

Holiday Spirit Alive In Home

The beautiful Victorian home of Jeff and Priscilla Mauney, built by Mauney's late great-uncle John Mauney in 1901, is a Holiday House this season with beautiful Victorian decorations enhancing the Victorian decor of the house renovated by the young couple.

The Mauneys have retained the structural design of the North Piedmont Avenue residence while emphasizing their own love for Victorian decor and family memorabilia.

When Priscilla and Jeff Mauney bought the former J.E. Herndon home on North Piedmont Avenue almost seven years ago they became the fifth proud owners of the beautiful Victorian house and immediately decided to redecorate their home in the Victorian theme.

This Christmas season Dr. and Mrs. Mauney and their two children, Elizabeth and Margaret Gray, have combined their love for Victorian things by trimming a formal white pine tree in the living room with Victorian lace hats, lace fans and coral and mauve beads and ribbon to enhance the mauve and pink decor of the house. A Victorian angel tops the tree. The snow scene over the mantel, a painting by Mauney's grandmother, Jennie Grace Redfern, picks up nicely the mauve theme and elsewhere in

the house are paintings by Mrs. Redfern's granddaughter, Christine Still, formerly of Kings Mountain, and now of Danville, Va.

Handmade wreaths of boxwood matching the elaborate English boxwoods which are distinctive to the beive Victorian house are used inside and outside the house and the children decorated their own tree in the family room with traditional lights and ornaments.

Mauve, pink and cranberry bows and poinsettias line the stairway to the second floor where the children have their own bedrooms and playroom which includes an adjoining cupelo, every little girl's dream, a tiny playhouse in a balcony design with small table and chairs the right size for two tiny girls and two tiny bears.

A conversation piece in the playroom is a large wreath of fresh fruits.

Although there are no structural changes to the original beige Victorian design built by John Mauney, Jeff and Priscilla Mauney have added their own Victorian flair and Priscilla has added beveled glass in the front door and over the archway in the foyer, adding Victorian columns matching the columns on the front porch.

In addition, Mrs. Mauney has used wall papered panels in mauve and aqua to brighten the foyer and continues the same design in mauve, pink and cranberry panels in the formal dining room and living room.

A conversation piece at the entrance is a pier mirror which belonged to Mauney's grandfather and was used in his home on the opposite corner of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church.

Dr. Mauney recalled that John Mauney, brother of W.K. Mauney, Sr., Lawrence Mauney, Dorus Mauney and Mrs. Vera



FIVE YEAR OLD ELIZABETH MAUNEY is getting ready for a visit with Santa and is talking over his upcoming visit with bears in the cupelo which has been added to her playroom on the second floor of the Mauney home.

Story And Photos

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Mauney Cooper, designed this two story "cottage" like his brother, Lawrence, on the opposite corner of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church and each built a Turret facing the church. Original beige shutters on the front of the house, the spacious porch around both sides, the plaster mouldings and the many English boxwoods lining the walkway and surrounding the front of the house were Mr. Mauney's own touch to the home which he may never have occupied. Shortly after building his cottage, Mauney entered the seminary and became a Lutheran minister. The second owner of the house was D.M. Baker, Kings Mountain hardwareman and bank president. In the early 1940's the Bakers sold to Mr. and Mrs. George Lattimore and Mrs. Lattimore enclosed the porch, now the den, bringing all the pine for its remodeling from her home in Eastern North Carolina. She also added plantings in the back yard and patio gardens.

Former owners were Patti and James Herndon, Jr. and the house appealed to them, not only for its history, but because it adjoined property of Jim's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Herndon, on Battleground Avenue. The Herndons added the comfortable family game room, which includes a pool table and piano, with fireplace and cathedral ceiling, enhanced by exposed beams.

The four bedroom nine room house includes two bedrooms on the lower floor. Dr. Mauney says that when his young daughter grows up, her bedroom will become a second study and little Margaret will have her own bedroom, along with her older sister, on the second floor.

Another conversation piece which is distinctive Victorian is the antique round table which centers the foyer and the Victorian love seat and furnishings in the living room and formal dining room.

Another distinctive Victorian accent is the removal of the ively along the borderline of the house which Mrs. Mauney replaced with a fence to match antique fences at the back. History buffs will be interested to know that the gate from the fence comes from the old Mountain View Hotel which once was located behind the Joy Theatre in downtown Kings Mountain. The Mauneys retained all the English boxwoods and for the holiday season asked Scott Self of Forest City to make handmade boxwood wreaths to decorate their house for Christmas.

Mrs. Mauney renovated the dining room, entrance hall and living room completely and uses fabric wall panels in the dining room in tones of cranberry and gold-backed fabric with a table runner of cranberry on the long dining table.

Priscilla said she fell in love with the Victorian house when she became engaged to Dr. Mauney, showing the copy of The Herald which had her engagement picture appearing on the back of a page which included a feature on the then-Herndon house which was included in a Tour of Historical Homes in town. "I've always been interested in Victorian design and we've used family pieces and keepsake items along with some ideas of my own and that of decorator Scott Self." The Mauneys lived in an apartment for two years before they bought their dream house.

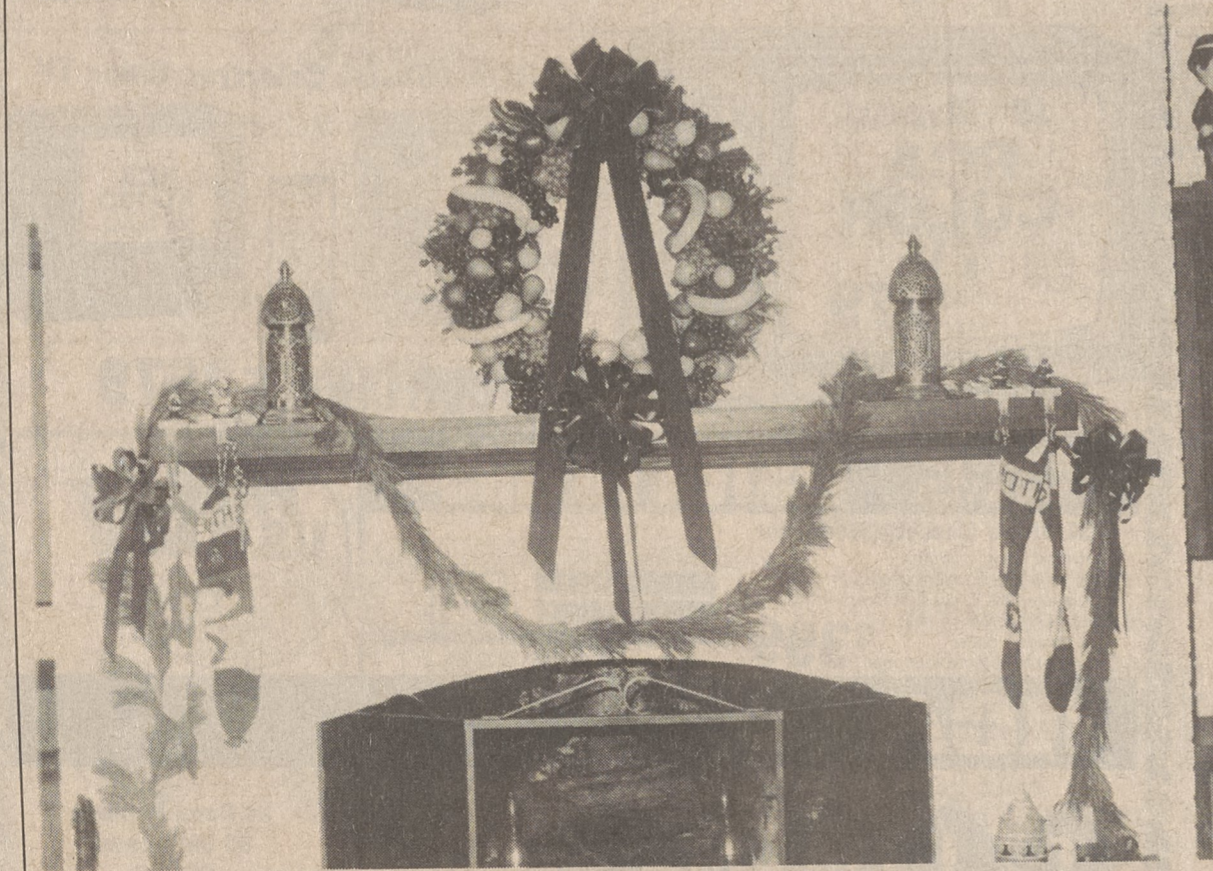
Their renovation project took a lot of time and work but the Mauneys think "Uncle John" would be proud of his family and of the house. Jeff and Priscilla Mauney kept cherished mirrors from the former Still Home and while refinishing a mantel in the front bedroom discovered elaborate hand stenciling in the concrete but could not restore it. "This house has a lot of memories, not only for us, but for those who built it and lived in it", they said.



DECORATED STAIRWAY - The stairway leading to the second floor of the Mauney home is a holiday picture with swags of greenery and pink poinsettias. Elizabeth Mauney poses in the middle of the Christmas setting.



VICTORIAN TREE - A Victorian Christmas tree in the Mauney formal living room echoes the theme of the restored Victorian home. Elizabeth Mauney displays some of her packages under the tree.



MANTEL DISPLAY OF FRUIT - A wreath of fresh fruits is used over the mantel in the family playroom where the Mauney children have also decorated their own Christmas tree.



READY FOR CHRISTMAS - Elizabeth Mauney, above, enjoys her doll house in the playroom she shares with her 18 months old sister, Margaret. The two Mauney children, like all youngsters, are writing letters to Santa Claus this week.