

# Swift Treadwell & Company

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## Building For Generations

*The Cole Home*

## Two Handsome Additions on Mendenhall

The South Mendenhall residence of Floy and Jeff Cole is already substantial and well-appointed, especially with the touches of Floy whose family has a long heritage in interior design throughout West Tennessee. After several years of getting comfortable in their two-story home, the couple decided to transform their attic into a playroom and later on, to build a veranda-type covered stone patio along the back. Our company was able to accomplish both for the Cole family.

Through a business referral, the two found out about our reputation in handling involved additions as well as custom homebuilding. We added the playroom in 2004 and this year, completed their elaborate patio.

"Our former attic space has truly been transformed into a wonderful upstairs den and playroom," Floy says. "We wanted it to be a comfortable and inviting place where our daughter could play, Jeff could do work on the computer and I could listen to music or watch TV -- all within the same room. The Treadwells fulfilled my vision for this. I gave them a plan and they tweaked it a little."

Floy specified cypress beams and French pine cabinets and shelves with sconces placed on the upright panels between the shelving. "They worked with my plan, part of which came out of a magazine article, and told me what was available and what could be done structurally."

Another key feature, and a unique one, is that we created a playhouse nook along an arm of the attic footprint. That evolved when we worked with the client to be creative in an unused area of the part of the attic above the kitchen. Their daughter, Elizabeth, has found it to be a great place for drawing, playing house or dressing up. It is secluded enough that she can have her own realm even when adult guests are over visiting.

On another wall are built-in bookshelves with a plasma TV in the middle. On the bookshelves is a porcelain collection. Other features include *(continued)*



**The formal section of the upstairs den**



**The playtime nook**



**Another facet of the upstairs den at the Cole residence**



This side view of the new stone patio shows how well it connects with other features of the home and its potential for versatile uses.

### Our Web Page

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cypress ceiling beams which are hand-hewn and window seats. Our painters applied a clear sealer on the beams, painted the windows and mullions around them to resemble the pine throughout.

Meanwhile, the new covered stone patio is a feature that enhances the exterior of the home. "I received my inspiration on the patio from two people in Oklahoma," Floy says. "At the top of the list is Jack Arnold who designs fine French country homes and who is world renowned. The other is Charles Foundree, a decorator. This concept was taken from a home in Oklahoma." (The Treadwells have built a Jack Arnold home in Memphis).

Arkansas stack-stones form the pediments for the wooden columns. Oklahoma flagstone comprises the floor. Hand-hewn cedar beams serve as the columns and ceiling beams. "I wanted a type of feel that you could walk out of the living room and keeping room and have the experience of an outdoor extra room. It could be raining, snowing or sunny and we can enjoy it." Recessed lights and fans finish the appearance. Three different light switches control illumination to the back or sides of the stone patio.

It has been especially popular for cookouts, parties, wedding parties, baby showers and outdoor dinner, even while raining. This Old-World style house definitely has been further enhanced.



**A close-up of the stack stone and column features**

"Our team is well prepared to build an addition, handle a renovation or construct an entire custom home to meet your needs and desires."

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Our company has attained new licensing authority from the state to add small commercial projects to our lineup of services. We envision Swift Treadwell & Co. handling office renovations, office space reconfigurations, retail renovations and the occasional free-standing retail specialty store. We will always have residential as our mainstay, but we also welcome this newly acquired ability that logically rounds out our business offerings.

