



1461 Maine

Jonathan and Caly Parkhurst Home

Italianate Style • Built 1868

Current owners: Richard and Judy Taylor

The Italianate home at 1461 Maine was built in 1868 for Jonathan Parkhurst, his wife Caly and their son George. Parkhurst started business in Quincy selling clothing and furnishing goods at 521 Maine Street. He later became a successful politician, serving as Mayor for two terms and as State Representative for Adams County. He is attributed with introducing electric streetlights to Quincy and extending the brick streets throughout the city.

The home has gone through many changes over the years. An early photograph shows a simple porch, a one-story wing on the east side of the home and a cupola in the center of the roof. An 1899 photograph shows a wrap-around front porch, pedimented gables over the front porch entryway and a balcony that was topped by another pedimented roof. There was also a cupola in the center of the roof and wing on the east side with a porch.

At a later date, the wraparound porch was removed and the present entry, with its beautiful beveled glass door, side windows and transom was added, bringing the homes look much closer to its original appearance.

Woodwork throughout the home features a variety of woods used in the period. The family room and master bedroom fireplace mantels are butternut. The curved staircase is also butternut. The doors on the main floor are mahogany. The woodwork in the kitchen is pine.

The marble fireplace in the living room is original to the home. The windows in the dining room reach the floor.

The present owners have remodeled the kitchen. The original cabinets were rebuilt and an one-of-a-kind wine rack was installed from those cabinets. The countertops are made from marble from the Newcomb Hotel.

A private side deck with a Jacuzzi was designed by the present owners. The basement has also been redesigned to allow for a pool table.

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