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GRANT AWARDED FOR STUDY OF TAYLOR HOUSE



The Moultonborough Heritage Commission has been awarded a \$3500 grant from the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance to help fund a professional building condition assessment of the historic French-Taylor House in Moultonborough Village. Eric Palson of SMP Architecture of Concord is leading the existing conditions investigation and structural evaluation, which is already underway. The final assessment report will recommend rehabilitation priorities, provide probable cost estimates, and suggest effective phasing for work on the building. With this information, the Heritage Commission can focus on re-uses and the feasibility of potential uses for the building. This summer project is funded in part by a grant from the NH Preservation Alliance, which receives support for its grants program from the NH Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP).

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. The house retains high integrity, and features numerous character-defining features on both its exterior and interior. The Town of Moultonborough purchased the Taylor property in 2014, and the Moultonborough Heritage Commission is now evaluating the condition of the building and seeking community input for its potential future uses.