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History is behind this home's new elegant presence

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Age and style of original home: 1958 French Provincial Style.

Square footage before and after: Originally: 4,000; add-ons throughout the years brought it to 11,500. After our renovation: 13,000.

Main renovation objective: The owner sought to improve the home's appearance. We chose to maintain the French style, enlarging the center to give it a strong, unified presence, and then gave it more distinct detailing.

What launched the design: Throughout the years, many additions caused the house to lose its charm.

How long the renovation took: Approximately fourteen months.

A special/unique feature of the new home: The raised hip roof over the main body allowed for a spacious third floor, accommodating a recreation room and gym with a wet bar and bath.

The biggest challenge during the renovation: Creating something rational and elegant out of a hodgepodge of existing elements.

Favorite element of the new home: Its tall and elegant limestone entryway with ironwork highlights.

A signature touch you included: It is based on a historic precedent.

A special request you fulfilled: Raising the roofline.

The best part of this renovation: The dramatic transformation.

How the landscape/views influenced the design: The back of the home is surrounded by the Scout Camp woodlands, which is the focus of the primary rooms. 

