

FARMHOUSE RENOVATION

Brethren,

The Masonic Charity Foundation is in the process of renovating the Farmhouse next to Fellowship Center. During our research, we have discovered it was built in 1797 and the occupants were well respected members of the Burlington community. The lady of the house was the first known documented survivor of breast cancer surgery in the United States. Later on, in the 1860's it was the home of Eliza Gurney, a frequent correspondent of President Abraham Lincoln. In our endeavors to restore the house, we are concentrating on 2 periods of time - the early 1800's and the 1860's. We are asking your assistance to make this possible and have compiled a "Wish List" of items and furniture from these 2 time periods. If you can help us in any way by donating some of or similar items on this list, it would be most appreciated. And, as this is a 501(c) 3 endeavor, all items donated are tax deductible. Cash donations are also greatly appreciated.

Early 1800's

1. Tables
2. Clay Pipes
3. Artwork or primitives
4. Oilcloth carpet (9 x 12)
5. Swivel writing chair
6. Butter churn
7. Kitchen utensils
8. Books
9. China or silverware

1860's (Victorian)

1. Large oval marble top table
2. What-not shelf
3. Glass door book cases
4. Victorian pictures
5. Oriental rug (12 x 18)
6. Cane rocker
7. Victorian side tables
8. Knick-knacks
9. Curtains & blinds
10. Large crystal chandelier
11. Stereoscope
12. Books
13. Oil lamps

The budget we have been granted is very limited and therefore we are in need of any assistance you can provide either in the form of material or money. We are in the process of acquiring Historic designation and our hopes are to turn this into a showcase for Freemasonry in Burlington. Please contact either Judy or myself at (856) 768-0312 or wemisslp@comcast.net.

Fraternally,

Joe & Judy Rival