

Broad Street 117 - 124

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Langhorne House

PID 26559



1900 Census		
1910 Census		
1920 Census		
1927 Directory		
1930 Census	Renter Wife Son	Herndon, Robert H, age 42, yard man, cotton mill - Lucy P, age 36 - Robert Jr, age 9
1935 Directory		Gwynn Apartments
1940 Census		Gwynn Apartments
1945 Directory		Gwyn Apartments (1-4)
1950 Directory		Gwyn Apartments (1-4)
1960 Directory		Gwyn Apartments (1-4)
1970 Directory		Gwyn Apartments 1 Byrd, Marjorie Mrs. 2 Eanes, Mary J Mrs. 3 Ruffin, Mary B 4 Lyons, Edna W Mrs.
1977 Directory		Gwyn Apartments 1 Johnson, Louise P 2 Eanes, Mary J Mrs. 3 Ruffin, Mary B 4 Lyons, Edna W Mrs.
1984 Directory		Gwyn Apartments 1 Albertson, Robert A 2 Hudgins, Daisy S Mrs. 3 Lightner, Grace T 4 Vacant
1988 Tour		Lady Astor Birthplace (as yet unrestored)
1990 Directory		Apartments - Vacant
2003 Tour		Lady Astor Trust – Langhorne House/Gwynn Apartments Ms. Rachel Schoonover Apartment
2015 Assessor	Owner	Lady Astor Preservation Trust Langhorne House Museum

Bee 7 Dec 1928: Wanted: An experienced cook. Mrs. R. L. Hill, 117 Broad street.

Bee 23 Jul 1937: Frederick Wiedemann entertained at his home at 117 Broad street, in celebration of his third birthday. ...

Bee 17 Feb 1939: Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Alphin have returned from a southern wedding trip and are established in their apartment at 117 Broad street. Mrs. Alphin was prior to her marriage on Feb 10, Miss Kate Ruth Nolan.

Bee 30 Jun 1943: Corporal Robert H. Herndon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Herndon of 117 Broad Street, was graduated today from the B-24 Liberator bomber mechanics school at Keesler Field, Biloxi, Miss., as a fully qualified mechanic.

Bee 16 Apr 1951: Trial of the \$15,000 damage action of Eleanor T. Southall against Rice Gwynn got under way ... The plaintiff is seeking recovery of damages for injuries sustained in a fall last October 11 while visiting friends in an apartment owned by the defendant at 117 Broad Street. The fall occurred while the plaintiff was descending a curving stairway after ending her visit on the second floor and starting home.

Bee 3 Nov 1953: Wanted: Reliable colored girl that can work and keep house. Care for 6 year old child. With references. Apply 117 Broad St., Apt #2

Bee 20 Oct 1965: The Airport Sunshine Club will meet Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the home of Mrs. Mary Eanes, 117 Broad St., Danville ...

Bee 4 Nov 1977: Funeral arrangements remained incomplete at midday today for Mrs. James Featherstone, former resident of 117 Broad St. She died at the age of 100 last night in Roman Eagle Memorial Home ...

Tour Book 1988:

A small portion of this historic structure, as yet unrestored, will be open for inspection; renovation will begin early next year.

Constructed circa 1873, the house originally faced Main Street. It was the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chiswell Dabney Langhorne and their daughters, among whom were Irene and Nancy, who were born here and lived in this house until the family moved to Richmond in 1885. Artist Charles Dana Gibson married Irene, whom he immortalized as the prototype for his "Gibson Girl", the feminine ideal of the 1890s and early 1900s. Nancy became world-famous as the Viscountess Astor, the first woman elected to the British House of Commons. Three years after her election Lady Astor returned to Danville, in 1922. From the second-floor porch of this house, by then relocated to its present site, she addressed the citizens of her hometown.

When the house was threatened with demolition for a parking lot earlier this year, the structure was saved from certain destruction when it was purchased by Mrs. Stuart James Grant. Mrs. Grant gave the property to the Lady Astor Preservation Trust, a not-for-profit organization which is about to begin the first phase of the restoration of the house as a museum to Lady Astor, Irene Gibson, their family, life and times.

Tour Book 2003:

Charming apartments like this one have been a significant part of the heritage of the Langhorne House since 1921, when this historic structure where Lady Astor was born in 1879, was moved and remodelled by the Gwynn family which also built the Caswell Apartments where the C.D. Langhorne house once stood.

For eight decades, since Mrs. and Mrs. Nelson Benton -- the first tenants in the newly designated Gwynn Apartments -- entertained two of the returning Langhorne daughters, Irene Gibson and Lady Nancy Astor, in their downstairs unit on May 5, 1922, the structure has been home to a host of this area's well-regarded citizens and professionals. The roster includes even a descendant of Thomas Jefferson.

The apartment of Rachel Schoonover demonstrates how well these apartments lend themselves to the talents of such bright, young professionals with a love and respect for history.

Broad Street 118

1900 Census		
1910 Census		
1920 Census	Renter Wife Daughter Sister-in-law	Wimbish, William H, age 40 - Lois C, age 38 - Lois C, age 7 Williams, Myrtle C, age 31
1927 Directory		Wimbish, Hunt
1930 Census		
1935 Directory		Pollard Charles C
1940 Census		
1945 Directory		Booth, Daniel
1950 Directory		Buettner, Burton L
1950 Census		
1960 Directory		Not listed
1970 Directory		
1977 Directory		
1984 Directory		Not listed
1990 Directory		
2015 Assessor		Not found

Bee 13 Mar 1941: Charles C. Pollok continues sick at his home, 118 Broad Street, where he has been ill for several weeks.

Bee 19 Aug 1941: Well attended funeral services for Charles C. Pollock were conducted from the residence, 118 Broad street, this morning at 11 o'clock ...

Bee 9 Jul 1942: ... Another theft was reported to the police yesterday was that of four bantam chickens from the yard of Mrs. Virginia Holton, 118 Broad Street. It was the second theft there in a month, two rabbits having been taken previously. ...

Bee 30 Oct 1954: Lutheran Church ... Group 2 will meet Tuesday night at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. B. L. Buettner, 118 Broad St. ...

Bee 13 Feb 1968: ... Another doctors' building in that area is being sought by the Danville Urologic Clinic, which wants three lots at the corner rezoned from R-3 (residential) to L-C (limited commercial). The lots are at 1032 Main St., 118 Broad St., and a lot at the rear of 118 Broad St., fronting 55 feet on Dibrell's Alley.

Broad Street 119

PID 21187



1900 Census		
1910 Census		
1920 Census	Owner Wife Daughter Daughter	Woodward, Benjamin W, age 65 - Ellen P, age 60 - Maude C, age 39 - Mary S, age 23
1927 Directory		Rendelman, W S
1930 Census	Head Wife Daughter Daughter Mother Sister	Covington, Benton R, age 43, managaer, grocery store - Mary W, age 35 - Mary W, age 3 - Betsy A, age 1 Woodward, Ellen P, age 77, wid - Maude C, age 52, anesthetist, hospital
1935 Directory		Woodward, Ellen P Mrs.
1940 Census	Owner Daughter Daughter Granddau Granddau	Woodward, Ellen P, age 88, wid - Maud C, age 62, anesthetist Covington, Mary W, age 45 - Mary W Jr., age 13 - Betsy Ann, age 11
1945 Directory		Covington, Mary W, Mrs.
1950 Directory		Woodward, Maude C
1950 Census	Head Daughter Sister	Covington, Mary W, age 53, div, resgieterd nurse, hospital - Mary W, age 23, designer, textile mill Woodward, Maude, age 72
1960 Directory		Covington, Mary W Mrs.
1970 Directory		Covington, Mary W Mrs.
1977 Directory		Covington, Mary W Mrs.
1984 Directory		Chandler, Lillie
1990 Directory		Mayhew, Wayne
2005 Assessor	Transfer	Lewis, Paul M to Stanton, David E & Cecelia M, \$360,000
2019 Assessor	Transfer	Stanton, David E & Cecelia M to NGM LLC, \$392,500
2022 Assessor	Transfer	NGM LLC to 2JK LLC, \$650,000

Bee 2 Sep 1931: For Rent: Six-Room Heated House, 119 broad St., near Main. Phone 358-M.

Bee 5 Dec 1931: Mount Vernon Methodist missionary circle No. 2 – Mrs. E. F. Magee, leader, with Miss Maude Woodward, 119 Broad street.

Bee 6 Oct 1934: First Presbyterian Church circle No. 7 – Mrs. H. L. Turpin, leader, with Mrs. C. A. Raine, 119 Broad street.

Bee 11 Jan 1941: Display Ad: Mary Covington's Kitchen, 119 Broad St. – Telephone 1940-W
cakes, Pies, Cookies, Mints, Chicken Salad, Country Ham, Rolls

Bee 27 Feb 1942: Funeral services for Mrs. Ellen H. Woodward will be conducted tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock at the late residence, 119 Broad street ...

Bee 26 Sep 1963: Houses for Sale: 119 Broad St. – Just off Main St., 3 Br. 1½ baths \$4500.

Broad Street 120

1900 Census		
1910 Census		
1920 Census	Wife	Higgins, William G, age 70 - Anne P, age 57
1927 Directory		Higgins, W G
1930 Census		
1935 Directory		Vacant
1940 Census	Renter Wife Son Renter Mother	Hadtor/Hailton, James M, age 35, \$30/month - Virginia I, age 29 - James M Jr., age 5 Walton, Edward L, age 38 - Minnie I, age 59
1945 Directory		Gammon, Cordie Mrs.
1950 Directory		Gammon, Linda Mrs.
1950 Census		
1960 Directory		Gammon, Linda I Mrs.
1970 Directory		
1977 Directory		
1984 Directory		Not listed
1990 Directory		
2015 Assessor		Not found

Bee 29 Jul 1922: Miss Claudia Patrick, of Richmond, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. G. Higgins, 120 Broad street.

Bee 14 Jul 1928: Mrs. James F. Duncan, of Charlotte, N.C., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. G. Higgins, 120 Broad street.

Bee 19 Jul 1933: Births: R. J. Baldwin, 120 Broad street, Dorothy Mae, June 25.

Bee 31 Aug 1935: Mount Vernon Missionary Circles ... No. 3 – Mrs. Robert Bendall, leader, with Mrs. C. B. Watson, 120 Broad street ...

Bee 10 Jul 1940: The marriage is announced of Miss Mozelle Elizabeth Merricks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Merricks of Danville, to Millard F. McKinsey, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. McKinsey of Danville ... The couple will reside at 120 Broad Street.

Bee 8 Dec 1944: Mrs. Cordie Gammon of 120 Broad street has been notified by the Navy Department that her son, Walter J. Gammon, seaman first class, USN, was slightly wounded in action in the Pacific area on October 25. ...

Bee 4 May 1945: Calvin Gammon of 120 Broad Street, last night reported the theft of his bicycle but the machine was later recovered.

Bee 21 Feb 1946: Details of the gallant action for which Staff Sergeant Archer T. Gammon of Danville and Chatham, has been posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, were announced by

the War Department today ... was for Sgt. Gammon's heroic action in single-handedly killing nine Germans and forcing a Tiger Royal tank to withdraw before he was killed by a direct hit from the tank's 88 MM gun. The War Department will present the award to the youth's parents, Walter Gammon and Mrs. Cordie Gammon of 120 Broad Street in public ceremonies at the City Armory ...

Bee 19 Nov 1947: A Victory ship is to be renamed in honor of Sgt. Archer T. Gammon, Danville serviceman killed in action ...

Broad Street 121 (Duplex)

PID 25781



1900 Census		
1910 Census		
1920 Census	Owner Son Son Daughter	Bass, Kate P, age 55, widow - Thomas J, age 28 - Julian G, age 26 - Jennie L, age 22
1927 Directory		Bass, T J
1930 Census	Renter Wife Daughter	Bass, T Jeff, age 39, insurance agent - Catherine H, age 35 - Catherine H, age 3
1935 Directory		Meacham, William S
1940 Census	Renter 121 Wife Son	Kent, E Budge, age 39, dentist - Agnes P, age 33 - E Budge Jr., age 1
1945 Directory		Kent, E Budge
1950 Directory		No return
1950 Census	Head Wife Son Daughter	Kent, E Budge, age 49, dentist, own office - Agnes P, age 44 - E Budge Jr, age 11 - Agnes M, age 8
1960 Directory		Wilson, Jenny
1970 Directory		Wilson, Virginia E
1972 Assessor		Sale price \$23,650
1977 Directory		Porter, Harriet W Mrs.
1984 Directory		Fitzgerald, Rebecca
1990 Directory		Fitzgerald, Rebecca W
2000 Assessor	Transfer	Fitzgerald, J L to Fitzgerald, Rebecca Wilson & Phyllis W, \$23,650
2008 Assessor	Transfer	Fitzgerald, Rebecca to Fitzgerald, Rebecca Wilson, n/a

Bee 30 Apr 1923: Mrs. Ralph Baker and young daughter Kathryn Penn, of Roanoke, are visiting Mrs. Kate Bass, on Broad street.

Bee 5 Dec 1925: Mr. and Mrs. T. Jefferson Bass have returned from New York and are at home, 121 Broad street.

Bee 4 Dec 1928: Wanted: Good servant to nurse one child and cook. References. Apply 121 Broad St.

Bee 24 Aug 1931: News has been received here of the death in Abingdon of George E. Penn at the age of 82 years. Mr. Penn is the brother of John L. Penn, Mrs. John L. Rison and Mrs. Kate Bass of this city ...

Bee 12 Feb 1934: There will be a meeting of the Danville Chapter of the Hollins Alumnae association on Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of the president, Mrs. William S. Meacham, 121 Broad street.

Bee 15 Jun 1936: For Sale: Having rented out my home, have decided to sell at a low price, my handsome Mahogany dining room furniture of 12 pieces, also one upright piano. Mrs. Kate Bass, Broad street.

Bee 19 Mar 1945: The Fireside Book Club will meet tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock with Mrs. Kent Budge, 121 Broad Street.

Broad Street 123 (Duplex)

1900 Census		
1910 Census		
1920 Census	Head Wife	Puryear, Miles, age 29 - Mary A, age 23
1927 Directory		Burnett, L H
1930 Census		
1935 Directory		Collie, Howard E
1940 Census	Renter Wife Son	Collie, Howard E, age 46, pres Piedmont Ins - Ann H, age 36 - Joe H, age 14
1945 Directory		Collie, Howard W
1950 Directory		Whisenant, Mary B Shumate, T Harden
1950 Census	Head Wife Son Son Moth-in-law	Shumate, Thomas H, age 41, proprietor, retail grocery store - Martha G, age 28 - Robert R, age 16, clerk, retail grocery store - Thomas A, age 1 Gilbert, Laura M, age 69, wid
1960 Directory		
1970 Directory		Boisseau, Liila S Mrs.
1977 Directory		Duncan, Lula B Mrs.
1984 Directory		Duncan, Lula B Mrs.
1990 Directory		Duncan, Lula B Mrs.
2015 Assessor		With 121

Bee 27 May 1933: Robert A. Benton, who yesterday shot himself through the head in the basement of the Elks Home died last night at Memorial Hospital at half past seven o'clock from the effects of the wound. ... The funeral services will be held from his late residence, 123 Broad street ...

Bee 19 Jan 1937: Mrs. Gerald P. Dickenson, of Durham, is the guest of Mrs. Howard L. Collie at her home, 123 Broad St.

Bee 31 May 1940: Cleaning floors with gasoline was said by Fire Chief John C. Long to have caused a fire at the home of Mrs. Howard Collie, 123 Broad street, this morning shortly before 11 o'clock when two persons were slightly injured. Mrs. Collie suffered a burn on one hand while a colored helper, Odell Lewis, suffered more extensive burns and was treated by Dr. Jerry Luck. ...

Bee 17 Oct 1940: Mrs. Geddie Blair Strickland and Mrs. Marvin A. Lackey, of High Point, N.C., are spending the day with Mrs. Howard Collie on Broad street.

Bee 4 Jan 1941: Mount Vernon circles ... No. 6. Mrs. Howard Collie, leader, with Mrs. Collie, 123 Broad Street.

Bee 31 Jan 1941: Mrs. Howard Collie entertained at an informal tea at her home on Broad Street ...

Bee 10 Nov 1941: Community Chest Honor Roll ... Howard Collie, Insurance ...

Bee 26 Feb 1945: Pfc. Joe Collie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Collie of 123 Broad Street, has been awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge for action during the December fighting in northern Alsace.

Bee 3 Sep 1945: Display Ad: I have purchased the J. M. Church Grocery and will operate same as Church Grocery. I shall endeavor to operate in the same fine manor ... T. Harden Shumate

Bee 6 Dec 1952:

Bee 3 Apr 1954: Calvary Methodist ... No. 4, Mrs. T. J. J. Davis, leader, with Mrs. W. W. Boisseau, 123 Broad St. ...

Bee 10 Mar 1956: Display Ad: For Sale, Apartment, property 121-123 Broad Street. 5 rooms each apartment, separate heating, lighting, 3 garages, good repair ...

Bee 2 Jan 1960: Calvary Methodist ... No. 2, Mrs. Larkin Shelton, leader, with Mrs. Loula Duncan, 123 Broad Street ...

Bee 17 Sep 1970: In accidents: Loula Boisseau Duncan of 123 Broad St., one of two Bellevue school teachers involved in a morning mishap in front of that school, sustained a cut on the right arm.

Bee 23 Dec 1972: Mrs. Lilah Sublett Boisseau, one of Danville's oldest citizens, died this morning at her residence at 123 Broad St. She was born in Danville, a daughter of the late Benjamin Tazwell Sublett and Sarah Frances Morrissette Sublett. ...

Broad Street 124**R. L. Dibrell House**

PID 24596



1881 Directory		Dibrell, R Louis (Dibrell Bros)
1890 Directory		Dibrell, R Louis (Dibrell Bros)
1900 Census	Head Son Mother Niece Servant Servant	Dibrell, R Louis, age 42, wid - Louis N, age 15 - Mary Louise, age 79 Afterson, Moselle, age 22 Bauerman, Jane, age 35 Brandon, Howard, age 40 (B)
1910 Census		
1920 Census	Owner Wife Son Daughter	Dibrell, Louis N, age 34 - Louise G, age 33 Louis N Jr., age 2-11/12 Louise G, age 4/12
1927 Directory		Dibrell, L N
1930 Census		
1935 Directory		Dibrell, Louis N
1940 Census	Owner Wife Daughter Son Servant	Dibrell, Louis N, age 54, value \$18,000 - Louis G, age 50 - Louise G, age 20 - Fuller F, age 16 Jones, Virginia, age 21 (B)
1945 Directory		Dibrell, Louis N
1950 Directory		Dibrell, Louis N
1950 Census		
1960 Directory		Dibrell, Louise G Mrs.
1970 Directory		Vacant
1971 Survey		Rated Excellent
1977 Directory		Griffieth, Sudie H Mrs.
1977 Victrn Dv		
1984 Directory		Vacant
1989 Assessor	Transfer	To La Polla, Joyce & Mark Vincent, \$89,000
1989 Tour	Owner	Ms. Joyce LaPolla
1990 Directory		Broad Street Manor Bed & Breakfast, rooming house
2003 Assessor	Transfer	Lapolla, Joyce to Nakasawa, \$139,000
2004 Assessor	Transfer	Nakasawa, Timoth C to Eckman, \$157,000

2007 Tour	Owner	Jake & Connie Eckman
2014 Tour	Owner	Connie & Jake Eckman (The 2 Georges Bed & Breakfast)
2016 Assessor	Transfer	Eckman, Douglas T & Connie S to Tekleberhan, Karen, \$234,000

Times-Dispatch 3 May 1903: A great deal of interest is being manifested in the approaching marriage of Miss Mary E. Boyd, of Redisville, N.C., to Mr. R.L. Dibrell ... on the 27th instant. Mr. Dibrell is one of the most prominent society men of the city and is deservedly popular among his large list of friends.

Bee 28 Nov 1922: Wanted – An experienced cook, apply to 124 Broad street.

Bee 28 Oct 1927: Wanted – An experienced cook. Apply 124 Broad St.

Bee 31 Oct 1927: Wanted – An experienced colored man cook. Apply 124 Broad St.

Bee 2 Nov 1929: Mt. Vernon Missionary Circles, No. 7, Mrs. William A. Blair, leader, with Mts. L. N. Dibrell, 124 Broad street.

Bee 1 Sep 1941: There will be a called meeting of the Danville Council of Garden Clubs on Wednesday morning at 10:30 a.m., at the home of Mr. L. N. Dibrell, 124 Broad St. ...

Bee 12 Feb 1943: Wanted: Gardener and Yard Man on farm near Pelham. L. N. Dibrell, 124 Broad St. Phone 1846.

Bee 3 Aug 1953: Cheap for Quick Sale: Boiler, Iron Fireman and radiators. L. N. Dibrell. 124 Broad St.

Bee 31 Jan 1963: Final rites for Mrs. Louise Glass Dibrell, who died at her home, 124 Broad St., yesterday afternoon, will be conducted tomorrow from the Mount Vernon Methodist Church chapel. ... Deceased was the widow of Louis Nelson Dibrell, former chairman of the board of Dibrell brothers, Inc. Mr. Dibrell dies in October 1956. ... Mrs. Dibrell was a daughter of the late Eugene Alexander Glass and Mrs. Elizabeth Cobb Glass of Caswell County, N.C. She had been a resident of Danville since her marriage on June 16, 1914.

Bee 17 Dec 1969: Rooms Without Board: Large front bedroom adjoining private bath, kitchen privileges. 124 Broad Street.

Bee 12 Jan 1970: First floor apartment. 6 rooms recently renovated. Firnushed or unfurnished. All utilities furnished. Immediate possession. Mrs. W. B. Griffith, 124 Broad Street.

Bee 6 Oct 1970: Worth Bagley Griffith, 72, died in Memorial Hospital today ... He is survived by his wife, Sudie Hasty Griffith of the home, 124 Broad St. ...

Bee 9 Dec 1971: ... When Yeuhee Dokko of 124 Broad St, a young Korean in training here as a nurse, opened the left door of her parked car on Main St. near Floyd yesterday afternoon, the door was struck by a passing auto ...

Tour Book 1989:

After languishing for much of this decade, the old Dibrell House is sparkling again with new paint and new life. Dubbed Broad Street Manor, this Queen Anne style structure is one of Danville's

three newly-opened Bed & Breakfast inns; its revival in less than a year is a credit to a former resident of Long Island, New York, who adopted this house and Danville as her home.

Like most Danville mansions of the late-Victorian era, this handsome brick structure is an exponent of the City's post-Civil War tobacco prosperity, when entrepreneurs came here to make a name for themselves. One such man was R. L. Dibrell, who built this house. In 1873 eighteen-year-old Richard Louis Dibrell and his elder brother Alfonso left Richmond for Danville. Here they established the tobacco processing and brokerage firm of Dibrell Brothers — now a Fortune 500 company.

In 1884 R. L. Dibrell married Ida Nelson of Boonsville, Missouri, and in March of 1885 he purchased from the Thomas B. Doe estate the lot where he built his first Danville home, probably employing the design and building skills of T. B. Fitzgerald. With its superb brick craftsmanship, finely detailed gable, windows and entrances, the house is rated as one of Danville's EXCELLENT architectural landmarks. Dibrell took a vital interest in his adopted community, working tirelessly for good roads, and for Mt. Vernon Methodist Church, where he was a charter member. He was president of the Danville Tobacco Association for five terms. After the death of his wife in 1896, he married Mary E. Boyd of Reidsville, North Carolina. About this time, in 1903, he also purchased the C.H. Conrad mansion on Main Street at Chambers, where he lived until his death in 1920. The house at 124 Broad became the property of Louis "Skid" Nelson Dibrell, son of R.L. Dibrell and his first wife. He lived here with his wife, the former Louise Glass of Caswell County, North Carolina, until his death in 1956; she died here in 1963. Their sons Louis Nelson Dibrell, Jr. and III, still reside in Danville, and Louis Dibrell, III, is active in the Dibrell firm. While the L N. Dibrell's lived here, contractor C. M. Weber added three rooms to the rear, upstairs and down, and enlarged the front porch.

After remaining in the Dibrell family for nearly 85 years, the house was sold to Mrs. Worth Griffith in 1969. She adapted the house as apartments and lived here until 1981 when she sold the property to Mr. and Mrs. Berthol J. Harbrant of Baltimore. The house remained in limbo until about a year ago when Joyce LaPolla came to Danville and toured the structure which had been for sale for some time. It was "love at first sight". Ms. LaPolla has directed this love into an intensive renovation of the house, reconstructing exterior details long damaged or missing, and revitalizing mellow old floors in high-ceilinged rooms accented with deep crown mouldings, rococo medallions and several stunning mantels.

Tour Book 2007:

Completed in 1885 for Richard Louis Dibrell — one of two brothers who founded the longtime tobacco brokerage firm Dibrell Brothers in 1873 — this Queen Anne mansion occupies a prominent corner lot, showing to fine advantage its charming asymmetrical form embellished by excellent brick craftsmanship, finely detailed gable windows and entrances. Handsome high-ceilinged rooms and ornamental plasterwork make this elegant residence a perfect setting for Danville's newest bed-and breakfast inn.

Its opulence evokes a time when entrepreneurs, like Richard and Alphonzo Dibrell, chose Danville in which to make a name for themselves. By the turn of the 20th century, Dibrell Brothers (later DIMON) became synonymous with the international tobacco trade, a Fortune

500 company which, until recently, flourished at its Danville headquarters for more than 130 years. The Dibrell's Broad Street home remained in the family for generations, passing from the parents to a son, Louis Nelson "Skid" Dibrell, and his wife, the former Louise Glass of Caswell County, North Carolina. Their son, L. N. Dibrell, Jr., also reared on Broad Street, remained active in the family firm during its heyday, as did his son Louis Dibrell III.

Following nearly 85 years association with the Dibrells, the house was sold in 1969 to Mrs. Worth Griffith, who lived and maintained apartments here for about a dozen years. The first sustained renewal of the property began in the 1980s with Joyce LaPolla, who relocated to Danville from Long Island, New York, after her daughter and son-in-law purchased the old Barnes Penn House around the corner at 1020 Main Street. Following her patient renovation, Ms. LaPolla opened here on Broad Street a bed-and-breakfast inn, including rooms for executive rentals. Continuing that tradition, the current owners are the most recent Danville newcomers smitten with the Dibrell mansion. Following a two-year refurbishing, not only has it become their home, but they also have resurrected it as gourmet bed-and-breakfast accommodations. The couple's fathers, both named George, are the inn's namesake.