

# History of The Finch House

Finch also held leadership roles in multiple financial institutions and industry organizations, including the First National Bank of Thomasville, Southern Furniture Manufacturers Association, and American Furniture Mart. In public service, he was mayor of Thomasville, chaired various civic boards, and served on state councils related to education and employment.

During the Depression, Finch advised President Roosevelt on national economic issues, serving on the Industrial Advisory Board and later the War Production Board. A lifelong Democrat, he was active in local and national affairs.

In 1919, Finch married Ernestine Lambeth; they had one son, Thomas Austin Finch, Jr., who succeeded him in business leadership. Following Finch's death, his family established the Thomas Austin Finch Foundation, supporting various community projects including a chapel, hospital rooms, and the Thomasville Public Library. He is buried in the Thomasville City Cemetery.

Correction: Thomas Austin Finch, Jr., became president of Thomasville Furniture Industries, Inc., in 1960, not 1974 as previously stated.

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