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## Boston's Narrowest Home Hits the Market for \$1.2 Million

The Civil War-era house was built out of sibling spite in the city's historic North End

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*The home, just over 10-feet wide, was built to over a sibling spat.*

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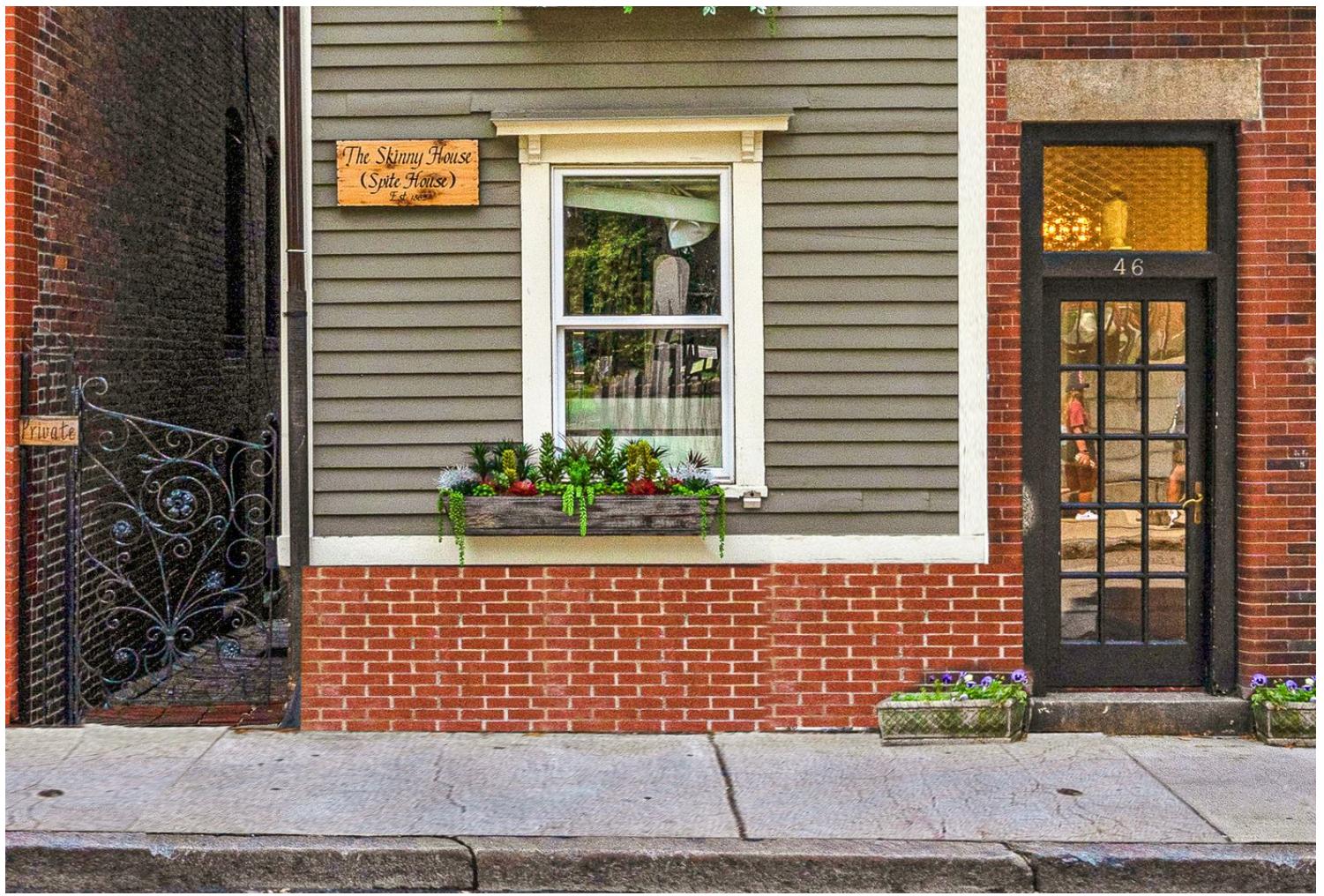
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Boston's skinniest house—just over 10-feet wide—was listed this week for \$1.2 million.

The Skinny House, or the Spite House, is a landmark in the city's North End neighborhood, according to the listing with Carmela Laurella of CL Properties, who shares the listing with Travis Sachs and Andrew Veneziano of the same agency.

The two-bedroom, one-bathroom townhouse was constructed in 1862, according to the plaque on its facade. The home was built to spite its neighbor, according to the local legend as relayed by Mr. Sachs.





Boston's skinniest house is just over 10-feet wide and 1,165 square feet.

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Two brothers inherited then-vacant land in the area, and one went off to serve in the military. When he returned, his brother had developed the land, aside from a small sliver. Instead of moving on, the veteran built on the sliver to spite his sibling, as well as block his home from sunlight, the view and the passageway to his home.

"In a city where there are many narrow lots, this far exceeds the norm," Ellen Lipsey, executive director of the Boston Landmarks Commission, said in a [2005 article in The Boston Globe](#). "As far as we know, it is the narrowest house in Boston."

The 1,165-square-foot home has an "old-world character," Mr. Sachs said, but also boasts amenities to suit today's buyers. That includes a chef's kitchen with full-size appliances, custom cabinetry and a stone countertop, a manicured garden and a roof deck.

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"It has all the modern conveniences and it's in an A+ location," Ms. Laurella explained. "It's away from the hustle and bustle of the North End, over on Copps Hill, and it looks down on the waterfront."

Indeed, there are both city and ocean views from the roofdeck, according to the listing. Other amenities include hardwood floors, custom lighting and a Juliet balcony overlooking private gardens.

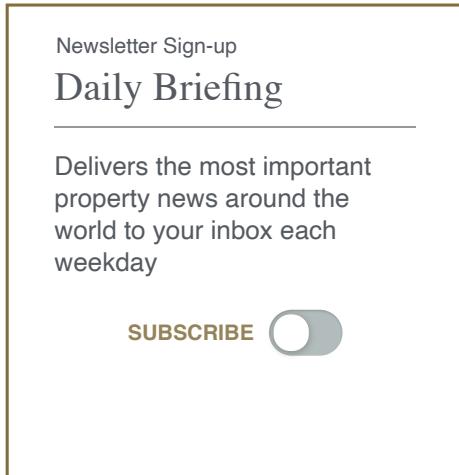
The North End is known for its Italian eateries, and the house is also a quick walk to many Boston hubs, such as Faneuil Hall and Quincy Market, Government Center and the TD Garden, home of the Celtics and the Bruins, Boston's basketball and hockey teams.

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"Single-family homes in this area are rare," Mr. Sachs said. "There are only a handful of these."

There's already been one offer on the property, Ms. Laurella noted, adding that it's a "very endearing, sweet little house."

It last traded for \$900,000 in 2017, according to records with PropertyShark. The owner was not available for comment.



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