Plank House Restoration Begins

Beginning in early 2019, the Marcus Hook Preservation Society applied for and was granted monies to begin restoration of the historic Plank House. The first of these projects begins with what we call Phase I and Phase II work. Phase I encompassed the major roof on the Plank House being torn off down to the lathe, replacing and/or repairing rotted beams, replacing crossbeams and braces and finally the cedar shake roof. Phase II involved demolition of the South addition, which was a 1970's addition, removing the back porch which was also a 1970’s addition bringing the house back to its original state. Once the demolition was completed, the rear kitchen roof was replaced also with cedar shakes. New gutters were added to help deflect rain water run off so as to not cause further deterioration. The next part of the restoration came in the form of chimney stabilization in which the main support of the fireplace in the basement was cemented and secured as well as the chimney stack.

There is still much more to be done and hopefully we will be able to secure the funding to continue our work.

If you are interested in donating to this very worthwhile cause, please send donations to:

MHPS
P.O. Box 703
Marcus Hook, PA 19061

Indicate “restoration” on your check. We thank you for your support!
The Marcus Hook Preservation Society is a 501c3 non-profit organization. It was formed in 2004 to preserve the rich history of the Borough of Marcus Hook through educational programs, events, and community involvement.

The Society owns the Marcus Hook Plank House and is in the process of major renovations.

The Plank House, circa 1720, is our founding symbol, saved for restoration in 2004, and open by appointment.
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