

SUMMER 2005 HOLLOW STABILIZATION REPORT #1, 20 June 2005
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Here's a shot of the house taken as Thursday of week 1 came to a close on June 16th. I understand more raising will have to occur today. Unfortunately the interior paneling in the west hall had to be removed on this north elevation, but it will be refastened using original nails we hope, so students can investigate and learn. The 20th-century exterior weatherboard on this elevation (like all others later) will need replacement at some point but may be plywooded over at first. Depends on how much \$ can be spent on this phase to replace the rotted period two and three 2-piece sills and restore the foundation on this back wall. The vertical studs and down braces suffered heavy weathering early on, and their tenons rotted off. The members will have to have new oak bottoms scarf-joined in. Edward & I discovered that this back foundation was completely rebuilt in circa 1900, probably with the sill replacement. We may have found a cellar entrance in the northwest corner of the north wall, judging by the continuation of the west stone foundation and a straight cut on the opposite east side a distance for such a feature. Probably can't prove it though.

David & Bear - thank you for your hospitality of putting Mike up last week in the guest house at Learning Tree. He's returning today for the week and will most likely be back next week and possibly one more. We'll keep you posted. Hope it's OK. As you said, David, Mike doesn't want to return to the Tidewater as he's loving looking at mountains and deer!

Best to all, Cheryl

