

GIBSON HOUSE MUSEUM

137 BEACON STREET



- Built in 1860 by Mrs. Catherine Hammond Gibson
- Edward Clarke Cabot, Architect
- Home of 3 Generations of the Gibson Family
- Opened as a museum in 1957 after the death of Charles Gibson, Jr. in 1954
- National Historic Landmark
- City of Boston Landmark Interior

Coal Shed and Fence Repair



Coal Shed Interior



View from the kitchen door



Looking into the coal storage area

PROPOSAL

- Remove coal
- Pour 4" concrete "rat slab" in the back of the coal shed to keep rats from burrowing up from below
- Border to be 6" wide full perimeter reaching the current sill
- Reinforced with wire mesh
- Hand cut expansion joints and utilize fiber expansion joints at appropriate locations
- Cover concrete with 4" of new coal



Burrow Activity Inside the Coal Shed



2020 Ground Floor Repairs. Project funded by the City of Boston CPA funds. Discovery of early cement slab on grade under the floor boards. Primary element of the 1860 construction.



Brick Disturbance – April 27, 2021

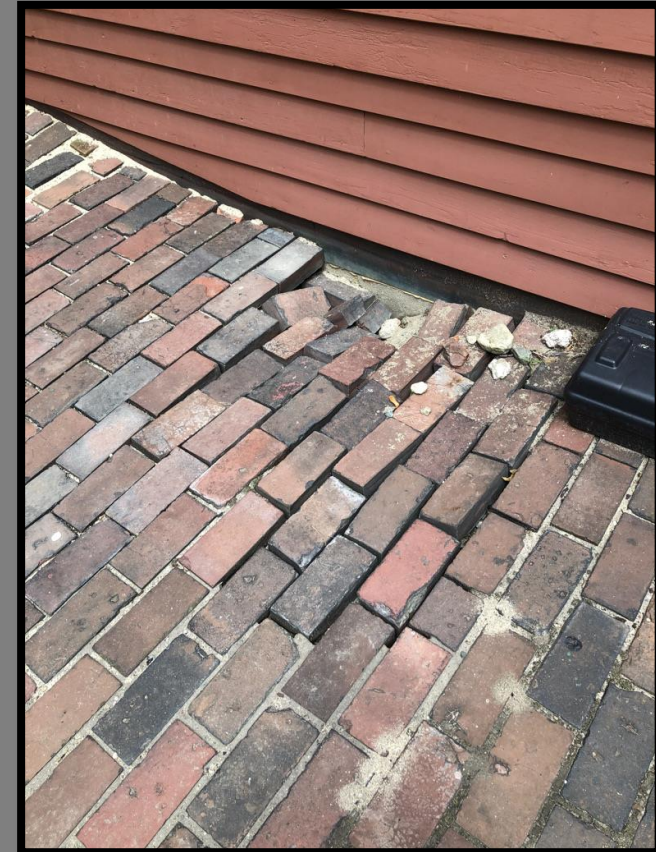


Repaired

Brick Disturbance - continues



June 30, 2021



August 3, 2021



Fence Repair

- Remove existing fence and gate boards
- Replace boards with 1 x 6 clear t & g western red cedar cut in length to match existing
- Install top cap for water runoff
- Install kickboard and bargeboard, similar to existing
- Rehang gate and add new lock



Paint Fence

- There is evidence that the fence was painted the same color as the coal shed
- 1992 paint analysis by Brian Powell called for Benjamin Moore #1197 and approved by BBAC in 2012 when the shed was painted



August 2, 2021

RE: Gibson House Museum, 137 Beacon St., Boston, MA

ABSOLUT Pest Control provides regular month rodents service to the above referenced property. These treatments include baiting, trapping, sealing of potential access points and dusting of rodent burrows as needed throughout the building(s) and exterior. Tamper resistant bait stations are placed and serviced around the exterior as needed.

ABSOLUT Pest Control recommends a concrete slab for improved long term pest control.

This is an ongoing service that has been extremely effective in the past and will continue in the future.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments regarding this program please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely;

Paul Fougere
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Letter from Absolute Pest Control

Absolute Pest Control has provided monthly and more recently, weekly, services for the Gibson House Museum for many years.

The Museum does not leave any trash or waste outside or in the coal shed. All trash is removed every night. Properties on both sides are owned by Fisher College and are kept clean. Fisher College has been informed of our problem

Absolute Pest highly recommends that we pour the rat slab, which will provide long-term pest control.