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Columns on the front of Kimberly's at Braddock and Piccadilly streets in Winchester await new bases as part of a restoration project. In the background is the Handley Library.

# Generals' old digs getting some love

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**WINCHESTER** — After more than 100 years holding up a porch's roof, six columns at the Lloyd Logan House — the headquarters for two Union generals during the Civil War — are getting a face-lift. Or, rather, a base lift.

Kimberly Sowers has run her shop, Kimberly's, out of the house at the southwest corner of Braddock and Piccadilly streets for almost 25 years.

The house — which is owned by her parents — was built in the 1850s, and an expanded porch with the wooden columns was added around the turn of the 20th century, Sowers said Thursday.

Union Maj. Gen. Robert H. Milroy occupied the house until his defeat during the Second Battle of Winchester in June 1863.

Union Maj. Gen. Philip Sheridan used it as his base of opera-

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tions during parts of the Valley Campaign of 1864. It was from Logan House that he started his ride toward Middletown on Oct. 19, 1864, to halt the retreat of Union forces after they were attacked in the early morning.

Sheridan rallied his troops and dealt the Confederates a decisive defeat that forced most of the southern forces to withdraw from the Shenandoah Valley.

The columns' foundations are being completely reconstructed — while being held up by other means — due to water and insect damage.

"[The damage] was clearly visible and needed to be addressed," said Sowers, whose store sells a variety of clothing, home decor items, bath and body products and fashion accessories.

The restoration is being handled by Winchester-based Vintage Inc., a renovation and construction company that specializes in older structures. In addition to replacing the foundations, the columns will be repainted.

Work started on Monday, and Sowers hopes the project will be finished within six weeks.

While the new foundations will be made of wood, the material will be able to breathe and dry so that water damage is kept to a minimum, she said.

Sowers declined to say how much the project will cost, but said her family is paying for it.

The house also underwent renovations about five years ago.

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