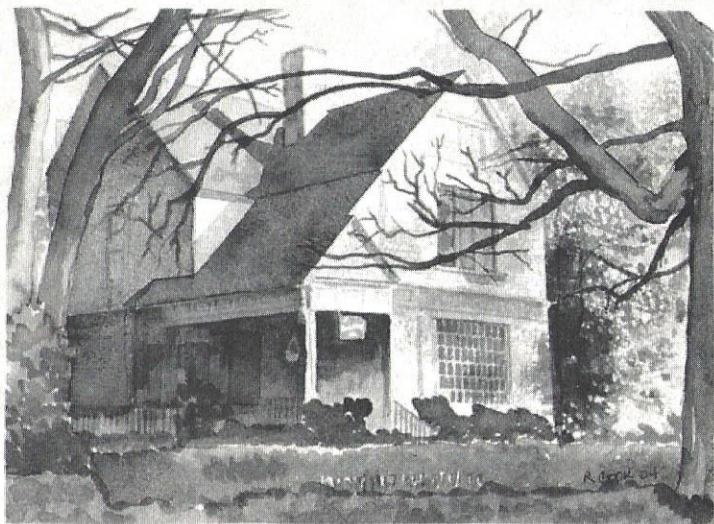




1641 Hampshire
Queen Anne Style • 1885
Architect: Harvey Chatten

Current owners: Emery and Bettie Kaufman

The Jesse and Mary Weems House on Hampshire Street was designed in the beginning of Chatten's rise to fame among Quincy architects. At the time their house was built, Jesse Weems was a conductor in the Wabash Railroad line, a post he held for almost thirty years.

One of Chatten's strengths was creating overlapping gables. There are three on the west side of the house. A projecting porch pediment embraces the main gable in the front. Two sawn wood sunbursts are found on the front gables. Another common early Chatten element is seen in the bracketing and trim marking the breaks between each story.

Inside, the Queen Anne style is echoed in every room through the carved wood ornamentation on each doorway. The open stairway has turned vase-shaped balusters.

The expansion of the front parlor onto the front porch is highlighted with a multi-pane picture window. The large dining room is a great setting for the breakfast meal provided to guests. This room contains many family antique pieces. The family room behind the kitchen was part of a two story addition completed by the Kaufmans.

Mr. and Mrs. Kaufman restored the upstairs to house guests and became the owners of Quincy's first bed and breakfast. They decorated each of the three guest bedrooms in a different theme. The Robin Green Room has triple ribbon windows. The Gray Antique Room has a large bay window. A porch complements the Blue Patriot Suite, which contains Lincoln collectibles

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