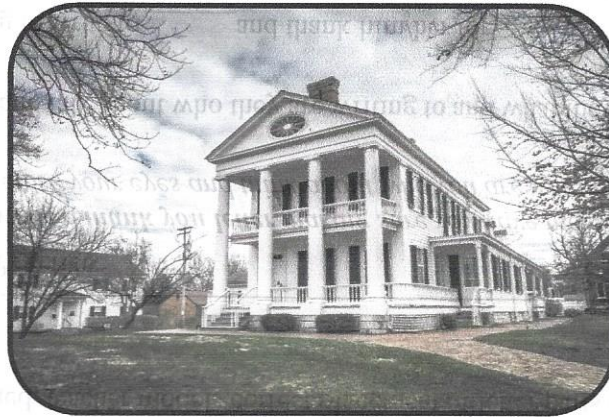


425 S. 12th St.



The founder of Quincy and later Governor of Illinois, John Wood, completed his home from 1835-1837. Historians and architects consider this mansion, among the first of its style, to be one of the finest Greek Revival examples in the area. The temple-front building, constructed by master builder John Cleveland, features Doric columns, massive chimneys and an elegant elliptical fanlight. The skilled German craftsmen hired in New Orleans were the first influx of German settlers into the region. Governor John Wood, therefore, was responsible for the architectural examples throughout Quincy and Adams county and for the German heritage of this area.

The house was originally located on the north side of State Street and moved to its present site in 1864. Daniel Wood, the son of John, lived in the mansion, which he sold in 1880. Some changes of ownership and eventual decay ensued.

The disrepair moved the Historical Society of Quincy and Adams County in 1906 to save the mansion. This movement was the first example of historic preservation of any kind in the State of Illinois and also the first time a building was saved because of its architectural significance. The building is maintained by the Historical Society of Quincy and Adams County and has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1970.