

When Mrs. Eells sold the house in 1852 it passed into the hands of A. E. Savage. It appears that this purchase was part of an investment and the property was rented out. A. E. Savage and C. A. Savage had a banking operation with Newton Flagg (1850-57) and were listed in the "Quincy in 1857" Holmes publication as real estate concern. It is presumed that the house was left pretty much as purchased for a few years, but that by 1855 the house was remodeled when gas lighting was added and Jersey street was worked on by the City. The 1860 Birdseye View still shows the saltbox roofline of Dr. Eells addition. However, by the 1862 Birdseye View, the house had been enlarged again. While details of such drawings are not totally accurate, there is generally some correlation with actual building. This view shows the house as a double pile two and a half story building with gable roof and a story and half addition to the north. The tax value of the building increased between 1854 and 1856 and again between 1858 and 1859. While the sketch may not be accurate, the indications do point to improvements by 1855 and by 1859.

History of the house in the 15 years after Mrs. Eells returned to the east is intimately tied to the progress and problems that Quincy experienced as a result of dramatic physical and economic expansion of the City. It was purchased and held by the real estate company of C A and A E Savage, apparently as a rental. A trust was formed by the Savage's and others for the purpose of selling lot 6 block 19 in whole or in part in 1859.

The building was purchased by Robert Tilson in October of 1862 for \$6,000 with a mortgage of \$1,400 carried by Mary Cady, one of the members of the Trust of 1859. Tilson was also involved with real estate. Because of the failure of the Thayer Company and the subsequent closing of the banking concern of Flagg and Savage and of Moore, Hollowbush and Co. in 1857, Mrs. Eells was not paid in full for the mortgage she carried on her former home until November of 1862. Mrs. Eells also carried a mortgage of \$1,500 on lot 7, the Norwood/Wells House which was not paid off until 1/5/1857 after she gave Power of Attorney to Newton Flagg in 1854 to collect any and all debts owed to R. Eells, his estate or executor, or to her.

The first decade of the second half of the 19th century saw the introduction of gas service in Quincy, the arrival of the railroad, the start of brick sidewalk program, a real estate boom and the collapse of banking operations. The city was expanding to the east and the choice residential area developed east of the downtown. This area just south of the downtown became more of a working class neighborhood.

It appears that the evolving house on Lot 6 remained a rental house and was held hostage to other real estate development deals. Robert Tilson was listed as living on Jersey Street in 1857, (at number 72) but this ~~is~~ not the Eells House. It seems likely that Tilson bought the enlarged house from the Savage Trust in 1862 as his residence. The series of mortgages after 1862 however, all involved other lands, at 9th and Cedar and Cherry Streets. Maitland Boon and Amos Green were bankers; and Skinner and Marsh were lawyers. Taxes were assessed against Skinner and Marsh into the 1880's but Wm. Marsh was listed as the owner on tax records after 1888.

The physical evidence in the house suggests that it had developed its basic present form by 1873. It is suggested by the legal records that the firm of Skinner and Marsh completed the development of the house and the construction of another Italianate house on the east 49' of the Eells lot by 1873 which was sold to Julius Kespohl for \$3,600. Since the Eells