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SLIDESHOW: Historic Buckhead mansion targeted for demolition gets

new home

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The vacant historic Buckhead mansion in front of the 2500 Building on Peachtree Road will get a new home this summer 2.6 miles away in Ansley Park.

The home, known as the Randolph-Lucas House, was built in 1924 for [Hollins Nicholas Randolph](#), a great-great grandson of [Thomas Jefferson](#). Randolph was a prominent Atlanta attorney in the early 20th century.

Mrs. [Margaret C. Lucas](#) purchased the property in 1935 and lived in the house until her death in 1987. That was the last time the house was used as a residence, according to [Buckhead Heritage Society](#), which has worked to save the structure.

The condo association that owns the land where the home is located [sought to have it demolished](#). Buckhead Heritage stepped in and worked with the group to save it. Buckhead Heritage offered it free to anyone willing to move it to a suitable home. The new owner will have to move the home, a project estimated to cost \$350,000.

Early Friday, Buckhead Heritage Society announced the home will be moved this summer to a vacant lot at 78 Ansley Circle. A single-family residence previously stood on the lot, so sewer and water lines are already present, according to [a press release issued by the organization](#).

Peachtree Street will be closed briefly, and power lines moved, when the home is taken to the new site, Atlanta Business Chronicle broadcast partner WXIA-TV reported early Friday.

The future owners of the home are [Christopher Jones](#) and [Roger Smith](#), the release said. The men will use the structure as their personal home, WXIA reported. The pair will donate a preservation façade easement to the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation, ensuring that the house can never be torn down and that all future exterior changes or additions follow preservation standards.

[Christopher Jones](#) in the early 1980s purchased a historic home threatened with demolition and had it moved to a new location to serve as his primary residence.

[Roger Smith](#) is a founder of NewTown Partners, reports [SaportaReport.com](#), which writes Friday the home is being saved thanks to an extraordinary effort taking place between a host of partners – especially the Buckhead Heritage Society, Smith and Jones.

SaportaReport.com says the men will return the mansion to its residential roots.

Click [here](#) to see a photo of the home.

Click [here](#) to read the Buckhead Heritage Society press release and to view video interviews with the home's new owners.

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