

# LANGHORNE CARPET COMPANY

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## NEWS RELEASE

### **WORKING FROM 19<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY PHOTO, LEGENDARY LANGHORNE CARPET CO. REPRODUCES CARPET FOR RUTHERFORD B. HAYES PRESIDENTIAL ESTATE**



Fremont, Ohio (July 17, 2012) – Spiegel Grove, the northwestern Ohio estate of Rutherford B. Hayes, 19<sup>th</sup> President of the United States, is getting a 21<sup>st</sup> century makeover that includes a museum-quality Langhorne Carpet Company creation for the master bedroom that is being woven as precisely as possible to match the original, the design based solely on historic photographs.

Rutherford B. Hayes and Lucy, his wife of 37 years, likely conferred on the purchase of the original carpet in the 1880's while remodeling and adding on to the 1860's house that became home to five generations of the Hayes family. She had impeccable taste, as the all-wool woven carpet she acquired remains the finest and most luxurious of floor coverings. According to Gail Caskey Winkler, PhD, FASID, partner at LCA Associates of Philadelphia, who is a design historian and consultant on the restoration, the challenge of the reproduction was not with the construction but with the design, in light of the absence of any carpet fragment of the overall floral design composed of small flowers scattered across the body of the carpet.

“Using an 1880’s photograph from the Hayes Presidential Library collection, likely taken by President Hayes’ niece, from which to replicate the design, we were able to use original furniture in the photograph for scale, and wallpaper scraps to determine the likely blue, yellow and green,” Winkler explained. The Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center retained her firm, and she selected Langhorne Carpet Company for the master bedroom carpet reproduction because of its superior skill and extensive experience on historic restorations.



Tom Culbertson, Executive Director of the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center, stated, “Gail Winkler is renowned for her ability to recreate iconic historic interiors. We reached out to Gail, and she recommended Langhorne Carpet Company to reproduce the carpet.” Winkler has previously worked with Langhorne on iconic restoration projects including the Old Hall of the Virginia Capitol House of Delegates, Richmond.

Winnifred M. Morrow, the 90 year-old matriarch and CEO of the Langhorne Carpet Company, served as the lead designer on the project.

Langhorne President Bill Morrow stated, “We are honored to have been selected to work on this important historic restoration, the latest Presidential residential project for Langhorne. It joins the White House, the Martin Van Buren home in Kinderhook, NY, and Ronald Reagan’s western White House in Santa Barbara.”

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