



Two Rivers Washington House entrance restored

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TWO — The entrance to the Washington House in Two Rivers recently was given an upgraded design — but instead of something new, it looks about 160 years older.

Brothers Kevin Voysey, of Voysey Design Build, and Terrance Voysey, of Voyager Woodwork and Supply, designed and created a new entrance to the building by using old photos of the original 1850 design.

"When we're trying to reproduce it exactly as it was, it is difficult," Kevin said. "It was a fun journey to be a part of because it was really appreciated. Even though it was a difficult process, the final outcome has been really wonderful."

The Washington House, at 1622 Jefferson St., is headquarters of the Two Rivers Historical Society and the official Two Rivers Visitor and Information Center.

The Voyseys also previously renovated the entryway for Ed Berners' Ice Cream Parlor inside the building.

Terrance said while projects like the Washington House are somewhat rare, he and Kevin have worked on other historical projects including a house from the 1800s. "We put as much work and energy into something like that as we do into what I would call a normal project," he said. "We're not just specialized in one thing."

The brothers said they were proud to see the finished project.

"We worked together as a team, and I thought we did a really nice job on this," Kevin said. "It's kind of a feeling of pride. This can be one of those projects that helps people realize we have a great community, and that it's something to be proud of."

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Brothers Kevin Voysey, left, and Terrance Voysey, right, give keys to the front door of Washington House to volunteer Carol Schwantes. Kevin of Design Build, and Terrance, of Voyager Woodwork and Supply, designed and created a remodeled entrance using old photos of the original entrance. (Submitted)

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