

HISTORICAL POINTS OF INTEREST ALONG 175 BLOCK (15 MILE) ROUTE **By Reg Ankrom, Author, Historian**

Start at Southside Boat Club – International Rowing Champions

Four young Quincy men from this Boat Club in 1930 lost the international team boat rowing championship in Liege, Belgium by two-fifths of a second.

Front and Delaware – Quincy's First Cabin Built Here

Quincy Founder John Wood built the first home, an 18x20' log cabin, here.

North Side of Jersey between Fourth and Fifth – the Dr. Richard Eells House

Richard and Jane Eells lived here. Eells was convicted in 1842 of aiding a fugitive slave. He was exonerated by Governor Pat Quinn in December 2014.

Hampshire and Fifth Streets – Washington Park

Two great events occurred here: the rescue of 5,700 Mormons who had been expelled from Missouri under the threat of death in 1838-39, and the Sixth Lincoln-Douglas Debate.

Intersection of Sixteenth and Maine – Architectural Treasure

A national magazine in the 1950s called this intersection the most architecturally significant in the country.

Twelfth and State – The Governor John Wood Mansion

Most homes were one-room log cabins when John Wood began building his mansion in 1835.

Fifth and Madison – Woodland Cemetery

John Wood donated 45 acres to the city in 1846 for the creation of Woodland Cemetery.

Twelfth and Harrison – South Park

Landscape architect Ossian (pronounced Ocean) Simonds designed this park and seven others in Quincy in the early 1890s.

Eighteenth and Lind – Quincy University

Franciscans of Quincy College admitted fugitive slave Gus Tolton when none would. Today Father Tolton is on his way to sainthood in the Catholic Church.

Eighteenth and Maple – Quincy University Stadium

Recently named “The Rock,” Quincy University Hawks’ football is played here in this stadium, built during the Great Depression.

Private Joe Fifer Statue – From Private to Governor

A Civil War private, Joe Fifer later became the governor who built the Veterans Home.

Eighth and Locust – Illinois Veterans Home

In 1885 the state legislature chose Quincy as site for a new Soldiers and Sailors home.

Bonansinga at Bob Mays Park – Quincy and World War II

Many boats that landed men in the Pacific were built just north of here.

Bonansinga and Cedar – Boston Bay

French and Indian traders original called this Boston Bay.

Bonansinga and Maine – First Settlers

Fox and Sauk Native Americans lined the bluffs above us, where they lived for a century.

Bonansinga and Broadway – River and Rail Commerce

Steamboats carried Quincy’s economy until the 1850s, when railroads replaced them.