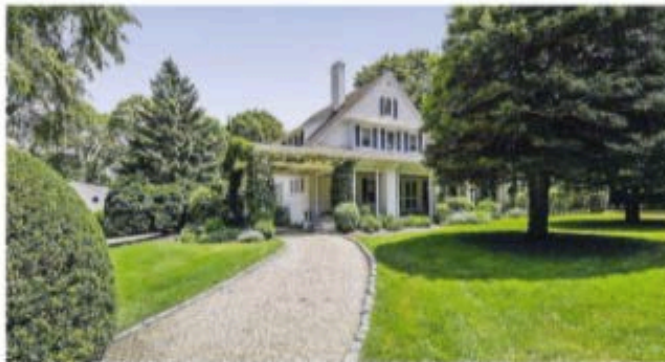


## RICHCRIBS

# 1890 home comes with a guitar-shaped pool



This 5,000-square-foot Colonial is one of three Water Mill estates bought by the Gimbel family in 1910, according to the listing agency.

**A** Water Mill property believed to have once been owned by the Gimbel family has gone into contract. Its asking price was \$5.4 million.

The 1890 Colonial, with five bedrooms and 5½ bathrooms, was one of three Water Mill estates that were purchased in 1910 by the department-store family, according to the listing agency.

The selling price and buyers were not disclosed.

"The buyers were waiting to find the right property, and they were completely excited when they walked in," says listing agent Michaela Keszler of Douglas Elliman Real Estate.

The 5,000-square-foot house is on a 1.43-acre property that includes a guitar-shaped pool.

Once owned by an Italian financier, fashion house owner and composer, according to Douglas Elliman Real Estate, the house is said to have been visited by Carnegie Hall musicians.

— MICHAEL GAVIN

### AN 1837 HOUSE THAT REMEMBERS ITS PAST

An 1837 West Hills farmhouse once owned by Quaker Oats Co. executive Augustin Hart Jr. is on the market for \$1.298 million.

The six-bedroom, five-bath house on 2.79 acres was built for John Van Wyck by his father. It was owned by three other families before Hart purchased the house in 1947 as he rose through the ranks at Quaker. He sold it when he became director in 1960.

"When I was looking for a home, I was looking for an older home because they have such charming character," says Sharon Schwartz, who bought the house in 1994. "You just think, people were born in this house; I raised my kids in this house. I found a cannonball on the property probably from the Civil War era. To think the home has been standing here all these years, and it's still such a beautiful home, it's incredible."

Mature specimen trees surround the property, which includes a barn, a three-car garage, a hot tub and swimming pool. Original features include four fireplaces, larder doors, many of the door latches and most of the hardwood floors. The living room, originally split into two separate spaces, was paneled with wood from a Connecticut Valley tobacco farm during an early remodel. The kitchen was renovated in 1965 and again in 2005, along with all the bathrooms. The eat-in kitchen includes high-end appliances and reclaimed wide-plank floors.

The property is listed with Roberta Feuerstein of Douglas Elliman Real Estate.

— DESIRÉE KEEGAN



The current owner of this six-bedroom West Hills farmhouse found a cannonball on the property.