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Story by Martha M. Everett

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When Joey Danis bought a historic Clayton home in need of renovation, he called his childhood friend Jeff LaDriere to help him do it right. "Good enough was not enough here," says LaDriere, whose company, LaDriere Building Co., served as the general contractor on the renovation and restoration project.

In 2001, Danis purchased the two-story brick Tudor Revival home he now lives in with his wife, Lynn, and their two young daughters. But it took two-and-a-half years and a massive renovation before he could move in. "Most anyone who might have bought this house would have torn it down," says Danis, an attorney with Carey & Danis, LLC, in Clayton. "It wasn't a case of poor construction, just poor taste." The circa-1929 home was designed by Nolte & Naum Edward F. Nolte designed several of the 1904 World's Fair structures. The original owner, George Bullock, was the son of a dry-goods merchant and something of a rebel. The house was constructed using rejected street pavers—"clinkers," LaDriere says they are called. Left in the kiln too long, these imperfect bricks have a blue cast and irregular protrusion and divots. What's more, nothing on the outside or inside of the house is symmetrical. "Bullock must have had a good sense of humor," LaDriere says.



"Jeff and I loved the house at first sight and saw it for its potential," Danis says. "The architectural asymmetry, heavy gothic feel and dense, hundred-year-old trees were exactly what we had been seeking."

The work the home needed didn't scare them off. "I had a rehab in mind," Danis says. And he got it. Working with Scott Krejci of Krejci Associates Architects in Kirkwood, Danis came up with a plan to save the old house. "The inappropriate additions and renovations, compounded with 80 years of work masked the home's potential," Danis says. "We redesigned house brick by brick, restoring it to its original condition. The challenge was to create a modern floorplan without interfering with the integrity and drama of the original structure."

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