



Booth House Restoration Update

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Construction work continues on the Booth House. Considerable work has been done in the past two months, both on exterior portions of the house and interior areas. For your information a brief list of completed and current work follows:

Exterior:

- Landscape plan is under final consideration; appropriate plants will be identified for installation in the spring.
- Picket fencing has been installed in front of the grey cottage; chain link fencing partially removed.
- Sand and topsoil have been delivered and grading around the Booth House has begun; this work will continue.
- New cellar stairs and cellar entrance have been completed.
- Back entrance stairs modified to accommodate grading.
- Design for front and back storm doors determined; temporary storm doors to be placed soon.
- Exterior light fixtures to be installed; style will be period appropriate (hanging lantern on bracket); front and back lights will match; light will also be installed at cellar doorway.
- A large field stone with natural edges, approx. six- inches thick, is being considered for the front entrance.

Interior:

- Extensive cleaning of all rooms, including the attic has been completed; wallpaper has been stripped.
- Mitrani Plasterers Co. has completed plastering of walls and ceilings in all rooms of the house.
- Most molding and framing has been scraped and sanded in preparation for painting (work ongoing).
- Interior paint colors under review; paint samples collected earlier to be used to match paint; painting to begin soon.
- Interior lighting fixtures under review; antiques to be used where possible; strategic electric reproductions to be used as necessary to ensure adequate lighting. There will be a lighting design for each room.
- Furniture plan for each room is being designed. Furniture list will be finalized; search for appropriate furniture will be started in January.