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Wonderful Woodwork

75 Culver Road

The house at 75 Culver Road, with its distinctive Tudor style false half-timbering, stands out among its neighboring early 20th century residences that face Cobbs Hill Park. In fact, the house exhibits a number of sophisticated elements that may indicate the work of an architect. Built in 1900, the house has three full stories totaling 2,427 square feet of living space. A wide masonry porch is a welcoming space to visit with neighbors as well as a place to enjoy the beautiful park across the street.

Step into the vestibule and you can't help but notice the handsome multi-colored tiled floor and the handy built-in umbrella cupboard. Next you'll be awed by the impressive hall with its grand gumwood staircase and trim. The wide opening into the living room features an unusual architectural center archway, which draws the eye to the gumwood coffered ceiling beyond. Wide baseboards, oak floors, cove molding and window trim contrast sharply to the bright walls. A brick fireplace provides a focal point for the room. It is here that one first notices three rectangular leaded and stained glass windows, each featuring a different symbol of a muse: here music, art and architecture. There are six other stained glass windows, each with a different image, including in the powder room off the hall and on the staircase landing. The large dining room is well lit by south-facing windows. Beyond is a serviceable kitchen and a

space currently used as a mud room; with its window to the backyard, it could serve as an attractive breakfast area.

The second floor contains three bedrooms and a full bath with a Jacuzzi tub; the hall features built-in cupboards along with a bench with a storage seat. The spacious master bedroom stretches across the front, has a small fireplace—a perfect place to install a gas-fired element—and opens to a balcony. The back bedroom also has access to an open porch overlooking the rear of the property. The third floor houses the fourth bedroom, complete with oak trim, and a full bath with its original clawfoot tub and sink, a space likely used by servants at the turn of the 20th century. There is also a large attic storage room. Although the property doesn't contain a garage, the blacktop driveway has been expanded behind the house for multiple cars and easy turnarounds. It's also a great space for basketball, skate boarding or other activities.

This fine property is centrally located between the many assets of the Park Avenue and Monroe Avenue areas, along with easy access to I-490. It is offered at \$190,000. Contact Debra Raup of Hunt Real Estate ERA/Columbus at 585-738-3628 for more information.

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