

## Million-dollar makeover



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Randy Kuck, a builder for Redstone Commercial Group, installs windows in the turret office space in the Hall Block building on the northwest corner of College Street and South Winooski Avenue in Burlington on Friday.

# Building restored to former glory

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Peggy List knew she had a challenge on her hands when she was asked to pick the colors for the exterior of a 107-year-old building in downtown Burlington.

She had nothing to go on when she was hired to help renovate the Hall Block building at the northwest corner of College Street and South Winooski Avenue, a \$1 million project. Her husband, Paul List, was contracted by Redstone Commercial

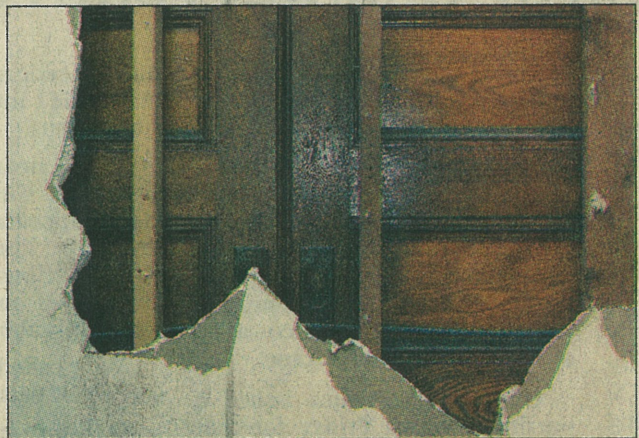
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Group to do the restoration work.

List's challenge was to envision the building as it was years ago. She wanted to be true to the building's history, but it had been altered over the years.

List sized up the building from different angles and in different light. She studied other historic brick buildings in the city.

She did research. Built by George Hall in 1894, the four-story building was home to his furniture



Sliding oak doors were discovered behind plaster walls on the second floor of the Hall Block building. The renovation and restoration of the turn-of-the-century building is aided by federal and state tax credits.

business. The second floor was home to the Algonquin Club, a private men's club.

The turreted building's style is Queen Anne commercial with unique fea-

tures such as flower vases on top of the turrets, arched windows and decorative metal trim. One idea was to paint it in

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