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Socialite Sells in D.C.

Washington hostess **Marion Oates** “**Oatsie**” **Charles** has sold her Georgetown home of more than 50 years for \$7 million.

Located on R Street, the 1850s Italianate brick house on 0.8 acre had been listed at \$8.3 million. It was decorated with photos of the socialite with several U.S. presidents including **John F. Kennedy**, says Jamie Peva, of Washington Fine Properties, co-listing broker along with A. Michael Sullivan Jr., of the same firm. In an interview, the 88-year-old Ms. Charles, who has hosted **Nancy Reagan** among others, shrugged off her reputation as a party-giver: “My reputation as a hostess was due to the fact that I did it so seldom.”

Across the lawn from the three-story, five-bedroom house is a guest studio with a kitchen. Ms. Charles, whose grandfather was Alabama governor **William C. Oates**, is a trustee of the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, a roughly \$1.8 billion foundation. She now lives in Newport, R.I.

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Tutt, Taylor & Rankin Sotheby's International Realty, represented the buyer, whose name couldn't be learned.

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