



The Johnston Farm & Indian Agency exists to provide leadership for furthering knowledge, appreciation of its history, and of the broader cultural environment of which it is a part.

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## ***News Release from the Johnston Farm & Indian Agency***

For Immediate Release:

### ***Share the Vision Update***

Cohee Preservation from Hamerville, Ohio has been selected as the firm to perform the restoration of the Johnston Home. Owner Robert Brookover is not new to working with the Ohio History Connection (OHC) on projects of this scope. The firm has completed several similar projects, and is excited to begin work on the Johnston Home. To learn more about both Mr. Brookover and Cohee Preservation, visit their website: [coheepreservation.com](http://coheepreservation.com).

As of the second week of January 2020 things continue to move forward on the project. The OHC's Collection staff has formulated a plan to remove items from the house during the work and to temporarily store them safely in the museum without disrupting the visits of school children during the spring. This plan allows the contractor to move more efficiently on the project thereby saving work and staff time, and lessening any wear and tear on the items being moved.

The contractor will begin preliminary work in his shop replicating woodwork that will eventually match existing pieces saved by John Carpenter during the first restoration some 50 years ago.

The first major house construction project will be the opening of the main stairway from the first to third floor. When completed, work will move to the first floor and then the second floor for mantel replacements and installation of more authentic woodwork.

If all goes well, the project should be completed in six months. During this time, visitors will still be able to visit the winter kitchen/office area, the summer kitchen and the spring house, all of which will be unaffected by the construction. Mr. Brookover has indicated that visitors will also be able to see as much on the on-going work as is safe to do so.

We extend our deepest thanks to the many individuals, businesses, and foundations that have supported the *Share the Vision* campaign, along with the OHC and Ohio General Assembly for making funding available. For anyone who would still wish to assist in funding this project, contact the Johnston Farm & Indian Agency by calling 937-773-2522.

Site Manager Andy Hite has said, "I know that John Carpenter would approve of the scope of this project. We look forward to his vision and our vision becoming a reality in 2020".



The Johnston Farm & Indian Agency is one of the 59 sites partnered with the Ohio History Connection. The JF & IA is a non-profit organization that serves as a partner to preserve and interpret Ohio's history, archaeology, and natural history. Visit us on the web at [www.johnstonfarmohio.com](http://www.johnstonfarmohio.com).