

SAVE THIS OLD HOUSE

Stately brick
Colonial
Revival for
a buck!

PRICE \$1 (must be moved)

LOCATION Cincinnati

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THE HISTORY In the early 1900s, Cincinnati's South Fairmount district was a rapidly expanding manufacturing hub, which lured throngs of French and German immigrants to settle here and start their new lives in America. Among them was John Koch, who ran a bakery downtown. Koch saved his modest profits and bought adjacent lots in the area. In 1915, he built this handsome Colonial Revival on the land. Six years later he sold it to the Birkencamp family, and three generations of Birkencamps lived in the house over the next 85 years. Now, after sitting vacant for several years, the house must be moved to make way for a public-works project.

WHY SAVE IT? The sturdy home has two-tone brickwork, decorative quoins, and a wood-frame third story with fish-scale shingles in the gable. The well-preserved interior boasts a tin ceiling in the dining room, a mahogany balustrade, and all its original moldings and casings.

WHAT IT NEEDS The house is in good condition, but the main bathroom is missing fixtures and could benefit from an overhaul of the plumbing. The new owner will incur the cost of moving the house to a permanent lot and setting a foundation. Hamilton County currently owns the house and is accepting proposals to relocate it, which must be done by August 1. While it's an expensive undertaking, the asking price can't be beat—and it's not every day you have the chance to move a charming old house to the perfect spot.

—PAUL HOPE



1] The four-bedroom, one-and-a-half-bath house is 1,990 square feet; suitable lots in Cincinnati start around \$20,000. **2]** The main staircase leads to bedrooms on the second floor. **3]** A mahogany mantel; the fireplace could be converted to burn wood. **4]** The interior retains the original 6-inch baseboards, fluted window and door casings, and decorative-wood corner bead molding.



**\$2,000
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AWARD**

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