

# **Greek Revival in America:** **Tracing its architectural roots to ancient Athens**

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## **Introduction**

This is the story of two architects, married to each other for more than forty years, who purchased and then fell in love with a Greek Revival house in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Although the original intent of the authors was to write a local history of this significant historic structure, the story morphed into a much grander exploration of Greek Revival as an architectural style. Using a modified first person/third person point of view, the reader is invited to join Norman and Ilene Tyler as they trace the genealogy of the Judge Robert S. Wilson House from Michigan to New York to England and ultimately back to ancient Athens. The story is revealed in reverse chronology, and the reader is invited to step back in time over 2,500 years to discover what is believed to be the direct progenitor of the Wilson House.

Enjoy uncovering the mysteries of architectural and historic research in the following pages. And hopefully, as the story reveals itself, the reader comes to see and to care, as the authors do, about the current status of one of the most significant and threatened historic sites in Athens.