

APPLICATION FOR LANDMARK OR HISTORIC DISTRICT
QUINCY PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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Original name (if known) and address of proposed Landmark or
boundaries of proposed Historic District:

Mathew B. and Electa L. Finlay House

1617 Hampshire

Quincy, IL 62301

Name, Address, and Telephone Number of Property Owner(s):

Jean Reddington

1617 Hampshire

Quincy, IL 62301 (217) 222-9338

Style Italianate

Date of Construction 1861

Architect or Builder Thought to have been built by Eaton

Littlefield & George Bauman Builders*

List the significant exterior architectural features of the
building(s). Include photographs of building facade for proposed
Landmark or photographs of groups of structures for proposed
Historic District (include map of Historic District):

1. Overall two-storey, symmetrical massing with a low-pitched hip roof, and two-storey service wing to the rear
2. Rough cut limestone foundation walls, smooth cut stone watertable and brick exterior walls
3. Four symmetrically-placed brick chimneys with stepped brick courses at the top and capped with stone, one brick chimney on two-storey service wing also with decorative brickwork and

- stone cap
4. Double cupola of wood with all of its wood detailing, brackets, arched windows, low-pitched hip roof, and finial with brackets
 5. All window openings on the East, North, and West facades, and first floor of South facade, with stone lintels and sills,

(Significant Features Cont'd on page 3 of Landmark Application)

* Research taken from the George Bauman file from the Gardner Museum of Architecture and Design

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Provide a statement of the historical and architectural significance of the proposed Landmark or proposed District. Note classification of building(s) included in any historic district or survey, or listed on the National Register of Historic Places:

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Provide legal description of Landmark as found on deed:

The South half lot of Seventeen (17) of Nevin's Addition to the City of Quincy, except the West Forty-five (45) feet there of.

Why do you think this property merits designation? Check appropriate item(s):

☒ Architecture ☐ Persons ☐ Event(s) ☒ Prominent Landmark
☐ Historical ☐ Unusual Use ☐ Other _____

Is owner aware of this application? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Does owner consent to this designation? ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

Tanya Hillard (SR)
Signature of Applicant

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- wood framework, and glazing; and second-storey windows on the South facade with stone sills and stone segmental window crowns supported by brackets
6. The one-storey, full-facade porch with large wood paired brackets and smaller wood brackets in between the large brackets, turned wood balustrade, wood railing, wooden double posts, wood floor, and wood steps
 7. The semi-circular brick arched front door opening with round arched top-light and rectangular sidelights, and door with semi-circular shaped top
 8. The deep overhang of the roof with frieze below and large wood paired brackets with smaller brackets between the large pairs on the South facade, and large wood paired brackets on the East, North, and West facades, and single brackets on the three sides of the service wing
 9. The brick walk on the property that runs perpendicular to Hampshire Street from the City sidewalk to the front steps, the brick walk across the front of the porch, and the brick city sidewalk running parellel to Hampshire Street

Statement of Historical and Architectural Significance

Mathew Finlay was born in Ireland in 1821. By 1847, Finlay had gone into the clothier business with William Powers at 328 Maine Street in Quincy, Illinois. Finlay broke from the partnership in 1876 and began his own business as a merchant tailor at 328 Maine Street.

In 1861, Mathew Finlay constructed his house at 1617 Hampshire Street at the cost of \$10,000. This amount was second in Quincy that year, only to John Wood's octagonal house which cost \$100,000 to construct.¹ Since the Finlays owned the property, 1617 Hampshire Street has been owned by only two other families, the Montgomerys and the Inghrams.

The Mathew B. and Electa L. Finlay House is an excellent

¹ 1861 Quincy City Directory

example of the Italianate style. The massing, materials, and symmetry follow those of most Italianate homes. The attention to detail, shown in the doorway, cupola, the window crowns, porch, and brackets represent high-style Italianate decoration. There is a very similar house to the Finlays at 421 Jersey Street.

The house of Mathew B. and Electa L. Finlay is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing property of the East End Historic District.

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Recorder Of Deeds Office--Deed Records

Nevin's Survey: E 157FT S $\frac{1}{2}$ Lot 17

<u>Date of Instrument</u>	<u>Date of Record</u>	<u>Grantor</u>	<u>Grantee</u>	<u>Book/Page</u>	<u>Trans.</u>
4/1/1847	1/2/1851	D.H. Nevins	S. Drapper Jr.	10/233	QCpt
8/24/1853	10/21/1853	S. Drapper & wife	John Wood Jr.	18/198	QCpt
9/19/1853	10/21/1853	John Wood Jr.	L. Kingman	18/200	QCpt
10/10/1855	10/19/1855	L. Kingman & wife	M.B. Finlay	20/531	QCpt
8/26/1859	9/9/1859	Robert Tillson	M.B. Finlay	34/201	QCpt
1/9/1908	7/22/1910	Mathew F. Carrott by trustee	S.B. Montgomery	170/520	trustee deed
6/16/1917	6/16/1917	Sylvanus D. Montgomery	Lillian Brown Inghram	224/30	war pt
12/19/1947	12/22/1947	Edward B. Dittmeyer	Lillian B. Inghram	321/386	QCpt
4/14/1961	4/17/1961	Lillian B. Inghram	John T. Inghram	418/234	war pt

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