

Jones Log Barn Reconstruction Update

Phase II reconstruction work continues to progress on the **Jones Log Barn** adjacent to the Federal Barn in the Duportail House complex in Chesterbrook. The intent is to create an interpretive building for what will be known as the Living History Center at Duportail.

In this series of photos taken on 18 July 2018, some of the main logs comprising the eastern portion of the structure are placed with the aid of a mobile crane. The preparation of the stone foundation—which originally supported an addition to the Federal barn that unfortunately burned in 1985—was completed in Phase I of the project, and decking planks and floor joists salvaged from the careful deconstruction of the old Fritz Lumber shed—courtesy of Eadeh Enterprises—were installed to support the upper structure. Some of the old logs had been stored too long and needed to be replaced.

Scott Walker of Axe Handle Timber in Philadelphia is performing the reconstruction.
<http://www.axehandletimber.com/>

For more information on the project, visit the Tredyffrin Historic Preservation Trust website:
http://tredyffrinhistory.org/?page_id=35

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