



## 1825 Jersey

J. Russell and Henrietta Wells Home

Dutch Colonial Style • Built circa 1904

Current owners: Antony and Jill Wollaston

J Russell Wells built his beautiful home at 1825 Jersey with the help of architect Harvey Chatten. Although the plans are dated 1904, the house was built somewhat later. The home is predominantly Dutch Colonial Revival style and Prairie style in the single story service wing. Wells and his family lived in this house until 1960.

Harvey Chatten was the architect for the J Russell Wells family when they built their home. Chatten was known as the "Society Architect" because he designed the homes of some of Quincy's wealthiest citizens. Other examples of his work include 1834 Jersey, 1837 Jersey, 1845 Jersey and his own home at 1838 Jersey. He also designed the Ricker Bank Building (415 Hampshire), Luther Memorial Church (201 South 12th), the Unitarian Church (1479 Hampshire) and the bandstand in Washington Park.

The house sits perpendicular to Jersey Street with the gambrel end facing the street. Although the home is very formal in design it is also light and open. The main entrance is on the west side of the house and opens on a vestibule with tile floor. The large open reception hall is straight ahead. The living room is to the right on the south end of the house. A fireplace nook with a raised hearth and bottle glass windows highlights this room. The floors throughout the home are oak as is the painted woodwork.

The original owner's grandfather, Edward Wells made his fortune in the pork business and was a founder of the Unitarian Church. He was very involved in politics and in the planning for the railroad bridge over the Mississippi in Quincy. Edward's family lived at 421 Jersey which many remember as the former home of the YWCA.

Grandson Russell attended private schools in Massachusetts from the time he was 14 and showed a strong interest in the arts. He studied architecture and decorative design in Boston. Wells married the former Henrietta Eaton November 8, 1898. After a summer abroad, he and his new wife returned to Quincy. At that time Wells was a partner in his father's mortgage banking business, Wells and Adams. The business was located in room #3 of the Wells Building, on the southwest corner of 5th and Maine where Mercantile Bank is today.

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