



'Wren's Nest',

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Schedule of Completed Works

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The main aim of this project was to carefully progress through all of the public rooms of the Wren's Nest and clean all the surfaces, examine and repair furniture, clean the exhibits and remount some of the memorabilia, examine and re-adhere the wallpaper, source and fit missing pieces of hardware, repair the tilework around the fireplaces and other items from the survey schedule that was originally conducted in May 2008.

During these works – a schedule of the tasks that we completed follows – the most important element was that the character and age of the Wren's Nest must not be compromised.

The beauty of the interior of the Wren's Nest is that some elements have not been altered or touched since the death of Joel Chandler Harris in 1908. Our task was to clean, seamlessly repair some of the furniture and artifacts, replace broken glass in some of the cabinets, restore paintings, such as the portrait of Joel Chandler Harris that is situated in the Front Parlor, (IFACS Chief Conservator Mary Aldrich cleaned and restored all of the paintings included in this project). We were also able to source many of the missing or broken cabinet handles and hardware and replace these, as well as repairing and stabilizing many pieces of furniture.

In many of the rooms, the wallpaper and ceiling paper was badly delaminating. We carefully re-adhered it using a conservation grade heat release adhesive.

Where a roof leak had caused efflorescence on one of the ceilings, we neutralized it, repaired the surface damage and touched in the paint to exactly match the surrounding area.

During the three week project time frame, IFACS Conservators, Restorers and Craftsmen spent over 600 man hours painstakingly repairing, cleaning and making good paint and wallpaper problems to return the rooms back to their 1908 appearance without affecting any of the age, patina or character.

Geoffrey Steward
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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G. Steward', on a white background.

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Front Room - Left of Entrance (with Brer Rabbit display):

1	Fireplace - retouched black paint around iron surround and fill losses.
2	Secured loose tiles in front of fireplace and surface clean.
3	Wooden border - consolidated areas of mechanical damage and touched in.
4	Wooden mantle - removed residual paint and grime and touch in dents. Blended in finish.
5	Removed, restored, new mat and new frame for stamp display.
6	Dusted/dry cleaned all surfaces - including window frames and window panes.
7	Readhered all loose and delaminated areas of upper wallpaper frieze.
8	Cleaned and removed grime and dirt to main yellow painted paper especially chair rail.
9	Cleaned and restored easel painting portrait of J.C.Harris and rehung.
10	Restored Baseboard, especially lowest band which had significant areas of damage to finish.
11	Repaired velvet sofa including removal of dust and repairs to split on left side.
12	Repaired mechanical damage to door and restore graining and varnish layer at chair scraping height.
13	Painted sidewall to remove areas of major damage.
14	New archival plastic sleeves for photographs.
15	Cleaned photographs.

Entrance Lobby:

1	Filled and touched in losses to wallpaper.
2	Surface cleaned/dusted floors and woodwork including baseboards, window etc.
3	Replaced light bulbs - made work again.
4	Touched in dents/scratches to woodwork - doors and surrounds.
5	Fixed/repaired wooden portion of hall mirror - lower right edge.
6	Repaired two pieces of furniture and researched and replaced missing hardware.

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Reception Room:

1	Surface cleaned.
2	Cleaned sticky residues from mirror in hat-stand.
3	Readhered ceiling lining paper and painted and glazed finish.
4	Touched in black paint round fireplace, filled in losses to tile-work and grate, readhere loose tiles.
5	Touched-in scratches to door and doorway frame and lower baseboards.
6	Touched-in damage to banister.
7	Repaired loose and delaminating ceiling plaster.
8	Repaired table.
9	Repaired baseboard.

Front Room - Right of Entrance:

1	Cleaned and dusted all surfaces bincluding walls and ceiling.
2	Cleaned tiles around fireplace and filled/inpainted/re-secured loose tiles.
3	Restored Horse print right of fireplace and inpainted areas of loss.
4	Repaired round framed rabbit print frame.
5	Restored frame of horse print to left.
6	Cleaned and restored Easel painting.
7	Inpainted areas of loss to baseboard right of fireplace.
8	Restored Rabbit print.
9	Supplied and fitted new matt to horse print.
10	Readheard delaminated wallper.
11	Repaired and stabilized 2 tables.
12	Repaired baseboard and installed new 1/4 round toe board to same pofile as missing length.
13	Repaired Victrola.
14	Sourced and obtained and fitted hardware where pieces missing.

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<u>Piano Room</u>		
1	Fix leak on ceiling then patch and in-paint.	
2	General surface clean including floor-cloths and window panes/glass display case and piano.	
3	Secure loose and broken tiles in fireplace.	
4	Wallpaper - lay down loose/bulging, fill and in-paint losses.	
5	Remove paint flecks from bust atop piano.	
6	Door - removed defective filling from gaps caused by panel shrinkage created gaps - left with gaps - finish touched in	
7	Repaired and inpainted major losses to woodgraining in door surround.	
8	Using acid free clear envelopes, dusted and re-housed sheet music as protection.	
9	Removed drip marks on wood above velvet curtain.	
10	Assessed cleaning of pictures and labels.	
11	Repaired textiles on bottom edge of door.	
12	Cleaned all photographs and frames, removed labels and mounted them on reverse.	
13	New scan of original wallper laminated and returned to display.	
14	Using acid free clear envelopes, dusted and re-housed photographs for table display.	
15	Touched in areas of damage to piano as necessary.	
16	Moved rug into correct position.	
<u>Hallway:</u>		
1	General cleaning to walls and ceiling and furniture.	
2	Replaced ight bulbs.	
3	Removed sticky residues from glass on display cabinet.	
4	Repaired seat of corner chair.	
5	Neatened edges where wallpaper in reception meets. Toned gold paint.	
6	Touched in damage to doorframes and removed paint splashes - also tpo the baseboards.	
7	repaired and touched in scratches on piano.	
8	Green striped paper - touched in scrapes.	
9	Ceiling/upper frieze paper uneven yellowed - readhered delaminating sections and repainted.	
10	Inpainted outline of removed hardware.	
11	Touched in damage to 'gold' frame back left of hallway - boat scene.	
12	Repaired tear in 'leather' armchair.	
13	Supported area of missing cane seat with conservation grade support mesh.	
14	Glazed ceiling.	
15	Redahered areas of loose and delaminating wallpaper.	

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Front Bedroom:

1	General cleaning to walls and ceiling and furniture.
2	Replaced bulbs.
3	Clean windows and touch in where necessary.
4	Repaired losses in woven rush floor covering with canvas and touch in paint to areas of loss to blend in appearance.
5	Book display case - replaced broken glass on right side, clean glass, fill/in-paint/varnish loss damage to wood.
6	Painting above - repaired frame.
7	Baseboard - left of fireplace readhered and inpainted as necessary.
8	Fireplace tiles - secured loose, filled and in-painted and replaced missing as appropriate.
9	Losses to silver painted fill material above metal fire surround - repaired.
10	Touched-in damage to square corner chair.
11	Touched-in losses to wallpaper.
12	Rose painting - replaced missing frame elements.
13	Fairy painting - replaced missing frame elements.
14	Clothes display case - repaired structural damage to upper portion.
15	Sourced and replaced missing handle pull on chest of drawers.
16	Missing handle pull on chest of drawers.
17	Sourced and fitted missing elements of hardware to three pieces of furniture.

Back Bedroom:

1	Replaced light bulbs.
2	Carefully cleaned all surfaces with removal of dust and grime. Very careful cleaning of floor and matting.
3	Cleaned and readhered all loose and delaminating wallpaper including some attention to losses.
4	Cleaned and readhered all loose and delaminating wallpaper to frieze including some attention to losses.
5	Cleaned and readhered all loose and delaminating ceiling paper including some attention to losses.
6	Repaired textile tape border around fireplace.
7	Repaired losses to fireplace bricks.
8	Cleaned sculptures on mantelpiece and replaced losses.
9	Repaired and inpainted scratches to doors.
10	Removed damaged matting and taken to upstairs store.
11	Repaired two chests of drawers.
12	Sourced and fitted hardware to furniture where missing.

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Dining Room:

1	Cleaned all surfaces including windows, walls ceiling and furniture.
2	Removed paint from edges of window frames and wooden cornice, door, fireplace.
3	Neatened up edges of floorcloth, removing aold adhesive and readhering edges.
4	Remounted postcard display.
5	Secured loose tiles, replaced missing, in-filled and painted losses.
6	In-filled losses to frame of bridge painting.
7	Replaced 'Fruit' print with "Lady" painting which we cleaned, filled losses, varnished and inpainted.
8	Sourced and fitted new hardware to furniture where missing.
9	Repaired dining room chair.
10	Readhered many areas of loose and delaminating wallpaper.

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Work from Original Schedule not considered during this Phase.

Bathroom:

1	Clean all surfaces. Remove paint residue, water stains around pipes - leak?
2	Cover over light bulb?
3	Replace door handle to cupboard.
4	Gaps in wooden paneling?
5	Touch-in scuffs and paint drips on door.

Shop Area:

1	Investigate water damage at ceiling level. Replace rotten timber.
2	Many areas of loss/flaking/staining/nail holes. Recommended treatment - fills of loss and re-painting including window frame.
3	Floor has heavy wear marks. Several layers of floor paint.

Restrooms - Public:

1	Clean and repaint and re-grout.
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