

## Lambeth House 435 Hermitage Road, Charlotte

In 1927, Charles Lambeth, a Charlotte resident, hired nationally recognized architect Charles Barton Keen to design his residence at 435 Hermitage Road, Charlotte NC 28207 (“the Lambeth House”). Shortly after he built the house at 435 Hermitage Road, Charles Lambeth was elected as the city’s mayor, a position he held from 1931 until 1933.

As described by historians Mary Norton Kratt and Thomas W. Hanchett, the architect Charles Barton Keen was a “renowned designer of ‘country houses,’ a romantic term the wealthy often called their suburban mansions during the period. . . and he became a favorite of the leaders of North Carolina’s new industrial high society.” See [Legacy: The Myers Park Story](#), (Published by *The Duke Mansion*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition 2009) at page 186. Keen built three houses in the Myers Park neighborhood of Charlotte, including the Lambeth House. At The Lambeth House, Keen used “Georgian massing with a two-story, stepped-gable center block flanked by two small wings . . . [t]he green tile roof and the white washed stucco [exterior] walls recall Mediterranean precedents. . .and elements derived from Dutch [colonial] models.” Architectural elements such as the roofing tiles that Keen used on the Lambeth House are also found at the Reynolda House, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Keen designed Reynolda House for Katharine and R.J. Reynolds family in Winston-Salem.

Within 600 yards of the Lambeth House, there are three other properties listed with the Historic Landmarks Commission including 1) the “Thies House”(adjacent), 2) the Duke Mansion (across Hermitage Road), and 3) the former “Lambeth-Gosset House” on Granville Road, which was formerly owned by the Lambeth family.







