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 Bob Boyd, r, presents Lori Scholik-Jirles, a plaque from the Guernsey County Historical Society for the efforts in preserving one of Lore City's historic homes.

Lore City family cited for preserving historic home

LORE CITY — The Guernsey County Historical Society recognized a Lore City family for their efforts in preserving one of the village's historic homes.

The three-story, Victorian-style house was built between 1900 and 1910 by Mr. Elihu Atha. The house was built using double siding. The underneath oak siding was hung diagonally to provide structural strength. The interior was finished with oak woodwork on the first floor and upstairs hallway. The flooring and the rest of the upstairs interior were finished of solid pine.

Mr. Atha was a wealthy businessman who built and owned several houses in Lore City. He served and lost his leg in the Civil War.

Paul and Lori Scholik-Jirles purchased the historic residence in 1993 and began a mammoth task of renovating the home to its original splendor. The renovation included a new foundation, windows, plumbing, wiring and porches. The old carpet was removed and the floors refinished to include stenciling of the dining room floor. The exterior has been repainted and landscaped. Future plans include refinishing the kitchen and interior decorating.

The Guernsey County Historical Society invites county residences to participate in its Historical Preservation Awards program. The purpose of the program is to recognize the many efforts being made to preserve those historical structures that make up our county's cultural heritage.

For more information about the Guernsey County Historical Society's Preservation Awards program, contact Trudy Boyd at 685-6258 or Martina Saunders at 679-2373.

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