

Cockayne News & Notes

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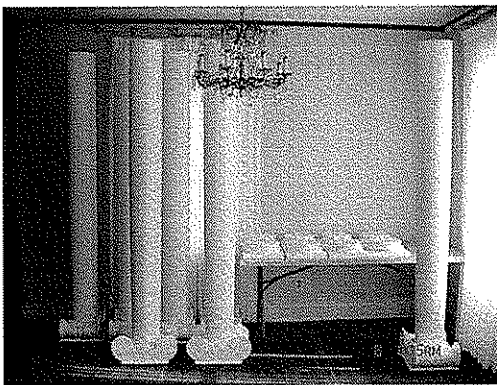
You are receiving this initial issue of *CNN*, Cockayne News & Notes because at some point over the last few years you have supported or expressed interest in the efforts of the Cockayne House Preservation Project through monetary donations, volunteer work or in some other fashion that we greatly appreciate. The Cockayne Preservation Committee wanted to take this opportunity to thank you once again for your support and to let you know about some exciting things that are happening with the project. Watch your mailbox for future issues of *CNN* (Cockayne News & Notes)!!!!

**THANK
YOU**

Porch Work Completed!!!!

On November 30, 2007, just days before the snow began, Trushel Contracting completed work on the porch of the Cockayne Farmhouse. Earlier in 2007, the ten porch columns were removed and transported to Ye Olde Renovators for refurbishing. The columns were completed and then stored in the adjacent Lisa Cockayne House until ready to be reinstalled on the porch by Trushel Contracting.

Architectural services for the front porch were provided by Heritage Architectural Associates and Pozell Contracting provided voluntary oversight of the construction work. Construction documents for the remaining exterior components of the farmhouse have been completed, and bids will be opened July 8 for the continuing phases of the project. Rehabilitation of the exterior of the farmhouse will be priced in units or "facades," and we will proceed with the exterior renovation of each facade as funds permit.



Projects With Marshall County Schools

In August 2007, several Marshall County school teachers toured the Cockayne House to develop ideas to implement the resource into their school curriculum. Two classes from John Marshall High School actively included the Cockayne Project this past year. Jonna Kuskey's AP English class, a college-level writing course, developed a brochure and video presentations about the Cockayne House. See the last two pages of this newsletter for the brochure. In mid-November two large pine trees separating the farmhouse and the Lisa Cockayne House were removed to provide future access to the properties. Nicole Shipman's horticulture classes turned the pine from these trees into beautiful grave blankets that were sold as a fundraiser. In January, the horticulture classes presented a check for \$1,500 to benefit the project.



John Marshall English Class



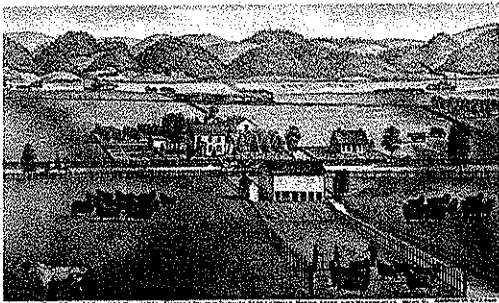
John Marshall Horticulture Class

Earlier this year, the Cockayne Project received a grant to hire a part-time staff person to further develop educational and cultural programming and to create more ties with the Marshall County Schools. A steering committee of teachers and community leaders has been organized and ads will be placed for this position. It is also hoped that college interns can be found to further the work of the project under the tutelage of the future staff person.

South Lot Reunited to the Farmhouse!

On March 20, 2008, the lot south of the farmhouse was reunited to the project. On April 14, 2008 Marshall County Historical Society President Stanley Stewart met with state legislators, county commissioners, the mayor of Glen Dale and other local officials to thank them for the role each played in the recovery of this key piece of land to the project.

The acquisition was funded partially through a TE A-21 Enhancement grant awarded by the Federal Highway Administration. The TEA-21 grant required a 20% match which was generously provided, in part, by the Marshall County Commission. An additional \$30,000 necessary for the purchase was provided through funds secured by Senators Jeffrey Kessler and Larry Edgell and Delegates Scott Varner and Ken Tucker. Glen Dale City Council contributed the final \$5,000 needed to achieve the total purchase price.



1877 Print of Cockayne Farm

Future Goals

In 2008, the Cockayne House Preservation Committee is focused on continuing the exterior renovation of the farmhouse, strengthening our ties to local schools and acquiring the smaller Lisa Cockayne house.....which is another key parcel of the Cockayne Farmstead.

The 19th Century Lisa Cockayne house, located directly north of the Cockayne Farmhouse and historically connected to the Cockayne Farm, will serve many important purposes. It will provide the handicapped accessible facilities necessary for the entire Cockayne project. It will serve as a welcome center for not only the Cockayne Farmstead, but for the entire county. In addition it will serve as an educational and cultural center for local citizens of all ages to learn about their heritage and to further their cultural growth with various activities. The Lisa Cockayne house is currently owned by benefactors who are holding the property until funds are secured to reunite the house to the project.

Much has been accomplished on behalf of the Cockayne Preservation effort thus far. In providing for the renovation of the Cockayne Farmhouse roof and porch, in completing over 2/3 of the curation process of over 1,500 Cockayne artifacts in the farmhouse, in acquiring the Cockayne Indian Burial Mound and lot south of the farmhouse, in bringing the Lisa Cockayne house under the protection of benefactors while funds are secured to reunite it to the project, and in developing ties with Marshall County Schools, the Cockayne Project is making great strides. Your past support and continued support is making this possible. Thank you.



Smaller Cockayne House



Lisa Cockayne House

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Cockayne Project!**

Whether it's attending one of our fundraisers, buying one of our promotional items or making a donation, your help is much needed and greatly appreciated. To make a donation, simply complete this form. Thank You!!

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