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Key Property Hits Market

The historic Weill Block, recently known as Miller Furniture, has been listed for sale. The four-story granite building was constructed for Ella Fishblate Weill, daughter of Wilmington Mayor Solomon H. Fishblate and widow of Solomon Weill. The structure was erected by English-born contractor Thomas Woodroffe in two phases, the first in July 1898 and the second in October 1898. The building enjoys an unusual narrative as a real estate investment for a woman twenty years before women's suffrage. It is a staple of Preservation Greensboro's Social Equity Tour. The 25,000+/- building is listed to the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing building in the Downtown Greensboro National Register Historic District. Designation makes it eligible for investors to participate in lucrative Historic Tax Credits (see above). The property is listed for \$2.55 million. Inquiries made by following the link below.

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End Of Year Giving Thomas Day at Blandwood

Won't you consider an end-of-year gift for our upcoming exhibit? We are planning a six-month exhibit to expand traditional narratives



at Blandwood Museum around race, gender, and class in mid-nineteenth-century North Carolina. This allows the museum to extend storylines of social equity and inclusion.

The temporary exhibit will showcase twelve pieces of furniture crafted by the nineteenth-century North Carolina artisan Thomas Day at Blandwood. Producing this exhibit will bring additional costs in the form of furniture moving, insurance, displays, and publicity. **We need your help** to defray these costs. Won't you consider supporting this special exhibit as a sponsor? Please contact us before the year-end in order to be recognized in event publications and promotions!

Thank you for considering your support.

[Learn More](#)



***Untold Stories* by Eric Woodard An Artist, His Art, and Civil Rights**

The work of James McMillan can be found in numerous collections including Bennett College, North Carolina Central University, Guilford College, The Weatherspoon Art Museum, and Virginia State University. A quote from the artist from the February 19th, 1996, News and Record article written by Cathy Gant-Hill:

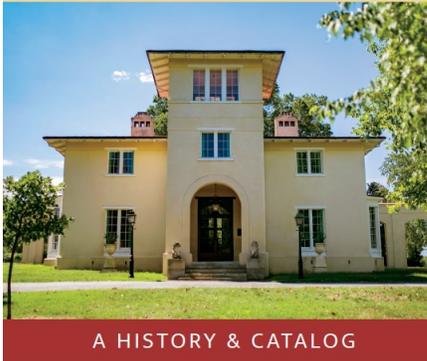
"For me, art has always been like a personal diary," McMillan says. "It's a way of capturing an emotional high that comes out at a point when you know you have to do something about something you feel strongly about."

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Holiday Gifts of History

Looking for special holiday gifts with a smart and local theme? Look no further than the

GOVERNOR MOREHEAD'S BLANDWOOD



Blandwood Museum Shop! We have selected titles **in our inventory** that explore local architecture and insights therein. Categories include the architectural history of Greensboro, High Point, Winston-Salem, Guilford County, and the Piedmont of North Carolina.

[Explore Titles](#)

Giving Less Stuff This Holiday Season?

Consider a gift of community support! If you just can't find that special gift, a contribution to Preservation Greensboro is a community-oriented alternative. A gift can be made securely by credit card through our Donation Form. By clicking the box "I would like to dedicate this donation," an acknowledgment will be mailed to the contact you choose to be notified. Just follow the link below...its that easy! No wrapping required!

[Our Donation Page](#)



Safety With A Cause!

Need a new mask? Show your pride in local preservation with our logo-branded face mask! These masks are made in Greensboro by Red Canary Studio. They are 100% cotton and have latex-free elastic. Masks can be purchased for \$3 at the Blandwood Museum Shop. Call at 336-272-5003 or [email us](#) to arrange for sale and pickup!

Preservation Events & Activities

The holidays are here, and we are offering interesting programs to reveal the architecture and history of our city. Attend our Christmas at Blandwood exhibit, or plan an exciting trip, or explore the Architectural Salvage Showroom! Seasons Greeting from your friends at

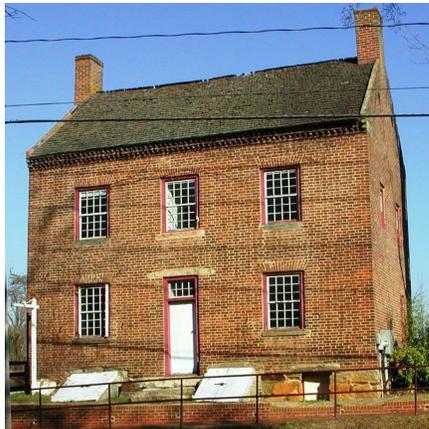


September 17-27, 2022

English Architecture Romanticism and the Industrial Age

Blandwood holds significance as the inception of Romanticism in North Carolina. Its occupant, John Motley Morehead, launched our state's Industrial Age, but his focus on manufacturing was counterbalanced by the patronage of Romantic Era architecture, arts, and landscape. Blandwood and Morehead merely echo the trends of England, where industrial advancements were paired with imaginative and exotic artistic themes. Join us for a tour of England's touchstones to Romanticism, and explore some of Victorian England's most Romantic treasures.

England



Guilford at 250 Preservation Superlatives!

As the last of our annual series to celebrate Guilford County's 250 birthday, our executive director, Benjamin Briggs, will review some of our superlative sites! What is Guilford County's oldest house? When was our earliest church built? What is the date of our oldest factory?

Benjamin Briggs has been executive director for 18 years, and as a native, he has a deep knowledge of Guilford County architecture. This event is free to the public as part of our year-long monthly series celebrating Guilford County's 250th birthday!

In order to watch this special presentation, please check our [Youtube](#) page or our [Facebook](#) page after 6pm on December 16th.

**Visit Our YouTube
Channel**



History Over the Holidays

447 West Washington Street in Downtown

Be a part of a seasonal Carolina tradition at Blandwood as the historic house museum is decorated with cuttings and crafts of the mid-nineteenth century. Enjoy a tour to learn about North Carolina history or just soak up through the month of December. Blandwood is open for guided tours from Tuesday-Saturday, 11 am-4 pm, and Sunday from 2 pm-5 pm. The holiday decoration exhibit will remain in place through Friday, December 31st. Regular admission rates apply.

[Blandwood Museum](#)



Architectural Salvage

1028-B Huffman Street in East Greensboro

Our showroom is open Fridays 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. New vintage materials are added with each salvage. Perhaps you could use some old house parts for your own old house...or maybe you have a special project that needs some vintage flair. Come take a look and explore!

[Visit Our Website](#)

Garden Volunteers Tend To History

447 West Washington Street in Downtown

Do you want a little fresh air with your volunteer work? Come help us tend the historic gardens at Blandwood! Helpers of all ages and skill range at all levels are welcome, and gentle direction will be provided as needed. Gardeners meet once weekly in the morning, but work times may vary depending on the weather. Click below to add your name to the email notification list of garden

volunteers!



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Sustainer Membership

Hit the Easy Button! Make charitable giving as easy as possible by becoming a PGI Sustainer! Membership with Preservation Greensboro is easier than ever thanks to our new monthly giving option. PGI Sustainers sign up to make monthly contributions to PGI through an automatic monthly charge to a credit card or draft from a bank account. Consider joining with this convenient membership tool. Sustainers spread their contributions throughout the year and provide PGI with a reliable source of funding. Simply click on the secure link below and enroll as a Sustainer Member to get the ball rolling.

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Amazon Smile

Shop on Amazon? Did you know that if you name Preservation Greensboro as your selected charity on your smile.amazon.com start page, Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase to Preservation Greensboro? You can bookmark the link and support us every time you shop! Type "Preservation Greensboro Incorporated" in the search box and scroll to find us on the alphabetic list.

Check Our YouTube Channel!

Our YouTube Channel video library has all of our past Guilford at 250 PowerPoint lecture series segments posted for review. Learn more about Guilford County's architecture and history by watching our YouTube Channel.

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Planned Giving for Preservation

Most people assume that our organization with a 50-year legacy and an attachment to the Morehead name must be well-financed by a deep endowment or government support, but this is not true. Help make Preservation Greensboro and Blandwood Museum a more stable organization by considering a legacy gift. Your commitment to supporting preservation work will remain an investment right here in Greensboro. A gift from your estate may include a specific dollar amount or a percentage of value. Invest in Greensboro's future through historic preservation!

Why Membership Is Important

As a non-profit, our membership provides our most reliable revenue stream. We are constantly working to grow our membership base at all levels, and we depend on support from citizens and preservationists like you to accomplish our mission of saving our community's historic and architectural treasures. We do this by serving Greensboro as a key resource for community reinvestment strategies to leverage historic preservation. Your membership gift allows us to provide strategic planning and increased awareness of historic places.

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