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1838



The oldest single family dwelling remaining in the original town of Peoria is known as the Judge Gale House. Built circa 1838, this federalist style home is approximately 3,400 sq. ft. and located at 403 N. E. Jefferson St.

Old Judge Gale, as he was known, played many roles in Peoria. Best known as the 4th Mayor of Peoria from 1848-49, he again served in the role from 1864-65. A graduate of Dartmouth College, Jacob Gale made his way here to Peoria, partially on foot in 1833. Starting in a hardware business, he studied law and began practice in 1837. He was appointed Clerk of the Circuit Court and was later appointed Circuit Court Judge. He also had a deep interest in the cause of education and served as Superintendent of the city schools and as a member of the Board of Education.