Project Partner: Hiawatha National Forest

History: The Mather-Klauer Lodge is located on Grand Island in Lake Superior, half-mile offshore from Munising, Michigan. The island has been inhabited for 4,000 years and is replete with archaeological sites. Much of the island was purchased in the early 1900s by William Gwinn Mather to use as his personal game preserve. He built Mather-Klauer Lodge as his retreat, and fenced off the northern portion of the island for imported animals like elk and caribou. Later additions doubled the size of the Lodge. It was privately owned until 2012, when the owners offered to sell it to the Hiawatha National Forest. It is now a museum and hosts summer archaeological field schools.

Scope of Work: Mather-Klauer Lodge is both a museum and a residency for archaeological field schools. The building needed exterior work to maintain its condition in the harsh Great Lakes winters. Volunteers worked with HistoriCorps staff and learned to:

- Remove and replace sill logs
- Clean and repoint the stone foundation
- Rehabilitate windows and dormers
- Repair deteriorated brick chimney stacks
- Replace missing balustrades on the porch.

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