

When Kelly and I first discovered Apalachicola, we fell in love with the history and beauty of the city and the surrounding pristine area. We found an undeveloped lot in the historic district that has an over 200 year old live oak right in the middle of it. We purchased the lot in late 2006. Hollis Vail, our realtor, introduced us to Mike Parrish. Even though we did not build for over a year, we knew at that first meeting that Mike was the one that we wanted to build for us.

Living in Memphis and building 500 plus miles away required us to place a lot of trust in our contractor. We were not disappointed.

In April of 2008, we gave Mike the go ahead to start to develop the property. Our first concern and primary objective was to strengthen and to preserve the live oak. We had an arborist from Tallahassee evaluate the tree and eventually prune it and fortify the roots. Mike oversaw this and then planned and designed a pier foundation so as to create the most minimal footprint for the cottage and yet build an extremely strong platform to build the cottage. Mike's vision on how to fit the cottage on the lot was superb.

The cottage was built over the next 6 months with absolutely no problems or concerns. Mike was so easy to work with and someone we trust as a friend. The quality of his, his employees', and subcontractors' craftsmanship is second to none. We have come to the conclusion that Mike is a true artist and a credit to his trade. He designed and added a beautiful roof cover for the wishing well and a brick patio to the backyard made out of bricks found on the property.

We have told him that the more time that we get to spend at the cottage, the more we can appreciate all of the hard and detailed work that was put in to building it.

We would without any reservations highly recommend Mike Parrish to anyone interested in building.

Russell & Kelly Klinke