


# Antiques business relocating

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Original dental molding accentuates this room in the soon to be new home of Stiles House Antiques, the Jabez Bacon House. John Nestor Republican-American

WOODBURY – Ryan Fox and J.R. Cordrey are taking Stiles House Antiques on a short move to a place they have wanted to be all along.

After three years of selling antiques in Connecticut and five successful years in the business, Fox and Cordrey have acquired the Jabez Bacon House in the Woodbury Hollow and will be moving their business there in the fall.

Stiles House Antiques is currently at 881 Main Street South in an early 19th century colonial home at the southern end of Woodbury's historic district. At the time of their move to Woodbury, Fox and Cordrey were advised about location and followed advice instead of their heart.

“We moved to Woodbury to start the business since it is the antiques capital of Connecticut and we fell in love with this house,” Fox said. “We were told and advised by everyone that we need to be on Main Street because people won't see us down here, people won't come down here, so we tore ourselves away from this house.”

It wasn't long before the Stiles House duo saw that they didn't really need people to come anywhere per se, just so long as buyers knew who they were rather than where they were.

“When we got into business, which has been about three years now in Connecticut we soon realized that most of our business comes from online or shows it doesn't come from walking through,” Fox said.

Fox and Cordrey bought the Bacon House in early June and got to work right away. The house has good bones and great touches throughout like dental molding, intricate woodwork and tile decorated fireplaces, but it needed some updating.

Painting began in earnest right away and a new heating system and upgraded electrical followed. A kitchen update comes next and before long Fox and Cordrey will be able to move in to what will be their home as well as their showroom.

At the current location, Stiles House Antiques offers patrons a mix of country and formal American furniture and accessories. Hepplewhite, Chippendale, Sheraton, and other formal American furniture and accessories from the 18th and 19th centuries are on display in four rooms and a summer kitchen at the Main Street South location.

“It’s less about the business and more about where we wanted to live,” Fox said.

“We will furnish the house with the antiques we want to sell and live right along with them.”

And once Stiles House makes the move complete, the Bacon House will join the Hurd House and Glebe House and Gertrude Jekyll Garden as destinations in Woodbury’s historic Hollow area.

“The Jabez Bacon House is a true Woodbury treasure and having Stiles House Antiques move into the Hollow will be a great asset for the community,” said Lorianne Witte, director of the Glebe House and Gertrude Jekyll Garden. “Ryan & J.R. are enthusiastic about belonging to and participating in the history of the Hollow and their business will attract new visitors to this historic road.”

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