

Georgetown's Houses Offer an Unusual Allure To Walking Spectators

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GEORGETOWN may be something of a state of mind but it's also a square mile of real estate, a place where selling prices "have never been higher."

A tiny house on Reservoir rd. recently brought \$38,000 to the owner. But if you're looking for 3 bedrooms and 2 baths, then you've joined the majority party and must expect to pay a price that seems downright indecent. "But they're paying it—more than any of us ever expected to see," said a veteran real estate person.

Prices near and over \$100,000 are not uncommon for something of size with garden and garage. It takes a good bite of cash to swing a deal and then the new owner might face a substantial remodeling bill. But Georgetown, limited in size and close to midtown—has been able to hurdle the intrinsic and capitalize on imaginative intangibles.

Georgetown residents range from young career-for-now girls wedged into small houses to old-line inhabitants who occupy homes much larger than they need because of a reluctance to pull up stakes after all those years. And in between there are families with children, career couples, bachelor types, some apartment dwellers, big names, small names—people you might find in Cleveland Park or Capitol Hill or Foggy Bottom or the New Southwest.

If you don't live in Georgetown, there's no need to regard this oldest section of the District through glasses tinted with awe. Look Georgetown square in its fashionably casual eye and realize that these people, for the most part, like to be friendly, frolicsome and snug.

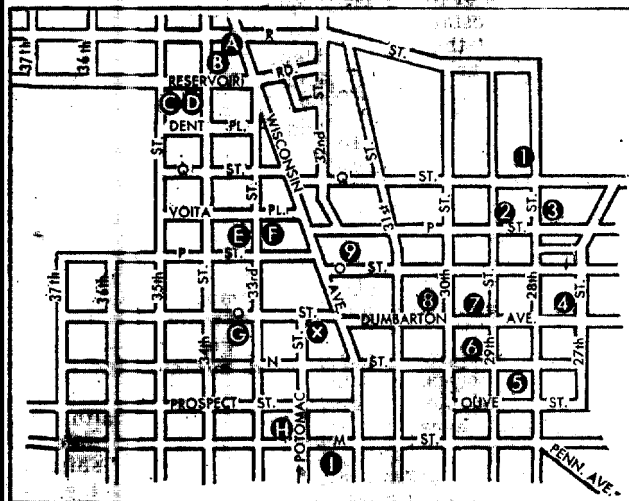
A walk around what once was the waterfront district on this side of the Potomac can be fascinating to anyone with strong legs and sharp eyes. An appreciation of people and places accentuates the fun. . . There's where President Kennedy formerly lived (at 8307 N st. nw.) . . . that's the famed Tudor Place estate of Aristide Peter (on Q between 31st and 32d) . . . the Auchinclosses are doing over that huge place on the corner of 31st and O . . . That's Sen. Ted Kennedy's place on 31st . . . There's the huge Evermay estate on 28th st . . . That au-

thentic Chinese-style house on 29th st. is Genevieve Wimsatt's . . . Deap Acheson owns that one . . . Pennsylvania's Gov. Scranton still has that one . . . so it goes.

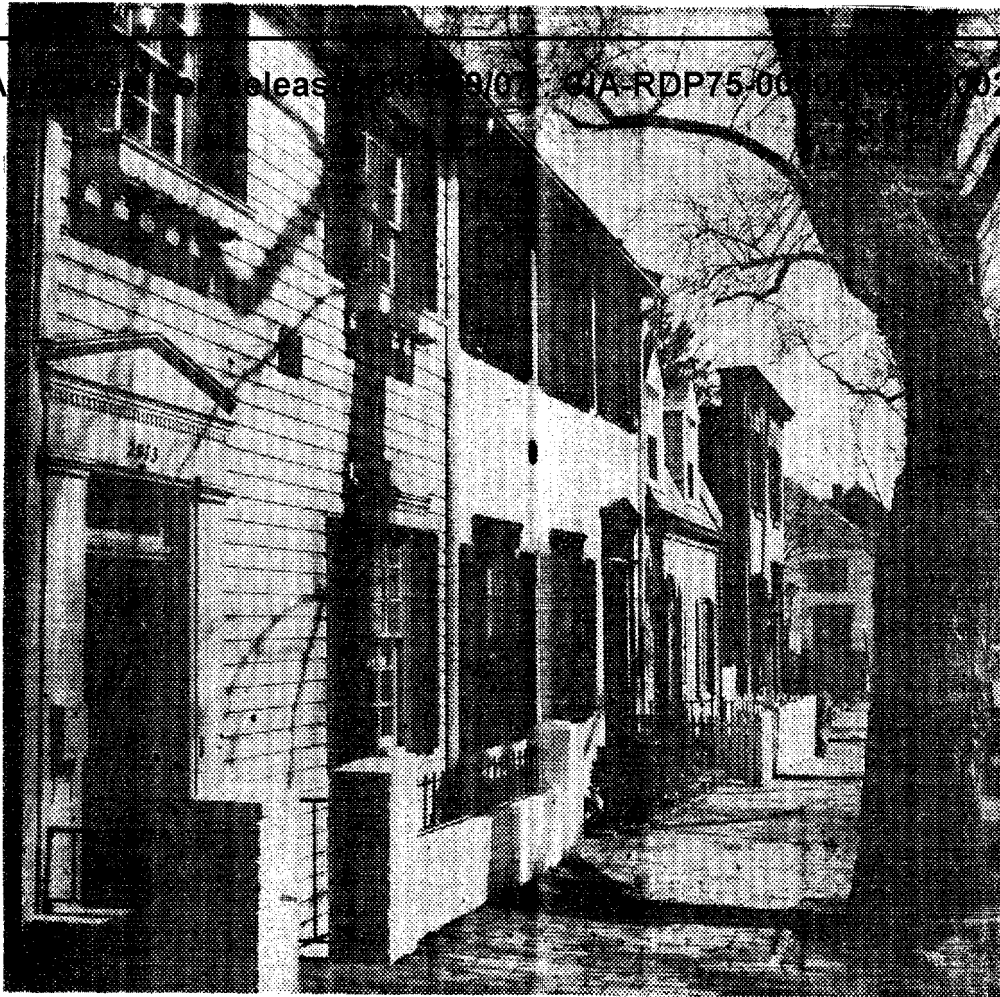
Day by day, there's never a ban on looking from the outside. But on two days a year—next Friday and Saturday afternoons—the doors of 17 fine and varied homes are open to tourists. The women of Old St. John's Church arrange the visiting schedule and act as guides. The proceeds benefit the church.

Each of the 17 homes on the

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TOUR GUIDE: The Friday afternoon Georgetown House Tour will include stops at homes on the east side of Wisconsin ave. 1. Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Lee; 2. Mr. and Mrs. John M. Ralls; 3. Genevieve Wimsatt; 4. Gen. and Mrs. Charles H. Royce; 5. Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bowles; 6. Mrs. Arthur A. Fowler; 7. Mrs. Loudon Melien; 8. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sivard; 9. Sir Alwyn and Lady Crow; X. St. John's Church Parish Hall. The Saturday afternoon tour on the west side of Wisconsin ave. will include homes of: A. Mrs. Poe Burling; B. Mr. and Mrs. H. Gates Lloyd; C. Mr. and Mrs. E. Harrison Clark; D. Mr. and Mrs. John S. Stillman; E. Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Wisner; F. Mr. and Mrs. Karl Wagner; G. Mr. and Mrs. Gayman Martin; H. John Greer; I. City Tavern.



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HOME OF MRS. LOUDEN MELLEN (LEFT) FORMS PART OF TYPICAL GEORGETOWN SCENE ON THIS BLOCK OF DUMBARTON AVE.



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