



# HELP RESTORE THE WEIR HOUSE!

## Weir House Windows to Honor Madison County Families

The Madison County Historical Society (MCHS) is appealing to area residents for assistance in restoring the windows of the 1836 Weir House which serves as the county museum. Donors are asked to consider adopting one or more windows of the Weir House in honor of their Madison County family. The average cost is \$2,400 each for a completely restored window and a protective storm window appropriate for the historic building. The 1836 home has 31 windows. A list of honored families will be listed on a plaque in the museum when it reopens following restoration.

MCHS began a systematic analysis of the museum building several years ago. With the help of an architectural firm specializing in historic structures, the Society began to make plans to restore the Weir House and improve the museum exhibition space. Part of the renovation occurred last year when the roof was replaced, and the dormers and chimneys were rebuilt. This was made possible thanks to the generosity of the Kriege Family.

A high-efficiency heating and air conditioning system is currently being installed. Plans for new electrical wiring, plaster repair, interior painting, new lighting, removal of exterior paint, tuck pointing, and resealing the structure will allow Madison County residents to enjoy the use of this architectural jewel for generations to come. These are just some of the aspects of the restoration project that will cost an estimated \$2 million to complete. Once this work is finished, new museum exhibits designed to tell the story of Madison County will be installed.

The 1836 Weir House is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and has been the home of the Madison County Historical Museum since 1964. It is owned by the Madison County Historical Society, a 501 (c) (3) organization founded in 1921. For further information, call, 618-656-7569 or visit the MCHS website at [madcohistory.org](http://madcohistory.org). Donations may be given online or sent to MCHS, 801 N. Main Street, Edwardsville, Illinois, 62025.

We hope you will consider making a special gift to help restore the windows or contribute to the additional work that needs to be done to preserve the historic Weir House.



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