Mill Home Legacy



Alex and Shelby Simms have been mindful of the house's history and salvaged what they could. A built-in corner cabinet was moved from one side of the room to another to allow for a closet to be built in their daughter's bedroom. Much of the beadboard was reinstalled to retain the home's original charm. The front room's original fireplace remains, along with one original (currently non-functioning) door. And a portion of one of the chimneys in the master bedroom was left exposed, though the original coal fireplace (one of three) was removed.

The Simms were impressed with the quality and strength of the building materials used. Alex, who studied construction management at Brigham Young University – Idaho, said the materials would be nearly impossible to find today. In fact, the framers that the Simms hired complained that their usual nail guns were not working properly because the hardwood used originally was much denser than what they were used to. Mr. Little related to them a story about a large oak tree that once stood it the front yard and was uprooted during Hurricane Hugo. The large tree fell onto the house, but instead of crashing through the home's roof, it bounced off and did relatively little damage.



