



707 Gimghoul Road • Chapel Hill









This exquisite home, with only two owners in the past ninety years, is a true blending of history, architecture, and an incomparable setting. Constructed in 1926 for Alma Holland, thought to be the first woman UNC-CH faculty member to buy property and have her own home built, 707 Gimghoul Road is set on two lots with magnificent white oaks and surrounded by expansive lawns and gardens. The gardens were created by Holland, the chief assistant to famed botanist Dr. William C. Coker, displaying perennials, blooming shrubs, and rustic stonework that complement the stone walls and sandy gravel walks so characteristic of Old Chapel Hill.

This much loved home was enlarged in 1939 to accommodate the marriage of Holland to botanist Charles Dale Beers. It was meticulously renovated and expanded twice during the current owner's nearly 40-year tenure, maintaining its external and internal architectural integrity through the design talents of well regarded Durham architect Eddie Belk.

The setting among huge oaks, expansive front and side yards, and appealing gardens includes a detached two-car brick garage with a garden equipment room and striking lighted stone arch entrance to the rear of the property. A graceful wrap-around porch was added to the structure in 1979 with special attention paid to recreating the original turned post balustrades and sunburst pediments. An elegant addition on the east elevation created a many-windowed combination dining and sunroom. A major rear addition in 2009 accommodates an airy living room with fine architectural details and bayed window space. Double French doors with solid brass hardware (characteristic throughout the house) provide direct access to both a morning tea porch and a sitting area on the wrap-around porch overlooking a large side lawn rimmed with handsome privacy-conducive shrubbery.

The details of the original house and the additions are impeccable. Window and door surrounds and wainscoting carry the period theme, and the floors are predominantly original heart pine and oak. The beautifully blended home features exceptional detailing in moldings, doors, and mantels with floral swags and fine fluting framing the three fireplaces. (The parlor fireplace is fitted with gas logs.) This detailing is carried throughout the house with intricate plasterwork, particularly on the early staircase. Virtually all exterior and interior lighting fixtures are period or period design. New electrical, air conditioning, and heating systems were installed in 2009, including a back-up whole-house generator.





A wide front entry door with sidelights opens to a foyer with parlor on the left and a salon on the right. The axes of the house make for clean lines and good flow from the entry foyer to the parlor, salon, and new living room and down the original hallway that leads to the kitchen and adjoining dining/sunroom. A large light-filled main level bath is connected to the new living room possessing custom cabinetry and two closets, offering the option for a first floor master bedroom suite. The adjoining bathroom is equipped with high quality fixtures and a glass-walled shower, enhanced by sophisticated tile-work and soft-lighted niches that blend with the streamlined Art Deco elements that appear elsewhere in the home.

The kitchen is nicely renovated and maintains its historic character with a fully functional original O'Keefe and Merritt stove and complementary refrigerator and dishwasher by Northstar Reproductions. Glass-paned cabinets, an oak floor, and period fixtures add to its charm.

The second level of 707 Gimghoul Road is well balanced with a master bedroom and bath on the west portion of the house. The original heart pine floored master has a fireplace with detailed mantel and a lady's writing desk niche. The bath is set with the original claw-footed tub with overhead shower and period fixtures. Two other well-sized bedrooms, one with a working fireplace, are in the home's east section. Both are light and airy, overlooking the gardens and lawns.

A balustraded second level terrace is accessible through French-paned doors from each of the home's two staircases and from the master bedroom. This expansive terrace with two outdoor furnished seating areas provides panoramic views of the home's landscaping, its Gimghoul setting, and the wooded beauty of historic Battle Park.



From the second level, there is an original staircase with wainscoting that carries to the upper level, offering a custom crafted office featuring cherry built-ins with period detailing and a delightful sitting room with cedar closet storage and an adjoining shower bath. Original dormer windows on this level are sculpted with angular Art Deco lines.





The lower level was fully renovated and expanded in 2009 to provide a spacious bedroom and sitting room with cherry wood flooring and natural light from a bayed window. It also includes a windowed TV/entertainment room with an onyx wet bar, onyx fixtures, and overhead Lutron lighting that connects to the bedroom and sitting area. A wonderful surprise is an Art Deco style bathroom with white subway tile wainscoting and black and white hexagon floor tiles, complimented by distinctive lighting fixtures, a glass corner sink, and a glass enclosed shower. The combination of the spacious study/sitting room containing two double door closets, the bath, and the entertainment area with a wet bar and built-in subzero refrigerator, along with a separate outside entrance to this area, offers an opportunity for an au pair suite or alternative independent living area. A bright laundry room, exercise area, and a utility room complete the lower level.

707 Gimghoul Road, notable for its prime location in close walking distance to the university, its sports facilities, and downtown Chapel Hill, is equally notable for its architectural style and grounds. This exquisitely designed and exceptionally well-constructed historic home offers a once in a lifetime purchasing opportunity. Furnishings may be available under separate agreement, if desired.















- Only two owners in the past ninety years
- Set on two lots with magnificent white oaks and surrounded by expansive lawns and gardens.
- Wrap-around porch plus a morning tea porch
- Intricate plasterwork
- Hardwood flooring
- Period light fixtures
- Whole house standby generator
- 5 bedrooms, 5 ½ baths
- A short walk to campus, all sports venues and downtown Chapel Hill

Price:	\$1,995,000	Salon:	16.5' x 19.3' / Main	Exercise:	6' x 18.7' / Lower
Bedrooms:	5	Dining:	13.6' x 25.7' / Main	Square Feet:	5,365±
Baths:	5 Full • 1 Half	Kitchen:	9.6' x 19.3' / Main	Year Built:	1926, 1939, 1979, 2009
Fireplace:	Parlor, Master, BR 2	Parlor:	13.7' x 18.6' / Main	Acreage:	0.880 ±
Wraparound Porch:	10.7' x 33' & 7' x 32' / Main	Family Room:	9.4' x 18.7' / Lower	AC/Heat:	3 Zone • Nat. Gas
Balcony:	14' x 26' / Second	Master Bedroom:	13.8' x 18.5' / Second	Water/Sewer:	City Water, City Sewer
Terrace:	12.8' x 26' & 13' x 13' / Second	Bedroom 2:	11' x 19.3' / Second	Water Heater:	Tankless
Office:	9.9' x 10.5' / Third	Bedroom 3:	9.6' x 19.4' / Second	Garage:	19.4' x 19.9' / Detached
Living Room:	17.8' x 18.8' / Main	Bedroom 4:	15.9' x 19' / Lower	Elementary:	Northside
Foyer:	6.3' x 17.2' / Main	Bedroom 5:	11.3' x 15.3' / Third	Middle:	Grey Culbreth
Ante Room:	9.5' x 5' / Lower	Laundry:	16' x 17.5' / Lower	High:	East Chapel Hill



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