

News Release

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Paul Davis Restoration donates to deconstruction/preservation work at historic Log Cabin discovered in Cave Spring, Georgia

Rome, Ga. – Oct. 19, 2011- Paul Davis Restoration of Rome, Ga. will make a donation to the Cave Spring Historical Society for the deconstruction work at an estimated 200-year-old Cherokee built log cabin found inside of the former Green Hotel, just outside of Rome, Ga. Jim Thompson, Paul Davis office owner, will contribute his company's profits made on the project to the Society as part of the annual Paul Davis Restoring America program which helps residents and neighborhoods in need throughout the U.S.

The work begins on Wednesday, Oct. 19 at 4 Broad Street in Cave Spring, Ga. Though the cabin's build date is still to be determined by scientific dating, it is estimated by historic research conducted by both the Georgia Trail of Tears organization and the Cave Spring Historical Society that the cabin could date to the late 1790s. The most likely builder or earliest owner was Avery Vann, father of Cherokee sub-chief Davis Vann who was born in Cave Spring in 1800. The Cherokee Indians were removed from Georgia in 1832 – 1838 in what is known as "The Trail of Tears."

By the mid 1850s, the cabin site changed ownership and additions and renovations were made to the original structure. Over the decades, other additions were made. Paul Davis crews and technicians will carefully dismantle these additions while protecting the original log cabin structure found underneath.

Paul Davis worked with the historical society in July 2010 to discover the log cabin itself. The restoration company peeled back the outer layers of the building using a process called skinning, exposing for the first time in almost 200 years, a perfectly preserved, two-story log cabin. The discovery was termed by Bruce Green of the Georgia Board of Historic Tourism as, "the most significant archeological discovery in Georgia in 100 years."

"Paul Davis' dedication to the history of the building is at the heart of our involvement," said Thompson. "We are proud to be a member of the Cave Spring community and the significant restoration effort." The company's work on the job will be supervised by Clint Maynard, a Paul Davis associate who has estimated and managed the project.

Interior cabin walls and brick and mortar samples will be tested to determine the chronological dating of the structure. Also, the committee has created a plan for the possible future restoration of the cabin and building of another structure. Maynard will save and store beams and wood which may be useful in the rebuilding of both the cabin and another structure. The current project also includes plans to ensure that if any significant historical, archeological or architectural discoveries are made, work can be slowed or stopped for study of those elements.

Thompson is a licensed Georgia contractor and certified from the Institute of Inspection, Cleaning, Restoration and Certification (IICRC) as a Master Textile Cleaner, Master Fire and Smoke Restorer, and Master Water Restorer. He is also certified as an Indoor Environmentalist and Certified Mold Remediation Supervisor from the Indoor Air Quality Association (IAQA), along with other professional industry certifications.

Clint Maynard has worked for Paul Davis Restoration since 2006. He is a Master Fire, Smoke, and Water Restorer. Prior to Paul Davis, Maynard headed his own construction firm in metro Atlanta specializing in the restoration and construction of reproduction homes in Ansley Park, Grant Park, and West End. He is a second generation carpenter; a native of Syracuse, New York and spent his early career assisting his father remodeling New England Cape Cod and other styled homes.

Thompson has owned the Paul Davis office in Rome since 1997. Since the early 1990's, the company has served customers in Floyd, Chattooga, Gordon, Bartow, Paulding, and Polk counties. The office is located at 2567 Cedartown Highway in Rome. Thompson may be reached at (706) 236-9002.
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