

VIBRANTLY
COLORED WALLS
IN A GLEAMING
CHERRY RED GLAZE
SET THE STAGE
IN THE MILLNERS'
DIVINE DINING
ROOM, WHICH
OVERLOOKS THE
SWEEPING GREEN
FRONT LAWN.

HOME & DESIGN

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Aristocratic Residence

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The Buckhead home of Guy and Ginny Millner is rich with Southern history, chronicling 70 years of celebrated Atlanta owners, including Coca-Cola's Robert W. Woodruff.

The two-story Regency style home of Guy and Ginny Millner is both stately and surprisingly restrained with white painted bricks and low profile pilasters. Beautifully sited in the midst of seven acres of rolling green lawns and manicured gardens, it presents itself with great dignity in the morning light, befitting its magnificent neighboring mansions, which share the prestigious address of Tuxedo Road.

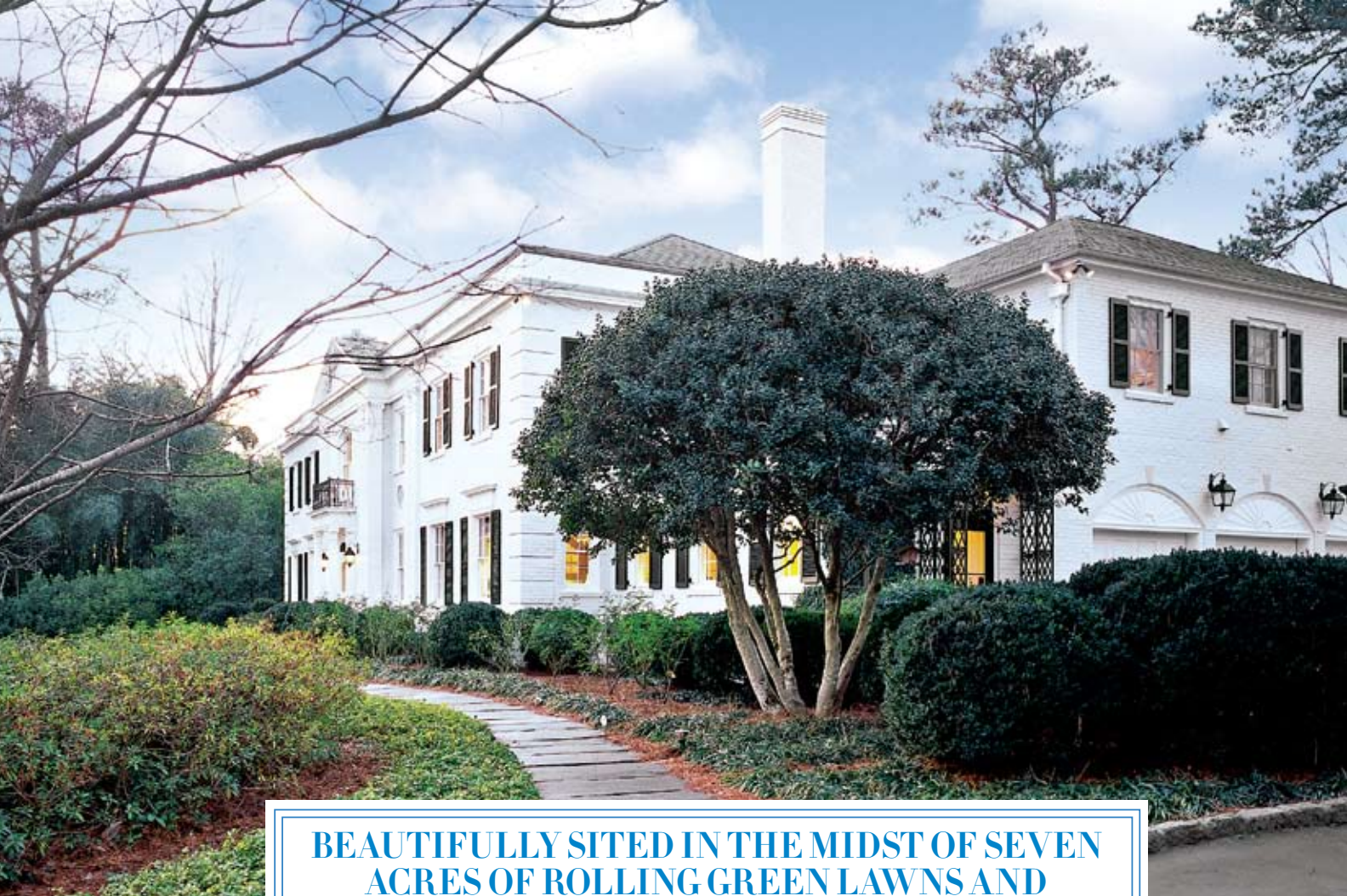
The estate was built in 1935 and designed by architects Frazier & Bodin for Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. King. In 1947, the house was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Winship Woodruff, the legendary head of The Coca-Cola Company and one of Atlanta's most famous and generous philanthropists. The Woodruff Mansion soon became an Atlanta landmark home. The family's well regarded neighbor, Catherine Nunnally, once jested, "I am not Bob and Nell Woodruff's neighbor, they are mine. I was here first!" (The Nunnallys had, in fact, settled at Tuxedo Road 15 years before the Woodruffs).

In 1948, the Woodruffs' residence was featured on the annual spring house and garden tour benefiting Egleston Hospital. It was also included on this charity tour in 1949 and again in 1953, at which time First Lady Mamie Eisenhower sent the Woodruffs a centerpiece decoration of "lace coral and sea fans" for their dining room table. In 1958 the living room and the grand marble-floored foyer were featured in Helen Comstock's book *100 Most Beautiful Rooms in America*.

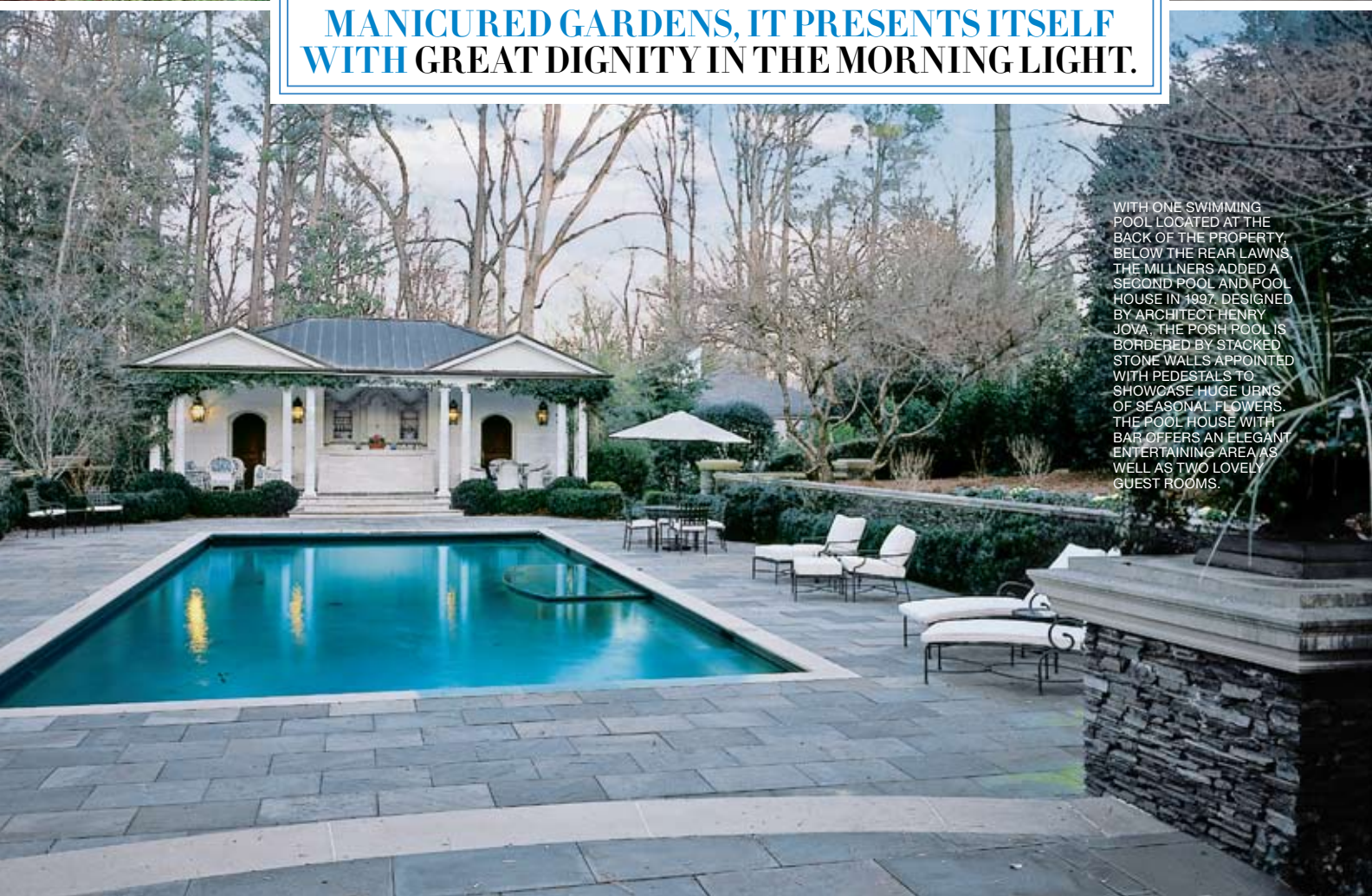
When Robert Woodruff moved here he was 59 years old and in his prime as head of The Coca-Cola Company, which his family and others had purchased from the Candler and reorganized just after World War I. He lived in the house until his death at the age of 95 in 1985, when it was inherited by his niece, Nell Watt, who christened it Windcrofte in keeping with her religious convictions.



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WITH ONE SWIMMING POOL LOCATED AT THE BACK OF THE PROPERTY, BELOW THE REAR LAWNS, THE MILLNERS ADDED A SECOND POOL AND POOL HOUSE IN 1997. DESIGNED BY ARCHITECT HENRY JOVA, THE POSH POOL IS BORDERED BY STACKED STONE WALLS APPOINTED WITH PEDESTALS TO SHOWCASE HUGE URNS OF SEASONAL FLOWERS. THE POOL HOUSE WITH BAR OFFERS AN ELEGANT ENTERTAINING AREA AS WELL AS TWO LOVELY GUEST ROOMS.









EACH OF THE SEVEN BATHS AT THE MILLNER HOME ARE LIKE DECORATIVE JEWEL BOXES FEATURING EXQUISITE APPOINTMENTS. DETAILS INCLUDE HAND-PAINTED TILES, GOLDEN FAUCETS AND GILDED PORCELAIN SINKS. THE GENTLEMAN'S BATH, ADJACENT TO THE MAHOGANY STUDY, IS DECIDEDLY MASCULINE WITH SLEEK BLACK FIXTURES, BLACK MARBLE FLOOR AND RED WALLS. THE MASTER SUITE OFFERS GLAMOROUS HIS-AND-HER BATHROOMS, WITH MIRRORED CABINETS AND WALLS.





**THE ENTIRE MILLNER HOUSE IS
WONDERFULLY DAY LIT – AN UNUSUAL
FEATURE FOR HOMES BUILT
IN THE EARLY 20TH CENTURY.**

In 1990, Guy Millner purchased the property for his new wife for their first wedding anniversary. Before they moved in, thousands of guests had the chance to marvel at the regal residence, which served as Atlanta's Decorators Show House that year. The first thing Ginny Millner said as she walked through the door was that the house would be used for the Lord's work, forming a lasting bond of friendship with the spiritually-minded Nell Watt.

Indeed, Ginny has long hosted

inspirational prayer meetings on the terrace level of the home, and the couple has graciously facilitated numerous charitable events over the years. Amidst all of the grandeur, the Millners have made the home their own, with rooms elegantly suited to their own lives.

The main floor's impressive mahogany study is the functioning home office for Guy and is filled with memorabilia of his illustrious career as the founder of Norrell and his political life as a two-time gubernatorial

candidate. Tables throughout the house display dozens of personal photographs, including a remarkable array of the nation's most celebrated political leaders who have become family friends over the years.

The Millners have kept 3640 Tuxedo Road well placed on the Atlanta map, adding to the home's distinguished history as they carry on the spirit of generosity set forth by the previous owners. This place has truly been blessed by a legacy of great people.



ABOVE: THE MASTER SUITE IS WONDERFULLY SPACIOUS INCLUDING THE BEDROOM, A LOVELY SEPARATE SITTING ROOM AND HIS AND HER MASTER BATHS ENCASED IN GLAMOROUS BEVELED MIRRORED WALLS AND CABINETS.

TOP RIGHT: THE CIRCULAR GRAND STAIRCASE IS THE CENTER OF THE HOME'S GRAND ROTUNDA. IT IS APPPOINTED BY THE CLASSIC REGENCY IRON AND GILDED ROPE RAILING AND A MAGNIFICENT CHANDELIER.

RIGHT: THE HOME'S BEAUTIFULLY APPPOINTED MAHOGANY STUDY IS FILLED WITH A LIFETIME OF MEMORABILIA. THERE ARE DOZENS OF PHOTOS OF THE MILLNERS WITH CELEBRATED FRIENDS AND FAMILY.