



June/July 2009

SUMMER HOURS

Starting April 1st

Monday – Friday

7:30 – 4:30

Saturday

7:30 – 2:00

Closed Sunday

As always, if you are running late just call ahead and we will do our best to accommodate your needs.

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Business of Restoring Historic Homes a Labor of Love for Local Contractor

While many craftsmen in our industry focus on building new homes, an active community of contracting professionals has turned their love of old homes into a thriving business.

Ed McQueeney, owner of Old House Restoration in West Newbury, Mass., is one of those who find true joy in preserving the past. Ed is a new Rand Lumber customer who was referred to us by another builder. He recalls, "That was four months ago, and I've found that Rand is worth the drive since."

We recently supplied Ed with a variety of materials for a 4,500-square foot colonial that he's been renovating in Merrimac, Mass., since January. In the historic four-bedroom home, built on the waterfront in 1702, the original owner had smuggled freight directly from the river through a tunnel in the basement in order to avoid paying taxes. The wide brick tunnel has been filled in, but its outline remains visible today.



The character of the 1702 home is being carefully preserved by Old House Restoration, West Newbury, Mass.



Sistered studs: Cured hemlock studs are sistered with the existing wall supports.

Around 50 years after the house was constructed, the homeowner was away in Canada fighting in the French and Indian War when American Indians took advantage of the entrance to invade the home and murder the soldier's wife and two children.

In the next century, following the Civil War, this tunnel was used in the Underground Railroad network for black slaves escaping to free states.

With such rich history associated with the property, Ed and his crew are very careful to preserve as much of the original home's character as they can. For example, the wainscoting surrounding each room's fireplace will be stripped and refinished, and many of the original windows will be rebuilt. The crown

moulding in each room – a symbol of the owner's wealth – will also be preserved.

Ed notes that it's equally critical to replace the key structural components that keep the house insulated and standing. For example, existing supports have been sistered with three-inch by three-inch hemlock studs, also supplied by Rand Lumber. Some of the failed floorboards will be replaced with our hard-to-find wide pine, and in the attic, we'll provide 20-foot boards for the roof. Rand will also provide four-inch-by-six-inch purlins that will be installed between the existing roof rafters.

Ed says that the quality of our products, as well as our prices, will keep him a dedicated Rand Lumber customer. "I've found that Rand's two-by-six premium grade is better than anywhere else; I know it won't warp because it's dried naturally – the proper way," he notes. "I also know that their prices – like on trim boards – will be about half what I find elsewhere. The reason why is that the other guys go through middleman upon middleman and by the time that's all done, their mark-up is high – but Rand doesn't have to deal with any of that."

Ed says that he especially appreciates our personal service. "They know exactly who I am, and what I've ordered. I find they're a pretty easygoing group with

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quality products at great prices, even on hard-to-find items that are tough to match up in old homes."

He concludes, "I love doing this type of work and I'll have Rand follow me to all my jobs from now on."



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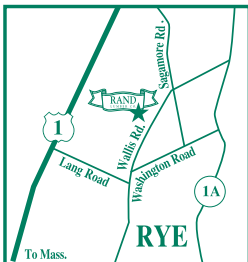
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