

Rosebud Completes Restoration of Montpelier's Historic Wood Floors

The Rosebud Co. has completed all restoration on the wood floors of James and Dolley Madison's Montpelier. Work was focused on the first and second floors of the structure and included all portions built during James Madison's lifetime. The restoration project has been hailed as one of the most significant of our generation. Preservation Magazine, the voice of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, praised the scope of the project and noted that "This was the most careful scholarly restoration of an American property of the last 50 years -- and it will be for the next 50 years,"



During the restoration of the 6000 plus square feet of pine flooring Passive Refinishing repeatedly proved invaluable in exposing the floors as the Madison's would have seen them. Ink stains were found in both of Madison's libraries -- rooms he used to author the Virginia Plan (now known as the U.S. Constitution) and to review his copious notes after he retired from public office. Indentations from furniture, outlines of area rugs and floor cloths and fade lines from walls that had been moved during previous

iterations are all now part of the story the old home tells its visitors. There was absolutely no sanding of the floors at any time. There was no loss of the original wood floors. No hazardous materials were used and none were created. Throughout the entire restoration process public tours continued through the Madison's home without interruption.

There is no doubt that Passive Refinishing now stands alone as the premier method of restoring historic wood floors. It met every criteria placed upon it and exceeded the expectations of all. We are very proud that Rosebud Co. and Passive Refinishing played



such a vital role in the restoration of one of our country's most historic properties. I encourage you to visit Montpelier and see it just as James and Dolley Madison would have experienced it. There is nothing else like it.

Michael Purser, owner of Rosebud Co., said: "I am indebted to my two brothers, Howard and David Purser of Charlotte, N. C. Their diligence, hard work and decades of experience proved invaluable in the successful completion of this project."

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