

*The Elise Boylston House Tour**

(Boylston House was located at 664 Seminole Avenue, Northeast, Atlanta)

Parlor

This Parlor is just as Miss Boylston left it, except for the draperies. The Victorian Parlor set is walnut with grape carving. There is a Medallion Black Settee, one ladies chair and one gentlemen chair in the set. The Mahogany Case Phonograph is 19th century. The records are inside. Miss Boylston's opera glasses and copies of some of the books which she wrote are on the top. On the marble top table there is a photograph of her holding a copy of one of her books. On the wall above the marble top table is a picture of Dr. Annie Webb Blanton of Texas, Founder of Delta Kappa Gamma. It was done in charcoal in 1971 by a former student of Dr. Blanton, Wilma Rhoads of Alpha Kappa Chapter which donated the picture it to the house. The overhead chandelier is an antique.

Living Room

This room has Miss Boylston's original furnishings. The wallpaper and draperies were new in 1985. The three armchairs have been reupholstered. Small table is Mahogany Victorian rope-leg style. In this room there is also a valuable collection of books. Some are in the bookcases by the fireplace and some are in the end table by the sofa. Among those is a 28-volume set of Dicken's works, 18 volumes of Mark Twain's works and 12 volumes of interpretation of the English Bible. All decorative pieces were Miss Boylston's. The vases on the mantel are called Satsuma. The mantel clock is Empire style, white marble. The portrait is of Miss Boylston and is the one she used in front of one of her books, Atlanta, its Lore, its Legends and its Laughter.

The montage over the sofa is composed of finger paintings done by Miss Boylston. The rugs in this room are Sarouk Oriental carpets. This is the room where all meetings are held.

Dining Room

The dining room furniture is Empire Style Mahogany. The sideboard and china cabinet are of Sleigh Front design. There are 6 Mahogany dining room chairs, all with her needlepoint seat covers. The china cabinet contains valuable pieces of cut glass and hand painted china. Above the china cabinet are a 19th century American Coin silver creamer and sugar bowl (valued at \$1250).

On the sideboard is a signed Libby cut glass punch bowl (valued at (\$1500). The tray above the sideboard is hand painted Towle. The small walnut 2-door cabinet was made from an old console radio cabinet.

The large rectangular tray and silver service in the alcove off the dining room was given to Miss Boylston by teachers and principals of the Atlanta Schools at the time of her retirement. Numerous other pieces of silver and glassware are throughout the room and home. The floor coverings in this room are Chinese Oriental carpets.

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