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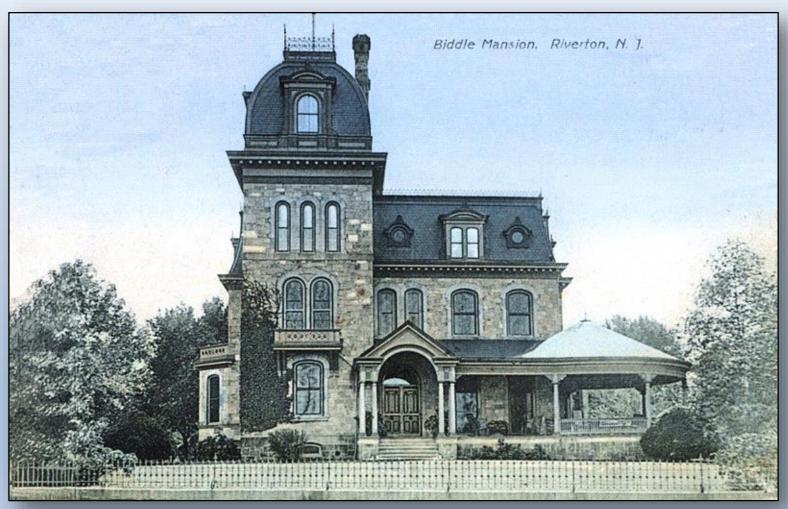


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Why save the Biddle Mansion?

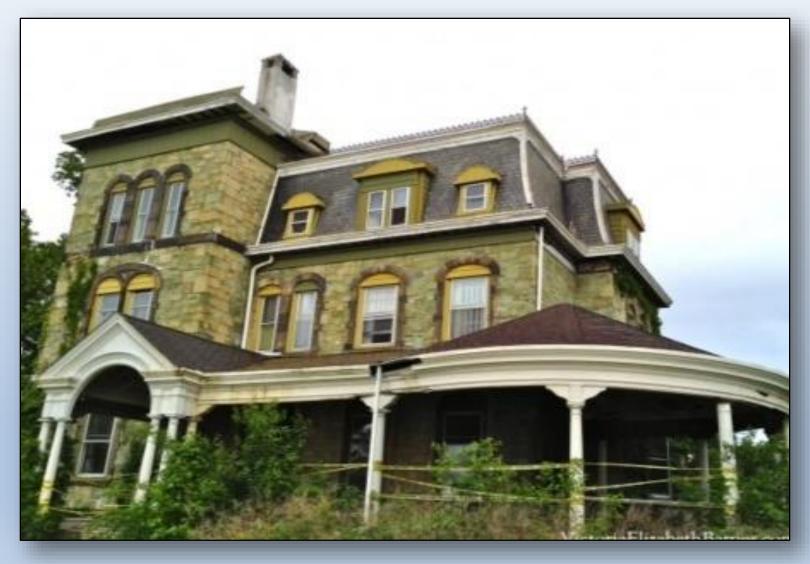
Charles Miller Biddle Residence

Cor. Bank and Lippincott Aves., Riverton, New Jersey, 10 miles from Philadelphia

"The most notable residence of Riverton, picturesquely situated on the Delaware, is the imposing and handsome green stone home of Charles M. Biddle, one of Philadelphia's widely known merchants; president Biddle Hardware Co., vice-commodore Riverton Yacht Club, director Trades League, banks, etc."

King's Views of Philadelphia. Illustrated Monographs. Part 6. Published by Moses King, New York. Copyright, 1900 by Moses King.

Sometimes bad things happen to good houses...







Before renovation could start we needed to dispose of trash. Twelve of the largest dumpsters were used equaling 54.27 tons, or 108,540 pounds of trash. This figure did not include scrap metal.





The porch had one of the first air conditioning systems in the United States. Cool air from ice blocks was vented through grates on the porch and through the faux fireplaces in the ballroom. The grate on the porch still remains.







Making a run for it...











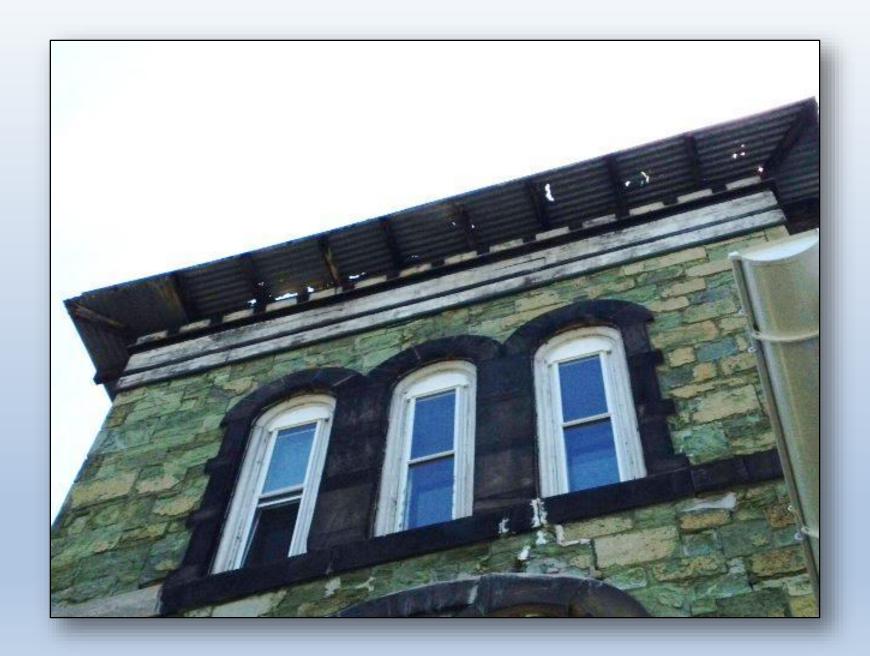


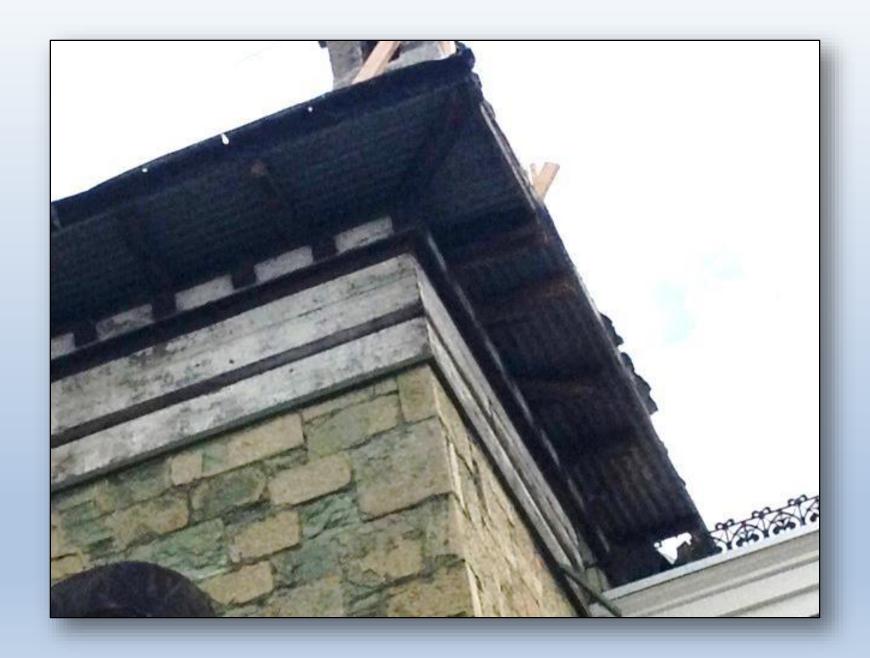




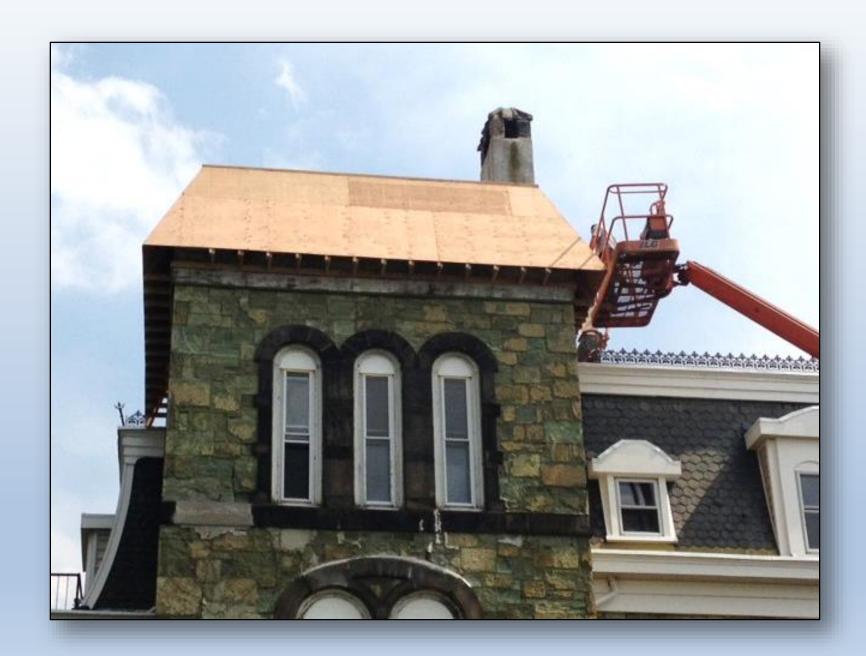








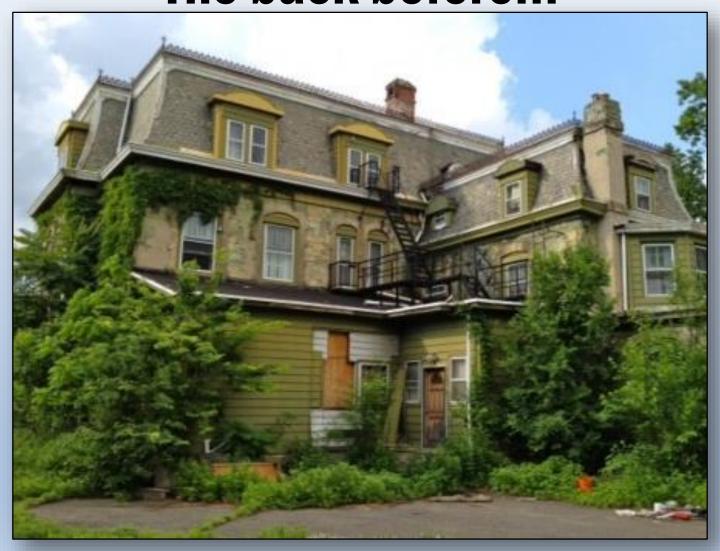




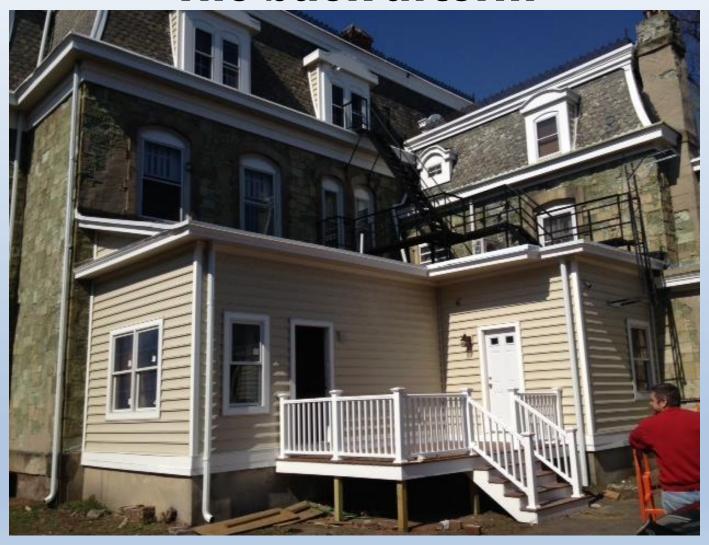




The back before...



The back after...

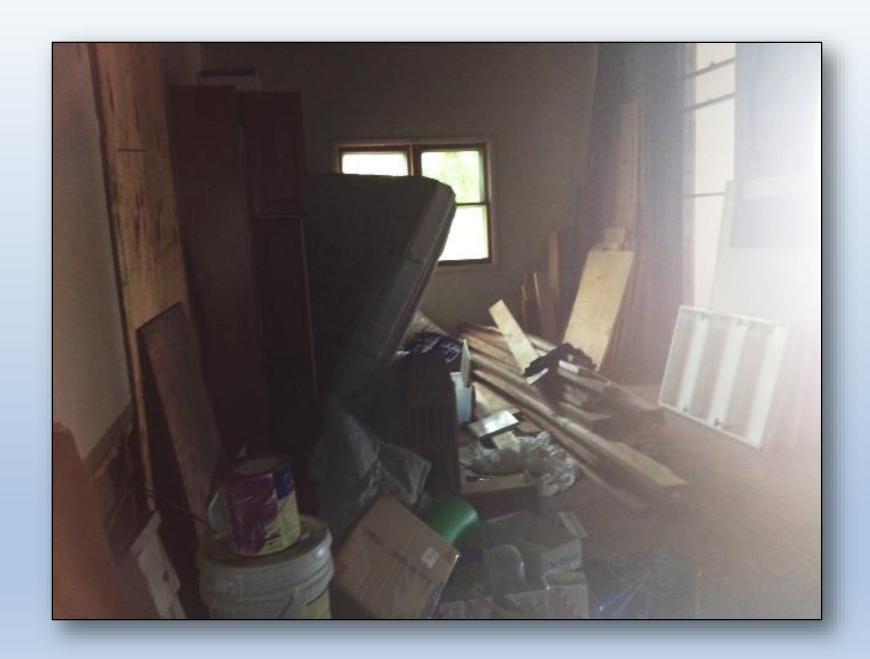




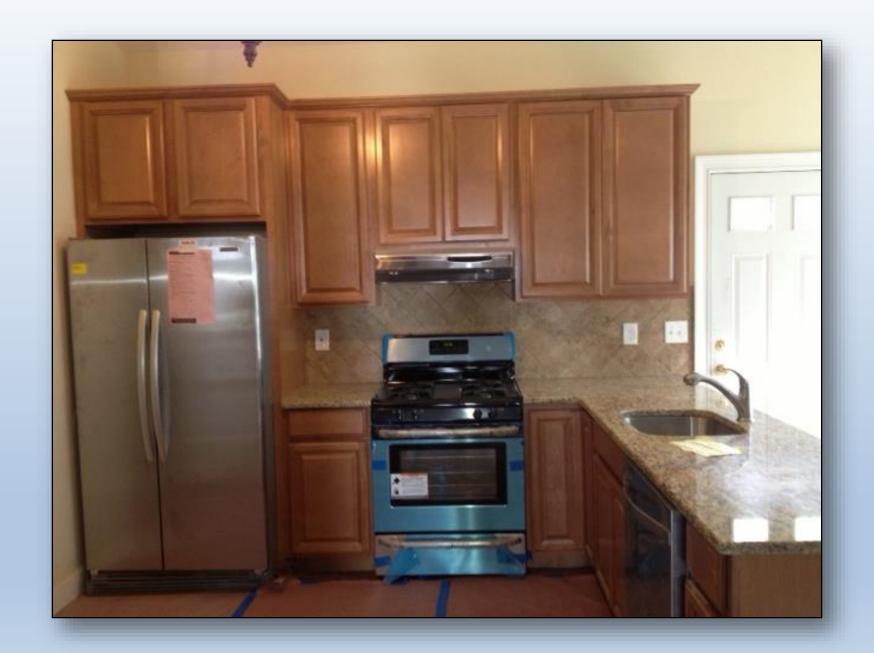
















Kitchen Suite 1

Before After



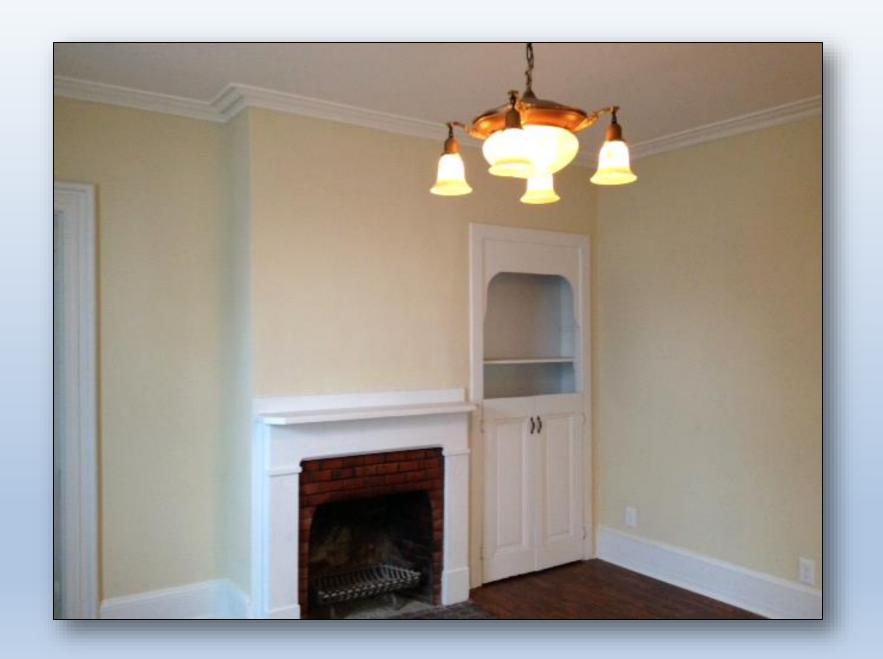


Kitchen Suite 2

Before After



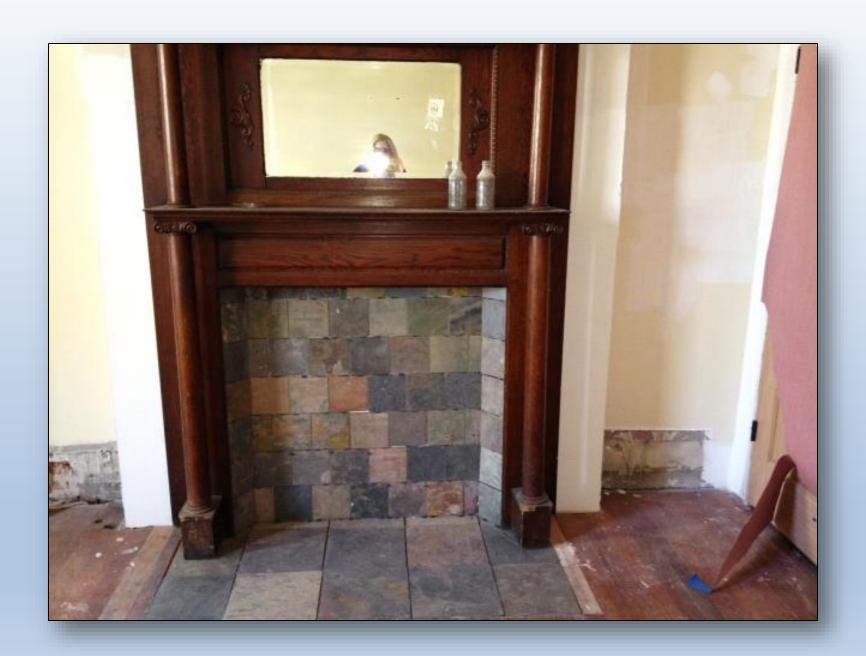




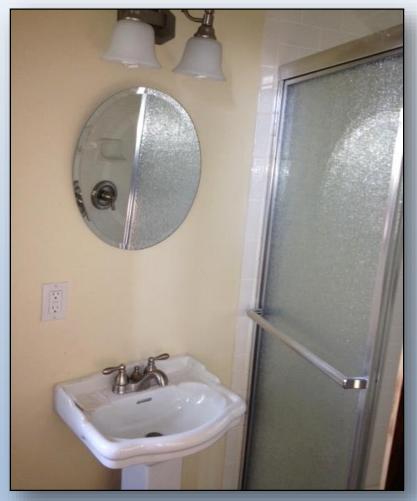
Minus the vines that were growing into the house...

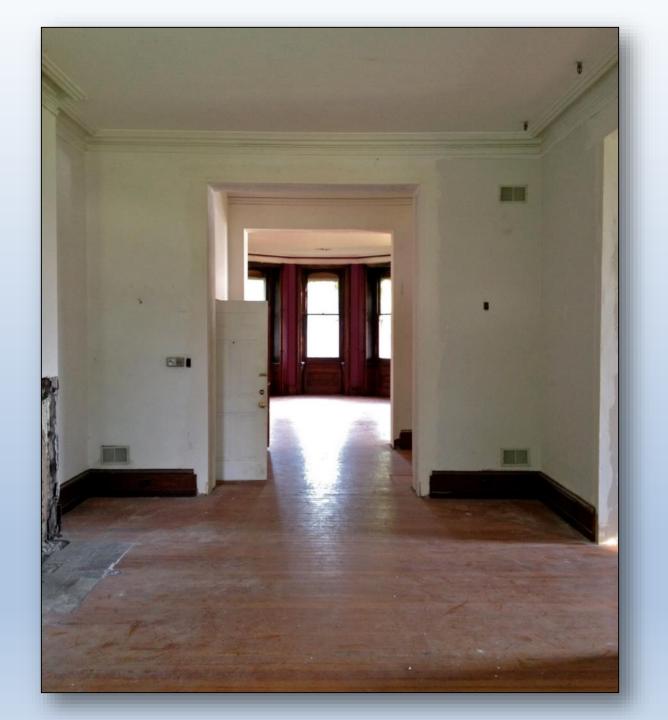






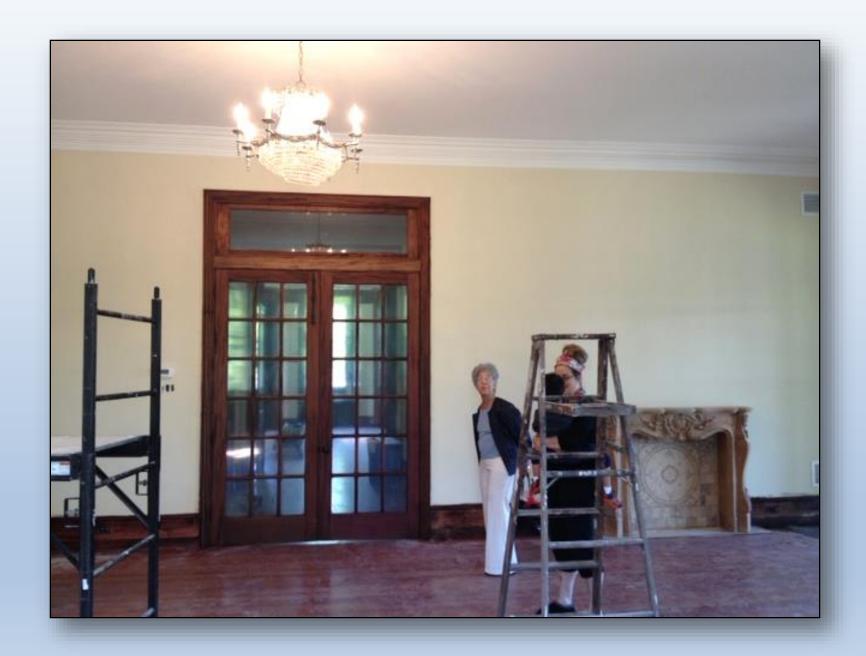


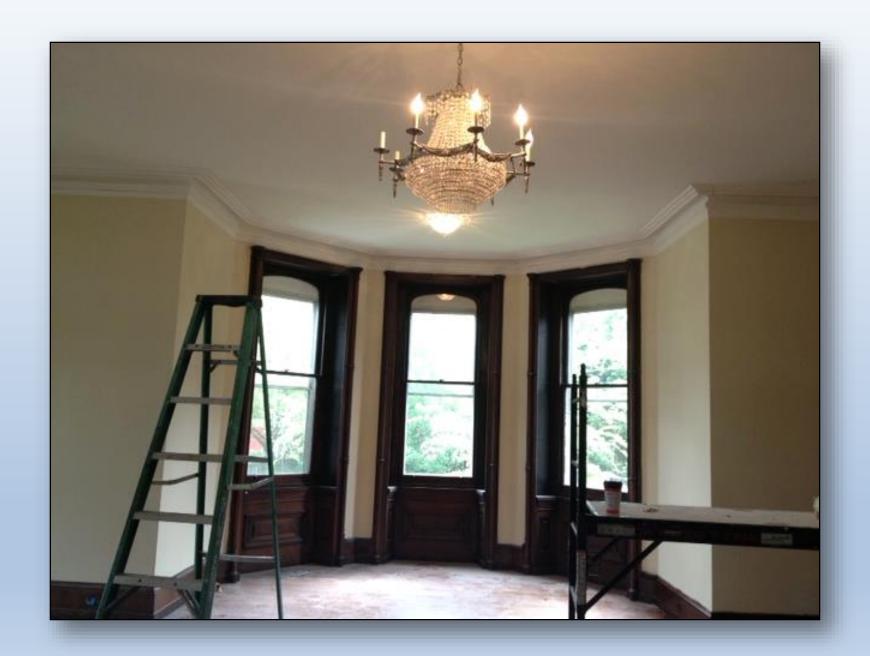
















Suite 5

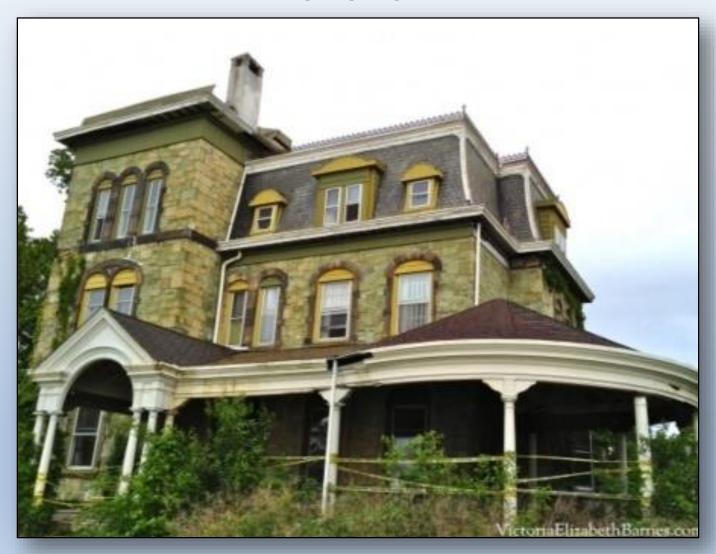
Before



After



Before...



Stewardship and commitment to community so future generations may learn and appreciate our history...



Priceless

