

*Dr. Richard Eells House  
Restored Facade 1997*

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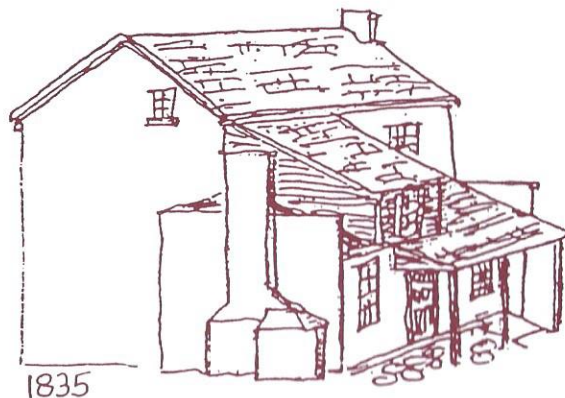
During the last ten years, much research, stabilization and restoration work has been undertaken. An in-depth Historic Structures Report has revealing and exciting findings, including long buried features, which will assist the group in future restoration work, along with the guidance of experienced experts in the field.

The Friends' completed Report states in part, "The Dr. Richard Eells House is of architectural significance as an outstanding example of the transitional evolution of architecture in Quincy during the mid-19th century from Greek Revival Style of 1835 to the Italianate Style of 1871.

"The house contains rare examples of early building techniques and a wealth of information for the study of building materials and the social trends that influenced changes in the house and in Quincy."

"Quincy and the entire state of Illinois are fortunate to have such a well preserved example of early residential architecture with such important historical significance."

This Underground Railroad site has recognized national significance.



1835

Dr. Eells' two-story brick house, originally four rooms, was started by him after he bought lot 6, block 19, now 415 Jersey, in June 1835. In 1841 he made additions, as he and his wife adopted two children, the daughter of a brother and the son of a sister.



This simple Greek Revival Style house saw a few more additions into the 1870's by later owners, changing it into the Italianate Style seen today. Over the years the house was used as rental property.



The portions built by Eells represent the oldest standing two-story brick house in Quincy. Thus the Dr. Richard Eells House has major importance for Quincy both historically and architecturally.