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A Colonial Inn Adds a Piece of Victoriana

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Last month, Patrick O’Connell, the chef and proprietor of the Inn at Little Washington, a clutch of historic buildings in Washington, Va., added the Parsonage to his complex. He did not restore this two-story house, with its six guest rooms, to its original 1850 décor. Instead, he recreated “the feeling of a grand old family home so that a guest room doesn’t feel like a hotel room,” he said. Built in the Colonial style, the building (across the street from the inn) later was “Victorianized,” to borrow Mr. O’Connell’s verb. And its décor has remained that way, though the palette was lighter than one usually finds in Victorians. The exterior and the porch facing a courtyard are painted green with cream accents. Interior walls are pale or papered in light colors, including the walls flanking a window seat in a second-floor guest room. Rooms start at \$575 a night. Information: 540-675-3800 or theinnatlittlewashington.com.