

Harry O. Channon was a former division manager of CIPS corporation and identified with public utilities in Quincy for 37 years until his retirement in 1932. His business career and the development of the electric light and power business in Quincy and the vicinity were practically concurrent. He was born in Quincy on August 25, 1869. He graduated from high school in 1888 and worked for a year in the offices of the Burlington and Northern railroad and then entered the University of Michigan for a course in electrical engineering, completing his college work in 1893. He later returned to Quincy to enter the business field with John Wheeler, a locomotive engineer, and others assisted in the organizing of the old Empire Electric Light and Power Company. His affiliations with electric companies were numerous over the years. He and his wife had five sons and two daughters.

The house is two story and of "broken coursed" limestone. There is a side facing gabled roof with a stone chimney at the east end. Three dormers are centered with curved semi-circular roofs with 6 over 6 double hung windows in each. The first floor has 6 over 1 double hung windows with stone sills and flat stone arches with a pronounced keystone. Basement windows also have flat stone arches with keystones.

The pronounced entrance has a curved wooden hood, a flat stone arch with keystone supporting the door opening and sidelights. The east end of the home has a two story porch wing, both enclosed, with a flat roof. There is a detached stone garage with a hip roof.

As you enter the house the foyer has red oak trim and quarter-sawn oak floors. The living room has a 9 foot ceiling and cherry woodwork and a beautiful fireplace with a cherry mantel. The dining room has oak woodwork, a double panel swing door and the original chandelier and sconces. Both rooms have picture moldings around the ceiling.

The stairway is plain sawn oak in a Craftsman style. The nursery has a new floating oak floor. The upstairs hall is oak. The master bedroom has a working fireplace with recessed mortar and a tile hearth. The upstairs sun porch has the original light fixture and a ceiling with 3 and a half inch wainscoating. Both bedrooms have original oak woodwork.

The bathroom was probably done in the 1950s with tile on the walls and floor. Notice the height of the hot and cold faucets in the shower.

The third floor was intended for quarters for servants. There are two bedrooms and a half bath. Dormers have half circle windows. In one bedroom there is an exposed brick wall. The woodwork in this part of the house is fir.

It is interesting to note that the house is fireproof with all concrete floors and all brick support walls.