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### “BUILDING BRIDGES”

We are very pleased to have been chosen to design and build the new kitchen for the historic Styles Bridges House. This classic brick house was built c.1835 and was donated to the State of NH by the family of long-time US Senator Styles Bridges in 1969. Although it is officially the New Hampshire Governor's Residence, it will serve many state functions and also be available to host local non-profit events. The property was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2005.



The new kitchen we created is just one part of a whole house project that added major improvements, including expanded function rooms, new bathrooms and ADA compliant access, all planned to be compatible with the historic elements of the building. In keeping with New Hampshire's tradition of government frugality, this ambitious project has been spearheaded by The Friends of Bridges House, Inc., a non-profit established to build support for the house.

The entire Bridges House renovation project is a wonderful example of bi-partisan support. New Hampshire has long history as a frugal state, so most of the funding for this project was raised through private donations, spearheaded by the non-profit organization Friends of Bridges House. You can learn more about the history of the Bridges House and Styles Bridges himself by visiting their website: [friendsofbridgeshouse.org](http://friendsofbridgeshouse.org)

We could not have done this project without the generous support of the vendors and craftsmen who partnered with us to made this kitchen possible -- and who made it as beautiful as it turned out. Please take a moment to browse the following informative links to learn more about what went into creating this unique kitchen.

## STRATTON CREEK WOOD WORKS

We often rely on Stratton Creek Wood Works to build the traditional dovetailed drawer boxes we use in our custom cabinetry. They use solid maple for the drawer boxes with traditional through dovetails, exactly like top craftsmen have been doing for hundred's of years. Of course, their technology is newer, which allows them to build accurately sized custom drawer boxes with consistent quality, even when we need a very quick turn-around.

Stratton Creek Wood Works has very generously donated all of the drawer boxes for the Vintage Custom Cabinetry pieces in the Bridges House kitchen.

[Click here](#) to visit the Stratton Creek Wood Works website



Stratton Creek makes their dovetails just the way we do in our own shop, with traditional spacing and in the through-dovetail style.



The Stratton Creek shop is located in Kinsman, Ohio.