



**What organizations and entities were involved with the moving of the house on February 4, 2019?**

Services were secured for S & W Electrical Contractors to move the signal faces while the three trucks carrying the three sections of the house passed through the Sunset Road intersection. United Telephone, MTEMC, and Comcast crews were on site to ensure utility lines were not affected. Perhaps due to a laser-measured utility line elevation plan, no lines were anticipated to be raised passing under and none needed to be raised. The Nolensville Police Department was contracted by the house mover for the temporary road closure and NVFD was advised of the closure and reroute. Town of Nolensville 's building inspector and staff were helpful in an advisory role beforehand. News media were present for the night move and a professional drone filmmaker shot the move, volunteering his services as a Nolensville resident.

**Was the house move well attended and what challenges, if any, were experienced?**

Yes. Nolensvillians lined the streets and some walked with the house to its new home. Heritage Foundation CEO Bari Beasley was on hand to witness the move and exclaimed, "This IS preservation." The move experienced a 15-minute delay at the bridge on the west side of Nolensville Road where a steel beam had to be trimmed by a grinder saw (unattached to the house) to ease through. The entire move took approximately 1 hour.

**Why was the house sawed and moved in three sections?**

The house mover assessed the appropriate seams for transport that would be reunited once the footings would be installed. This is typical when moving large houses and ensuring they can be transported on the designated route within the R-O-W. The committee thanks Kaye Burns for permitting the house to be moved over her property next to Southern Hospitality and for Donnie Bryan, from Nolensville Auto Care, for transporting vehicles out of the path of the mover beforehand.

**What has happened since the Morton-Brittain house was moved from the commercial site on Nolensville Road to the Historic District on Sam Donald Court, February 4, 2019?**

- A property survey was secured by professional surveyor Mike Holmes of the Sam Donald Court property. Civil engineer Eric McNeely donated his services in creation of the professional site plan.

- Committee members and the property owner retrieved and transported original bricks and stones off of the original Morton-Brittain site to the new, permanent Morton-Brittain site in the Historic District.
- On February 23, 2019, the Nolensville Historical Society membership voted to donate up to \$15,000 for the foundation construction.
- The Historic Zoning Commission voted on February 28, 2019 and approved the Morton-Brittain house to be located on Sam Donald Court permanently and gave permission for tree removal if necessary, with the Certificate of Appropriateness. The house is behind Southern Hospitality and across Sam Donald Court from Ebenezer United Methodist Church within the Historic District.
- The Nolensville Planning Commission met on March 12, 2019 and approved the site plan submitted for the Morton-Brittain House.
- The Morton-Brittain Committee met on March 13, 2019 and discussed upcoming fundraising events and products. *Raise the Roof* is an event scheduled for June. Prints of the home, by artist Chris Ousley, are for sale. Tom Ferris of [Ferris Wood Designs](#), is handcrafting frames from Morton-Brittain roof wood. New two by fours are available for personal signature that will be installed in the walls of the home. *I love Nolensville* stuffed animals are for sale at the [Nolensville Toy Shop](#) and NHS booths. School jewelry is being created to be sold. Donated items are sold on line to contribute to the Morton-Brittain fund also.
- Local volunteer(s) removed tree(s) in preparation for the footing staking and excavation.
- Structural engineer Ted Lothers designed footing plans and a building permit was secured by the property owner.
- Forms were constructed and concrete was poured creating the footings for the Morton-Brittain house the week of March 18th by the licensed contractor's team.
- The professional house mover and his crew began moving the house over the footings on March 21st and *The History Channel* was present to film on the 21st and 22nd for a pilot program. The placement was completed on March 25th.
- Foundation plans have been designed and donated by the structural engineer.
- Once the foundation is installed, the house mover will return to pull out the remaining steel, and the house will rest on its permanent foundation.

### **Has the Morton-Brittain House now been put back together?**

The three sections are now together in the placement of the house. The sections will be re-attached securely after the house is placed on its permanent foundation.

### **How will the house be accessible to the street?**

With the elevation of the property, the house will be raised on the foundation similar to the Nolen House. There will be a bridge type structure that will connect the entrance to street level.

### **What is the next phase after this?**

Engineering design of the roof is almost completed. The roof is a key element in protecting and working on the interior of the home. The house has been weatherized through tarping, but roof construction is the next priority. The exterior will be improved throughout the process so it is a good neighbor as well.

**What other services besides engineering and tree removal have been donated to the Morton-Brittain project?**

The silt fence was donated to the project. NHS President Pete Mosley donated the fencing around the house. Comfort Engineered Systems is coordinating and donating any HVAC equipment, materials and installation that may be needed with the project. Ace Hardware provided pallets for moving materials off site. The property owner has rented equipment for brick and stone transportation at his own expense. Lowe's home improvement has sold many materials at cost to NHS. Foundation contractor Ernest Ashworth prioritized the Morton-Brittain project and expedited the placement of concrete. SRM Concrete donated the pumper truck for the footing concrete installation. Concrete masonry unit blocks for the foundation walls and piers are being purchased at a significantly reduced price from Alley-Casserty with discounted sand and mortar also. Regent Homes is providing expertise and trade contacts. Avenue Construction is also providing site consultation.

**What will the Morton-Brittain House be used for and will it be open to the public?**

The preservation project restores the house as a residential use. Located within the Historic District with Village zoning, the property could have remained a residence with annual public openings or have a commercial use. The property owner intends for the house to be a commercial use and is paying all costs associated with that use. For example, if a permit or process is required for commercial use and not residential, it is paid by the property owner. If a commercial kitchen or restroom is requested, the cost differential is paid by the property owner.

**What happens to its classification on the National Register of Historic Places?**

NHS Morton-Brittain leadership plans on meeting with TN Historical Commission representatives at the appropriate time to discuss the process of reapplying to have it returned to the National Register of Historic Places.

**Is there still a way to donate to the Morton-Brittain House Project on line?**

Yes. By going to the [nolensvillehistoricalsociety.org](http://nolensvillehistoricalsociety.org) web site, go to OUR MISSION, HOW YOU CAN HELP and PAYPAL donations are accepted. Please email [nolensvillehs@gmail.com](mailto:nolensvillehs@gmail.com) and state that your PAYPAL donation (date) is for the Morton-Brittain project.

**What festivals does NHS participate in that will bring exposure to the Morton-Brittain project?**

The Morton-Brittain team had a booth at Nolensville's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Antiques, Collectibles and Garden Show and will have a table at the Buttercup Festival on April 13<sup>th</sup>. The Heritage Foundation has provided a table for NHS at Franklin's 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Main Street Festival on April 27<sup>th</sup> and April 28<sup>th</sup>. A table is planned for Nolensville's July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration. The Heritage Foundation is also giving NHS one of their dates at the Franklin Theater next year as a Morton-Brittain fund-raising event!