

- 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 parallel 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