



## 2026 Hampshire

Bungalow with Craftsman Details • Circa 1924/5

William H Finsberg House

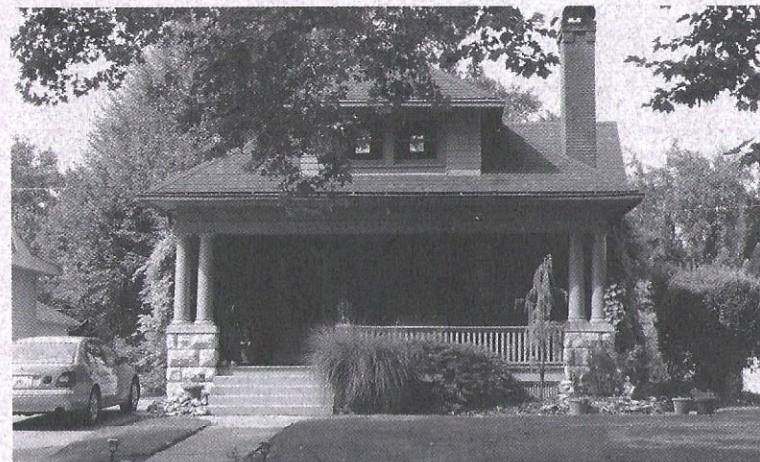
William H. Finsberg, of Indianapolis, Ind. and Miss Eleanor Holtman of Quincy, were wed on November 18, 1911. At the time of their wedding, Mr. Finsberg was employed as a foreman of the dye department for Weems Dyeing and Cleaning of Quincy. As the Quincy Daily Whig noted, they planned to “reside in Quincy” after their nuptials.

It was not until 1924, however, that the Finsbergs bought the property at 2026 Hampshire and built their frame bungalow with Craftsman detailing. Their new home joined a number of bungalows built along Hampshire, including the classic brick at 2101, also on this year’s fall tour.

In 1930 the property passed to Ross V. Ott, who retained it until 1980. In 1996, the home became the property of the Brian Crispin family. The present owners are Charles and Dawn Whitcomb.

While retaining many of its Craftsman features, such as the square triple pillars with squared capitals at the corners of the full width front porch and the brick fireplace with side lights above glass fronted bookcases in the front parlor, this house has undergone a gentle remodeling in recent years. The orientation of the front entry and stairwell area have been changed by enclosing a doorway, offering not only more useable wall space, but also privacy to the front bedroom. The original French doors between the parlor and dining room have been replaced by spacious open archway. The present owners have opened this space further by removing the wall between the dining room and kitchen, reconfiguring the original 1920s bungalow parlor, kitchen and dining room into a comfortable and up-dated space while maintaining the original craftsman feel of the home.

The former attic area of the house has been converted into a master bedroom suite which extends the length of the house. Decorated in soft airy colors, this area is now a private and relaxing retreat. However, due to the steep and narrow design of the former attic stairs, the owners did not wish to include this space on this year’s tour.



## 2101 Hampshire

Brick Bungalow • 1914 • Architect: Martin Geise

The J. W. Henry House

The Quincy Whig of Sept. 15, 1914 noted that the W. J. Henry family had recently moved into a “pretty home, a modern bungalow” and were treated to a surprise housewarming by the “Tuesday Club” of which they were members. Wilmot J. Henry, of Chicago, relocated to Quincy in 1902 to become a partner in the Adams County Abstract Company. In 1909 Henry left that company to establish his own very successful real estate business.

When the Henrys initially moved to Quincy, they took up residence in the “Scranton House” at 124 South Twenty-fourth, another home on this Fall’s QP House Tour. In 1909, Henry purchased the property at 2101 Hampshire. In May of 1914, Quincy architect Martin J. Geise presented Henry with plans for a classic brick two bedroom bungalow. The blueprints for this home, still in the possession of the current owners, show a one story home, with enclosed entry area off a full width front porch, leading into the front parlor with fire place on the side wall and double windows facing the street. Through a “cased opening” at the back of the parlor was the formal dining room with bay window and behind this was the kitchen and small rear entry porch. A partial hall toward the rear of the house led to the second bedroom, bath and attic stairway.

The Rossmillers have been the proud owners of this home for just over 20 years and in that time have lovingly and gently remodeled it, while carefully retaining its Craftsman detail and feeling. Based on plans designed by Mrs. Rossmiller, the stairs to the attic have been widened and lengthened, and now lead to a spacious, “owners retreat” reached through a small upstairs sun porch and reading nook. At the far end of the room, a small section of closet wall siding, with the following inscription in pencil, is displayed: “Gifford Henry Aug 31, 1914 day of occupation”. When they moved into their new house on Hampshire, the Henrys had two sons, Vernon and Gifford—who was born in 1901.