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Brady Mansion Seeks New Owner

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The Brady Mansion, also called the Arlington, is on the market and in need of a good deal of TLC. This Greek Revival-style home at 620 N. Denver Ave. could be the ultimate fixer-upper for someone willing to put in the effort, said Sandra Sparks, sales associate with John Hausam Realtors.

Built by W. Tate Brady in 1920 and designed by Tulsa architect John Curtain, the mansion was modeled after Robert E. Lee's home.

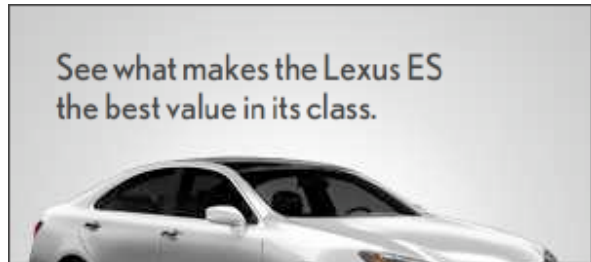
Brady, a pioneer merchant, was an incorporator of the city, as well as a political leader at the time of statehood. His hotel, the first in town with baths, was a gathering place for oil men and oil deals.

The mansion once played host to many grand events in its ballroom, with plenty of Southern-style hospitality. The walls featured murals of the Confederacy, and paintings of Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson.

During World War II, Mrs. Brady offered the mansion as a housing and entertainment center for soldiers. After the war, the house was left in its altered state. Mrs. Brady sold the home.

Now, the mansion remains divided into apartments.

The seller is hoping someone will buy and restore the mansion, not demolish or leave it as apartments, Sparks said. The two-story home has 3,287 square feet on each level, plus a basement. Originally, it had five bedrooms; four upstairs and one downstairs. Now it has seven. Each of



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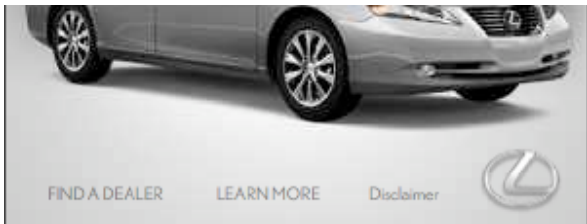
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the original bedrooms holds a marble fireplace, made from marble from Tate Marble Works in Georgia. Most of the fireplaces, however, have been painted. The mahogany paneling throughout has been painted as well. Fourteen- to 15-foot ceilings are

hidden by temporary walls, Sparks said. Unique features include a secret passage off of the staircase paneling. The exterior is Carthage stone. Two upstairs bedrooms have balcony access. Brady Heights neighborhood, but not the house, is on the National Register of Historic Places, Sparks said. "This house is almost a plaque, showing this is when Tulsa was built," she said. "It should be enjoyed as a residence, with a big family." Listing price is \$300,000. The home is located in the World of Homes locator map Zone 1, Tulsa Public Schools district.

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