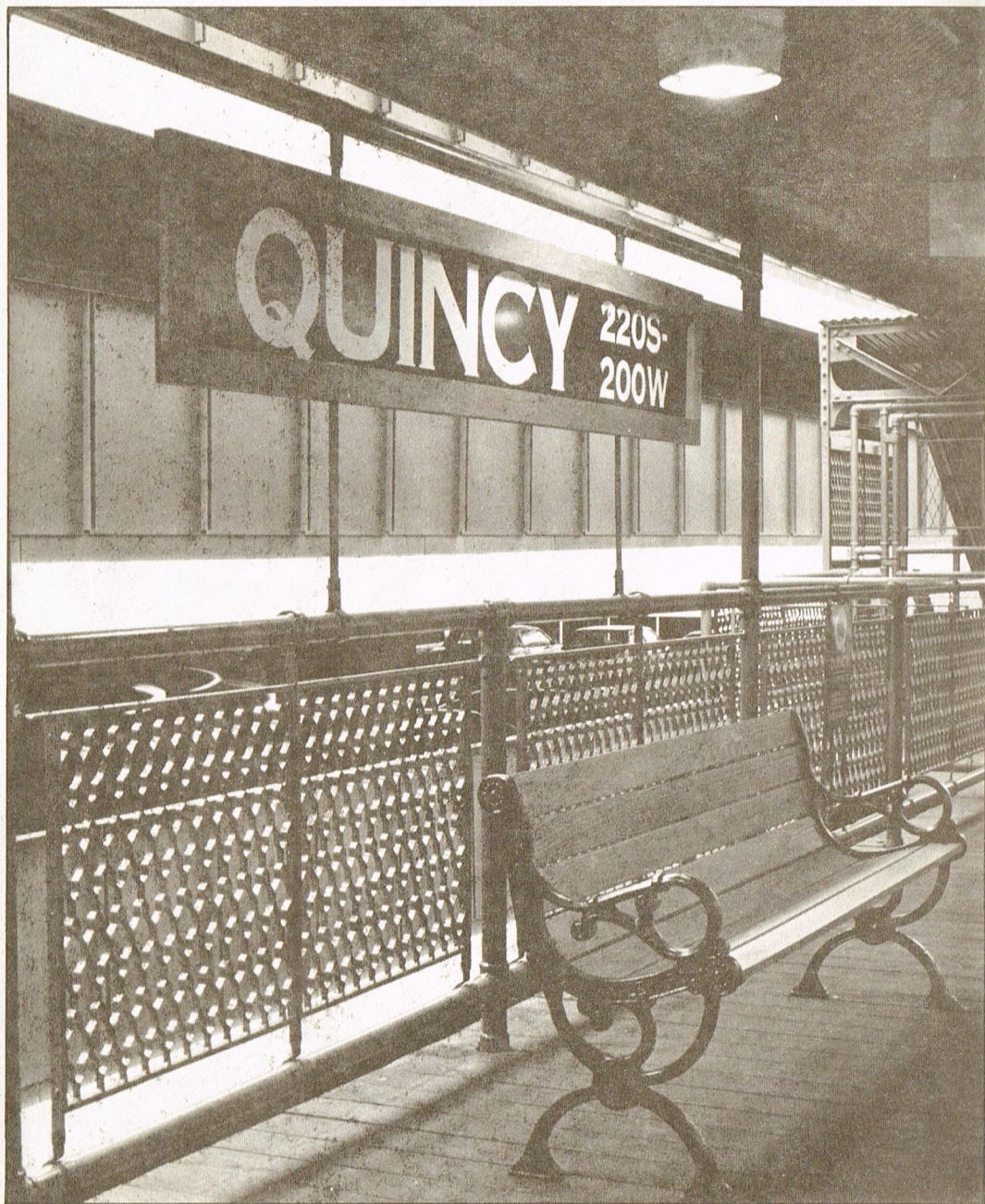


All Aboard for 1897





The Quincy/Wells elevated railroad station was originally constructed in 1897. Because this station has been the least changed by modifications through the years, it was selected for historic restoration as part of the Loop Elevated Rehabilitation Program. The Loop 'L' itself has been declared a Historic National Landmark.

This project was a joint effort by the City of Chicago Department of Public Works (DPW) and the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), funded by the Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA), and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). The design and construction work was done over a 2½ year period at a cost of \$3.4 million. The station reopened on February 8, 1988.

This restoration is a good example of CTA respecting its past, while moving towards the future. Ravenswood and Evanston Express riders will step back in time to the warmth and charm of the Victorian Age. They will wait for their trains amidst varnished woodwork, pressed-tin walls and ceilings, sanded floors, ornate railings and grillwork, period signs, and bright incandescent lights. Virtually everything is new, but matched to the era in which the station opened.

By combining this work with new structural steel, platforms, electrical, plumbing, roofing, and fare control systems, Quincy/Wells will serve an expanding downtown and growing CTA ridership well into the 21st century.

The station is convenient to Sears Tower, Union Station, and the south part of the Financial District on LaSalle Street one block east.



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