

Available for Restoration

The Historic Dunn House



NEW PRICE \$89,000
~~\$102,500~~

Square Feet: 2,661

Lot Size: 0.28 acre

Zoning: R-6

**818 Jay Street, Eden
Rockingham County**

**Commutable to Greensboro,
Winston-Salem & Danville VA!**

The Dunn House is an exquisite example of Colonial Revival architecture in the Central Leaksville National Register Historic District in Eden. It is among the few pre-war houses designed by an architect in Eden. Built in 1928 for William Oscar Jenkins, a meticulous engineer, and his wife Ruby Ivie, the house was designed by Virginia architect J. Bryant Heard. The Jenkins remained in the house for a very short period probably due to the Depression, before it was conveyed to Mrs. Jenkins' sister Sallie Gray Ivie Dunn and her husband, attorney Adolphus William Dunn. The house remains in family ownership today.

Heard's fondness for the classical idiom is expressed throughout his body of work and in the Dunn House, which includes a classical Doric entry portico enhanced by a wide fanlight over the door and sidelites, a Doric-columned side porch and sunroom on either side all topped by a Chippendale-inspired balustrade, arched attic windows in the gables, and Flemish-bond brickwork with basketweave courses along the cornice and watertable. His strong adherence to symmetry is likely the reason for two interior end chimneys with only one serving a practical purpose within. Paired doublehung windows on the front elevation provide lots of light for the interior.

The sweeping interior spaces include a gracious entry hall highlighted by a long staircase with curved newel, large openings into the living and dining rooms, a Butler's pantry and kitchen, and an adorable half-bath off the back hall. Three bedrooms and a full bath make up the second floor. A finished attic with full bathroom was a whimsical addition in the 1960s and is accessed by a metal spiral staircase.



A lattice-covered back porch leads to a lovely backyard where the driveway is located. A two-car garage with shed room allows for generous storage space. Though the house is habitable, it will need some minor plaster repair, interior paint, and cosmetic updates. Previous roof leaks have been repaired. Cracks in the brickwork near the sunroom were assessed and a report with repair recommendations and likely estimate is available. The house was last re-wired in the 1960s and has never had a central air conditioning system. Some original light fixtures remain on-site in storage. The historic Dunn House is a contributing structure in the Central Leaksville Historic District and is eligible for historic preservation tax credits.



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Directions: From Greensboro, take US 29 North for approx. 20 miles. Take Exit 153 for US-158/N Carolina 14 toward Eden/Yanceyville. Turn left onto NC-14 N and continue for 7.6 mi. Continue to follow NC-14 N. Turn left on US-311 S (0.6 mi). Turn right at the 1st cross street onto Bethlehem Church Rd (1.5 mi). Turn right onto Old State Hwy 87/ Washington St (0.7 mi). Turn left on Patrick St to Jay St. The Dunn House is on the corner.

Area Information: The Town now known as Eden was created in 1967 from three separate towns of Leaksville, Spray and Draper. Located at the confluence of the Dan and Smith Rivers, the area has an important industrial heritage where an impressive collection of large mill buildings powered by the nearby rivers and canals, charming commercial centers, and an array of residential neighborhoods populate the bluffs surrounding the community. Today residents and visitors enjoy bountiful recreational opportunities including greenway trails, camping, kayaking and canoeing, festivals celebrating its musical heritage including Bluegrass legend Charlie Poole, and tours. Located near the Virginia border, Eden is 30 minutes from Greensboro, 40 minutes from Winston-Salem and Danville VA. For more information, visit www.exploredenncc.com, www.edenncc.us, and www.co.rockingham.nc.us.



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