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185 Highland Parkway

Nestled in the quiet, almost serene, eastern nook of the Highland Park neighborhood sits this 1924 gem of a property that is as pristine indoors as it appears from the curb. Its definitive Colonial Revival design is most evident in the two solid wood white columns framing the centered front door. The front entrance, made of mahogany and original to the home, is almost too beautiful to knock one's knuckles on.

Beyond a second inside door lies the wide spread of the first floor, which includes a quaint eat-in kitchen with plenty of cupboard space and a closet-size guest bath. The living room and dining room, divided by the foyer area, provide plenty of entertainment space, each boasting a bay window overlooking the street. Oak hardwood floors lie throughout the rooms as well. While not original to the home, the dining room has a lovely centered chandelier and the walls of the foyer area are covered in traditionally-printed wallpaper that still manages to give the home a warm appeal. Restored gumwood trim and crown moldings adorn the house throughout as well. Much, if not all, of the wood inside this home has been stripped and restored to its prime appearance—an honorable nod to the home's past.

Just off of the living room is a set of leaded glass French doors, leading into a nice porch on the side of the house. The porch has a lovely turn-of-the-century Mediterranean style tile flooring, similar to what can be found

at the George Eastman House. The area provides a sweet lookout to the neighborhood but also to the flagstone patio and back lawn, which is enclosed by a custom-built fence.

The upstairs does lend some carpeting to the hallway and the three bedrooms. Much of the shared bathroom is tiled, which is original to the home, along with the classic white pedestal sink. While all rooms are very well-sized, the master bedroom in particular is very spacious. It has a walk-in closet and even provides an excellent sitting area for cozy afternoons.

The finished attic gives even more space for an optional office and an extra room besides. A full basement completes the 1,900 square foot property, along with a detached two-car garage.

The Highland Park neighborhood is family-friendly with actively engaged residents. The Olmsted-designed Highland Park is just a few blocks away, as are the commercial amenities of South Clinton and South Avenues.

The home is currently listed at \$209,900. To learn more about 185 Highland Parkway or to schedule a visit, contact Nicholas Perlet of Nothnagle Realtors at 585-313-8455.

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