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Craftsmanship

Lee Mansion

Independence, Iowa

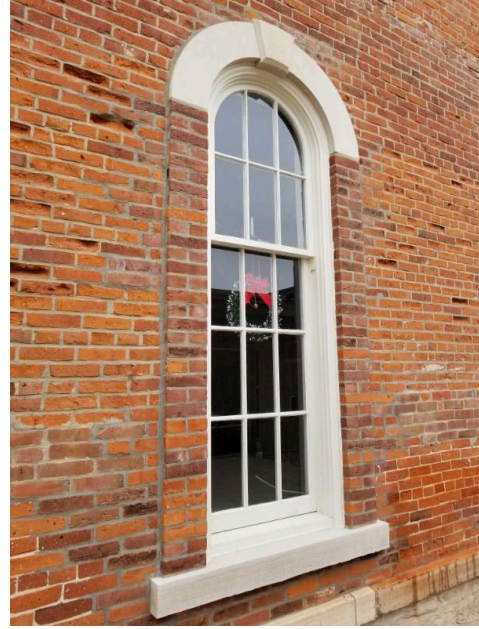


Lee House, an Italianate style mansion located in Independence, Iowa, has been the object of a recent renovation. Built in 1867, this home was built by Captain Daniel S. Lee (the first volunteer from Buchanan County to serve in the Civil War as well as the first mayor). In 1917 it was converted into the Peoples Memorial Hospital and several additions were constructed on the west side of the house. Surprisingly, the interior of the original house was mostly intact when the additions were demolished in 2016. The most recent work on the house included the Buchanan County Historical Society placing four windows on the west wall which we fabricated.

Before



After



These single hung windows are fabricated from Northern White Pine. The half-round top boasts a cottage split with 6 divided lites in the top sash (3W x 2H) and 9 lites in the bottom sash (3W x 3H). Narrow and very tall, they are approximately 39 inches wide and 104 inches with a sash thickness of 1-3/4". These are called Variation 6 windows due to being square on the interior and giving the appearance of a half-round window on the exterior.





This picture shows the inside of the opening. The window is square on the inside and has a radius on the exterior.



This is the picture of the sill where the new window will sit.



Picture of the original sill, frame, and brickmould.



New sill and jamb. We also had knives ground to match the original brickmould.

In addition to the four windows, we also fabricated brickmould that was recreated to match the original. The half-round top of the brickmould perfectly matches the half-round of the top sash as well as the masonry opening. You can tell that the Buchanan County Historical Society has worked diligently to restore the formal, yet gracious building into a worthy listing on the National Register of Historic Places.



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