Fulton Mansion Restoration Addresses Significant Preservation Issues

The 1877 Aransas Bay residence of entrepreneur George Fulton is being lovingly restored with the same attention to detail that Fulton himself put into the home he built and lived in for 18 years.

The Friends of the Texas Historical Commission, in partnership with the Friends of the Fulton Mansion, is working to raise the necessary funds to restore this magnificent structure, acquired in 2008 by the Texas Historical Commission (THC). The Friends recently received a $75,000 grant from the American Electric Power Foundation to assist with the restoration.

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