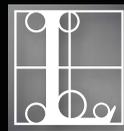


Monticello

SOMERS - CONNECTICUT



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Background

- A replica of Monticello, the 18th century home of Thomas Jefferson, our nation's third president, has been built in Somers, CT.
- The owner is S. Prestley Blake, the man who in 1935 co-founded the Friendly Ice Cream Corporation, the East Coast restaurant chain. He had the replica built because he has always appreciated fine architecture and loved the incredible Monticello itself. The project was completed in November of 2014, in time for Mr. Blake's 100th birthday.
- Mr. Blake chose Western Massachusetts-based Laplante Construction to build the approximately 10,000 square foot home.
- There was no architect involved in the recreation. Ray and Bill Laplante, Founder and President of Laplante Construction, created the design specifications.
- The guiding principles for Mr. Blake's dream home were quality, beauty and responsibility.



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Old on the Outside, New on the Inside

The building has been designed as a “modernized replica” meaning that it is architecturally and historically correct on the facade, and yet the interior contains all of the latest modern amenities that someone would want in a luxury home.

- The exterior design and dimensions are historically accurate, including the home’s signature dome roof.
- The footprint of the home is the same as the original Monticello with the exception of a 3-car garage added to the back of the home.
- In the original Monticello, the kitchen was essentially a fireplace with a spit and a few counters in the basement. Blake’s “new” Monticello has a large and fully modern kitchen with an equally large walk-in pantry.
- The design of Jefferson’s famous dome was replicated, however the main entry way has been redesigned with a new foyer and double circle staircase.

A Green and Local Monticello

Mr. Blake’s “new” Monticello is green and includes local construction and sourcing as evidenced by the following:

- Geo-thermal heating and cooling with heat recovery ventilation.
- Energy efficient windows and doors.
- Icynene Spray foam insulation.
- The use of raw materials from the site itself includes oak and cedar wood plus red stone harvested from the home’s 10.69-acre parcel and milled locally.
- All of the subcontractors were local businesses.

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-PRESTLEY BLAKE



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