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HOUSE OF THE DAY: A WILLIAM-TUBBY-DESIGNED NEO-JACOBEOAN HOUSE IN CLINTON HILL



This architecturally significant house at 181 St. James Place in Clinton Hill impresses inside and out with its unique facade and abundance of late 19th century detail inside. Part of a row of three, it was designed in 1892 by architect William Tubby for Charles Pratt's Morris Building Company.

The LPC designation report calls it a mix of Romanesque Revival and Queen Anne, but we think neo-Jacobean better explains the mix of Flemish gables at the top and bay windows below. It's only 17 feet wide, but it's a single family house with a center stair, so the rooms aren't narrow.



The details are relatively modern in their simplicity, anticipating the American Arts and Crafts style of the early 20th century. They don't look like standard forms out of the builder's catalog, and also have Queen Anne and Jacobean elements, such as the upper paneling on the mantel in the front parlor.

The layout looks more or less original, with the kitchen on the ground floor, although the rear parlor is used as a dining room, with a butler's pantry off it. There are five decorative mantels, original wood work and stained glass.

A bath looks renovated but classic, in a circa-1900 style with white subway tile and a claw foot tub. The mechanicals have been updated but the house needs some maintenance, according to the listing.

It was a Building of the Day in 2007. What do you think of the house and its ask of \$2,545,000?

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