



## 2016 Jersey

Richardsonian-Romanesque • Built 1890-91 • Theodore Poling House  
Current Owners: Marty & Janet Peters

This massive Richardsonian-Romanesque house was designed by Harvey Chatten and Ernest Wood and built in 1890-1891 of rough, unprepared stone called "rough ashlar."

The Richardsonian-Romanesque Style was named for Boston architect Henry Hobson Richardson, whose innovative style set a new standard and direction for American architecture. Although Richardson based his work on traditional Romanesque architecture of France, his adaptations were so different that the resulting style acquired his name. It was widely copied and reached its peak in the 1890s a few years after Richardson's untimely death at age 47 in 1886.

Richardson first achieved fame with his design for Boston's Trinity Church in 1872. The succeeding fourteen years saw the construction of such important buildings as the library in Quincy, Massachusetts, Pittsburgh's Allegheny county Courthouse, and Chicago's Marshall Field Store.

The most prominent feature of Quincy's Polling house is the large segmented arched arcade entry with a round turret and conical roof. The stone latticework above the entry arch highlights the façade. Note the tiled roof.

Theodore Poling was a real estate agent in Quincy and pioneered the development of Lawndale subdivision. This house was the first (or pilot) house built in the subdivision.