The Historic Louise Allen House and Smiley Cottage

236 N. Bragg Street, Warrenton
Warren County

The Louise Allen House is a lovely, spacious home built in the 1840s in the Greek Revival-style and later refashioned in the Colonial Revival-style, which was highly popular in the early 1900s.

When the house was redesigned in the 1920s, a brick veneer was applied and additions were made, including a warm, south-facing enclosed sunroom. The interior of the home retains several elements of the 19th century, including some elegant neoclassical mantels by noted Warrenton builder Jacob Holt and prominent Greek Revival woodwork. The interior also includes a graceful double staircase with delicate turned balusters, which was added in the 1920s.

Situated on a beautiful in-town lot nearly 1½ acres in size, the property is shaded by mature trees and was noted for its lovely blueberry and fig bushes. The property also includes the Smiley Cottage, a 1930s Craftsman-style guest house, of approximately 1200 square feet.

The Louise Allen House will require a complete rehabilitation including reconstruction of the 1920s-era front porch (archival photo available), all new mechanical systems, structural repair (possibly rebuilding) of the rear kitchen area, miscellaneous interior and exterior cosmetic repairs, and a new kitchen and baths. The Smiley Cottage will also need cosmetic repairs, updated systems, kitchen, and bath(s).

Located in the Warrenton National Register Historic District, the Louise Allen House and Smiley Cottage are eligible for preservation tax credits.

Price: $35,000
Square Feet: 2,992
Lot Size: 1.389 acres
Zoning: R-12

Large Gracious Home with Important Early Woodwork!

For more information or to make an appointment to see the Louise Allen House and Smiley Cottage contact:
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Financial Incentives: The Louise Allen House and Smiley Cottage are contributing structures in the Warrenton National Register Historic District and are eligible for tax credits. In North Carolina, both state and federal income tax credits are available for the certified rehabilitation of historic structures. For the rehabilitation of income-producing certified historic structures, a 20% federal income tax credit and a tier based state income tax credit are available. For the rehabilitation of owner-occupied certified historic structures (non-income producing properties), a 15% state tax credit is available for rehabilitation expenses up to $150,000. For more information on Historic Preservation Tax Credits, please contact the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office at 919-807-6570 or www.hpo.ncdcr.gov. The Town of Warrenton also offers revitalization and economic development incentives including the Revolving Loan Program, Downtown Redevelopment Incentive Grant, and Awning Program: www.warrenton.nc.gov/page/bus_home.

Directions: From I-85/Durham: take I-85 North for 43 miles; take exit for US-158. Turn left on US-158 and continue for approx. 10 miles. Turn right onto US-401 and continue for 3 miles. Turn left on Church Street, then turn left onto Bragg Street. 236 N. Bragg Street is located on the right. Warrenton is about a one hour drive from Raleigh up US 1 or US 401.

From I-95/Rocky Mount: take I-95 North to Exit 141 for US-43. Turn left onto US-43 and follow for 3.5 miles; bear right on US-43 and continue for 27.5 miles. Continue on Rt 58 for approx. 4.5 miles. Turn right onto North Bragg Street. 236 N. Bragg Street is on the right.

Area Information: Located near Kerr Lake and only an hour from Raleigh, Warren County is admired for its picturesque scenery and charming character that is being rediscovered and restored. Formed in 1779, Warren County is located along Interstate 85 and is known as a "gateway of the Carolinas." Both Warren County and Warrenton, its county seat, retain an impressive collection of intact plantation houses and a variety of architecture harkening to its heyday as a center of agricultural enterprise, academies, home to leading political figures, and sulfer springs resorts that drew famous names to the area first by wagon then by train. Dozens of properties are listed in the National Register of Historic Places including much of historic Warrenton. Only one hour to Research Triangle Park region and 1.5 hours to Richmond, VA. For more information please visit: www.warren-chamber.org, www.warrencountync.com, and preservationwarrenton.com.

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