

1829 Parlor Floor Repairs

The flooring repairs where the 20th century air ducts were once located has been completed. Part of the difficulty of the job was to get the original materials out and cut without damage. I ended up carefully removing the baseboards as there was no other way to get the flooring along the wall out. I had to add support blocking in places to carry the new flooring. The “art” part of the job was to try to keep original flooring adjacent to original flooring as much as possible. Where “new” antique white flooring had to be used I chose boards with similar straight grain to best match the original boards in the room. Once the floor is sanded I think the materials should blend together when finished.

The “before” of the front wall where the coat closet once stood.



The “after” in the same location using some original boards and some “new” antique white oak flooring with similar grain. The wall infill in the former doorway will cover the joints in the floor that all line up.



The boards had to be carefully removed and cut to join over the floor joists. Since there was a narrow air duct hole and former floor outlet hole that needed repaired anyway, I used the original row of flooring along the wall to infill where the large air duct once was located. This allowed for the most original material to be used adjacent to each other.



Support blocking had to be installed to carry the flooring where the former doorway and air ducts were once located.



The flooring joints were staggered to give a more pleasing appearance and disguise the repair. Wood with similar grain was chosen. Once sanded and finished the area should blend well.



The floor in the opposite corner was also repaired. There were several duct holes that had to be removed.

The “before”



The baseboards had to be carefully removed to be able to get the flooring boards out and refit.



The “after”. As with the front repair, original material was used adjacent to other original material. Where original material was not available, “new” antique white oak flooring was used with similar grain pattern. Once sanded and finished these boards should blend together.

