## **SUMMER 2005 HOLLOW STABILIZATION REPORT #2, 1 July 2005** By Cheryl H. Shepherd, Architectural Historian/Resident Project Manager for the APVA

Realizing Monday is Independence Day, carpenter Mike Adams will delay his next return to continue the current stabilization of The Hollow until Tuesday, July 5th. He will again need to bunk overnight through the week of work on Thomas Marshall's house until Friday morning throughout July and perhaps August, considering the progress of this methodical task thus far. The raising and structural raising process is slowed by strong joints that have long been in their leaning position and do not want to easily give. We learned this week that the flooring on the first floor will now have to be fully, not partly, removed.

Should Louis send more carpenters to assist Mike, I'll notify you Bear and David at once just so you know additional gentlemen will be in residence in the most accommodating abode you have generously provided. Mike and I thank you. The aged oak tree for the sill was felled this week by workhorses, weighing over 4,000 pounds. Plans are for the timber, along with smaller oak timbers for splicing into the remaining upper solid parts of vertical members on the north wall, to be delivered to The Hollow this morning. See photos below.











Keeping you posted and thanking you for the coordination, Cheryl

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