



THE WELLBANKS HOUSE
190 James St.

As the only well-preserved Greek Revival type house remaining in Belleville, it is representative of a style that was immensely popular around the middle of the last century. The Wellbanks house, circa, 1845, is oriented on its lot so that the gable end is toward the street with the front door on the shorter side of the rectangular house, resulting in a side-hall plan. The extended roof is supported by pillars forming a portico. The cornice returns on the gable suggest the triangular shape of a Greek pediment. Four evenly-spaced pillars supported the upper gallery but when one rotted away the Wellbanks' moved one to the centre of the facade. The diamond-patterned treillage on the upper gallery is original but the lower porch railing is more recent. The square-headed transom with sidelights and glazed box lights above the door add to the Classic look. There are no fireplaces-it was heated by stoves and bracket chimneys. Long the home of Dr. Hedley Wellbanks, it is now owned by Dr. Wellbanks' nephew and his wife, John and June(Smith) Wellbanks.