

Entering the house at the front door, one comes into a rather short hall. To the left just after entering is the reception room. On the south wall of this room is the position of the false window. A door in the west of this room leads to another hall that runs parallel to the front staircase.

To the right of the entrance is the parlor. In this room is a fireplace of White Italian Marble. At either end of this room are tall mirrors. They rest on marble bases and are identical except that the one on the west end of the room is much taller than the other. It was in this room, in front of the fireplace that Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jones were married.

Going back to the hall and walking west, one passes the staircase aforementioned hall. At this juncture one enters through a door into the dining room. In this room is a black marble fireplace. Through a door on the north side of this room are the maid's quarters.

Passing through the dining room one comes once more into a hall. Here are the back stairs, the door leading to the basement, and just opposite this door another large door leading to the north-west porch. To the south of this hall are two large pantries.

On the extreme west of the house is the kitchen. Immediately beneath this kitchen is the cooking kitchen in the basement. The meals were prepared in the basement kitchen and by means of a dumb waiter taken to the first floor kitchen where the food was kept warm till meal time. The dumb-waiter mentioned is three feet wide and four feet and six inches

high (approximately) It contains three large shelves.

From the basement kitchen you step into a small hall where the back stairs come into the basement. To the right of this hall, facing the front of the house, is a small room with a stone floor. The rest of the basement is divided into four parts, all with dirt floor. A long passageway to the other end of the house, a large room to the north of this passageway, and two small rooms to the south constitute the rest of the basement. The windows in the basement have ornate iron fixtures over them.

Returning upstairs and going to the second floor one stands in an "L" shaped hall. Straight ahead as you come to the top of the stairs is the door leading to the room that was Mr. Benjamin's study and library. This room originally had bookcases that were made of solid walnut. These bookcases covered every wall. They reached from the floor to the ceiling. From about three feet up, the doors were glass. One of the sections of these bookcases is still in the dining room. This room is in the northeast corner of the house.

Next to the library on the front of the house is a small room, equipped with a marble wash basin. It was probably a valet's bedroom. The only door in the room opened into the library.

On the south east corner of the house is a large bedroom, with the ever present marble fireplace and wash basin to match.

The room on the north side of the house next to the library was Mr. Benjamin's bedroom. The bed that was in this room is now in the home of A. Loy Jones.

Across the hall is another bedroom. Just west of this bedroom is the door leading to the stairs to the third floor. Beyond this is a bathroom and the back stairs. The extreme west part of the house on this floor is occupied by servants' quarters.

The third floor was originally

planned to be a ball room, but was never finished. The beams and joints are exposed and no inside wall was constructed. The ceiling is much lower on this floor than on the other two lower floors. The only objects on this floor are the stairs leading to the cupola and a cage-like affair, which is supposed to have been where the musicians were to be situated.

The cupola is not larger than ten feet by ten feet. The stair well is protected by a wooden rail. There are three windows on each side of this structure, giving one an unobstructed view of the surrounding country.

(Editor's Note: There will be one more installment. It will tell how the outdoor toilet was mistaken for a monument to Col. Benjamin.)

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