

Charm and Character

By Ann Epperly

Nestled among towering hardwoods at the end of a long driveway, the house Carolyn Bruce Reid grew up in is filled with wonderful childhood memories. "I think the memories are especially sweet," says Carolyn, "because I grew up in a time when people weren't so busy. I was allowed the chance to be just a kid. I played outside all day every day in the summer."

Carolyn and her husband, Chuck, also lived in the house with her mother, Berni Brown, when they came back to Hudson to graduate school. "These two years added some wonderful memories, especially having that time with them. I think this house means so much to Chuck as it does to me."

Built in 1914 by the late Dr. Ben and Berni Brown, the house is unique with 12-inch thick oak rock walls and a stone fireplace and sidewalk along with other elements providing character. A small rock house had been built on the property for the stone masons to live in while the house was being built.

The Reids wanted to update the house and make it livable without compromising its original character.

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