



2043 Maine

Shingle Style • circa 1910 • George and Susan Francis House
Current Owner: Jane Nolan

This Shingle Style house was built around 1910 by George and Susan Francis. Many people in Quincy associate this house with Dr. Kirk and Myra Shawgo who owned and lived in it for fifty years. The Nolans have lived in the home for 31 years. They beautifully restored, maintained and decorated the house.

The Shingle Style is uniquely American with roots in three traditions. From the Queen Anne it borrowed wide porches, shingled surfaces, and asymmetrical forms. From the Colonial Revival it adapted gambrel roofs, rambling lean-to additions, classical columns and Palladian windows. From the Richardson Romanesque it borrowed an emphasis on irregular, sculpted shapes, Romanesque arches, and as in this house, stone lower stories.

Of particular note are the leaded glass windows that sparkle at night reflecting inner lights and throw rainbows of light through the house during the day. You will notice the original transitional gaslight/early electric light fixtures. The dining room is particularly interesting; note the windows on the west wall.

The Shingle Style was an unusually free-form and variable style and this house is no exception. Notice the strong Craftsman elements in the back (or servant's) stairway leading to the second floor. Note the original cast iron sink in the hallway. This same Craftsman influence can be observed in the mantle of the fireplace as well.

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TOUR
DECEMBER 13, 2009