



Together with the adjacent 1858 Montfort Hall, this 1917 three-bay Colonial Box style home presents a grand entry into the Boylan Heights Historic District along the wide, curving sweep of Boylan Avenue, an avenue of trees and receding house facades.

In 1975, the late Raleigh architect John Evans Rice, acquired the home, then configured with 5 apartments. His subsequent renovations included adding a two story solarium, new kitchen, new baths, and landscaping the 0.32 acre fenced lot.

Similar leaded beveled glass windows open out to a wrap-around porch on the 1st floor and a sun porch on the 2nd floor.



Grandchildren of the original owners tell stories of courting on the front porch swing. The owner reportedly managed the land surrounding Montfort Hall next door. ADDITIONS TO THE HISTORY OF THE HOUSE ARE WELCOME.

The long central hall offers engaging site lines. Using salvaged wood, John Rice replaced the hall floors damaged when the house was subdivided into apartments. He added wainscoting consistent with the character of the existing trim work.

Think of the house as a two-story four-square with large central halls, plus a solarium, library, loft, baths, butler and silver pantries. All 8 four-square rooms are roughly 15x15ft, each with a handsome fireplace mantel.



The kitchen fireplace with gas logs is the only working fireplace, all others are decorative.

A bay-window, overlooking a landscaped side garden and pond, brightens and enlarges the kitchen that was located in one of the original four-square rooms in the early 1980s.

This is a professional scale 18x15 ft kitchen space with solid-surface counter tops and several options for eating-in.