

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – TAYLOR OPENHOUSE ON JULY 15TH



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The Moultonborough Heritage Commission will host a second community open house at the historic Taylor House on Saturday, July 15th from 10 AM to 2 PM. Over 40 people visited the house on the 4th of July, and this is another chance to see the house's interior and to contribute to the public input process on the future of the property.

Located at the center of Moultonborough Village, the Taylor House is an important community landmark, significant both for its history and for its architecture. The house was built c. 1840 and then expanded and remodeled c. 1900 by prominent business owner and politician James E. French, who resided at the property from 1871 until his death in 1919. Adele Blanchard acquired what was then known as the 'French House' in 1923, and the property passed through the women of her family to its last resident, Adele Taylor (also Moultonborough's longest-serving librarian).

The French-Taylor House is an important local example of a broad-gabled Greek Revival dwelling, which was enlarged by lifting the roof structure and by adding a new second story to both the main house and to the wing. The house features numerous character-defining features on both its exterior and interior. It retains integrity of location, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association for the period of its enlargement to the present, and also retains significant structural and stylistic attributes from the period of its original construction, as seen in historic images.

The Town of Moultonborough purchased the Taylor property as a 'strategic buy' in 2014, and the Moultonborough Heritage Commission is now evaluating the condition of the building and seeking community input for its potential future uses. The house is located at 970 Whittier Highway (Route 25), across from Murphy's Village Store.