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...AT THE MATTIE V. LEE HOME



In the early 1900s, Charleston was growing rapidly. Homes were being built, and businesses were opening. The population was booming. With that came an influx of young African-American women seeking educational and employment opportunities. A local pastor was concerned about safe living space for young women. He and others began a dialogue that resulted in funds being raised to open a home in a building at 1007 Quarrier Street. The formal opening was in October of 1915. The response to an appeal for furnishings resulted in donated items: reception room furniture, dining room, bedrooms, piano, wallpapering, office furniture, and cash.

The home was named for Dr. Mattie V. Lee, West Virginia's first black woman physician. As she reached the end of her life, she expressed regret that she had failed to do more for widows and girls in her community. But due to her vision, tenacity, and life-long commitment to advancing opportunities for the black community, she was honored by the naming of the home for her.

After serving for five years as a residential, social, educational, and civic hub, it was decided a larger, more permanent structure should be secured. Over \$35,000 was raised, and the property at 810 Donnally Street was secured. Opened in 1920, the building looks much the same today as it did then.

The building is a 2-story concrete block structure over a raised basement and a striking 2-tiered front porch. Double-hung windows line the sides of the first and second floors. The front porch is accessed by wide concrete steps between concrete wingwalls. In 1988, the rear of the Mattie V. Lee Home was extended by roughly ten feet and enclosed a rear stairwell.

The interior features center hallways running the length of the home on the first and second floors. Bedrooms were on either side of the halls, as well as meeting rooms utilized by the community. Today, the rooms have been upgraded to include more bathrooms and kitchenette facilities.

Not much has changed over the one-hundred-year existence of the Mattie V. Lee Home. Originally it served as the hub for promoting the spiritual, vocational, and social development of young African-American women in Charleston. In 1958, the home experienced a period of integration, welcoming white women as residents. Prior to 1958, total financial support came from annual membership, pledges and donations, until the United Way began providing funding.

In 1988, a \$250,000 renovation project funded by the City of Charleston, by a private foundation, and by the Charleston East Community Development Corporation upgraded the facility. For the past several years, the Mattie V. Lee home has served as a residential facility for the Pretera Center for Mental Health Services, serving those in recovery from substance abuse.

For the majority of its existence, the Mattie V. Lee Home served as West Virginia's first and only corporation dedicated to improving employment, educational, cultural, and housing opportunities for young black women. Now, the home continues to serve the community by offering respite for those seeking to improve their lives. Dr. Mattie V. Lee would, no doubt, approve.

Next month, Looking Back visits the Edgewood Historic District.

Email your responses about the Mattie V. Lee House, or requests for locations you'd like Looking Back to visit to thewriter@mlynne.com.

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Quality Fredrick-built Williamsburg style home front of South Hills historic details 4 bedrooms 3 full baths, hardwood floors, 11 80-inch windows & crown molding on main floor, master bedroom, large living room, formal dining room w/ French doors to covered porch, family room; eat in kitchen & large downstairs recreation area done in tongue in groove pine boards; 2 wood burning fireplaces, award winning school district, 6min drive to downtown, walk to Sunrise carriage trail & South Hills shops.

Position 3:



Front of the hill with classic styling best describes this lovely 3 bed 3 bath home with over 2300 sq. Ft. Of living space. This coveted neighborhood is just minutes from downtown charleston, south charleston, and is located in the south hills school district. This home boasts one-of-a-kind stone patios and walkways, original hardwoods, elegant woodwork, updated kitchen and baths, 2 wood burning fireplaces with a cozy den/office and so much more! First american home warranty provided!!



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Beautiful 1 owner home in the heart of So Hills. Open floor plan w/ first floor master ensuite. Kitchen updated in 2015 w/ granite counters, 2 sinks, warming drawer, & bar seating. Lower level includes full bar w/ fridge, ice maker, & dishwasher! Covered back porch w/ built in gas grill looking toward a waterfall w/ a fire feature on both sides. Heated driveway to an oversized two car garage finished w/ epoxy flooring & cabinets for storage. Don't miss this house & all it offers!



Fantastic 1 story brick on corner lot. Conveniently located minutes from interstate and Downtown Charleston. Updated kitchen and baths. Full finished lower level with rec room and office. Detached garage. Whole house generator.



2 Story Brick and Stone Home with Full Finished Lower Level situated on large lot in South Hills. Conveniently located close to downtown, schools and shops. This home features 3 Bedrooms 1.5 Baths. Refinished Hardwood flooring and trim throughout. Updates in kitchen and baths.



One of Charleston's most beautiful and prestigious homes. Everything in perfection in this custom built classic over looking the capital dome. Private swimming pool with his and her's locker rooms, bonus kitchen in the basement with the family room, multiple garages all setting on over 3 acres and too many amenities to list



Spacious 1 story in Kanawha City. Well-kept home in immaculate condition, this house features an impressive floor plan with 3 bedrooms and 3 full baths on main floor, open living and dining room. Large updated kitchen with newer appliances. Family room off of kitchen with wet bar and built-ins. Rec room and office in lower level. Also includes oversized attached 2 car garage and whole house generator.



Customer built home in a country setting, situated on a 2 acre lot! This home offers large open rooms, hardwood floors and woodwork all through the home. With its huge wrap-around porch, this home boasts spectacular views of the wooded area that surrounds this beautiful home! This home has a full unfinished basement which could add an additional 1400+ Sq. Ft. of living space if desired!

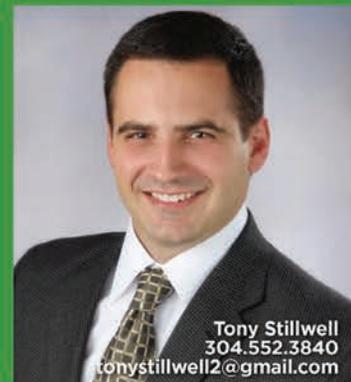


Convenient location and move in ready! 3 bedroom 1.5 bath, mid-entry. House offers large open living/dining w FP. Updated kitchen w/ newer cabinetry. Refinished hardwood floors throughout main. Full finished lower level rec w/ FP Recently painted interior and exterior. Roof and gutters approx 5 years old. Updated furnace and AC.



Completely renovated home in South Charleston offers GW school district. 5 brs, including 2 on the main floor. Refinished hardwood floors and freshly painted throughout. Entire upper level updated & insulated w/ full bath. Lower level features full bath & rec along w/ br. Updates include electric, new roof and siding. HVAC/furnace, central duct work replaced & new windows throughout. Also, recently built private covered back deck.

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Weekend TRAVELER

Catch a Winston-Salem Dash baseball game, the Class A farm team of the Chicago White Sox for more than twenty years, at Truist Stadium.

An excellent way to see a bunch of unique Winston-Salem offerings is by Segway. You can do a two or three-hour Segway tour with Triad Eco Adventures, where a guide will introduce you to the culture of this region, plus the historical Old Salem Museum and Gardens (a fantastic living history village) and God's Half Acre. Weather permitting, they also offer standup paddleboards and bike rentals.

Visiting downtown Winston-Salem is a must for exploring Mast General, a 100+-year-old department store, seeing the vibrant murals and excellent photo-ops. For those looking for a rainy day activity or just more shopping, the Hanes Mall features 200 stores, including Belk, Macy's, and Dillard's.



Downtown Winston-Salem has great murals to check out. Photo by Melody Pittman.

Those traveling with kids, be sure to pencil in Kaleideum Downtown, the children's museum, or Kaleideum North, a hands-on science center, and the Children's Museum of Winston-Salem (with a Krispy Kreme donut making playroom) for activities they will enjoy and appreciate.

WHERE TO EAT AND DRINK



Full afternoon tea on lovely china at Flour Box Tea Room. Photo by Melody Pittman.

Enjoy one of the best afternoon teas on the East Coast at Flour Box Tea Room & Cafe, where you can choose from a variety of tastefully appointed rooms to enjoy a proper tea. Flour Box's food, tea, and sweets are exceptional and they serve breakfast, too.

Sweet Potatoes offers fried chicken and soul food staples for a dang tasty lunch option. Penny Path Cafe and Crepe Shop is perfect for sweet and savory crepes and not so common lunch dishes. Dinner choices are numerous at Village Tavern, a Winston-Salem local fave, with delicious appetizers, gourmet burgers, pizza, and much more. I recommend both the Pimiento Cheese Dip and Deviled Eggs.



Crab Dip or Pimiento Cheese Dip from Village Tavern—both absolutely delicious! Photo by Melody Pittman.

For a fine dining experience, in a casual setting, Katharine's Brasserie at the Kimpton Hotel has delicious Steak Frites, oysters, and French onion soup.



Steak Frites from The Katharine Brasserie. Photo by Melody Pittman.



Beautiful pastries from Bobby Boy Bakeshop. Photo by Melody Pittman.

The star of Winston-Salem (for me) was Bobby Boy Bakeshop, featuring jaw-dropping beautiful artisan pastries that truly rival the best bakeries in

Europe. And the taste is every bit as good! Choose from cinnamon rolls, savory bread pudding, tarts, pies, and even loaves of bread in this irresistible space.

Enjoy craft beer from one of Winston-Salem's many choices, such as Foothills or Wise Man Brewing. Craft cocktails and fine wine reign supreme at Vintage Sofa Bar, a high-end lounge downtown.

WHERE TO STAY IN WINSTON-SALEM



The lovely Graylyn Estates terrace and fountain. Photo by Melody Pittman.

One of the best-hidden gems in North Carolina has to be the Graylyn Estates in Winston-Salem. This European styled estate home, offering 85 luxurious rooms, feels like you are staying in a historical castle instead of a Wake Forest University-owned property. Rooms are sophisticated and modern, while the boutique hotel itself has room after room of treasures, antiques, and antiques to admire and use. The library is incredible, and there are 55 acres to roam.

The Kimpton Cardinal Hotel, in downtown, is another choice for luxury accommodations, art-deco styles, and a great location, the historic R. J. Reynolds's building. The Kimpton Cardinal was also the architectural muse for the iconic Empire State Building.



The Kimpton Cardinal Hotel, formerly R. J. Reynolds Headquarters. Photo by Melody Pittman.

For those wanting a more romantic or personable touch, the historic Henry F. Shaffner House bed & breakfast has around nine rooms to choose from. Your stay includes free parking, wifi, and a complimentary gourmet breakfast.

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