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Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman, Lady Bird Johnson, Margaret Truman, Al Smith, James F. Byrnes and Dean Acheson have been guests at this historic home.

The star-studded history of Webbley has not been limited to famous figures from the political arena. Over the years such distinguished actors and entertainers as Jack Benny, Ava Gardner, Andy Griffith, and Joan Crawford have been honored guests. Such famous authors as Thomas Dixon and W. J. "Sleepy" Cash have been "regulars" around the home. Floyd Patterson was a visitor during his reign as World Heavyweight Boxing Champion. And, in more recent times, Webbley has hosted the likes of Cissy Houston, her famous daughter, Whitney, and her son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Patricia Houston.

Because of this rich history, and its magnificent architecture, the National Register of Historic Places in addition to listing this property on its renowned "Register" has identified Webbley as one of the most distinguished private residences in the State of North Carolina. The current owners of Webbley have also been the recipients of many awards for their loving and outstanding restoration of the home, including the prestigious Gertrude S. Carraway Award from Preservation/North Carolina.

This unique Bed & Breakfast Inn has five bedrooms and large common areas including twin parlors, a formal dining room and a bright and cheerful breakfast area. Each bedroom has its own

unique decor including antiques, hardwood floors, oriental rugs, designer fabrics and museum quality window treatments and drapings.

The front porches with their turn of the century rocking chairs are equally inviting and pleasantly relaxing. The sense of grace and style inside the Inn somehow finds its way outside to the formal rose garden, the brick walking paths, and the expansive brick courtyard which surrounds the rear entrance.

The Inn is owned and operated by Governor Gardner's grandson and namesake, O. Max Gardner III, and his vibrant and lovely wife, Victoria Harwell-Gardner. The finest of Southern hospitality is reflected in the warmth and gentility of Webbley. The goal of Max and Vickie is to make every guest feel like a part of their extended family which goes back 7 generations at Webbley. The care and attention for their guests is reflected in the special amenities they provide such as in-room telephones, cable televisions in each room, and plush bathrooms. And, for the business traveler the Inn has its own fax machine and modem connections for personal computers. Guests are also encouraged to visit and relax at the Parlour Bar, which offers fine spirits and light fare daily from 5 to 10 p.m.

Breakfast at Webbley is an experience you will long remember. Vickie prepares and serves a gourmet breakfast each morning in the formal dining room, the breakfast room, or weather permitting

on the brick courtyard adjoining the rose garden. Some of her specialities include Basque-style eggs piperade, overnight French toast, farm fresh dill eggs in crepes, Bismarck pancakes, smoked salmon or eggs Benedict, along with seasonal juices, freshly ground coffee, and an assortment of home-made breads.

Whether you're looking for a romantic getaway, a special "Murder Mystery Weekend," or an executive retreat, Webbley always combines the best of the old and the new. This Inn is always the perfect choice for the discriminating traveler. And, if you are like this visitor and writer, your stay at Webbley will become a cherished memory that you will look forward to reliving again and again.

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