

EDWARD KIDDER GRAHAM HOUSE

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tions mandating that it be restored," Lindsey said. "Preservation North Carolina and Chapel Hill Historic District Commission and extraordinary cooperation from the town of Chapel Hill allowed for our successful renovation in 2014."

The house was built in 1908 for Susan Moses and Edward Kidder Graham (UNC President 1914-1918) by his parents, so Edward could begin his professorial career at UNC. During those early years, the Grahams boarded fellow academics, including Kemp Battle (UNC President 1876-1891) and Frank Porter Graham, Edward's cousin who also became President of the University (1930-1934) and a United States Senator.

The house at 115 Battle Lane was built in the style of a Colonial Revival Cottage reminiscent of residences built on the campus of Princeton University in the late 1880s. During the 1900s, the house was known as "Bulrushes," after tall stands of bamboo on the .67-acre tract of land upon which the house was built.

After the Grahams' time on Battle Lane, the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority called it home in the mid-1940s and the name "Bulrushes" gave way to "the little brown house on Battle Lane" after the sorority's popular rush song. The University sold the house in 1948. The Warren family lived there until the house was sold in the late-1990s to a developer who never lived in the house. The house remained vacant for 16 years prior to the Lindsey's purchase.

The Lindseys, themselves, were no strangers to historic renovation, owning a Revolutionary War farm on AraLu's side - the Bartlett-Moore Farm - built in 1789 in Rockingham County.

The Lindseys renovation has kept the original framing in place and repurposed the bedrooms adding a lot of steel to reinforce floors where bathrooms replaced some of the many bedrooms. The original 3,200-square-foot house had six bedrooms and one bath. The house now has four bedrooms and five bathrooms.



The Lindseys also added an oversized, two-car garage in keeping with Colonial Revival Cottage style. Above the garage is a separate guest suite. The Lindseys' son, Sam, (Class of '16) is living there while attending classes at UNC.

In addition to original doors and flooring, the main house now holds a half-dozen Thomas Day furniture pieces acquired by the Lindseys. Day was a free black man and master cabinet maker (cabinetry made 1825-1861) in Milton, NC. And as for those pesky Bulrushes, a mini-stand is now contained in an old well on the property thanks to the eradication efforts of Mark Keppler.

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Shetland blues are an airy contrast to warm heartpine floors in the third-floor guest bedroom suite at the Edward Kidder Graham House. A scene from "Three in the Attic" was filmed on this floor in 1968.

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voluntary home sale is to waste no time in starting to look at alternative areas where you could live. The aim here is to select the best community you can afford, keeping your household expenses firmly in mind.

The primary advantage to exploring other neighborhoods early is to give you a tangible vision of your future lifestyle.

"You could be pleasantly surprised by some of the strong qualities of a more affordable neighborhood. For example, the new area might have better parks and more playmates who are the right age for your kids," Davis says.

But he urges you to resist the temptation to tour specific homes until you've received a solid offer for your old place.

"Why get your heart set on a particular house until you know how you'll do financially on the sale of your present property?"

There's no point to putting the cart before the horse, which can cause serious disappointment," Davis says.

Still, by pinpointing your favorite community early in the process, you'll be primed to find the right home when the appropriate time comes, he says.

■ Get active in the new community of your choice.

Even before you've sold your house, you might wish to become acquainted with residents in your target neighborhood. As Tyson

says, beginning to make friends in the new area can help make for a more comfortable transition when your move finally occurs.

"Perhaps you could start doing some volunteer work in the new community or your kids could join a sports league there," he says.

■ Consider throwing a "farewell party."

As Davis says, one way to generate happy memories is to stage an informal "farewell party" involving the friends, family

members and relatives closest to you. During the party, pose your guests for photos in the parts of the home you love most.

"Try not to view your move as a major setback. Instead, consider it a chance to reorder your priorities, find new friends and possibly discover a community more to your liking," Davis says.

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