

# WENTWORTH MANSION®

## HISTORY

- 1865-** Francis Silas Rodgers, a wealthy cotton merchant, phosphate manufacturer, and coastwide shipper marries Marie Elizabeth Evans
- 1887** Cochran and together they raise thirteen children. Designed in the Second Empire style by architect Daniel G. Waynes, they build an expansive and ornate home at 149 Wentworth Street. While on a trip to Europe, Rodgers commissioned two grand matching chandeliers, which still hang today, and is said to have brought back their maker to ensure proper installation. A noted marble and stone worker and sculptor of the day, Emile T. Vielt, carved the elegant marble mantle pieces found in the home's double parlors. Other noted features include Louis Comfort Tiffany glass panels, Philadelphia pressed brick and a rooftop cupola with panoramic views of the historic city.
- 1920** Members of the Rodgers' family sell the home to the Scottish Rite Cathedral Association for \$100,000. The Scottish Rite masons keep the home until 1940, when it is sold to the Atlantic Coast Insurance Company. It serves as the company headquarters until 1996.
- 1997** Proprietor Richard Widman purchases The Wentworth Mansion and begins an extensive \$7 million renovation that preserves the home's magnificent architectural features, including the inlaid floors, original staircase, and Tiffany glass, while adding modern conveniences and luxurious bathrooms in order to transform the mansion into a one-of-a-kind historic hotel experience.
- 2000** Widman converted the carriage house behind the home, which once housed the stables and carriages, into Circa 1886, today a AAA Four Diamond, Forbes Four Star award-winning restaurant
- 2004** The structure that was originally used as the stable for the Mansion was renovated to house the Spa at Wentworth Mansion. The 1,000 square foot spa offers patrons a full range of treatments.

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