

\$7,500,000 - 318 N Quaker Ln, ALEXANDRIA

MLS® #VAAX2043762

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9 Bedroom, 8.50 Bathroom, 7,601 sqft

Residential on 3.52 Acres

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Ideally located in the heart of Alexandria City, Clarens Estate is a one-of-a-kind historic treasure that offers a rare opportunity to own a piece of American legacy. Originally built in 1803, this grand Colonial sits on nearly four acres of exquisitely landscaped grounds with views of the Potomac River. Pre-construction, the land was reputed to have been the site of George Washington's hunting lodge chosen for its commanding views and central location. Over the centuries, Clarens has played a pivotal role in American history—serving as a school, a hospital during the Civil War, and hosting some of the nation's most prominent figures. Lovingly restored and modernized, Clarens is a serene retreat.

A Storied Past: Steeped in rich history, Clarens was once the residence of James Murray Mason, a U.S. Senator and grandson of Founding Father George Mason. Mason acquired the estate in 1869, and the home became a gathering place for important historical figures, including Robert E. Lee and Jefferson Davis, who met there in 1870 for their final meeting. The estate also housed the prestigious Fairfax School, attended by notable figures George Washington Custis Lee and George M. Dallas. Later, the estate transitioned into a girls' school and eventually became privately owned.

Expansive and Elegant Grounds: Set on



nearly four acres, the estate grounds are a private oasis. Mature Tulip Poplars, American Elms, Maples, Apple & Cherry Trees, Hydrangeas, Boxwoods, Tea Roses, and Antique Peonies (some transplanted from Dumbarton Oaks) surround the home and add to the magical atmosphere. An irrigation system helps maintain the lush landscaping. Historic brick walls and winding stone paths evoke the elegance of a bygone era. A picturesque pond with a brick footbridge, a loggia, and a palazzo contribute to the estate's European feel. Four charming outbuildings—a one-bedroom carriage house with a wood-burning fireplace, a potting shed, an ice house, & a well house—all carefully preserved add utility and charm. The modern two story pool house, designed to blend in with the historic buildings, is the jewel of the property.

Resort-Style Pool & Guesthouse: The heated 24'x44' pool includes a retractable cover, Jacuzzi, fire pit, and sandstone decking. A trellised BBQ area with a Wolf grill and granite countertops makes entertaining a delight. The pool house features a cozy living room with a fireplace, full kitchen and bath, and a spacious upstairs bedroom with estate views. Historic beams and wood flooring add charm, while French doors and natural light offer comfort and style.

The Historic Main Residence: Spanning over 10,000 square feet, the main residence offers 7 bedrooms and 5.5 bathrooms, combining historical details with luxury living. Original hardwood floors, nine fireplaces, keystone arches, and elegant crown molding pay homage to the home's heritage. Enter through a black-and-white marble porch with a Haint's blue ceiling into a dramatic foyer flanked by a cozy library and a formal living room. The dining room is anchored by a

Crystal Finials chandelier and hand-painted mural wallpaper. The French country kitchen features a La Cornue range, granite countertops, two farmhouse sinks, and top-tier appliances. A sunny family room opens via French doors onto the grounds, offering seamless indoor-outdoor living. The primary suite includes an 1806 Irish mantle, walk-in closets, and a luxurious bath with heated floors, a soaking tub, and a steam shower. Additional bedrooms provide ample space for family or guests, while the top-floor suite serves as a peaceful retreat or playroom.

Located just 5 minutes from Old Town Alexandria and 15 minutes from Washington, D.C., Clarens offers both tranquility and urban accessibility. Though only moments away from premier dining, shopping, and cultural attractions, the estate remains a private sanctuary, untouched by the bustle of the city.

See VAAX2045682 for development opportunity

Built in 1803

Essential Information

MLS® #	VAAX2043762
Price	\$7,500,000
Bedrooms	9
Bathrooms	8.50
Full Baths	8
Half Baths	1
Square Footage	7,601
Acres	3.52
Year Built	1803
Type	Residential
Sub-Type	Detached
Style	Colonial
Status	Active

Community Information

Address	318 N Quaker Ln
Subdivision	ALEXANDRIA
City	ALEXANDRIA
County	ALEXANDRIA CITY-VA
State	VA
Zip Code	22304

Amenities

Amenities	Attic, Built-Ins, Chair Railing, Crown Molding, Double/Dual Staircase, Elevator, Entry Lvl BR, Exposed Beams, Formal/Separate Dining Room, Master Bath(s), Recessed Lighting, Upgraded Countertops, Wet Bar/Bar, Wpool Jets, Shades/Blinds, Wood Floors, Bathroom - Jetted Tub, Soaking Tub, Bathroom - Walk-In Shower, Sound System, Sprinkler System, Walk-in Closet(s)
Parking	DW - Circular, Paved Driveway, Private
# of Garages	3
Garages	Garage - Side Entry, Garage Door Opener, Covered Parking, Garage - Front Entry
View	Garden/Lawn, Water, Scenic Vista, Trees/Woods
Has Pool	Yes
Pool	Fenced, Filtered, Heated, Pool (In-Ground), Pool/Spa Combo

Interior

Interior Features	Floor Plan-Traditional
Appliances	Dishwasher, Disposal, Dryer, Exhaust Fan, Extra Refrg/Frz, Icemaker, Microwave, Oven-Double, Refrigerator, Six burner stove, Stove, Washer, Oven/Range-Gas, Range hood, Washer-front loading
Heating	Forced Air, Zoned
Cooling	Central A/C, Zoned
Has Basement	Yes
Basement	Outside Entrance, Unfinished, Interior Access
Fireplace	Yes
# of Fireplaces	12
Fireplaces	Mantel(s), Fireplace - Glass Doors, Screen, Wood, Gas/Propane
# of Stories	4
Stories	4

Exterior

Exterior	Brick and Siding, Combination, Wood
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Exterior Features	Extensive Hardscape, Exterior Lighting, Outbuilding Apartment, Hot Tub, Udrgrd Lwn Sprnklr, BBQ Grill, Lawn Sprinkler, Other, Patio, Balconies-Multiple, Porch(es), Breezeway, Brick Porch, Deck(s), Stone Fence, Privacy Fence, Wrought Iron, Pool (In-Ground), Pool/Spa Combo
Lot Description	Landscaping, No thru street, Open, Private, SideYard(s), Rear Yard, Trees/Wooded, Poolside, Front Yard
Roof	Metal, Slate
Foundation	Permanent

School Information

District	ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Elementary	DOUGLAS MACARTHUR
Middle	GEORGE WASHINGTON
High	ALEXANDRIA CITY

Additional Information

Date Listed	April 8th, 2025
Days on Market	195
Zoning	R 20

Listing Details

Listing Office	Washington Fine Properties, LLC
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