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We are excited to share our newest reconstruction project with you – the Southwest Rowhouse addition at Colonial Michilimackinac. This will be the first reconstructed building added to Michilimackinac since 2013. Originally built in the 1730s and extensively rebuilt in the 1760s, archaeologists excavated the remains of the rowhouse in 1960-63, and a portion of the building was reconstructed in 1968. We are now moving forward with the reconstruction of an addition on the east end of the rowhouse, which will help us better interpret Michilimackinac during the 1770s. The first step in the reconstruction process is the creation of an architectural plan, and with your help we can complete this work in 2022.

The reconstruction of Colonial Michilimackinac is based on 63 seasons of archaeological excavation as well as many years of archival research. The excavation of Michilimackinac is one of the longest ongoing projects of its kind in North America. Combined with historical research, the archaeological investigations allow us to reconstruct and interpret Michilimackinac as it appeared in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. The addition to the Southwest Rowhouse will be the latest project to combine archaeological and archival research in our quest to engage our visitors and accurately present community life at Michilimackinac.



★ Location of addition to Southwest Rowhouse



*The bread oven currently sits on the location of the upcoming addition and will be moved to a more historically accurate location outside the palisade wall*

We plan to begin reconstructing the addition in 2023. With your help we look forward to completing the architectural plan for the Southwest Rowhouse addition, preparing us to take the next step in fully reconstructing Colonial Michilimackinac.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Harriet K. McGraw".

Harriet K. McGraw, President  
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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven C. Brisson".

Steven C. Brisson, Director  
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