



(Left to right) Anna Catharina House c. 1771-72 (Reconstruction c. 1954). Every surface of the structure needed scraping, priming, and paint. The expert repairs and restoration work was completed by craftsman Ben Masterson, with the logistical assistance of Erik Skarzynski, Director of Facilities, and his team.

Hello Friends,

With this fourteenth update for the 2021 Fresh Coat Initiative, I highlight the restoration of one of the most iconic reconstructions in the historic district. The Anna Catharina House (behind the Vogler House) has a complicated history as it was originally built in 1771-72. In 1816 John Vogler bought the land and house, moved the house to the back of the lot and built the existing brick Vogler Home. In 1947 it was disassembled, stored, and later in 1954, reconstructed using the original timbers. 2021 Fresh Coat restoration work took place on the wood stairs, railings, and most of the siding needed re-nailing. **To date the Fresh Coat Initiative has completed 59 distinct restoration projects on 17 historic sites within the historic district.** We believe that this is the most restoration work (outside of a single building restoration project) that Old Salem and MESDA has completed in a single year.

Many thanks,

Frank Vagnone

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