

L. CRAIG ROBERTS ARCHITECT







RIGHT: Designed after the medieval French tradition of *pigeonniers*, the outbuilding is a beautiful solution to the residents' garden storage needs. The terracotta vessels decorating the patio would historically have been filled with olive oil and buried underground for natural temperature control.

*Photograph by L. Craig Roberts*

BELOW: Copper gutters and downspouts as well as Old World chimney pots lend an extra measure of authenticity to the French Romantic-style estate in one of Mobile, Alabama's most exclusive neighborhoods.

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FACING & PREVIOUS PAGES: Few homes have rear and side elevations that are as stunning as the front. Clad in hand-mottled stucco and boasting iron and stone accents, the Mediterranean Revival home has a hint of country manor flair. The Gulf Coast's warm climate and the site's unique shape inspired the courtyard plan and abundance of verandas and balconies. All 7,500 square feet are well utilized. Each room unfolds into the next through fluid forms like the custom fabricated wrought-iron staircase. Gracious 20-foot ceilings are common throughout the home and most dramatically highlighted in the mahogany-paneled library.

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