

In the Fall of 2022, as the Trustees of the 1747 Nellis Tavern were contracting to complete the refurbishment of the outer walls of the building, we were informed that the foundation beneath the western half of the building needed attention. The mortar in those walls had seriously deteriorated.

Facing two expensive projects at the same time in 2023 seemed beyond our saving account's ability to proceed. We then learned of a special foundation, Americana Corner, headed by Mr. Tom Hand, which provides funds to assist organizations such as ours with history from 1607 to 1876. We wrote a grant application and submitted it in December, requesting help for our masonry project.

Initially, we were not granted any funds, and we had no response from Mr. Hand. Hearing nothing, we wrote to ask him about the outcome. Mr. Hand kindly reviewed our application and wrote back saying he was rather impressed with the scope of work we had done over the past decade. After that second consideration, he offered us \$7500.00 for the masonry project, about two-thirds of that expense. His kindness and generosity enabled the trustees to honor our project contracts in a timely fashion. By September 2023, in time for our Evening At The Tavern event, all was completed and cleaned up.



West Chimney support



North Wall