



Italianate

1845-1860

This style, inspired by the vernacular farmhouse architecture of the Italian country villas, is most frequently identified by heavy wooden brackets or pendants. While there are few Salem houses which exemplify the Italianate style, its influence is apparent in the use of bracketed details throughout the city. Because bracket-work became the trademark of Italianate-inspired houses, it can lead to a misconception of a building's age and style. For as the popularity of the Italianate style grew, bracketing was commonly added to Georgian, Federal, and Greek Revival houses in an attempt to modernize them.