

## Tour Stop #5 - 427 South Sheldon



The home of Christina (Jackson) and Jake Campbell located at 427 S. Sheldon, is one of two historical residences on the tour this year, both being on South Sheldon Street. Much of the area south of Seminary Street was developed for residential use in the late 1800's and early 1900's. This house first appears in the Eaton County Genealogical historical records in 1908.

Lemuel and Emma Wheaton had moved to this area from Manchester in 1871. They established a farm and built the homestead on Vermontville Highway. Lemuel and Emma moved to town in 1908, leaving the farm and the farming to their son. Lemuel was a builder and it is likely that he built the original house at this address. The house changed ownership in 1915 to Fanny Lee, (widow of John). From 1938-1968 the home was owned by Rudolph and Lura Wagoner who had two sons Wayne and Weldon. Rudolph worked as a millwright at Wilcox Gay. Lura worked at Newberry Company in downtown Charlotte. Their son Weldon married Maxine Richey, and they owned and operated Richey's: Charlotte's famous fabric store. The house changed ownership several times after 1964.

Jake and Christina purchased the home in 2010. Newly married and first time home buyers, they began the project of updating and remodeling. A free standing garage and an addition to the back of the house had been added within the last 20 years or so that included a newer basement area, family room and master bedroom upstairs. The original house most likely was quite similar to the layout that Jake and Christina now have in the front 6 rooms on both the first and second floors, with exception to widening some doorways and removing some walls on the first floor in an attempt to “open up” the house.

Jake and Christina spent the majority of their budget on new windows, siding, a new kitchen, flooring and some mechanical updates. They have used bold modern colors to update the décor. They are in the process of defining their “style” and are carefully planning how they might eventually furnish all the rooms in the house. They have a baby on the way in December, so have added a nursery to their decorating “short list”.

This young couple is well on their way in home ownership and all that comes with that. They have a long list of future projects and purchases which they hope to tackle in the years ahead. Their home offers visitors a chance to see how creative color choices and modern design can make an old house “home” to a busy young couple.

