

Restoration Work At Myrtleville House Museum Under Way

The Myrtleville House Museum in Brantford, Ontario officially reopened to the public on May 8, 2005.

The Heritage Canada Foundation was pleased to partner with the Trillium Foundation, Friends of Myrtleville House and the Brantford Community Foundation to restore the upper floor of the museum.

Constructed in 1837, this 10 room Georgian homestead was home to the Good family for 140 years. The museum has been open as a living history site for 25 years and many schoolchildren and tourists have enjoyed the programming offered at the museum. Hosting hundreds of visitors does have an effect on the historic house and preservation and conservation maintenance was required to maintain the historical integrity of the home.



Architects Frank Burcher and Peter Stokes worked with the Heritage Canada Foundation, Karen Rennie, executive director Myrtleville House, and Bill Robertson of Robertson Restoration to complete the project. The work involved painting and repairing the plaster and woodwork and refinishing the historic floors.

The walls and ceiling were brush painted by hand – no rollers were used - to produce the proper finish and maintain their historical integrity. Benjamin Moore historical paint colours were used throughout the project.



Appropriate furnishings have been returned to the rooms and the museum is looking forward to new opportunities for partnerships in the future.

The Myrtleville House Museum is open year round, Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Sat/Sun May 21-Aug. 31) for members of the public to view the results of this partnership and enjoy an important part of our Canadian history.

The Heritage Canada Foundation is ensuring that these historic sites will be preserved for future generations to enjoy - our past does shape our future.