

**Hamilton Grange National Memorial Restoration Update – Aug. 31, 2011**

The beauty of Alexander Hamilton’s “sweet project,” the Grange, is now clearly apparent. The balustrades on the roof and porch roofs are finished and in place. The chimneys have all been restored and the functional shutters have been hung. The special plaster finish on the ground level is done and the house has a fresh coat of paint in preparation for its grand re-opening on Sept. 17, 2011. On that day, tours inside the home will be open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis around noon. (Full opening weekend program announcement to follow in the next update.)



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The theater, which will show a film about Hamilton's life, is nearing completion. Sliding doors separate the theater from the main exhibition space. The theater doubles as an interpretive space, illustrating how the original ground floor (lost during the first move in 1889) was used as domestic space, and housed the Grange's kitchen. The sketch on the back wall of the theater shows the outline of the type of kitchen fireplace that would have been used for cooking most of the meals served at the Grange during the Hamilton family's time there.