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William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty Lists Former Estate of the Highland Scottish Games in Stamford

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Stamford, CT - William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty announced today that the firm has listed a restored stone Colonial residence with a rich historic past. Formerly known as Davenport Farm, and later the 68-acre grand Calhoun Estate where the famous Scottish Games were locally held, this property has drawn in a wide audience with its charming appeal through the generations. The home, which is located in North Stamford, Conn., is represented by Stamford agents June Rosenthal and Linda Sentementes, and offered at \$2,495,000.



165 Davenport Stamford (contributed photo)

Staying true to their original Scottish roots, the Calhoun family transformed this property into one of Stamford's most well-known estates, serving as host to the Highland Scottish Games for many years. This traditional Scottish celebration is held every spring and summer in Scotland and other countries to honor and appreciate the Celtic culture. The Highlands, a historic region of Scotland that embraces the country's Gaelic roots, is the main focus of the event, where authentic emblems of Scotland including bagpipes, the kilt, music, dancing and specific Scottish athletic games such as the caber toss, take place. The Fairfield County version of this event continued to gain popularity over the years, drawing in countless individuals from all over the country to participate. Prior to the Calhouns' residency, the property additionally maintained high local recognition as Davenport Farm, a working cattle farm in town established in 1721.

The residence, which is now sited on 2.58 of its original 68 acres of land, boasts a meticulous renovation while still maintaining many original features and antique qualities. Constructed of stone, the Colonial-style farmhouse includes five bedrooms and five full and two half baths in its 10,020 square-foot main house, which was redone to incorporate modern luxuries and conveniences in 1935. At the heart of the home, one will find a terra cotta-floored kitchen with high ceilings and a brick floor-to-ceiling enclosure where the stovetop oven resides. This space additionally includes a uniquely shaped hexagonal dining area that seamlessly opens to a family room with a large bar and coffered ceiling. The nearby dining room features French doors and a tray ceiling, while a brick wall and beamed game room leads to an open air stone portico complete with a built-in fireplace and wisteria-draped columns.

"Everything about the home is exquisite," said Sentementes. "From its town history to the thoughtful care that has gone into the updates throughout the years, there are so many positive attributes to share with interested potential homeowners. I am thrilled to be representing what is hands-down one of the most special properties in all of Stamford."

The second level offers a master suite complete with a sitting area, one of six fireplaces, two walk-in closets and a very large bathroom. Additional upstairs features include a loft with outside access to the rooftop patio, as well as separate guest quarters with a full bedroom, bath, and living and eat-in areas. A separate back entrance completes this section of the house.

"I was the broker at the time when Davenport Farm was first sold, and couldn't be happier to be the broker co-listing this stunning property again," said Rosenthal. "From inside out, the residence is truly remarkable, offering an unparalleled visual appeal that features a charming European flair mixed with clear New England roots. The home is famous, not only locally but country-wide as well, for its time hosting the Scottish Games. People came from all over to visit this beautiful home and I have no doubt in my mind that they would again. This is a magical residence and historic landmark of Northern Stamford."

Additional property features include a heated gunite pool, four-car garage and circular driveway.

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