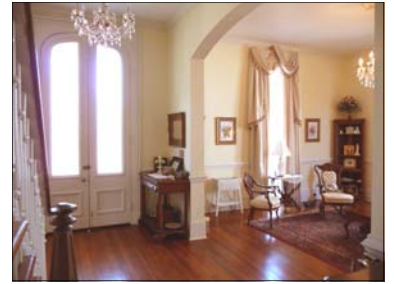




The history of the Briggs-Argo-Aycock House, c.1881, includes the Briggs hardware store family, Thomas Argo, the first president of the NC Bar Association, and former Governor Charles B. Aycock whose family lived here from 1910 to 1940.

The magnificent front porch, removed in the 1950's, has been completely restored, returning to public view the front doors once hidden behind a brick structure added when the building was used as a church between 1940 and 1998.



The house details are Italianate in style, especially the arched windows with frames and hoods, the tall recessed double-front doors, and the bay windows on each side.

Since 1998, the late Raymond Rodgers, aka Chef Rameaux, and his wife, Peggy Beasley-Rodgers, have painstakingly restored the grandeur of this 4,879 square foot house with 5 bedrooms and 4.5 new or updated baths.



Many Cajun bands have played on this ample deck that replaced and enlarged an old back porch. Multiple doors open to the kitchen and family room. Steps lead to herb planting beds and a large driveway.

Please check back for a more nuanced description of these extraordinarily open and distinctive formal rooms.



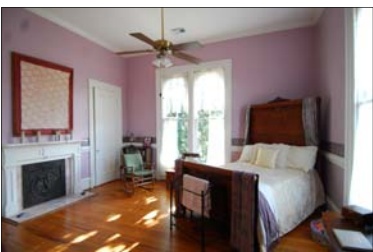
The nicely sheltered side yard includes a Pergola, brick patio and grassy area that have accommodated weddings, receptions and other gatherings.

Note the double arched windows that are found through much of the house.



The front parlor has been home to many poker games since 1998. It is a versatile space that enjoys private access to the two downstairs bedrooms and full bath.

The keeping or family room opens to the kitchen and porches on both sides of the house.



Three of the 5 bedrooms, including the master with its large walk-in closet, have private bathrooms.

This is the view from the back of the nearly 40 ft long space that includes an "L" shaped eat-in counter in the professional kitchen.

