

### **Window Rehabilitation Complete at Scribner House**

In 1916, the members of the Piankeshaw Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution purchased the home of one of New Albany's founders as their chapter house. The 1814 Joel Scribner House is the oldest extant building in the city. The DAR organization is committed to the preservation of the house and also uses it as a museum to interpret the time period of Mr. Scribner's residency.



One of the significant projects necessary for the house was a complete rehabilitation of the historic windows. The Piankeshaw Chapter received an HPF subgrant of \$25,000, matched with local funds, which resulted in the rehabilitation and restoration of 25 windows in the 1814 Joel Scribner House in New Albany.



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The project rehabilitated 19 original windows on the house, provided new wooden storm window units, and replicated period-appropriate shutters that were documented to have existed. Midway through the project, the organization also decided to undertake the rehabilitation of the six windows on the c. 1850 summer kitchen, which currently serves as the gift shop and storage. All existing window sashes and frames were removed, inspected, and repaired as needed. Cracked or broken panes were replaced with appropriate glass and the repaired sashes were reinstalled with new sash cords, weather stripping, and locking hardware. Custom wood storm windows were fabricated to fit all the windows so that non-historic aluminum windows could be removed. Finally, 16 pairs of historically appropriate wood shutters were constructed and installed on the house where they had once been.



This is the second highly visible window rehabilitation project funded through HPF in the city of New Albany (the other was the Former Holy Trinity Rectory, now St. Elizabeth Regional Maternity Center). The DHPA staff is very pleased that these projects have become “demonstration projects” that illustrate how original historic windows – even ones that are almost 200 years old – can be retained and rehabilitated to improve energy efficiency in a very cost-effective manner.