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## Dashing Dutch Dwelling

164 Corwin Road

Located at the eastern border of the city near the broad valley of Ellison Park, Browncroft is one of the most distinctive neighborhoods of our city. C J Brown, after decades of success in cultivating fruit trees, began to redevelop the 300 acres of his nursery in 1914 as Browncroft. Brown endowed the neighborhood with a unique landscape character, which can still be seen in the themed groupings of street trees, Chinese wisteria, and custom cast-iron street sign posts. Many of the distinctive homes that line the streets were designed by the popular architects of the day including Gordon and Kaelber, and Leander McCord. This stately Dutch Colonial Revival home, built in c.1916, was owned by Cyril and Marguerite Faucher from 1919-1938. Cyril was the president of Bereza Ironworks and was likely responsible for the many wrought-iron embellishments to the home's refined symmetrical exterior.

A rustic brick path winds toward the elegant iron front porch that stretches the full depth of the house, ending at an exterior stone fireplace. The imposing wood paneled front door gives way to the formal central foyer replete with original molding, crystal and brass light fixtures, and oak floors that carry throughout the home. The foyer bisects the first floor and has a powder room and rear door tucked beneath the grand open staircase. To the left, the large living room is adorned with a broad fireplace, built-in bookcases, and a unique south-facing bay with French doors to the open front veranda. To the right, the

formal dining room is dressed to impress with plentiful molding, a built-in china, original crystal and brass chandelier and sconces, and French doors to the light-filled sunroom. A former butler's pantry has been conveniently converted to a first floor laundry and is adjacent to the open kitchen with its plentiful cabinetry, charming breakfast nook, and access to the basement and maid's stairs.

The second floor features four large bedrooms each lit by several of the house's oversized wood double-hung windows and two shared full bathrooms arranged around the airy central hall with its elaborate built-in linen closet. The master bedroom is enhanced by a former sleeping porch that has been converted into a dressing room. The grand stair continues to the attic with its finished maid's quarters and huge open storage lit by the many dormers and elegant Palladian window on the front.

A large open basement and single-car garage complete the property. This 3,166 square foot National Register-listed home is full of potential and is eligible for 20% NYS Historic Homeowner Rehabilitation Tax Credits. Contact realtor Kimberly Minielly-Graus of Howard Hanna Real Estate Services at 585-746-7263 and make it yours for \$264,900.

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