

Daisy Wheel Symbol Revealed During Restoration

A surprise was revealed during the recent kitchen cabinet restoration work. After removing decades of old paint from the cabinet doors, a small circular symbol appeared, etched in the wood.



On close examination, it appeared to resemble the Daisy Wheel / Hexafoil symbol. Commonly discovered in 16th and 17th century farm buildings, the symbol was scratched into surfaces in the hopes of warding off evil spirits. It had been determined that the cabinet doors were not original to the Barnard House kitchen shelving unit. They appear to be earlier doors, possibly from tall chimney closet doors, that were cut down and repurposed for use in the cabinet. The marking will be preserved during painting and remain visible for future visitors to the house.

