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1910 Landmark Sold by Preservation of Wilson

Adam and Mandi Purvis and their 9 month old baby Kylie will soon be settling into the 1910 Landmark Dr. Oscar Hooks House, 115 Whitehead Avenue, in the Old Wilson Historic District. The house has been sold through Preservation of Wilson.

The Purvis' and Mandi's parents, Linda and Barry Suydam, will be partners in the rehabilitation project. Both families have a long history and love affair with older homes. Adam grew up in a 1900's farmhouse he helped to restore with his father, and Mandi's parents found their dream home in an 1848 plantation house. Finding their own historic home became an easy task once the family discovered Wilson.

The couple moved back to North Carolina from New York a few years ago where Adam was involved in residential and theatrical carpentry and Mandi helped to start a non-profit organization providing enrichment programs for children with autism spectrum disorders. Now, Adam works in Raleigh as a 3D-rendering artist with an architecture firm and Mandi is mainly a stay-at-home mom, working part-time as a mental health therapist.

"The minute I walked into the house, I knew that was it" says Mandi in a note she sent to the owners. Nainee Francois, daughter of the former owners, Don Kline and his late wife Lorraine, wrote a note back "I cannot tell you how blessed we feel that a family has fallen in love with our home the same way my parents did so many years ago."

The Purvis' and Suydams will work together to fully rehabilitate the house. They plan to start immediately and work steady over the next few years to complete the entire project. Preservation of Wilson requires the new owners to enter into a historic preservation agreement which outlines the scope of work and timeline for completion. All work is done according to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards Guidelines for Historic Properties.

"We are so pleased that we were able to locate buyers that have plans to make this their long term family home. The work of Preservation of Wilson is very rewarding when we are able to work with passionate families that see the value in the unique architecture and pedestrian friendly neighborhoods that are available in the historic districts" says Ed Etheridge, Vice President of Preservation of Wilson.

The house is one of only a few entirely stuccoed bungalows in Wilson, built for dentist Oscar Hooks (1879-1971). An elevator was installed for Dr. Hooks' daughter and it is still working today. Some of the architectural features include five mantels, handsome beveled glass French doors, Butler's pantry, wood flooring, early doors and windows, staircase and balustrade and Colonial Revival woodwork.

Preservation of Wilson is a nonprofit corporation that provides leadership in the revitalization efforts of Wilson County's unique architectural properties. For information about available properties or to become a restoration partner, call Kathy Bethune at (252) 234-7694 or visit www.preservationofwilson.com.

Greg & Nainee Francois, Mandi, Adam and Kylie Purvis, Barry Suydam, Don Kline and Linda Suydam in the front



