

QUINCY'S NORTH SIDE - THEN AND NOW

The homes and buildings in Quincy's northwest end have generally gone unnoticed for the past several decades, but, this once stately neighborhood was recently explored by 1987 Quincy Fellowship in Historic Preservation recipient, David Bostwick. Bostwick discovered a wealth of architecturally significant homes still intact that have remained as a reminder of this once thriving section of the city.

The northwest end holds an array of architectural styles, with the predominant ones being the Italianate and Queen Anne styles, mostly constructed between 1860 and 1890.

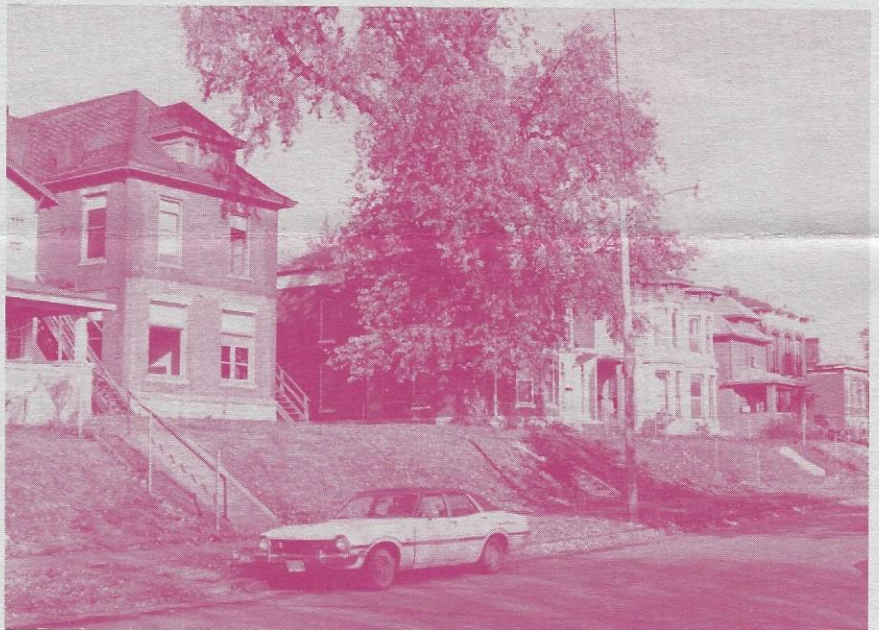
Bostwick inventoried these significant structures for the Museum's on-going architectural survey that was begun three years ago with the first Fellowship recipient, Bret Johnson, and then continued by Kenneth Markunas. These recipients centered their attention on Quincy's east end, making Bostwick's work the first in this section.

Although many of the buildings maintain their grandeur, many have fallen into disrepair and are barely recognizable. When looking at the present structures (and area, photo below) and a photograph of the same area taken nearly a century ago, the changes over the years are more than obvious. The survey will continue in 1988, with the next Fellowship recipient, Dennis Hyland, who will target the same neighborhoods as his predecessor.

—Bruce A. Pint



ABOVE: 800 block North 6th, c.1889, from "Quincy Illustrated" publication
BELOW: The same as it appears today



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