

Description of House

William Early House, 1907, Queen Anne Victorian

On the [National Register of Historic Places](#) and Prince George's County Register in new historic district.

It's on 3.27 acres in [Brandywine, Maryland](#). There's 3,221 square feet of living space.

Major restoration performed in 2001, with more recent work done as indicated.



EXTERIOR:

Original windows, siding and decoration, and most doors are original.

Replaced copper downspouts.

Replaced tin shingle roof and gutters.

Replaced rotted exterior soffits with new

Restored original vergeboards, brackets, spandrels, porch railings and balusters.

Replaced ~20% of exterior siding with replica milled vertical-grain cedar siding

Restored/Replaced functional hinged shutters on front and sides

Installed Allied Invisible Storm windows with low-e glass (IR and UV

Protection) Replaced Front Porch and balcony decks with KDAT tongue-and-groove flooring in 2010

Replaced porch ceilings with replica wainscot

Quality three-color painted with oil base pre-primer, primer and three coat latex.

Replaced front doors with replica, mahogany in 2011

Replaced exterior steps – three for front porch and one for back porch.

OUTBUILDINGS:

Painted 1970's garage and historic wellhouse to match house

Added large Amish-made utility shed painted similar to house in 2008

Installed high-volume pump to historic well with 5 spigots for lawncare.

Existing historic well and well house is older than the house, house itself is on city water and sewer.

GROUNDS:

Graded lawn away from foundation
Installed gravel drainage surrounding foundation.
Installed buried drains for gutters
Planted boxwoods and large gardens, added drip irrigation system
Restored original brick pond (added water feed, drain and electric)
Cleared underbrush from most property, back 2/3 remains wooded.
Added large gravel driveway with off-street parking for up to 15 cars
Added wooden bridge between backyard and wooded area

UTILITIES:

Installed two heat pumps, and ductwork.
Upgraded electric service to 350Amp with buried feed
All house wiring replaced to code, minimum 20A circuits.
Installed backup power switchover system for critical appliances.
Installed 3KV Ground-based solar panel system.
Installed 120A demand hot-water system

INTERIOR:

Removed, insulated and replaced all exterior walls with new plaster (*not* wallboard)
Removed and replaced plaster ceilings with new ceilings.
Replaced replica plaster medallions.
Replaced window trim with milled-to-match Honduran mahogany trim.
All windows original, with original glass.
Stripped all interior wood surfaces, restored using traditional garnet shellac and wax finish.
Renovated downstairs bathroom with new tile, added antique low-tank toilet, new brass fittings and parts added in 2012.
Replaced missing picture-rail molding.
Replicated missing hall spandrel and pilasters.
Renovated upstairs bathroom, with new tile, added bidet

Renovated kitchen in 2004 with period-appropriate cabinets, Silestone countertops, real linoleum floors, modern electric replica of coal-burning stove, Insta-hot, plumbed in Bunn coffee maker, Miele dishwasher and GE refrigerator.
Added decorative antique water heater in Kitchen
Added IR-reflecting foil to attic floor in 2011 for improved insulation
Built door over stairway to attic covered with IR-reflecting foil to complete

insulation

Restored functional coal stove heater in office, two other woodburning fireplaces are lined

Restored and installed non-functional coal stove in bedroom.

Replaced Hall mantle with period-appropriate antique.

Installed antique gas sconces in upstairs bedrooms and two replica gasoliers in parlors (all electric)

Replaced toggle switches with replica pushbutton switches.

Installed three secret compartments.

Installed new energy and water-saving washer/dryer in 2010

OTHER:

Surround-sound system, flat screen TV, oversized grandfather clock, historic reproduction lace curtains and other window treatments **convey**.

All salvaged historic parts, replica siding, moldings, tin, marble, paints and finishes & etc. in dry storage on property.