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Six Thoughts About America

As we approach the 236th birthday of the United States I thought I would share a few thoughts I have on this wonderful country.

1. I feel so lucky to have been born in the USA. What our founding fathers fought for and gave their lives for has enable me and my family to live in the best country which has ever existed since God created the earth.
2. There is nowhere else in the world we could live like we do, with the freedoms we have and the prosperity America has achieved.
3. I realize America is not perfect in all ways. There are crazies on the left and the right. Still individuals who harbor racism. There are still inequities in the “system”. But it is better than anywhere else.
4. I feel sorry for those which seem to have so much hatred for our country. Using the same energy to make things better would be more productive I think.

5. Our founding fathers fought for the right of every one to have equal OPPORTUNITY, not equal OUTCOME. I and my entire team work hard to make our business successful. We don't have a *right* to be successful.

6. THANK YOU founding fathers for giving so much so we all could have so much freedom.

One of the things we enjoy doing to commemorate Independence Day each year is to provide a pocket Constitution / Declaration of Independence to any client who wants one.

If you would like one of these, or a few to hand out, just call the showroom or stop by, we have plenty.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

Until Next Month,



Betty Jones



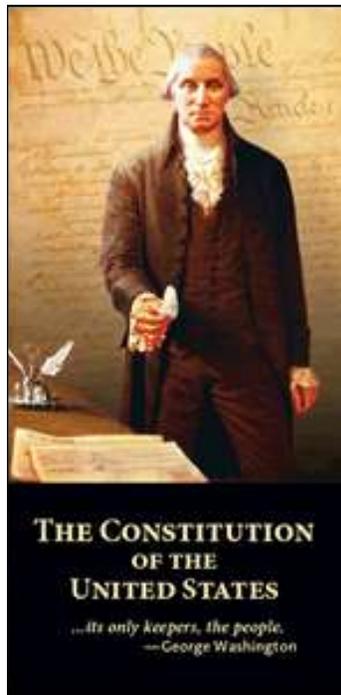
Molli & Maddyn's Memo

I sure was happy to have Nana come visit us over Memorial Day weekend.

My little sister Maddyn looks a little bewildered in this photo, but she enjoyed Nana most of her visit.

We can't wait until Nana and Papa come visit for Maddyn's first birthday at the end of September.

**Molli & Maddyn
Nana's granddaughters**



Thank You for Your Referrals

Eileen & Steve Ingle referred Kim Lynch

Zelda Aaronson referred Eileen Feldgus

Dawn & Fred Warshay referred Abby & Randy Greene

Referrals are the lifeblood of our business. Thank you for these and all your referrals

Make our first house our **FIRST HOME**

That is what Kelly and Reid asked our designer Sara Benjamin to help them with on their 1956 brick home near the University of Arizona.

Modern with a bit of Country Desired

Kelly & Reid wanted the kitchen to be modern with a bit of country. But, they didn't want the kitchen to look like it didn't belong to the house.

The mixture of white and dark brown cabinets, with shaker door style were the foundation.

The white quartz counters compliment everything.

We added a little "country" accent with the cup pulls.

Classic subway tile, to the top of cabinets, were added on the range wall.

The refrigerator was moved to the window wall for a more efficient layout.

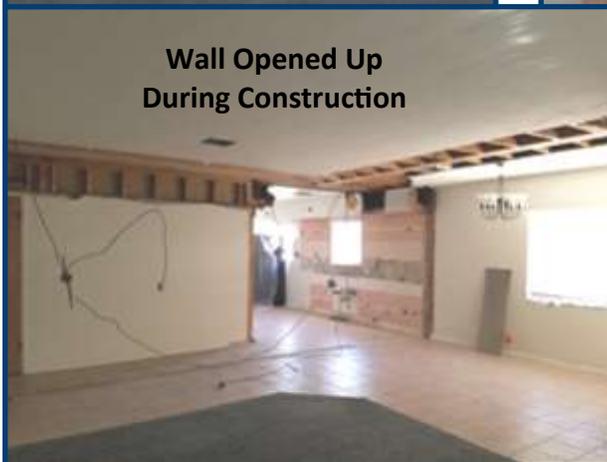
Luxury Vinyl Wood Planks were installed throughout the house.



Wall between kitchen & living room before being opened up



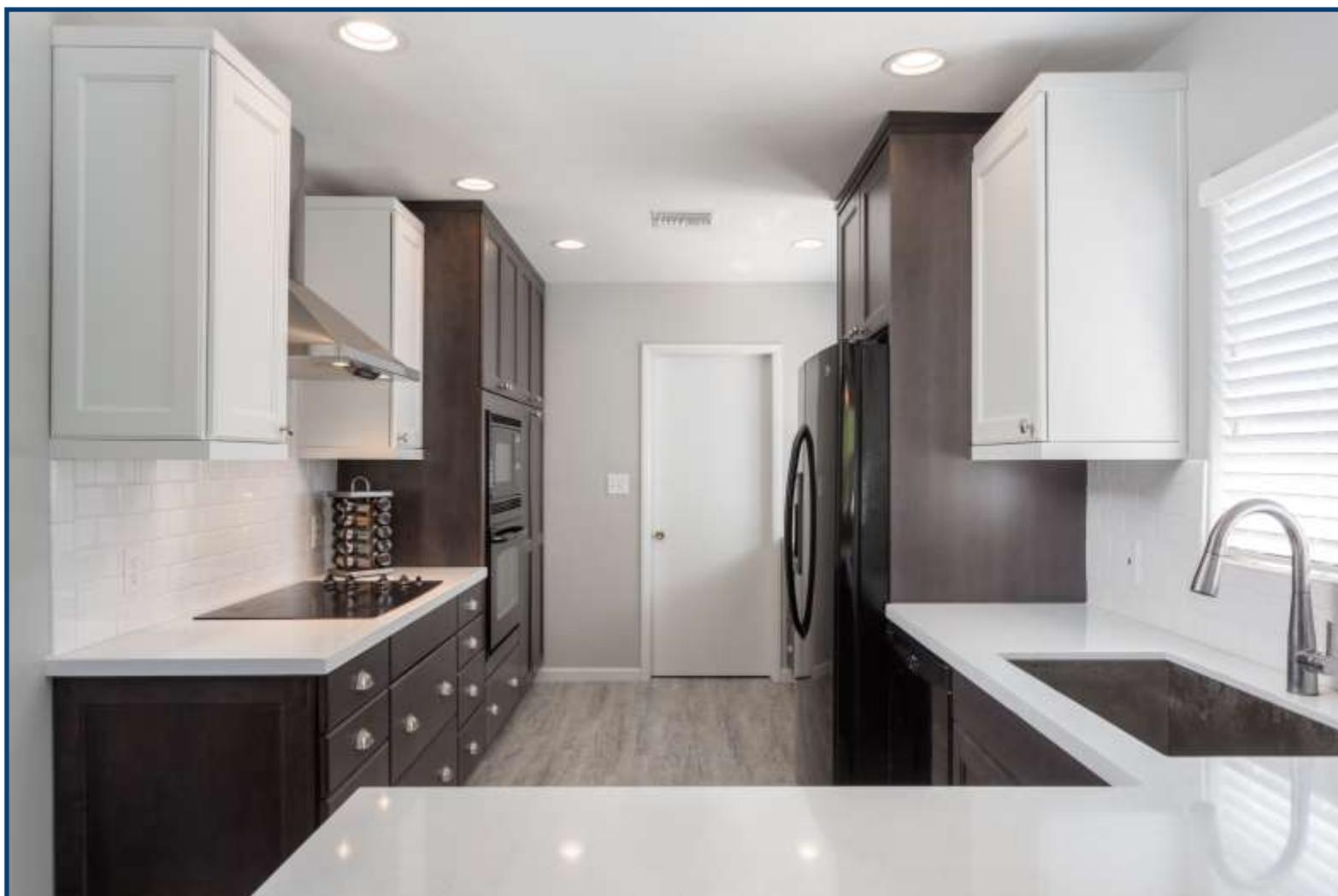
BEFORE



Wall Opened Up During Construction

We removed the kitchen soffits by exchanging the rigid ducts with flex ducts and moving them to the ceiling.

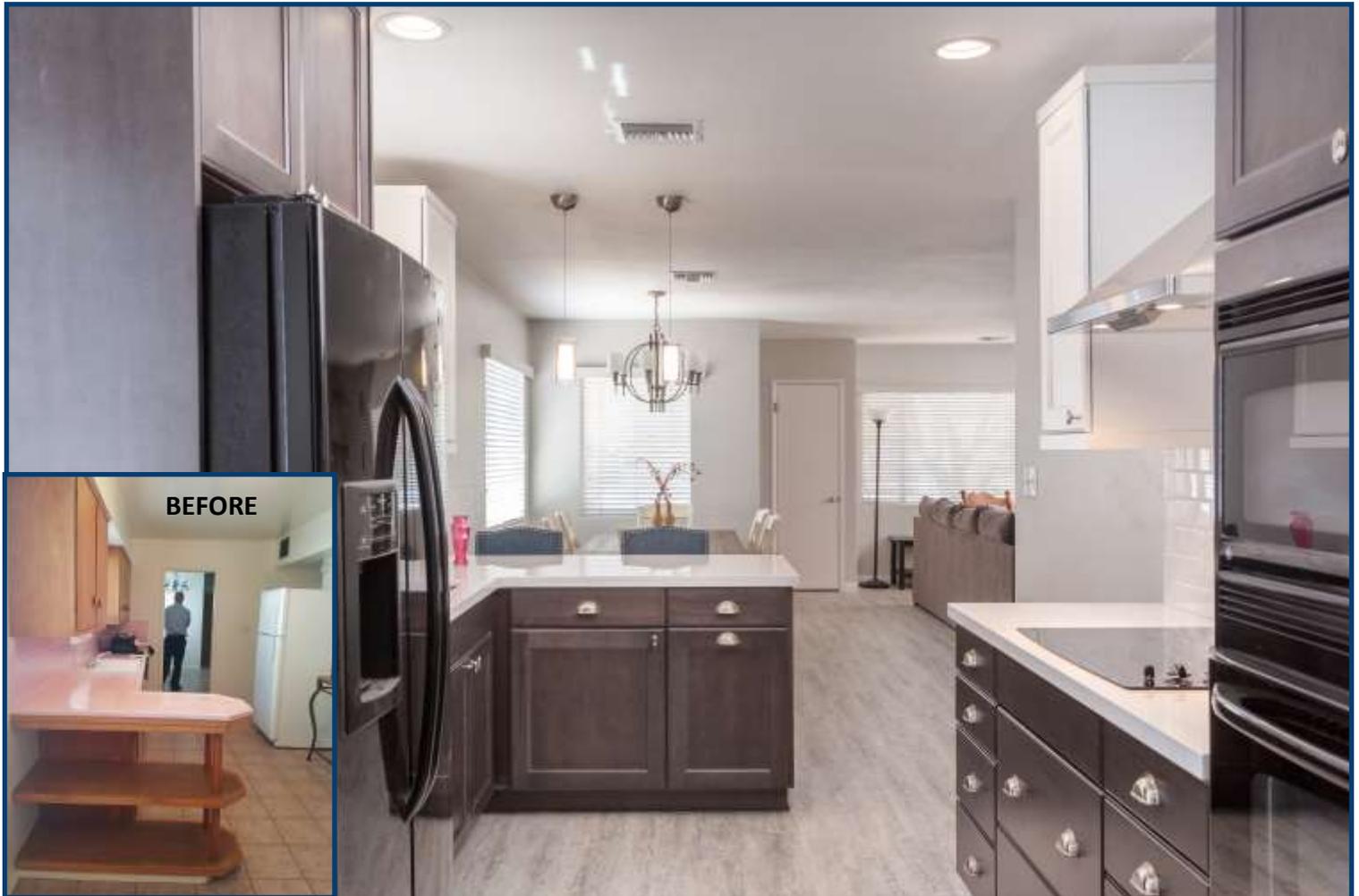
This allowed for taller cabinets with more storage.





Opening the wall between kitchen and dining/living room enabled us to add a peninsula at end of kitchen with a couple bar stools.

We LOVE our kitchen! Working with Interior Expressions was a smooth and easy process. Sara was great, she listened to our desires and made it happen. Our renovation has completely transformed the house we bought into the home we love. Thank you Sara and Interior Expressions! Kelly & Reid — Tucson, AZ





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A Few Things You May Not Know About the Declaration of Independence

Something is written on the back of the Declaration of Independence.

In the movie “National Treasure,” Nicholas Cage’s character claims that the back of the Declaration contains a treasure map with encrypted instructions from the founding fathers, written in invisible ink. Unfortunately, this is not the case. There is, however, a simpler message, written upside-down across the bottom of the signed document: “Original Declaration of Independence dated 4th July 1776.” No one knows who wrote this or when, but during the Revolutionary War years the parchment was frequently rolled up for transport. It’s thought that the text was added as a label.



Two additional copies have been found in the last 25 years.

In 1989, a Philadelphia man found an original Dunlap Broadside hidden in the back of a picture frame he bought at a flea market for \$4. One of the few surviving copies from the official first printing of the Declaration, it was in excellent condition and sold for \$8.1 million in 2000. A 26th known Dunlap broadside emerged at the British National Archives in 2009, hidden for centuries in a box of papers captured from American colonists during the Revolutionary War. One of three Dunlap broadsides at the National Archives, the copy remains there to this day.



There was a 44-year age difference between the youngest and oldest signers.

The oldest signer was Benjamin Franklin, 70 years old when he scrawled his name on the parchment. The youngest was Edward Rutledge, a lawyer from South Carolina, only 26 at the time. Rutledge narrowly beat out fellow South Carolinian Thomas Lynch Jr., just four months his senior, for the title.

Eight of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence were born in Britain.

While the majority of the members of the Second Continental Congress were native-born Americans, eight of the men voting for independence from Britain were born there. Gwinnett Button and Robert Morris were born in England, Francis Lewis was born in Wales, James Wilson and John Witherspoon were born in Scotland, George Taylor and Matthew Thornton were born in Ireland and James Smith hailed from Northern Ireland.

One signer later recanted.

Richard Stockton, a lawyer from Princeton, New Jersey, became the only signer of the Declaration of Independence to recant his support of the revolution. On November 30, 1776, the hapless delegate was captured by the British and thrown in jail. After months of harsh treatment and meager rations, Stockton repudiated his signature on the Declaration of Independence and swore his allegiance to King George III.