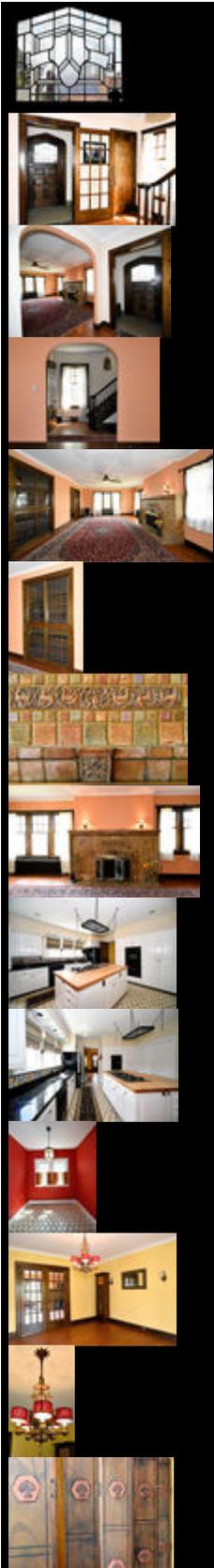


House of the Week: Historic home in Syracuse's Strathmore neighborhood





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Syracuse, N.Y. — Steven and Jennifer Morgan aren't going far from their home on Robineau Road.

They bought the place right next door. Still, they're sad to leave their first home behind.

"We reluctantly left this house," Jennifer said.

Their first home dates to the 1920s. The original plans for the home came from noted architect Ward Wellington Ward.

The house doesn't appear on the official list of Ward homes because he became ill and didn't finish it himself. But the Morgans confirmed his involvement through Onondaga Historical Association records.

And the home features many typical Ward signatures, including Mercer ties around the fireplace.

The Morgans bought the house in 2008. They both grew up in the area and had heard good things about Syracuse's Strathmore neighborhood.

Jennifer works as a pharmacist, and Steven owns a trash hauling business.

"We both love antiques and old things," Jennifer said. "We wanted a house with character. We found this one and jumped at the chance."

The house was in good shape when the Morgans bought it, but they completed some upgrades.

The couple added granite countertops in the kitchen, refinished the master bathroom upstairs, painted the interior and refinished the home's hardwood floors. They also did some maintenance work on the home's chimney and brick exterior.

A portion of the home's third floor is finished, and the view extends all the way to Destiny USA and Onondaga Lake. Jennifer Morgan said it's a favorite place for her kids to watch fireworks held occasionally at Syracuse Chiefs games.

She also said they've become big fans of the neighborhood and their street in particular. The Robineau name comes from Adelaide Alsop Robineau, a potter, painter and ceramics artist who lived in the area.

She's responsible for a well-known vase, the Scarab Vase, in the collection at Syracuse's Everson Museum.

"We just love the neighborhood," Jennifer Morgan said. "We didn't want to leave."

THE DETAILS:

Address: 168 Robineau Road, Syracuse, N.Y. 13207

Price: \$239,900

Size: 3,560 square feet

Lot size: 0.31 acres

Monthly Mortgage: \$898.64 (based on this week's national average rate of 3.84 percent, according to Freddie Mac, for a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage with a 20 percent down payment. Fees and points not included.)

Taxes: \$8,484 (Based on an assessed value of \$210,000)

Built: 1920s

School District: Syracuse

Living room: It's to the right of the front entrance and features a fireplace with decorative Mercer tiles. There are also built-in storage cabinets with sliding doors.

Dining room: It's off the living room and features a chandelier that's original to the house. Many of the lighting fixtures in the home are original, Jennifer Morgan said.

Sunroom: It's off the dining room and could be used as a TV room or playroom.

Kitchen: It has a breakfast nook with built-in storage, an island with storage, a countertop range and in-wall ovens. The washer and dryer are also in the kitchen.

Bedrooms: The home has five bedrooms, three full bathrooms and one half bathroom. The master bedroom features exposed brick, and all the closets in the bedrooms are cedar-lined. One of the bathrooms upstairs has a jetted tub. Another bathroom has a claw-foot tub. The master bathroom has been refinished with granite countertops.

Exterior: The home has a detached two-car garage and a fenced yard.

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An open house is scheduled at the property from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. May 24.

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