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Vicksburg's Historic Fannie Willis Johnson Home Reopens as Oak Hall BnB

The Fannie Willis Johnson Home on Drummond Street in Vicksburg has served as a private residence, widow's home, bed and breakfast, tour home. Now, it's reopened as a modern-style bed and breakfast.

The Spanish Revival home sits on an acre of land, has 8,000 square feet of space plus a private carriage house. The owners, Elizabeth and Don, have been restoring the home over the past few years and have fallen in love with Vicksburg and the neighborhood! After hosting local fundraisers and private events, the positive feedback and support from the community encouraged them to open the home for guests once again.

"The very best place to stay in Vicksburg! We have stayed here several times, and it is fabulous; convenient to downtown but private and serene," said AirBnB guest Samantha. "Elizabeth is the world's best hostess, and she knows all things Vicksburg! Great stay in Vicksburg and look forward to our next trip!"

Elizabeth and Don have upgraded the mechanical systems, electrical, plumbing, AC, water heaters, water filtration system, bathrooms, kitchen and more. The home is decorated in a clean, crisp modern style — offering visitors a unique, modern accommodation in a private, peaceful, historic neighborhood setting. The expansive porches and common area parlors beg visitors to sit, sip, and stay for a spell.

The home was built by Fannie Willis Johnson and Junius Ward Johnson, well-known philanthropists of Vicksburg, and was later donated as a widow's home for Protestant women. It was affectionately known by the locals as "The Old Ladies Home." The home's design has been accredited to George Maher and was completed by New Orleans architects, Keenan & Weiss in 1910.

The stately brick mansion boasts 32 original stained-glass windows designed by well-known interior designer Louis Millet, who also designed windows for the Mississippi State Capitol

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building. He also oversaw the design and completion of the Vicksburg National Military Park's infamous Illinois Monument. The Oak Hall interior proudly retains dozens of original lighting fixtures, 12 fireplaces, an original oil painting, pocket doors, an open and expansive interior lined with quarter sawn oak and recently refinished plaster walls.

Although the home has had many names over the years, the original owner, Fannie, named the home Oak Hall, inspiring the bed and breakfast's new brand. Recently, members of both the Kirkland and Holland families have visited the home. The Holland family generously donated some original furnishings back to the home, which will be proudly displayed and enjoyed for years to come.

Oak Hall BnB is excited to accept reservations for guests, private parties and private group tours. Come fall, the owners look forward to opening the home up for regular tours, whole house offerings, including weddings and group travel, and they're looking forward to hosting a grand opening party in the fall, as well.

For more information about Oak Hall BnB, you can visit the website at www.oakhallbnb.com or email Elizabeth at info@oakhallbnb.com. Please follow Oak Hall on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for updates and some fun upcoming special events!