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Fabulous Foursquare

805 Norton Street

It isn't often that you see a home with so much of its exterior historic fabric intact in a neighborhood that has undergone many changes. That is the case of the handsome residence at 805 Norton Street, which was built in 1922 and still retains its original clapboard and shingle siding, brick foundation, and wood porch—all in good condition. Built in the popular American Foursquare style, the house features a hipped roof with a dormer window punctuating each side—providing light in the attic space—and a wide overhanging eave. The full-width front porch is notable for its handsome pyramidal columns resting on brick pillars, concrete floor and beaded board ceiling. Off the driveway is a second side entry with a decorative, bracketed hood.

The front door opens into a welcoming space that fills the eye with wonderful details on each of its three sides: on the wall to the left is a pair of stained glass windows; straight ahead is a beautiful staircase with warm wood paneling below the wood balustrade; and to the right is a handsome wood paneled entry to the living room with tapered columns framing the opening. Inside the living room are beautiful leaded glass bookcases. Original wood window trim and cove molding continue throughout these spaces. The original wood floor remains beneath the wall-to-wall carpeting, loosely laid down for the owners' young child. Light pours through two front windows and a three-window bay with a

bench seat. The dining room follows through a wide opening. Beyond are a small office space and a powder room. The kitchen has been updated with new flooring, counters, cupboards, and a glass-tiled backsplash. A large table currently serves as the family dining area. Off the back is a small south-facing sunporch—perfect for inside plants—and access to the backyard. The second floor contains four bedrooms, each with plenty of closet space, as well as a small sunporch off a back bedroom. The full bath retains its original tiled floor and walls. A huge three-car garage with a side work room is at the end of a wide, paved driveway.

Surrounded by well-maintained early 20th century houses, the house is located just west of Hudson Avenue, within sight of the orange tower of the beautiful St. Stanislaus Kostka Roman Catholic Church and the Integrated Arts and Technology High School, housed in the 1928 Franklin High School building. The active Group 14621 Community Association assists residents in improving their neighborhoods through a variety of events and programs. With 1,890 square feet of living space, this fine residence is offered at only \$59,900. Contact Darlene Maimone, at Nothnagle Realtors, at 585-766-9336.

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