



The Charles Henry and Anna Baldwin Bull Residence
1651 Maine Street

Construction Date: 1856

Italianate Style

This stately Italianate home was finished in 1856 by a prominent Quincy banker, Charles Henry Bull and his wife, Anna Baldwin Bull. The house and grounds became a show place for social events and entertaining for the Bulls as well as the second owners of the property, L.P. Bonfoey and his wife. Mrs. Bonfoey was a daughter to the owner of the

Monroe Chemical Company, the maker of the famous Putnam Fadeless Dyes.

The two-story brick structure was centered on two large lots, each 176 feet by 400 feet. A carriage house was constructed on the grounds as well as a formal garden with a gazebo and fountain. In 1876, the Bulls constructed additions, remodeled the original house and installed a natural gravity hot air heating system.

The Bonfoeys made further changes to the home after acquiring the property in 1921. A tennis court and swimming pool replaced much of the formal garden, including the gazebo and fountain. The north wing of the carriage house was eliminated and the south wing converted to an automobile garage below and a handball court on the second floor. Again during WWII, the house underwent another major remodeling.

Quincy College purchased the property in 1948. The house became a girls' dormitory and underwent further changes until it was sold to George Irwin in 1964. Irwin has been gradually renovating and maintaining the house and grounds for 33 years.