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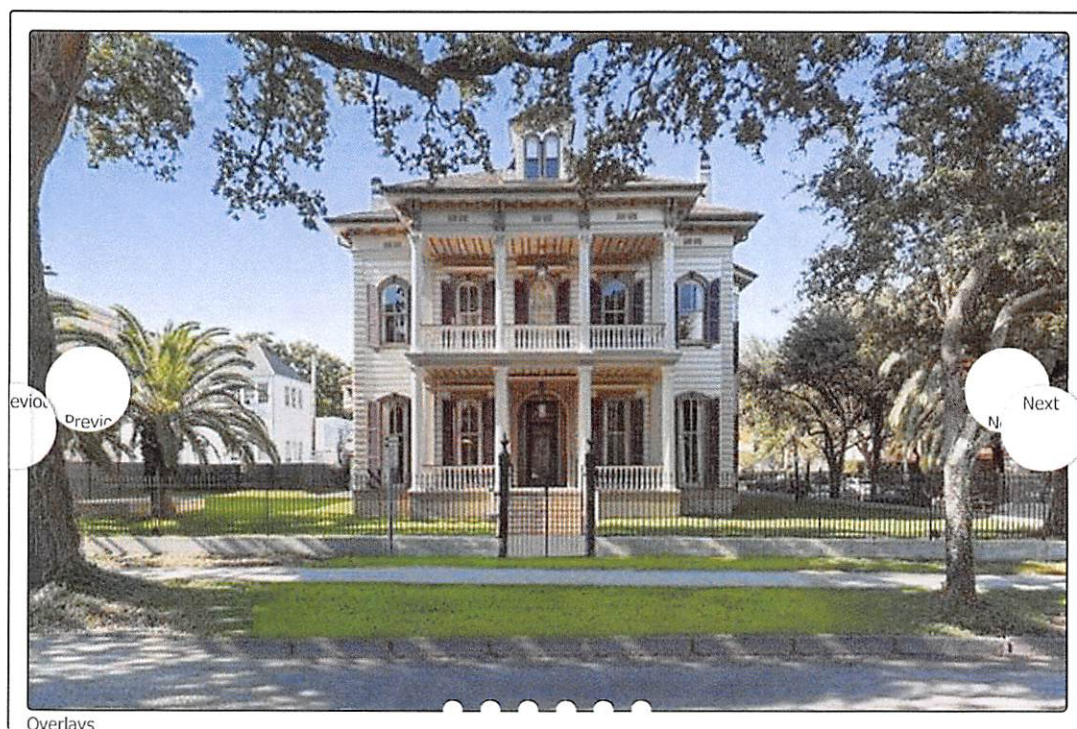
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Former Anne Rice mansion up for sale on St. Charles Ave.

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An Uptown home that once belonged to famed author Anne Rice is on the market.

The property at 3711 St. Charles Ave., is listed for \$4.5 million. It offers 8,747 square feet of living space and was one of Rice's first homes, according to listing agent Eleanor Farnsworth of Gardner Realtors. She said Rice owned multiple properties throughout the city and wrote some of her novels at the house, which faces Touro Infirmary and Superior Grill.

Farnsworth said the five-bedroom, five and two-half bathroom home has been on the market since November but has received "considerable interest." She said homes at this price point typically take a little longer to sell.

Farnsworth said the owner, whose specialty is rehabilitating older properties, performed a top-to-bottom renovation of the 1880s Victorian. She said he installed a new roof, wiring, 8 HVAC systems, new ductwork, marble flooring in the kitchen and bathrooms, security system with 18 security cameras, an elevator and a marble patio with covered entertaining space.

Listing information shows the property also offers an original stained glass window overlooking the mahogany and cypress staircase in the center hall and elaborate moldings, medallions and mantles throughout the house. There are also 14-foot ceilings downstairs and 12-foot ceilings upstairs. Farnsworth said the owner, who is listed in New Orleans property records as Bob G. Dean, spent roughly \$2 million on these renovations.

"Everything is brand new, but he preserved all of the historic details," she said.

Public records show Dean, a Baton Rouge businessman, purchased the property in 2015 for \$2.1 million from Terri Ditta.

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