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The Charles McLaughlin, or Riverside house as it also known, was built in 1916. A native Covingtonian, and multi-talented painter and architect, McLaughlin resided on the second floor of the home with his family.

Located at 321 Riverside Drive, the house displays distinctive southern architecture. It is very large and modeled after the mansions of the deep South. The home, which faces the Ohio River, was built high up from the street because of the ever-present threat of rising waters.

The interior of the McLaughlin home has many interesting features. The most notable items include a Victorian styled parlor, a Czechoslovakian brass and crystal chandelier, and an American Empire mahogany table. The second floor has large windows with a beautiful view of the Cincinnati skyline. Throughout the home, the fifteen foot walls are graced with paintings and other works of art.

Restoration of the house, now enhanced with wandering ivies, trees, and a lush lawn, began in 1965 when the home was purchased by John Kunkel from McLaughlin's children who live out of town. Kunkel is responsible for the beautiful landscape surrounding the home, including the crescent-shaped brick wall in the front. Mr. Kunkel has also restored the interior of the home. The McLaughlin house is often the starting point for many of the area's walking tours which periodically take place in the historic Riverside District.