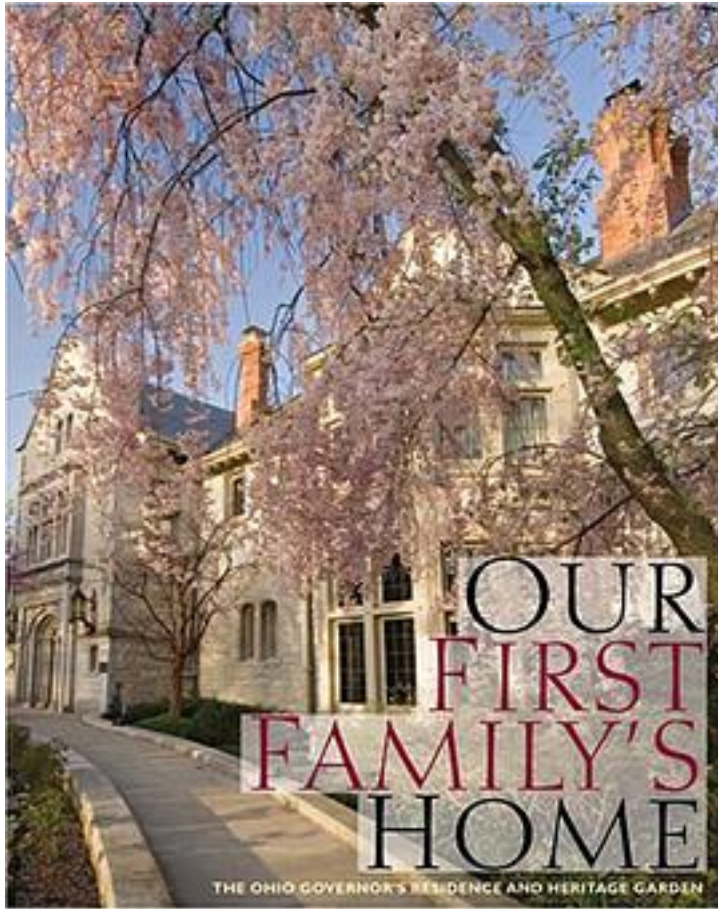


# Our First Family's Home



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This richly illustrated volume tells the story of the home that has served as Ohio's executive residence since 1957, and of the nine governors and their families who have lived in the house. "Our First Family's Home" offers the first complete history of the

residence and garden that represent Ohio to visiting dignitaries and the citizens of the state alike. Once in a state of decline, the house has been lovingly restored and improved by its residents. Development of the Ohio Heritage Garden has increased the educational potential of the house and has sparked an interest in the preservation of native plant species. Looking toward the future, the Residence is also taking the lead in promoting environmental issues such as solar power and green energy. Photographs by award-winning environmental photographer Ian Adams and artwork by Dianne McElwain showcase the beauty of the home's architecture and the myriad of native plants that grace the three acres on which the Residence stands. Essays highlight the Jacobethan Revival architecture and the history of the home. The remaining pieces cover the garden and include an intimate tour of the Heritage Garden, which was inspired by Ohio's diverse landscape. Finally, First Lady Frances Strickland discusses the increasing focus on green energy at the Governor's Residence and First Lady Emerita Hope Taft explains how native plants can help sustain the environment.

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