

We moved to 9 Crest Acre in 1998, when our children were 10, 8 and 4 years old. We are only the 2nd owners of the home, the Donner's being the first. When it came time to sell, Mrs. Donner did not want potential buyers in her house, so she asked her neighbors for advice. One neighbor wanted their son's best friend from Lincoln Hubbard School, our 8 year old son, to move in across the street. They introduced us to Mrs. Donner who we visited with in her original 1928 kitchen and chatted about her love of fossils.

Mrs. Donner and her husband raised 3 children and tracked their heights each year on the basement door frame which we've preserved. Mrs. Donner loved all varieties of birds that visited her yard daily. Our son promised Mrs. Donner to feed the birds every day and she gifted him a beautiful new squirrel proof bird feeder which we have to this day. He was fascinated with birding and wildlife observation out the windows of the "bird room" and learned all about robins and blue jays, cardinals and chickadees. He exchanged notes and postcards with Mrs. Donner for many years after, one of which still hangs on the bird room wall.

We fell in love with 9 Crest Acre's warmth and charming white picket fence. We live on a storybook street at the end of an enchanting cul-de-sac—we think it's one of the really special neighborhoods in Summit. Living on the golf course has been wonderful—the views are amazing, and it feels so peaceful and private in our little spot.

Over the years we undertook many projects at 9 Crest Acre to make the home our own—we expanded the kitchen and family room area, enclosed a side porch, updated bathrooms, landscaped and more. But original details of the home have been maintained. The original double kitchen sink is now a gardening sink on the side of the house. Our children say they couldn't imagine a better place to grow up. Their friends loved coming to our house for parties and sleepovers. Our children are now grown and living on their own, but our family has endless wonderful memories of 9 Crest Acre Court. It's now time for us to pass the torch to another family who we know will enjoy it as much as we have.