

Historic Home Maintenance and Preservation Resources



Restoration – Common Mistakes

Two good documents on common restoration mistakes can be found at:

<http://www.cttrust.org/index.cgi/98>

National Park Service Preservation Briefs

The Repair of Historic Wooden Windows: <http://www.cr.nps.gov/hps/tps/briefs/brief09.htm>

Understanding Old Buildings: The Process of Architectural Investigation:
<http://www.cr.nps.gov/hps/tps/briefs/brief35.htm>

Roofing for Historic Buildings: <http://www.cr.nps.gov/hps/tps/briefs/brief04.htm>

The Repair, Replacement & Maintenance of Historic Slate Roofs:
<http://www.cr.nps.gov/hps/tps/briefs/brief29.htm>

Other Preservation Briefs found at: <http://www.cr.nps.gov/hps/tps/briefs/presbhom.htm>

Vinyl Siding – What to Consider

Vinyl Siding: The Real Issues (from CT Trust for Historic Preservation):
<http://www.cttrust.org/index.cgi/1745>

The Vinyl Lie (The reputability of this source is uncertain but the points he makes are, in general, very accurate.): <http://www.oldlouisville.com/circa1900/Vinyl-Lie.htm>

Windows

Nice summary on *Saving Wood Windows* from New Jersey's Preservation office:
<http://www.state.nj.us/dep/hpo/4sustain/windowsave.pdf>

Quick article with further instructions from eBuild.com:
<http://www.ebuild.com/guide/resources/product-news.asp?ID=211787&catCode=10>

A Rhode Island - based wood window restorer: <http://www.smithrestorationsash.com/>

Preservation Websites

www.SPNEA.org

Historic New England (formerly Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities)

www.vernaculararchitectureforum.org

Information, publications, and organization information

www.nthp.org

National Trust book catalog

www.ptn.org

Preservation Trades Network, information & links of interest

www.apti.org

The Association for Preservation Technology International

www.cr.nps.gov/

National Park Service preservation services, source of Preservation Briefs & other materials

www.heritagepreservation.org

Preservation information and good links

www.oldhouseweb.com

Covers many areas of old house maintenance and repair – useful

www.oldhousejournal.com

Site of the magazine of the same title, covers many areas and is regularly up-dated

www.traditional-building.com

Another magazine site with very good resource listings

Historic Product Vendors & Resources

www.abatron.com

Abatron Inc. 1-800-445-1754, epoxy wood fillers and a range of epoxy products

www.obdyke.com

Cedar Breather, 1-800-346-7655, a product that creates air space between shingles and sheathing

www.chimneys.com

General site with information and further links concerning chimney and fireplace safety products

www.chimneysweeps.com

List, by state, of licensed sweeps, information and links

www.thermocreteusa.com

Explains the process and benefits of this unique chimney lining process

www.ncsg.org

National Chimney Sweeps Guild, another listing of sweeps and info.

www.paiint.org

Various information on paint coating and links

www.paintinfo.com

Variety of paint areas covered

www.paintquality.com

Similar to above site

www.PRGinc.com

Products, information, & excellent book catalog

www.preservationweb.com

Products and services

www.usheritage.com

Masonry services & products

PRESERVATION & RESTORATION - Books

General Preservation Titles

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