

## Recognition for Outstanding Contributions to Historic Preservation in Princeton

## 41 Harrison Street

41 Harrison Street is a vernacular house—a two story, five—bay clapboard house with central entrance and porch—built ca. 1838. Located within the Jugtown Historic District, listed on the State and National Registers and designated as a local historic district by Princeton Borough, the house was in a close—to—original state of preservation. However, the house was in poor condition, with peeling paint and deteriorating porch, windows, clapboard sheathing, and roof.

The present owners, Martha Rinehard and Charles Wampold, purchased the house and began an ambitious program of preservation, rehabilitation, and expansion in consultation with local architect Marc Brahaney. On the front elevation, original clapboard siding, the wood entrance porch, and 9/6 and 6/6 windows, trim and shutters were all repaired and preserved. A copper porch roof and copper downspouts were installed. Where historic features were deteriorated or missing, such as the box gutters along the eaves and the clapboard along the gable end, replacements were fashioned to match the original. On the interior, the original floor plan, stair hall and fireplaces were preserved. To the rear of the house a new addition, with appropriately modest scale, similar materials, and compatible fenestration pattern was built.

Because of the extensive work proposed for the house, the alterations were subject to building codes that required a larger egress window from the second floor of the original building. The owners received a code variation to enable them to keep original windows on the front elevation and negotiated a solution to the egress problem that had minimum impact on the historic and architectural character of the house.

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