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Conversion of Slave Quarters Completes Remodeling Job

A project begun early in 1947 with the remodeling of the old Judge De Saussure residence at Montagu and Pitt streets into modern apartments has just been completed by Wilfred V. Patterson and Mrs. F. L. Massie, joint owners, with remodeling of the old carriage house and slave quarters to the rear.

Purchased in 1940, the main house was remodeled into five apartments and a physician's office but work on the buildings to the rear had to be delayed until now.

The old arched entrance from Pitt street was bricked up and several windows had to be removed and others put in. The old lines of the two-story brick building have been preserved in the remodeling.

Two two - story two - bedroom apartments have been made from the building with cinder block additions to the rear to provide kitchen and nursery space. The cinder blocks will be covered with stucco.

Entrance to the north and south apartments is through a common passage to the center. On the first floor is a living room 27 by 14 feet, with a mantelpiece, surmounted by a mirror at the far end. Lighting is by indirect fixtures sunk in the mantel. Floors are of hardwood.

The stairway is between the kitchen and the living room, with entrance from either. The kitchen

has all built in fixtures along two walls, including a double sink, twin windows and built-in cabinet. Asphalt tile is on the floor.

The master bedroom upstairs includes a closet four by 11 feet, with double sliding doors. The smaller room may be used as a den or nursery. The tile bathroom contains both tub and shower, the latter in a glass doored stall.

The apartments are heated by hot air. Venetian blinds have been installed on all windows. A cloak closet is provided downstairs in each unit. Mr. Patterson drew his own plans.

The south side will be occupied by Dr. and Mrs. James Maye Holman, who are coming here July 1 from New York. Dr. Holman will practice as an eye, ear, nose and throat specialist. Dr. and Mrs. Philip S. Cromer will occupy the other apartment.

The main house, built on a high brick foundation, was built for Chancellor De Saussure, who was director of the United States mint under President George Washington, and superintended coining of the first gold eagles.

In 1809, the property belonged to Benjamin Smith, who sold it to Timothy Ford and Alexander Edwards, as trustees for Judge De Saussure and Elizabeth Ford De Saussure, his wife. The De Saussures lived there as early as 1811. The De Saussures sold it to Edward Lynah, after which it passed through numerous ownerships.

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