



Hopewell Junction, New York

WICCOPEE HOUSE

Built in 1884, Wiccopee House was bought by a prominent Secretary of the Treasury in 1929 and redesigned in the Georgian style by the distinguished New York architect, Aymar Embury II, best known for designing the Brooklyn Bridge and Central Park Zoo. Over the years the house has been host to dignitaries such as Winston Churchill and President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The impressive three story Colonial is defined by its crisp white clapboard exterior with black shutters, accented by a wooden elliptical fan over the front door and crowned by a widow's walk. Distinctive interior details include over sized ceiling heights throughout the entire 7000 square feet.

The gracious entrance hall displays the home's elegant woodwork with detailed wainscoting and door moldings. On the left is the formal library encased in handsome paneling with built-in book shelves and a fireplace. Beyond, a charming study is graced with hand painted tiles surrounding the fireplace, framed by half round bookshelves. Down a corridor is the stately drawing room (19 X 30) filled with light from four exposures, with two French doors to the side terrace. The expansive formal dining room extends into a half round filled with windows which overlook sweeping lawns under massive oaks. A large country kitchen, lined with windows, offers state of the art appliances.

The large master suite is in the process of being renovated; architectural plans are available. Four additional bedrooms, three baths and laundry room complete the second floor. A game room, bedroom, bath (in process), and storage area make up the third floor.

The 17.6 acre property is distinguished by lovely gardens off the side terrace under the stately portico. Beyond is an ideal croquet lawn, outlined by yew hedges. The in-ground pool (25 X 60) with cabana, and clay tennis court complete the perfect setting. For the equestrian there is a refurbished 19th Century Carriage House/barn with 2 bedroom apartment and 2 large paddocks.

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