

Jones Log Barn Reconstruction Project Update

Following up on the report published in the previous issue, Phase II reconstruction work has continued 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 between early March and early July 2019, the essential structure of the barn building can be seen to move dramatically toward completion.

In the stages to come, the exterior walls will be enclosed with board and batten siding, and the roof will be shingled. The flooring and siding incorporates lumber salvaged from the old Fritz Lumber storage barn, thanks to Eadeh Enterprises.

Looking ahead, remaining tasks include:

- Window and door installation
- Recreated hardware installation
- Stairway construction
- Electrical service installation
- Adding accessibility and safety features for public visitation
- Outfitting and exhibits

Contributions to the Tredyffrin Historic Preservation Trust (THPT) help to fund this worthy project. For more information on the project, visit the THPT website at tredyffrinhistory.org

— John O. Senior

UPPER: March 2019, snow-covered log section almost complete.

MIDDLE: May 2019, roof framing on main section almost complete.

LOWER: July 2019, front section framing in place, and roofing framing started.

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