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PHOTOS BY CHRIS PILLER

The current owners of this circa 1901 Queen Anne-style house added a master suite, family room and kitchen while maintaining the historic integrity of the building.

## Elegant home stands out with splendid porch, lush vine

BY KATHY ORTON

The Queen Anne-style house with its two-story porch is one of the most recognizable homes in the Cherrydale community of Arlington.

The Schutt family bought the 79 acre estate in 1865 and moved into what was referred to as the Sission house. A headline in the Nov. 24, 1900, Washington Evening Star paints a vivid picture of its demise. "Disastrous fire destroys Virginia home." The fire, thought to be started by an explosion of a coal oil stove, burned the pre-Civil War home and its contents, forcing the Schutt family to build a new house. Because it was built among a grove

of magnificent oak trees, the home was called Oak Grove.

Francis Granger Schutt, or F.G. as he was known, was a merchant in Georgetown. He later was connected with the Life Insurance Co. of Virginia and served several terms as a member of the Alexandria County board of supervisors. (At the time, Arlington was part of Alexandria.)

The Schutts played a role in the development of Cherrydale. The first residential subdivision in Cherrydale was known as Schutt's subdivision. The family later donated part of their land to the county for neighborhood parks known as Oakgrove and Cherry Valley.

F.G. and Elizabeth Schutt had

six children — four daughters and two sons. Oak Grove served as the backdrop of many family weddings, including daughter Mary's nuptials in 1903. The Evening Star wrote: "The wedding was one of the prettiest that has occurred this season. The bridal party marched from the house through an aisle formed of trailing vines as the strains of the wedding march from 'Lohengrin' floated out from the wide porch, where the piano had been placed."

The two-story porch — which spans the front of the house, skirts the south side and continues onto the back — is the home's most distinguishing feature. It is supported by turned posts with decorative brackets. A wisteria vine, said to have been planted when the house was built, drapes over it like a veil.

The current owners, who have lived there since 1986, added a master suite, family room and kitchen but maintained the historic integrity of the house, incorporating the original windows into the structure.

The six-bedroom, four-bathroom home is listed at \$1.29 million.



The top view from the two-story porch, which spans the front of the house, skirts the south side and flows onto the back.

**1721 N. Quincy St., Arlington, Va.**

**\$1.29 million**

**Features:** The circa 1901 Queen Anne-style house has a two-story wraparound porch, floor-to-ceiling windows and bull's-eye molding. The property includes a two-car garage and a garden shed.

**Bedrooms/bathrooms:** 6/4

**Approximate square footage:** 3,112

**Lot size:** 0.33 acres

**Listing agent:** Archie Harders, Long & Foster

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**Billy Buck with Buck & Associates represented the purchaser of this home.**

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