

Maury Place at Monument

When Jeff Wells, a former lawyer, decided to open a bed-and-breakfast, he had no idea his dream would be only two blocks from the house he shared with Mac Pence. Built in 1916, the main house has four guest rooms,



each with its own bathroom. Jeff and Mac recently bought the neighboring building, allowing for the addition of a pool and the option of corporate rental for longer stays. Jeff purposefully opted for guests to be at one table in the mornings, where he serves a straightforward breakfast using fresh, local ingredients. Bacon and eggs from Belmont Butchery, which is right around the corner, are frequently on the menu. "I know we've done a good job when guests linger after breakfast," says Jeff. "This is a place to find community and leave your baggage behind."



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