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Issue: Orange Hall Restoration

Orange Hall is the only historic house museum in Camden County. In 1972, more than 135 years after it was built, the federal government listed Orange Hall on the National Register of Historic Places. An exquisite example of Greek Revival architecture, this antebellum home was designated a structure of outstanding merit by a Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS). Orange Hall is open daily to the public, encouraging heritage tourism in St. Marys, Camden County and the state of Georgia.

To preserve the future of Orange Hall, its Foundation funded a Historic Structures Report (HSR). This report will describe the current status of the nearly 200-year-old building and set guidelines and standards regarding restoration efforts.

With completion of the report, the Foundation will be ready to restore Orange Hall to its original grandeur, preserving this important link to our region's history. There are several goals to this restoration program:

- Establish Orange Hall as a pre-eminent historic house museum on Georgia's Southern coast by interpreting and reflecting life in the pre- and post-Civil War eras
- Establish Orange Hall, St. Marys and Southeast Georgia as a premier destination for heritage tourists who want to experience and learn more about Georgia's and our Nation's rich history
- Restore Orange Hall with a focus on authenticity and preservation by adhering to the proposals and guidelines of the HSR

Action: Continued support for Federal funding for restoration. Complete renovation will cost nearly \$5.4 million. This includes some critical electrical and structural needs that should be addressed in the next 12 months.