

# STRIPPING THE HOUSE

Celebrating Completion of the:

*Exterior Restoration of the 1758 Meeting House  
Repair and Preservation of the Meeting House Roof  
Stripping and Staining the 20th Century Annex*



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MORRIS COUNTY*

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FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE & CEMETERY ASSOCIATION*

**Randolph Friends Meeting House**  
**Saturday, October 13, 2007**  
**2:00-5:00 p.m.**

**Corner of Quaker Ave. & Quaker Church Rd.**  
**Randolph Township, New Jersey**

# THIRTY YEARS OF PRESERVATION

- 1977 ~ New cedar-shake roof; iron fence restoration
- 1985 ~ Preservation guide; siding repair
- 1986 ~ Fire detection system installed
- 1987 ~ Chimney removal; flashing repair; new hand-crafted door - east side; electric upgrade; stone wall restoration
- 1988 ~ Sill, stud & end-post restoration; cemetery fence restoration
- 1989 ~ Wood gutters reconstruction; interior framing stabilization
- 1992 ~ Interior stair stabilization; tread and riser restoration; ground radar Cemetery survey and tombstone repair; encapsulation of asbestos roof insulation
- 1993 ~ Window re-glazing; Cemetery photographed; Irwin, *Time Erases All Epitaphs Graven in Stone* published
- 1995 ~ Gallery cover construction & installation
- 1998 ~ Window shutters restoration; floor joist repair; plaster restoration; loft rehabilitation; phase one of exterior restoration
- 2004 ~ Phase 2 of exterior restoration; east & south wall stabilization; window & door restoration; epoxy consolidation first floor; new Annex roof
- 2005 ~ Heating system replacement; restoration of floor joists & pegs
- 2007 ~ Completion of exterior restoration of Meeting House and Annex; repair and preservation of Meeting House roof; installation of new security system

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Photos courtesy of Contractors Paul and Luigi Basile  
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For information about the Meeting House & Cemetery and the Association that preserves this site, visit: [www.randolphmeetinghouse.org](http://www.randolphmeetinghouse.org) or contact:  
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**Project Overview:** By the later 1990s, the many layers of 19th and 20th century paint on the Meeting House were causing damage to the internal structure and to the siding. Architect John Dodd advised stripping the paint from the building and returning the Meeting House to its original unstained, unpainted 18th century exterior. Work began in 1998. A number of factors caused delays, and work proceeded slowly. Meanwhile, the painted exterior of the Annex began to flake and the roof of the Meeting House needed attention. A grant from the Morris County Historic Preservation Trust Fund in 2006 provided the necessary funds to finish stripping and treating the Meeting House; stripping and staining the Annex; and cleaning, repairing and preserving the cedar shake roof.

Contractor: Basile Bros., General Contractors



Meeting House and Annex as they appeared in 1990.



Ongoing problems with flaking paint led to the decision in 2005 to raise funds to strip and stain the Annex.

Stripping and treatment began on the front (South) wall in 1998. Layers of paint were hand stripped; siding was repaired and sanded, then treated with mildewcide and preservative.

Contractor Paul Basile discusses shutter restoration with Association members.



The contractor, midway through the process of stripping, repairing and sanding the siding, windows and trim of the Annex.



Restoration of the cedar shake roof completed work on the Meeting House. Missing and broken shakes were replaced and then treated with mildewcide and preservative; gutters were repaired and replaced.

Morris County Historic Preservation Trust Fund consultant Dominique Hawkins, AIA confers with contractor Paul Basile during site visit.



With the Annex stripped, it was ready for the application of a stain to complete the project. The stain was chosen to complement the Meeting House yet be appropriate to a 20th century building.