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The Hollister – Pettengill House

21 Atkinson Street

If you're in historic Corn Hill, the oldest residential neighborhood in the city, don't hesitate to stop at 21 Atkinson Street. The picturesque Greek Revival home was built circa 1833, and purchased in 1936 by George Hollister, a successful businessman who began the Hollister Lumber Company. Mr. Hollister enlarged the residence to its current size in 1851 and passed away shortly thereafter. In 1863, the property was sold for \$7,500 to James O. Pettengill, an insurance agent and prominent Monroe County assemblymen from Ogden who lived there until his death in 1886.

This extensive brick home, that includes two rental units, sits on a double lot, leaving ample room for parking while still enjoying a side deck and patio that overlook numerous fruit trees, an urban gardener's paradise.

As you walk through the front entryway, you are greeted with an open airy feel with eleven foot ceilings adorned with original crown moldings, gleaming hardwood floors, and a curved staircase that leads to the second floor.

To the left is the formal living room that displays a stately Victorian-era marble fireplace, one of six functional fireplaces in this 4,750 square foot home. Elongated windows with shoulder moldings, also found in the spacious dining room, add to its charm. Pocket doors lead into the library which features floor to ceiling handcrafted built-in bookcases. Through the library and hidden under the staircase is a quaint powder room. Toward the back of the first floor, a renovated kitchen with tile counter tops and breakfast bar opens

into the adjoining family room. Although this area incorporates modern amenities including access to the side patio for grilling and entertaining, the original brick and structural timber have been preserved and serve as a reminder of the home's remarkable past. In addition, behind the family room is a mudroom with a back entrance as well as a first floor laundry with full bathroom! A back stairway leads to the rental units.

The second floor hall features beautifully handcrafted herringbone patterned hardwood floors decorated with an inlaid border. The large master bedroom with fireplace flows conveniently into an adjoining dressing room and closet. An updated full bath with soaker tub and separate shower finish off the second floor.

A wide stairway and bedroom with vaulted ceilings were added to the third floor attic area by the current owner who again kept the home's historic attributes by exposing the impressive original structural timbers.

Of special interest, the huge dry basement with abundant storage was the site of a hidden stone room said to be part of the Underground Railroad.

Contact Richard Sarkis (585-455-4504) or Micheal Faucher (585-314-3801) of Nothnagle Realtors for more information about this exquisite home that is listed for \$349,900.

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