2124 Leroy Place, NW

Leroy Place is a one block street located just off Connecticut Avenue across from the Washington Hilton Hotel.

On May 14, 1912, the architect Clark Waggaman applied for a building permit to build the house at 2124 Leroy Place. He listed $26,000 as the estimated construction cost. That was a tidy sum in 1912.

Waggaman was a highly regarded Washington, DC architect born in 1877. He designed quite a few well regarded homes and buildings in the District. He died at the young age of 42 in 1919 at the height of his success.

The house was originally built for George Putnam who was the first commissioner of the Federal Bureau of Lighthouses. In 1910 the Lighthouse Board which was governed by a committee of men of diverse backgrounds was replaced by the Bureau of Lighthouses with Putnam at the helm. He headed the Bureau for 27 of it's 29 years of existence.

In 1920 Putnam sold the house to Timothy Ansberry who was a Congressman from the 5th District of Ohio and a judge on the Ohio Court of Appeals.

Dr. Logan S. Owens bought the house from Ansberry in 1924 and lived there till his death in 1949. His widow continued to live in the house until her death in 1960. The Owens owned the house for 34 years.

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We are only the 7th owners since the house was built in 1912.

The house is a traditional Waggaman design with 10 foot high ceilings, beautiful crown mouldings, period chair rail, mahogany staircase and other excellent architectural details of note.

It is our intention to conserve the history and integrity of the design of the house.

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