

Built-In History

More than mere buildings, these homes come with back stories

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In 1929, Washington brewer Christian Heurich built the grand Tudor at **4 THOMPSON CIRCLE** as a wedding present for his daughter Anita Heurich Eckles. The four-story, 15,351 square-foot stone structure in Massachusetts Avenue Heights has 112 windows, seven bedrooms and baths, staff quarters, a gymnasium, a wine cellar and an expansive terrace with a reflecting pool and soapstone fountain. Anita's former Tudor residence is well worth the \$5.9 million price tag. The sellers were **Steve Sablotsky** and **Michael Falke**. The buyer is **4 Thompson Circle, LLC**. Carroll Dey and Greg Gaddy with Tutt, Taylor & Rankin orchestrated the sale.

Beginning in the 19th century, Foggy Bottom was home to the Heurich Brewery. In 1965, Anita Heurich Eckles and her siblings donated \$150,000 worth of their land to serve as the site of the future Kennedy Center Opera House. Today, the area is home to yet another architectural masterpiece, a contemporary townhouse at **925 26TH STREET, NW**. The house is uniquely designed and reconstructed by internationally acclaimed Canadian architect **Bruno Freschi**, who bought the residence in 2003 for \$1,175,000. Four bedrooms have become two spacious studios separated by a two-story, glass-roofed terrace. The kitchen, dining and living room areas flow seamlessly together as one's eye is drawn toward a dramatic cobalt blue wall beyond a distant Zen garden. Light reflects off every surface to cast a colorful glow over the interior. The third floor's master suite has a spa bathroom, high ceilings, a loft-like atmosphere and sunny, treetop views. Freschi has offered his home for sale for \$2,150,000. Tutt, Taylor & Rankin realtors Kimberly Casey and Daryl Judy currently have it under contract.

A corner condo in the elegant Beaux Arts building known as the Chancellery is due to change hands for \$1,275,000. Built in 1912 and located in a quiet Kalorama enclave at



The Cannonball House, located at 300 Mulberry Street, was originally built for shipbuilder William Merchant in 1792.