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## Update: Restoring Crandall Park's mansion

Editor's Note: Michael Seale bought the historic but deteriorating Victorian mansion overlooking Crandall Park Pond on June 30 for \$395,000. The house, at 552 Glen Street, dates from 1910, is 7,000 square feet and sits on 2.45 acres next to Crandall Park. His wife Melissa Seale (who incidentally is studying to be a psychiatric nurse practitioner) wrote about the restoration efforts in a blog and gave us permission to re-publish it here.

## **By Melissa Seale**

Special to The Chronicle

Restoration is moving along slowly but surely! What I love about restoring a historical home is the interesting things you usually uncover along the way...We have found jewelry, uncovered interesting wallpaper, and found small details that we originally overlooked.

At some points, you feel more like an archaeologist than a home renovator!

There is something special about a home that has been through more than a century of

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## Old Fort House Museum's latest historical treasure

By Mark Frost

Chronicle Editor

"This is William Little Lee's niece," says Paul McCarty, director of the Old Fort House Museum in Fort Edward, about a 19th century painting that was donated to the museum in mid-August.

"And this is her husband," he says, pointing to another painting already in the museum's collection. "And her father and her grandparents are in the front hall."

To say that Mr. McCarty is giddy about landing the portrait of Mary E.

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