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Finishing touches on historic Jackson House



A kitchen renovation project underway at Jackson House at 119 College Street in Moulton, Alabama is almost complete. The Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area made this flooring project possible with a matching \$2,500 grant according to the Jackson House Foundation Director Tammy Roberts.



The new kitchen flooring will be white tile to resemble marble flooring at the time when Jackson House was originally built, according to Roberts.

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In 2015, the Jackson House Foundation received a \$1,700 grant it used to fix the kitchen ceiling, which was badly damaged when a water pipe burst and sprayed the ceiling with water. The 2016 grant will cover the cost of the kitchen flooring renovation and serving area located just outside of the kitchen. "In addition to the ceiling and flooring, we have also recently completed having a new roof installed on the house and have installed three new light fixtures in the house," Roberts said. "We have had a really good year compared with previous years."

Roberts said the flooring was chosen not only because of its look, but its functionality and durability. "I asked for flooring that was very safe and durable," she said. "If the house settles or moves, the tiles will move with it and won't crack. When we start renting the house, I want it to be safe. If there is a wedding party, you may have 100 people walking around in there, so it needs to be both safe and durable."

While much progress has been made in the house in the past year, Roberts said there are still renovation projects to do in order to get the house into great shape. "The next thing will be writing grants to Lowe's and Home Depot for materials and supplies and another for paint," Roberts said. "We need to repair and paint the outside of the house. That is a big need, being able to get the outside of the house looking great."

The Jackson House currently sits next door to the A.W. Todd Coliseum, across from Lawrence County High School. The Jackson House was built by J. C. Kumpe in 1900 and later sold to W. R. Jackson. Kumpe built the house large for his children but the Jacksons had no children. The house originally sat on the corner of Main Street and Walnut Street in Moulton, where the AT&T building is today.

The house featured a front parlor separated from the dining room by square posts and bookcases. The staircase leads up from the wide hallway and is trimmed on the side with dark, raised panel wood. Several rooms both upstairs and down, have fireplaces with carved mantels. The house was moved to its present location in 1978. The

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Jackson House Foundation will have its annual fall fundraiser on Thursday, Oct. 20 at the Jackson House. The fundraiser will include a fashion show and raffle to win a painting by local artist Belinda Elliot.

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