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## MEMO

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NOTES

Spring is time for Renewal! Now, with flowering trees and plants all around us, it's time to renew your Williams Park Neighbors membership. This year renewal notices went out to existing members via email.

If you're not currently a member, you're missing a lot—this quarterly newsletter, the **MEMO**, e-mail news, security alerts and updates in between, monthly happy hours, neighborhood cookouts, book club, garden club, and loads of other neighborhood activities. Not bad for \$20 a year.

To join or renew, see page 4 of this issue. You can fill out the form printed there and return with a check to the address noted. Alternatively, you can use the link printed there or go to our website to pay by Paypal or credit card. Don't miss out on our upcoming Spring events—join today!

We encourage  
contributions  
to the MEMO.

Deadlines for future issues are May 15 and August 15. Tell us something about yourself — tell us something about your neighbor — send your contributions to Casey Clavin at [dingoblue@earthlink.net](mailto:dingoblue@earthlink.net)

Thanks!

## A Brief History of Smyrna, Georgia

Bill Marchione, retired history professor, author, lecturer, oral historian and Williams Park resident, chose the town we call home as the subject for his seventh book. Published late last year, **A Brief History of Smyrna, Georgia** provides both a good overview of the events and real insight into how they shaped the City as it is today.

Joe Kirby, editorial page editor of the **Marietta Daily Journal** and author of four books on local history, reviewed Marchione's new book for the December, 14, 2013 of the **MDJ**. Here's what he had to say.

*Smyrna, as most readers know, totally transformed its downtown over the course of the past two decades. That story, and many others about the city's long history, are told in **A Brief History of Smyrna Georgia** by William Marchione Ph.D.*

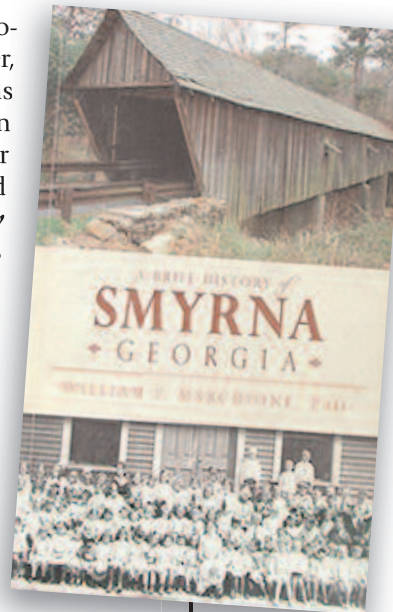
*Published by The History Press of Charleston, S.C., it packs more than 150 years of history into its 150 pages, beginning the city's story in the pre-history days when it was home to Cherokee Indians. Unlike many such community-history books aimed at a general readership, it includes a bibliography six pages long. But scholarship is what one would expect from Smyrna resident Marchione, a retired history professor who earned his doctoral degree at Boston College and was a longtime member of the Boston Landmarks Commission.*

*An entertaining cast of characters has called Smyrna "home" through the years or made their*

*mark while passing through on the way to somewhere else, and Marchione has all their stories — from W.T. Sherman to early sanitarium operator Dr. James Brawner to Lorena Pace Pruitt (Georgia's first female mayor, back in 1945-48) to actress Julia Roberts to long-time current mayor Max Bacon.*

*If you want to learn more about this history of "The Jonquil City," this is a good place to start.*

Copies of **A Brief History of Smyrna, Georgia** can be obtained at these nearby locations: Rev Coffee on Spring Road, the main desk at the Smyrna Public Library, Atkins Park Restaurant in Market Village, or by contacting the author directly for an autographed and inscribed copy at 857-919-0505.



Spring has come to Williams Park bringing flowers of many kinds. These are Jonquils in the Ingle's front yard at 2641 Highland Avenue.

# 2014 CALENDAR

wpn easter egg hunt  
Sat, April. 12, 4 pm  
1351 Roswell Street

wpn board meeting  
Wed, Apr. 16, 7 pm

wpn happy hour  
April 18, 7 pm  
Cara & Patrick Thurman  
2711 Gilbert St.  
404-617-6883

wpn book club  
Sun, April 27 at 3pm  
at Suzy Miller's house,  
1610 Ivy Springs Rd.  
**The Light Between Oceans,**  
by M.L. Stedman

wpn spring social  
Sat, May 3, 4pm  
details tba

wpn happy hour  
May 16, 7 pm  
Jill and Daniel Huitron  
1539 Roswell St,  
404-376-5114

wpn book club  
Sun, May 25 at 3pm  
at Louisa Cohn's house,  
1450 Whitfield St.  
**The Death of Santini**  
by Pat Conroy

wpn happy hour  
June 20, 7 pm  
Daniel Kissner and  
Korey Whitchurch  
1562 Hawthorne Ave.  
612.889.4990

wpn book club  
Sun, June 29 at 3pm  
at Christine Powell's,  
11588 Walker St.  
book tba

wpn board meeting  
Tue, July 15, 7 pm

wpn happy hour  
July 18, 7 pm  
Rich & Jenine Merritt  
2620 Gilbert St.  
770-431-1659

## News in and around Williams Park

We are fortunate, in Smyrna, to have a good curb side recycling program that takes our plastic, metals paper refuse for reuse. There is one nagging problem, however—the curb side program doesn't handle glass. Mary Helen Ellet (Windy Oaks Court) has found a solution. She found a young fellow in the area who has started a **glass recycling business**. This is important to her, she says, because she drinks a lot of bottled beverages (wink, wink, nudge, nudge). Jonathan Brinson, doing business as Brinson Recycling, charges \$6.00 for once monthly pickup or \$10.00 for twice monthly. Pickup days are the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month. Once per month pickup in WP is on the 1st Saturday. Brinson can be contacted at jbrinson@brinsonrecycling.com or phone at 770-344-8864. —Mary Helen Ellet

Do you have too many books you just don't know what to do with? Sure, one day you will re-read the ones you fondly remember or read those still waiting for your kind hands to handle them. But wait! Now you can read them all online. Uh oh. Here's the solution (so easy). You can **donate your unwanted books to the Smyrna Library**. The library sells donated books to all kinds of patrons and uses the money to make even more improvements. Really, you should check out the new, improved library. It's now in the 21st century providing wonderful digital and online services. But back to the donations. If you can't get to the library, feel free to put your books on my front porch at 1450 Whitfield Street. I'll be happy to take them to the library. Now is the time to clean out, clear up and do some good for your community. —Louisa Cohn

Here's a bit of trivia for you... What Williams Park Neighbors subset meets every Thursday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at Mexico Lindo restaurant on South Cobb Drive? I know — it's **WPN Team Trivia**. If you want to join in, you can just show up and participate. If you want to know more, text Cat before 5:00 pm on Thursdays at 770-595-3849. —Cat Porch



These Tulips in front of the Carpenter's house at 1415 Roswell Street are teasing the still naked trees in the Porch's yard across the street.

For the past several years, Williams Park has contributed \$150 to sponsor a hole at a **golfing fund raiser for the Campbell High School Foundation**. Since we now have a fledgling golf group in the neighborhood, we're stepping up our involvement. A \$400 donation sponsors hole and a foursome to play the tournament, so here's what we're doing... WPN is ponying up \$200 and four golfers, Ray Miller, Joe Brassfield, Bob Crifasi, and Toney Nunez will contribute \$50 each for the honor of playing for WP. Unfortunately, WP resident Gavin Carpenter (winner of last year's Max Bacon Tournament) is fielding a separate foursome, significantly diminishing the WPN team's chance for outright victory. The Campbell fund raiser will be played on April 14—look for the results in our next **MEMO**. —Keith Bentley

Interested in buying a high chair? Finding a contractor? Worried about a cat influx? Have you ever seen a bikini clad snow skier? And what was that train horn in the middle of the night? **The WPN Facebook page** is seeing a lot of action. With participants now numbering about 150 members, this is an increasingly important source of information in WP. And there's even a video of a flame throwing sculpture that lit up our March Happy Hour. Join up and join in the conversation. Don't miss out on the fun! — Keith Bentley

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## MILESTONES

### births

Congratulations to Kathy and Rick Tilley. Their second daughter Margaret Rose (Meg) arrived January 2, 2014 weighing 6 lbs 14 oz. Vena is proud to be a big sister.



Congratulations to Jessica and Matt Miller on the birth of their son. Mason George Miller arrived January 1, 2014 weighing 7lb 6oz.



Congratulations to Katie and Alan Nix on the birth of their daughter. Asher Noelle Nix was born on March 13, 2014 weighing 6 lb. 14 oz. and measuring 19 1/2 in.



## News in and around Williams Park *cont'd*



Among the many different flowering trees in the neighborhood, the cherry trees are, perhaps, the most uplifting with their very light and airy blossoms. This is the Thurman's tree at 2711 Gilbert Street. The oldest and largest in WP, it also has deeper colored blossoms than the others. It's a beauty.



—Wendy Amundson

Smyrna Police Chief, David Lee, as guest speaker at WPN's February General Assembly meeting, characterized most of the area's recent incidents as crimes of opportunity. He advises everybody to keep garage doors closed, keep outdoor cars locked, and don't leave valuables visible in cars. He asks residents to report any level of crime immediately, even if you consider it minor, and any suspicious activity. "Trust your gut," he says. "When you feel like something isn't right, you're often correct."

Then in March, as part of our efforts to resurrect the neighborhood watch program, we had a decent turnout for an informal meeting with Officer Cason who asks us to send him our concerns, complaints and compliments. He has also joined the WPN Facebook page to use that as another way to share information about crime issues. He can be reached as follows.

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Team Leader Smyrna SWAT  
ecason@smyrnaga.gov  
Office number 678-631-5201  
Fax number 678-631-5071  
Cell number 404-353-7811

Let's all give a round of applause to our recent Happy Hour hosts. **Lauren and Daniel Schneidewind** generously opened their Highland Avenue home to us in January. In February **Meredith Cagigal** invited us into her Walker Street home for the second time. Lucky for us, the weather cooperated in March when **Robert Harrison** had us all over to his little house on Morris Circle. The focus there was in the back yard among a half dozen of Robert's fiery sculptures. His one-off fireplace/pizza oven, which looks like an illustration from a Dr Seuse book, cranked out delectables little guest-directed pizzas. Thanks to all of you—our neighborhood



events are the glue that holds us together.

W E L C O M E

to these new members

- on anderson —
- Kelli Wolk & Ron Day
  
- on bernard lane —
- Cody Wiginton & Jennifer Spiegel
  
- on gilbert street —
- Mark & Natasha Mahones
  
- on roswell street —
- Tyler Kimbro
  
- on spring street —
- Jim Brown
  
- on walker street —
- Oliver, Louise & Judith Meinhold

So, when you see these new people, say "hello." And when a new neighbor moves in near you, contact Joan at [friedman1500@gmail.com](mailto:friedman1500@gmail.com) or 678-239-4987 so WPN can welcome the newcomers.

**Williams Park Reads** — by Leanne Fey

The WPN Book Club, meets the last Sunday of the month at 3:00 pm at a host home. We always welcome new participants. To learn which books we'll be reading in the up coming months, see the calendar on pages 2. To learn more, call Leanne at 770-863-9580. Here are our latest books.

**The Day the World Came to Town: 9/11 in Gander, Newfoundland**  
by Jim DeFede ★★★

When the airspace over the United States was closed after the terrorist attacks on 9/11, the former military base in Gander, Newfoundland became the landing site for 38 commercial airplanes. Over 6,500 people who were taken in by the people of Gander and shown the kind of warmth, generosity and care that reveals the best of humanity.

**Wuthering Heights**  
by Emily Bronte ★★★

The classic British novel of love, jealousy, betrayal and revenge set at Wuthering Heights, a manor house on the stormy moors of Yorkshire.

**The Universe Versus Alex Woods**  
by Gavin Extence ★★★★★

A quirky novel about a teenager named Alex, a fatherless boy being raised by a fortune teller mother. Struck by a meteorite when he was 10 years old, he learns how to navigate illness, bullying, friendships, death and Kurt Vonnegut.

- Our rating system:
- ★ No one liked the book
  - ★★ We thought it was ok
  - ★★★ It was good
  - ★★★★ It was excellent
  - ★★★★★ Fabulous -- don't miss it.



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Please renew my WPN membership for April 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015

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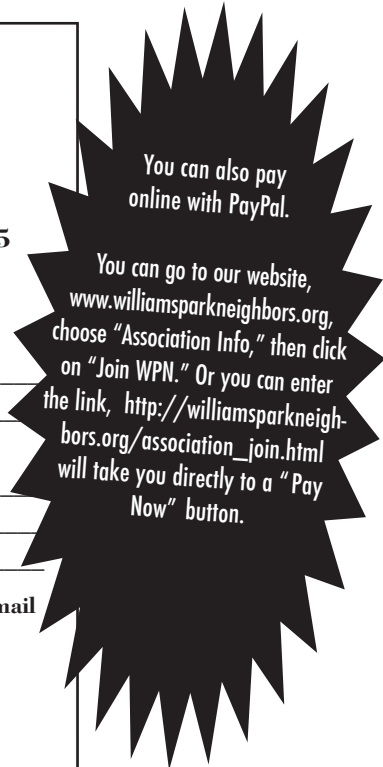
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# Smyrna Parent Blog based right here in WP — by Susan Bentley

When I read that one of our Williams Park Neighbors had started a blog for parents in Smyrna, I was intrigued. So I went to its creator, Alicia Taylor, to learn more. Alicia and her partner, Ashley, have been active members of WPN for several years and I've enjoyed getting to know them, as well as their two precious daughters. Alicia and I found some time to chat, and she happily answered a few questions for me.

First I asked Alicia to tell me what her blog is all about. She explained that the SmyrnaParent.com was created for and about parents in Smyrna as a resource for playing, shopping, dining, creating, meeting, surviving and celebrating. Local events are posted each Friday. If there is a North Georgia family-friendly venue that you think you might like to visit, but you're not sure about driving for an hour with your kids, let Alicia and her writers know. They'll check it out and see if it's worth the drive. The blog has a wide range of information from local events to crafts to articles of interest for parents.

The blog can post your questions to its Facebook page to get experiences and opinions from its network of local parents. Alicia feels that such a sharing network of parents is the greatest knowledge resource for navigating these years. I asked Alicia why, with two energetic preschoolers at home, she decided to create a blog. "I had an itch to write again," she said, "to produce coherent thoughts longer than 140 characters or

phrased for a two year old. I used to keep a family blog, but various privacy issues kept me from posting as often as I wanted. So I started thinking about a blog that would highlight some of the local things I was doing with my daughters, to let other parents know about events and activities in the area and what they could expect when they went with their children." But with her first child still at home and the arrival of her second, the idea remained an idea until Alicia saw an announcement that a former high school classmate was starting a blog in her area. Contacting her classmate, Alicia



learned that she happened to be coming to Atlanta for a blog conference and was interested in expanding her concept. The two met for lunch and as Alicia relates, "...bam! Smyrna Parent was born over cheese dip and quesadillas."

I asked Alicia if she had any other thoughts she would like to share. "The "local mom blog" concept is not new, but having one this local is a little more unusual. I hope this will become a resource for parents living in Smyrna, Vinings, Mableton and West Marietta. Being local, we can do things like list the local Parent's Morning Out and preschooler programs, as well as highlighting local businesses here in Smyrna. We (myself and eight contributors) post original content every Monday and Wednesday and an events listing every Thursday or Friday. There is also a resource spot."

Right now the blog is skewed towards younger children because that's where Alicia is in her life, but she's looking for contributors with older children: middle schoolers and high schoolers.

Check out the Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/SmyrnaParent](http://www.facebook.com/SmyrnaParent)) for updates whenever a new article is posted. Alicia tells me that Smyrna grandparents are welcome too!



Elia helps model for a blog post on Mardi Gras Fun.

Here, we're trying out Jitterbug Performing Arts for a review and giveaway to blog readers



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## Tropical Carrot Cake — Melissa McWilliams

This is the first place winner from WPN's dessert contest last Fall. Enjoy!

### Ingredients for the cake

2 1/3 cups sifted all purpose flour (sifted, then measured)  
1 cup sweetened flaked coconut  
1 cup dry-roasted macadamia nuts  
3/4 cup chopped crystallized ginger  
3 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon  
2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder  
1 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon baking soda  
2 cups sugar  
1 cup vegetable oil  
4 large eggs  
2 teaspoons vanilla bean paste  
2 cups finely grated peeled carrots  
2 8-ounce cans crushed pineapple in its own juice, well drained

### Ingredients for the frosting

3 8-ounce packs cream cheese, room temp.  
1 1/2 sticks unsalted butter, room temp.  
2 cups powdered sugar  
3/4 cup canned sweetened cream of coconut (Coco López)  
1 teaspoon vanilla bean paste  
1/2 teaspoon (scant) coconut extract  
14 whole dry-roasted macadamia nuts  
1/4 cup chopped crystallized ginger

### Preparation for the cake:

Preheat oven to 350°F. Butter three 9-inch-diameter cake pans with 1 1/2-inch-high sides. Line bottom of pans with parchment paper. Combine 1/3 cup flour and next three ingredients in processor. Process until nuts are finely chopped. Whisk remaining 2 cups flour, cinnamon, baking powder, salt, and baking soda in medium bowl to blend.

Using electric mixer, beat sugar and oil in large bowl. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each. Beat in vanilla. Beat in flour-spice mixture. Stir in coconut-macadamia mixture, then carrots and crushed pineapple.

Divide batter among pans. Bake until tester inserted into center of cakes comes out clean, about 30 minutes. Cool in pans on racks one hour. Run knife around edge of pans. Turn cakes out onto racks; cool completely.

### Preparation for the frosting:

Beat cream cheese and butter in large bowl until smooth. Beat in powdered sugar, then cream of coconut and both extracts. Chill until firm enough to spread, about 30 minutes.

Place one cake layer, flat side up, on platter. Spread 3/4 cup frosting over top of cake. Top with second cake layer, flat side up. Spread 3/4 cup frosting over. Top with third cake layer, rounded side up, pressing slightly to adhere. Spread thin layer of frosting over top and sides of cake. Chill cake and remaining frosting 30 minutes. Spread remaining frosting over top and sides of cake. Arrange whole nuts and ginger around top edge of cake. Chill one hour. This can be made a day ahead. Cover with cake dome and chill. Let stand at room temperature one hour before serving.



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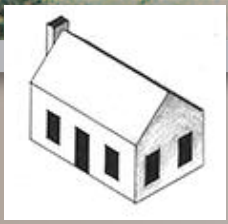
## Daniell House

2635 Gilbert Street

**SIDE GABLED COTTAGE**

Historic homes within the Williams Park neighborhood

*The greatest concentration of surviving older buildings in Smyrna lies in Williams Park. Nineteen houses still stand that were built before the First World War. This is PART FOUR in a series of articles covering these houses based on research done in 2012 by WPN members Casey Clavin and Vic Koch.*



This is the Daniell House at 2635 Gilbert Street, a Folk Victorian Style Side Gabled Cottage, likely the house referenced in an 1891 deed as standing on this property at that time. Between 2002 and 2004, it underwent a remodeling so intensive that it's hardly recognizable now as the house it was. It's pictured here, before and after.

It started out as a one and a half story side gabled cottage—a compact rectangular mass, economical to build. It was constructed of dimensional lumber with cut nails and sat on rock piers. A drop-roofed porch, spanning about three quarters of the front, was biased to the left. You can just see the siding through the foliage on the right of the photo where the porch did not span that part of the front. A very simple spindle frieze band of Xosa echoed

a larger version of the same pattern in the railing. The entry included transom and side lights.

There were two chimneys—brick on rock foundations. An interior one between two rooms has been removed. The exterior one on the north side near the front still stands. A central hall ran through from front door to back, flanked by two rooms on either side, all with 12' ceilings.

A staircase in the hallway accessed two rooms upstairs where the ceilings followed the underside of the roof reaching only about seven feet at the highest point. These stairs and upstairs rooms may have been put in some time after the house was built.

The house is now a full two stories. Porches on both levels span the full width of the front. Bottom level porch supports are brick piers topped by battered square columns. The upper columns are straight square sections. The new entry is styled similarly to the original, with side lights and transom.





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# 1891 Daniell House

A smaller one and a half story structure connected by about four feet of common wall to the northeast corner of the main structure was probably added some time after the house was built. It's in the foreground in the photo below. Now, as partly visible in the top right photo, it has an enlarged footprint to serve as a two car garage, and a full-size finished second floor.

Here it's apparent how the house grew in height. The chimney, original from the ground through its shoulders, has been made taller to clear the addition of the second floor.

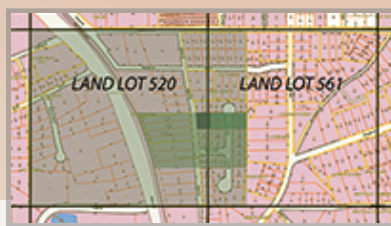


Below is the south west, or right front corner of the house—before remodeling at left and as it now appears at right. A single story structure on the south side of the house, obviously an addition to the original house, was kept. The relationship between its height and that of the main structure clearly indicates how much larger the house is now.





# circa 1891 Daniell House



## Chain of ownership for parcel 17052000710

year	purchaser	date	book/page
	John D. Pope 40 acres		
	Ishmael J. Dunn 10 acres		
1871	J.B. Daniell 40 acres	1-7-71	B/449
1871	J.B. Daniell 10 acres	6-11-71	B/537
1875	Robert Daniell 50 acres	6-1-75	D/543
1891	P.Y. Daniell & Wint. 8 ac. +house	12-8-91	P/379
1894	Emarca T. Daniell 8 ac.	7-9-94	S/264
1897	Jesse L. Daniell 8 acres	8-17-97	W/245
1905	P.E. Timothy 8 acres	11-24-05	HH/377
1928	G.B. Wallace 1.25 acres	7-23-28	95/82
1940	Home Owners' Loan 1.25	11-5-40	140/22
1941	E.T. & R. McWatters 1.25	11-14-41	144/91
1942	Redona Gentle 1.25	12-0-42	163/119
1951	M. & W.E. Gunnels 1.25	9-29-51	233/592
	H.N. DeFoar 1.25		
1969	Thos. Roy Thaxton 1.25	6-17-69	1104/15
1971	R.W. III Montague 1.25		1171/91
1999	R.W. & B. Montague 1.25	7-12-99	12685/254
2001	Mary & Kurt Woody 1.25	9-12-01	13420/2888
2004	Hank Dudek 1.25	5-11-04	13975/1416
2005	J. & T. Duelmer 0.3 acres	7-14-05	14185/1047

The house sits on the old Daniell property, shown in light green on the graphic above. That's 50 acres assembled in 1871 when J.B. Daniell bought all of Land Lot 520 for \$200, plus the western quarter of Land Lot 561 for \$100. The large road running northwest to southeast through Land Lot 520 is Atlanta Road. Twenty years later, when the property was split up, P.Y. Daniell and J.R. Winter took ownership of "a certain home and lot" being the eight acres shown in medium green near the southeast corner of the family land. The smaller road running right through the center of that piece, which is now known as Gilbert Street, was, at that time, called Daniell Street. It's likely the subject house is the home referred to in this 1891 deed.

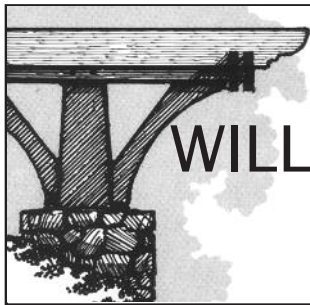
The property passed out of the Daniell family when Mrs. P.E. Timothy bought it in 1905. Having devised a subdivision plan, she sold this house to Green Berry Wallace in 1928 on lots 10 and 11, the northeast-most 1.25 acres of her property. He and his wife raised seven children here.

In 1951, Mildred and Eugene Gunnels took possession. They had moved to Smyrna from Griffin in the early 1940s to work at Bell Bomber, moved back to Griffin after the war, then returned to Smyrna in 1951 to work at Lockheed its opening year. They renovated the house and lived here for several years.

A few owners later, Roger William Montague III and wife Bonnie bought it in 1971, but died together in a car accident before completing a planned renovation. In 2002 Kurt Woody bought it from their estate. The picture below, taken at that time, shows that an open back porch had been enclosed and that poorly engineered alterations and deferred maintenance had taken a toll. At 111 years of age, this place was tired. He thoroughly remodeled both the main house and its later additions, expanding everything to two stories.

In 2004, developer Hank Dudek bought it as part of a land package, reduced its lot size and combined the rest of its parcel with adjacent parcels to build new houses. In 2005, current owners Jim and Tracie Duelmer bought the house on one third acre, the darkest green square between Gilbert Street and the Land Lot line. They're raising their two children there.





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