

Antiques Fill Century-Old Lorian Home



A PRIZE POSSESSION in the century-old home of Mrs. Charles G. Lorian on 12 Mile Rd. is this magnificent heavy brass antique chandelier which hangs in the center of the dining room ceiling. Mrs. Lorian had searched for two years to find an appropriate fixture for the room and after finding this one decided she would

have to buy it on time because it was so expensive. Her husband bailed her out by buying it for her last Christmas. The two tiers of scones on the piece are removable and fit into small slots, each marked individually with tiny indentations.

A Trained Eye Helps Collector

A visit to the Charles G. Lorian home on 12 Mile is paradise for the antique-lover.

Going up the curved driveway of the century-old home, one hopes that the grace and charm it promises from the outside will not be marred by Grand Rapids stock furniture on the inside.

It's not. Responsible for this is Vayle Lorian, founder of the Farmington Historical Society, its first president and present curator.

Mrs. Lorian has kept to the age of her home so completely that she buys candles by the dozen to light it. The dining room is lighted entirely by candle power.

She has loved antiques since she dusted her mother's Victorian pieces as a girl.

She didn't begin to collect her own antiques until she had moved to the Kendallwood 1 Sub-division 12 years ago. Although that was a contemporary home, she brought her choice finds home to furnish it.

The 100-year-old home that Lorian now lives in lends itself beautifully to Mrs. Lorian's museum-rare Queen Anne, Chippendale, Sheraton, Welsh butch, delicate old china, Windsor chairs, primitive paintings, and furniture.

Here are some of her hints on how to recognize a genuine antique piece of furniture:

- Look for hand plane marks. This tells you it was made before the machine age of furniture production. There was not much mechanization in furniture-making before Fulton invented the steamboat in 1820.

- Look for leaf marks on the back or the inside of drawers. These are hand cuttings or notches made by ax or saw.

- Look for dovetailing on drawers where the fronts join the backs of the drawer proper.

- Look for darkening of the wood from age.

Or maybe you'd better follow Mrs. Lorian's pattern and train your taste to a point where you recognize a good antique by instinct.

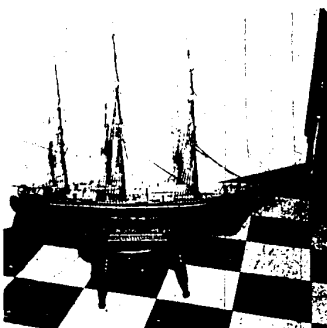
She started by doing genealogy research at the Burton Historical Society.

She has taken a seminar in American culture, attended antique forums at Greenfield Village, studied history at Henry Ford Community College, spent two years at Schoolcraft College and presently attends the University of Michigan as a full time student.

If you do all that, then you too should be able to spot a genuine antique.



RISE FROM THE two-story center hall of the Lorian home is this graceful staircase. The home was built in 1861 by Lawrence W. Simmons and exemplifies Victorian architecture before it became overly-elaborate. A twin to the home is in Novi, built by Simmons' brother, Richard.



ON THE BABY GRAND piano in the living room of the Lorian home rests this delicate model of the famous clipper ship, "Flying Cloud." One of the most valuable of Mrs. Lorian's collection it was purchased for her husband from the estate of a man who bought for the Henry Ford Museum at Greenfield Village.



A MODERN PAINTING of the Lorian's daughter, Vayle, offers contrast to the centuries-old pieces on the living room mantle. The arrangement in the center of the fireplace was made by Mrs. Lorian's mother, Mrs. C. J. Manning, out of wild weeds and flowers.

'Rec' Room Cool Spot

Among the many advantages of a basement, home planning specialists point out, is the built-in coolness it offers in summer.

With a portion of the basement finished off as a family recreation room, you can have a most pleasant retreat when the temperature soars.

Thermometer readings can be as much as 10 degrees lower in the basement than in main floor rooms.

That's a worth-while point to consider in planning a home, the experts say.

The added storage, laundry and possible workshop space you get at relatively small cost helps make a basement the biggest bargain in home buying, according to many builders.

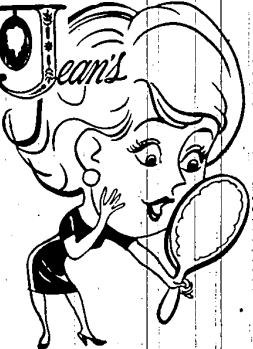
A leading Chicago area builder puts it this way: "Above ground space costs around \$10 to \$15 or more per square foot. For \$1 to \$2 a square additional you can have a basement which virtually doubles the amount of usable space."

A major structural advantage also accrues, builders explain. This is the wood joisted floor system, which assures warmth, dryness and foot comfort.

Generally, the wood subflooring is topped with finish floors of oak or other hardwood. These are famed for their natural beauty, insulating quality, resiliency and ease of upkeep. Contributing importantly to warmth and dryness is the fact that the floors are well above the soil and thus not subject to the coldness and dampness often associated with slab construction.

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It is ordered that on October 9, 1967, at 9 a.m. in the Probate Courtroom, Room 100, Michigan State Capitol Building, Lansing, Michigan, a hearing be held at which all creditors of said estate are required to prove their claims and on or before such hearing file their claims. In writing and under oath, with this Court, and serve a copy upon Edmond Kent, administrator, 20735 Delaware, Southfield, Michigan.
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