

creating their dream home while  
**Preserving History**



**H**aving grown up in a farmhouse, it was always Barbara's dream to go back to that style of living. When she and husband David learned that a vacant 1789 stucco-clad stone farmhouse (complete with a large walk-in fireplace, a beehive bread oven, 18" thick walls with deep window sills) was for sale on 46 acres that included a pond and a tree-lined lane, it was too good to be true. So what if a friend candidly described the house as "uninhabitable".

Not only did this property provide Barbara with an opportunity to fulfill her dreams of farmhouse living, it would also give the couple the challenge of

preserving a historic relic while creating a very comfortable, contemporary, energy-efficient and very attractive home. They both recognized the immense potential and decided to go for it. The year was 1992.

In addition to the poor condition of the original stone home, there was also an out-of-place looking 1960's vintage ranch-style addition attached to the back. Eventually it would need to go, but the immediate priority was removing the stucco and repointing the stone, installing new windows, a kitchen and furnace.

Years went by before the couple finally decided to move on their plans to

create their dream home. According to Barbara, "it took us 30 years to figure out a *sympathetic* addition that blended with the historic home that could provide us the space for a new kitchen, great room, large master suite, laundry and office". They had by this time collected a lot of ideas and photos of what they wanted—it was now time to find a contractor to help make it happen.

As luck would have it, they stumbled upon Kent Nolt and his team at LH Construction (LHC) who were working on a nearby stone home remodel. They liked what they saw and they definitely liked what they heard upon a meeting. In short, both agreed that

they found the right contractor to see them through.

Prior to constructing the main addition (right), the first phase of the project was a spacious sunroom addition as seen above. As evidenced by the photos, LHC did a beautiful job in blending both additions to the original stone home. As for the interior work, the happy homeowners now have all the cozy comforts of a very attractive contemporary home. Equally gratifying is the preservation work the couple accomplished in bringing the historic farmhouse back to its original classic beauty.

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**W**e became aware of LH Construction when we saw renovations being done to an old stone house close by. We stopped in and talked to the homeowner and met Kent Nolt, the owner of LHC. Kent visited our home and his friendly attitude and enthusiasm created a sense of confidence in hiring LHC.

Homeowners, Barbara & David



Duplicating the exterior trim of the historic farmhouse helped tie together the home and its two new additions. Using field stone harvested from the property that perfectly matched that of the home, two existing chimneys were enlarged along with the construction of a new one that also serves an outdoor fireplace on the patio.

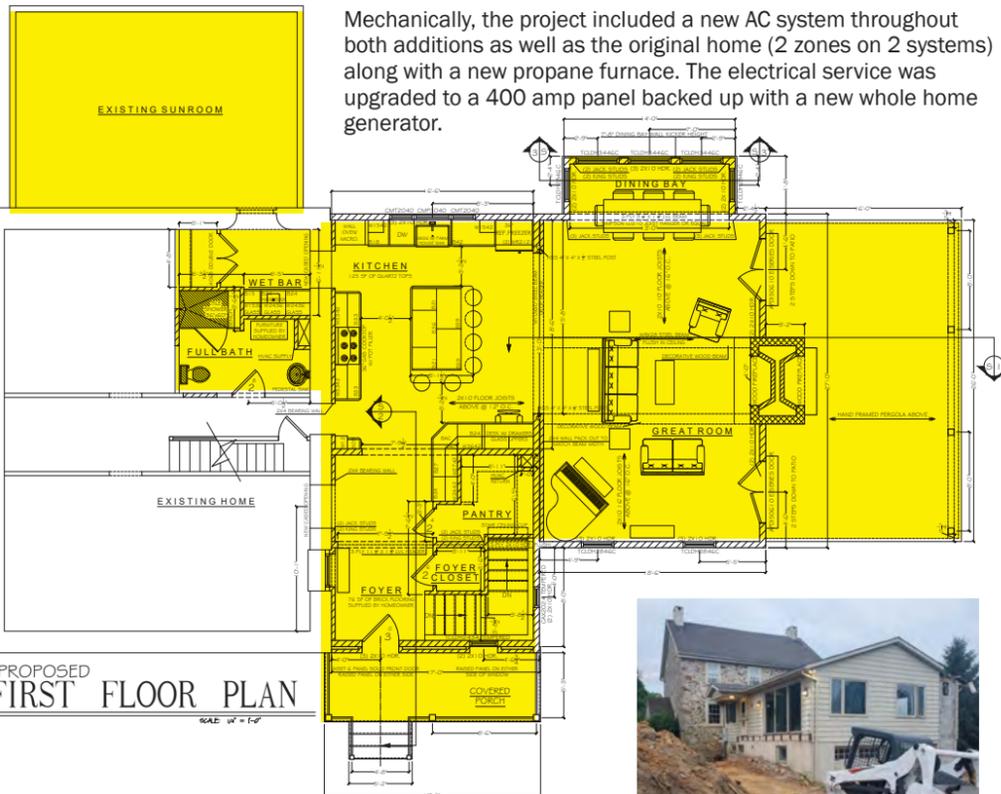


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Giving us numerous options and plans to consider, Zach and Kent patiently helped us through the design process. In the end, they gave us the home of our dreams. The details for the millwork and matching mouldings were instrumental in making the blending of the old and new possible.

Homeowners, Barbara & David



PROPOSED FIRST FLOOR PLAN

Mechanically, the project included a new AC system throughout both additions as well as the original home (2 zones on 2 systems) along with a new propane furnace. The electrical service was upgraded to a 400 amp panel backed up with a new whole home generator.

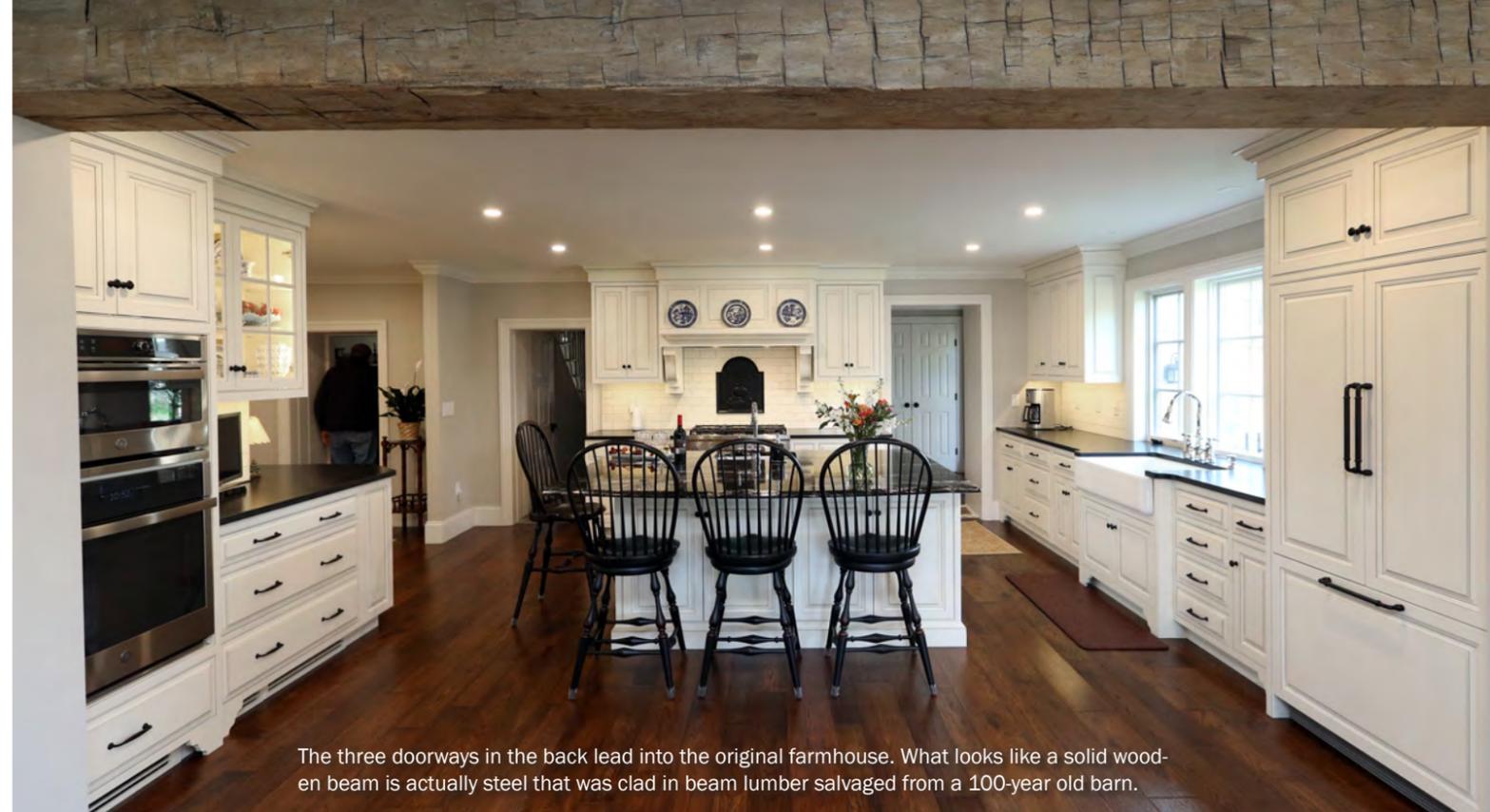


In preparation for the new addition, an unsightly 1960's ranch-style addition attached to the farmhouse was removed down to the foundation. The square footage of the new addition remained the same with the exception of additional space for the dining bay and foyer. With the slope of the yard, it took 56 tri-axle truckloads of backfill to level the property.



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The three doorways in the back lead into the original farmhouse. What looks like a solid wooden beam is actually steel that was clad in beam lumber salvaged from a 100-year old barn.

Due to the scope of the project, we felt we would need to vacate the property for several months. Although LHC promised they would minimize the time, we felt we should be prepared and bought a fifth wheel camper to house us and our two dogs. LHC's skill and planning was so well thought out, we never spent a single night in the camper. And, it was less than two weeks that I was without a functioning kitchen.

Homeowner, Barbara



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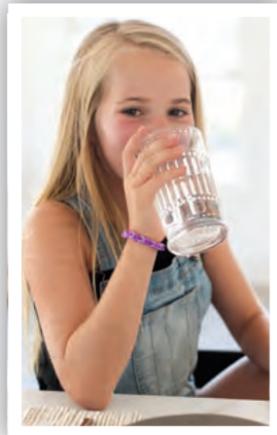
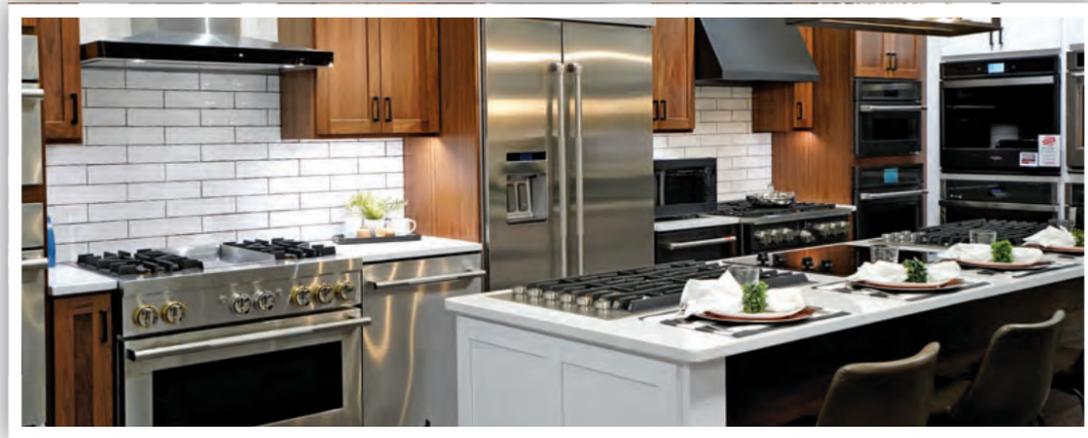
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**O**ur foreman, Austin, is a skilled craftsman who saw to it that all of the trim and windows were installed with great precision. In the room with the fireplace, Austin had great ideas for different millwork and mouldings which made the room very special. The "can-do" attitude and the teamwork we developed gave us the confidence to tackle this major project which was basically building an entire house.

Homeowners, Barbara & David

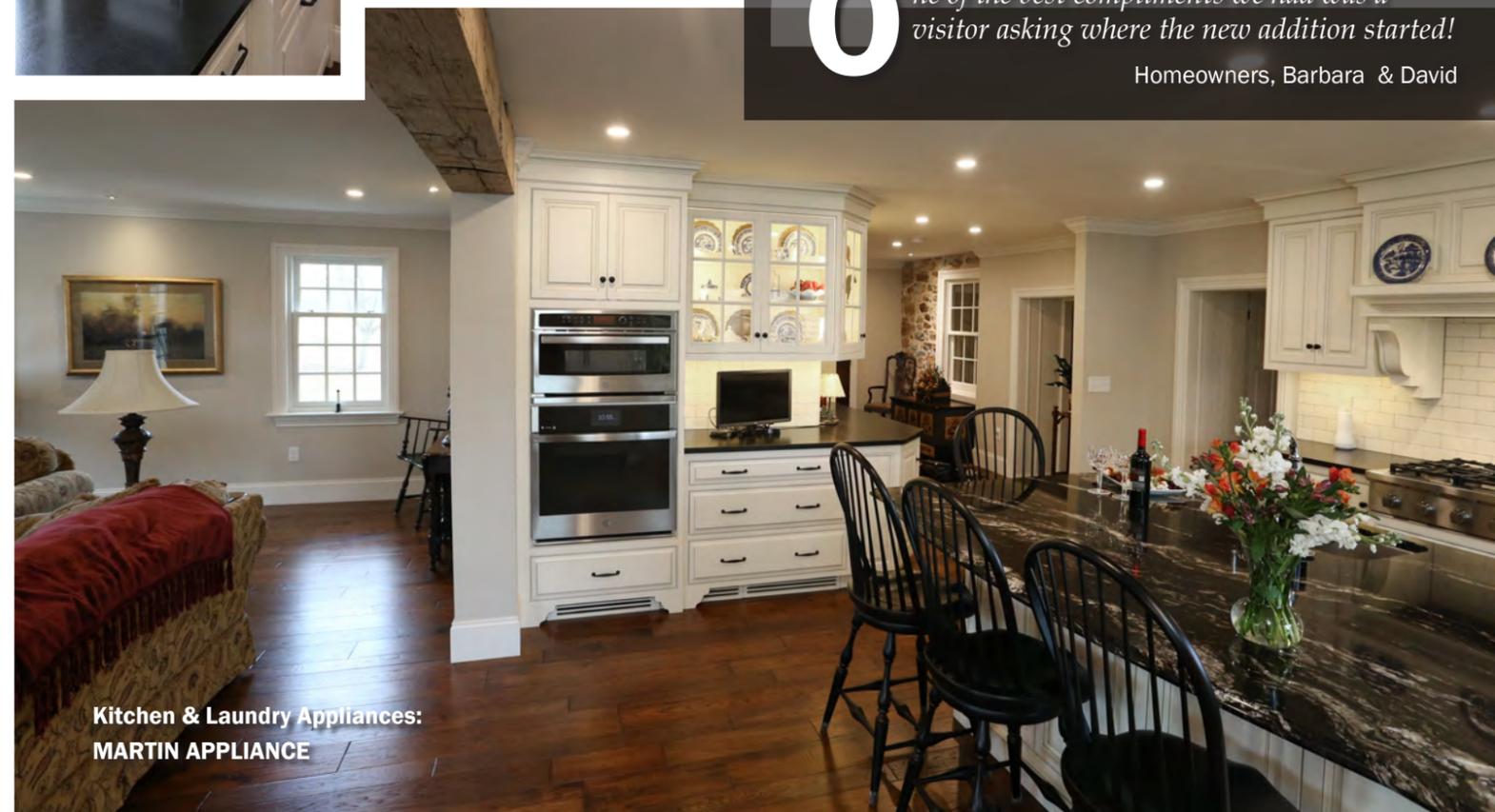
**Appliance Specifications  
from Martin Appliance**

- Fisher & Paykel Pro Gas Rangetop 36" 6 Burners (LP)
- GE Profile 30" Single Convection Wall Oven - Stainless
- GE Profile 30" Built in Microwave / Convection Oven
- Bosch Dishwasher with 3rd Rack (Panel Ready)
- XO Hood Insert 33" W x 15"
- Fisher & Paykel 36" x 72" Panel Read Built in Ref
- GE 5.0 cu' Front Load Washer - White
- 7.8 CU' Dryer with Stream - White



**O**ne of the best compliments we had was a visitor asking where the new addition started!

Homeowners, Barbara & David



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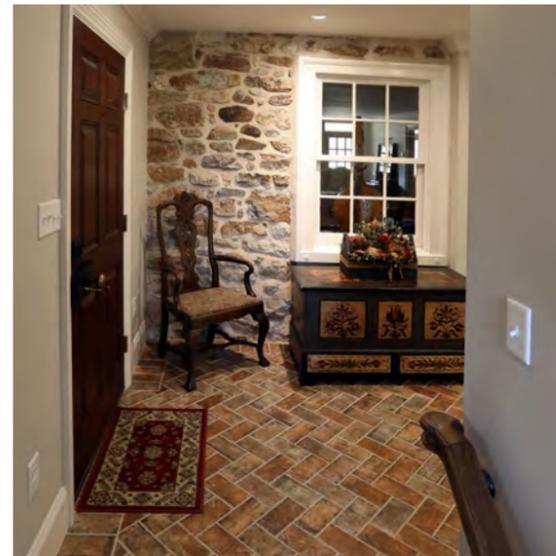
**W**e had purchased a mantel from a house built in 1805 but it was not large enough to accommodate modern building codes. Austin was able to recreate the mantel with its intricate detail on site. He is a creative genius and an extremely talented carpenter.

Homeowners, Barbara & David

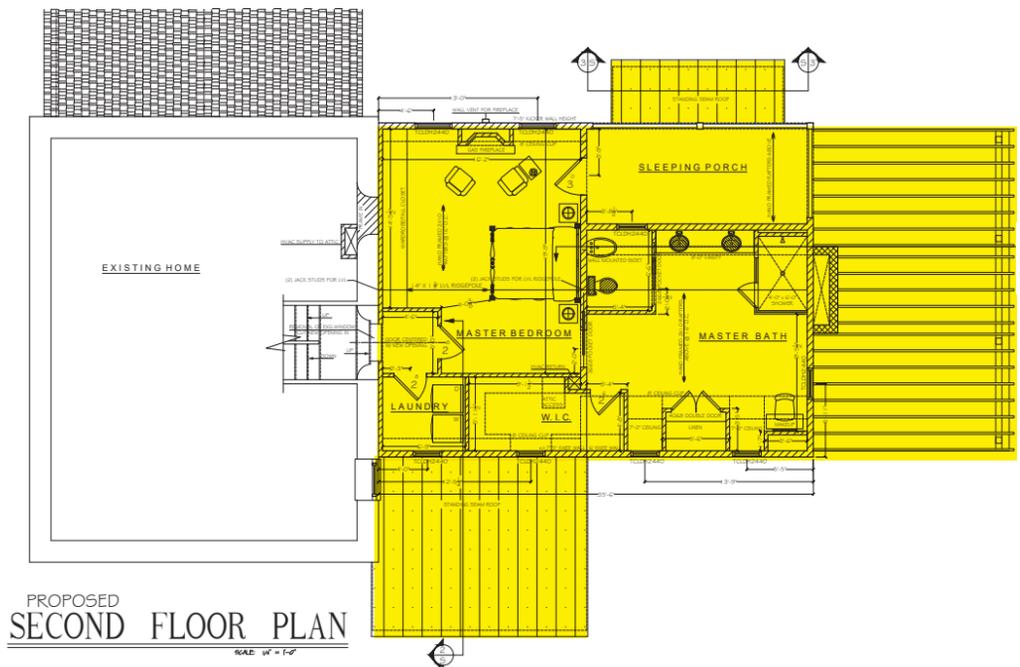
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**F**reedom Flooring was very helpful in making selections for tile and wood floors. They were very patient as we repeatedly changed our minds. The electrical contractor, Cocalico Electric, was very skilled in suggesting lighting to enhance special features like the fireplace and artwork.

Homeowners, Barbara & David

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- Pantry, Kitchen, Great Room, Dining Room, Wet Bar, Basement, Landing, Master Bathroom w/Closet, Hall - Johnson Hardwood Tuscan Series Sienna Hickory*
- Music Room & Hall by Wet Bar - Coretec Plus XLE Venado Oak*
- Kitchen Backsplash - Florida Tile Retro-classique Linen 3x6*
- Master Bath Floor - Marazzi Travisano Trevi 18X18*
- Master Bath Floor Deco - Marazzi Zellige Carbone 4x4*
- Master Shower Walls - Marazzi Travisano Trevi 6x6*
- Master Shower Floor - MSI Mix Marble Pebble*
- First Floor Bath Floor & Wall - Florida Tile Enchant Honesty 12x24*
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**Kent Nolt, Owner**

Kent's background in construction began in 1990 while still in high school. His first job was working for a structural steel company doing mostly commercial projects, but Kent's real interest drew him more and more into residential construction as he worked with great mentors that eventually led to the creation of LH in 2007. At a young age, Kent had an awareness and a great appreciation for those who built things with their hands.



Not only does Kent love the building process from conception through tangible results, but he thoroughly enjoys working with people. He loves meeting with clients and helping to bring their dreams to reality. He also enjoys the challenges and rewards of team building. He loves to see people's homes transformed and restored back to life. He has a real desire to see his employees grow not only professionally but in their personal lives as well. When he's not devoting his time to LH, you will find Kent spending time with his family, going on mission trips to help with building projects. His favorite job is being Pop Pop to his grandkids.



The first phase of the project was the addition of a sunroom to the left side of the home. In connecting the sunroom, an 18" stone wall had to be cut through to create a doorway (below).



*“HC did a great job communicating issues affecting the project and offering alternatives. We are very pleased to have found LHC. The house is truly our dream house.”*  
Homeowners, Barbara & David

