



Chaddock, 1912
205 South 24th Street
Hoyt Cottage

Chaddock School was founded in 1853 as the Quincy German and English College. It has served as a college, an orphanage, a boys' school with a military curriculum and a home for abused, neglected and troubled boys. In 1983 girls were first allowed to attend. The original building at Third and Spring was also used as a military college and hospital for the Union Army during the Civil War. In 1876 the college moved to the John Wood Octagonal Mansion on State, between 11th and 12th. There it was renamed after benefactor, Charles Chaddock from Astoria, Illinois.

In 1900, Chaddock became a boys' school. In 1912 they moved to their current 25-acre location to give the boys more room. A story is told that the boys kept accidentally breaking the neighbors' windows when playing ball. So they found a location where the head matron would not have to worry about the boys breaking the neighbors' windows. In 1912 the Chaddock Home and Aid Society was formed to benefit the motherless boys. Chaddock is committed to not only academics, but also to teaching life skills and self-sufficiency. For some time the school taught the boys about farming. They were able to raise purebred livestock and produce their own food.

*Christmas Candlelight Bowe
December 8, 2002*