

Biltmore House, near Asheville, North Carolina, was built by George Washington Vanderbilt II between 1889 and 1895. The largest privately owned home in the United States, it encompasses 135,000 square feet and contains 250 rooms. It is one of the most important remaining examples of the Gilded Age and of French and English landscape garden styles in the United States.

Vanderbilt commissioned the prominent New York architect Richard Morris Hunt to replicate a European working estate. Hunt designed the house in the Châteauesque style, using several Loire Valley French Renaissance chateaux as models.

This photograph is of a detail of the front of the main house.



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