

## 503 Court Street

“Dove Hill”



Built in 1910, this impressive 4,400 sq. ft. home sits high at the beginning of Court Street's residential area. A Queen-Anne style, the house is a two-story frame, four bay, asymmetrical plan on a brick foundation. On the main east and north façade is a wrap-around one-story porch. The porch has original milled columns and brackets.

A plaque left by previous owners named this historic home “Dove Hill”. Some older residents of the neighborhood think the name originated from the large number of doves or pigeons that roosted on the “Widow's Walk”, a railed portion of the roof. An attic cistern collected water for use in the home, and stairs in the attic lead to the roof.

Renovations in 1998 by the current owners included rebuilding the front porch, glassing in the existing screened-in porch, building a 18x20 screened-in porch and a large deck. The red metal roofing was reintroduced to the home on lower porches to restore the flavor of the previous era as pieces of old tin and a very old empty red paint can were found in the corner of the attic.

The original track of land on what was then “Crooked Creek Road” (Court Street) is thought to have been owned in 1887 by J. M. Miller. The land and home, changing hands many times, have been owned by the Millers, Harpers, Hoods, Adams, Waters, Costners, Stanleys, Eberhart, and Coopers. In the 1930's it was known as May's Apartments and in the 1940's it was owned by Maryville College. Although it is essentially a single family home, two other guests rent apartments upstairs.