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Must-See on Mount Vernon

265 Mount Vernon Avenue

Built in 1890, the home at 265 Mount Vernon Avenue retains much of its historic charm while also offering updated amenities and modern conveniences. The nearly 2,500 square foot house with its manageable, shady yard would be a spacious and comfortable home for a couple, a family with children, or a multi-generational family in need of additional, accessible living space.

Hydrangeas, hostas, and other perennials fill the front yard and create a welcoming ambience as you approach 265 Mount Vernon. The front porch boasts decorative cornices, elegant columns, and a relaxing fan. Upon entering the home, the original oak door opens up to a sunny foyer, which is adjacent to a large parlor that can serve as a living room. French doors, decorative trim, a bow window, and an updated gas fireplace accentuate the room. Across the hallway, understated, period-appropriate wallpaper, an antique ceramic ceiling medallion, and sizable windows adorn the dining room.

The rear of the first floor houses a powder room, a full bath, the kitchen, and another parlor. The second parlor could serve as a casual living room or an in-law suite since it has built-in storage and direct access to both the bathroom and the kitchen. The kitchen itself is a blend of vintage charm and modern amenities, including a stainless steel refrigerator and an impressive stainless steel Kenmore Elite range.

Climbing the stairs to the second floor, one is once again treated to details that harken back to the home's past. The landing of the staircase is flanked by stained glass windows—and a small door that now leads to a storage closet had originally provided access to a butler's staircase. The second floor consists of a landing and hallway, four large bedrooms, a sleeping porch, a built-in linen closet, and a full bath. There is ample closet space in each bedroom and the unfinished third floor attic provides opportunity for expansion and additional storage.

Much of the interior of 265 Mount Vernon Avenue is freshly painted in neutral tones and the original hardwood floors have been impeccably refinished. The home also has a two-car garage, a fenced-in backyard, updated forced-air heat, and newer appliances. It is conveniently located near Highland Hospital and URM. A blend of historic charm and modern updates, 265 Mount Vernon Avenue is listed at \$289,900. To learn more or to schedule a visit, contact David Fitzpatrick of Nothnagle Realtors at 585-461-6329.

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