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HOME

The homeowners of this East Isles home felt their home did not live up to its full potential. Envious of the beautiful residence across the street, they turned to David Heide Design Studio to help restore the original Federal Revival character of the house and create more outdoor living space.

During previous remodeling projects, the house had received a two-story addition and attached garage on one end, which did not relate to the vertical bench marks of the original house. The seven-foot garage door was low and out of proportion to the rest of the house. Much of the original exterior detail, including the window casings, had been removed, and the original soffit and fascia moldings were covered with formed steel siding. A roof had also been added over the front stoop, covering the original lunette pediment above the door.

Our task was to unify the existing addition to the original house and recreate the Federal design vocabulary across the entire structure. We removed the existing steel siding to uncover the original millwork and exterior features of the house and identified existing windows that had been removed. New moldings and siding were created from modern low maintenance materials based on the impressions of the original millwork. All of the windows were replaced with aluminum clad units to provide energy efficiency and low maintenance. The original lunette was exposed during the project and a new pediment and the front entrance's missing details were designed and built to replicate the original. The garage door opening was reconfigured and a more appropriately scaled and detailed door reflective of the period was installed. The paint scheme we selected is historically appropriate, with a warmer color on the body of the house together with white trim, black window sash, a red door and new fully operational black shutters—all characteristic features of the Federal style. A new front stoop was created and faced with brick to match the original. The full width steps and cheek walls work together with the wide front walk and integral steps to provide a welcome approach to the house and complete the tranquil quality of the composition.

With only six feet of space between the house and property lines on the left and back of the lot, the homeowner's desire for better outdoor living space was met by the creation of a new screen porch at the front of the house. DHDS carefully considered its proportions to balance with the rest of the building and unify the vertical tensions between the original house and the previous addition. We designed the millwork based on the building's uncovered architectural details, and the black-framed screens provide a sense of privacy to the street.

