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HELPFUL WEB SITES

Preservation sites:

www.californiapaints.com

Good information on paints in general and, under their Historic Colors section, on period colors and schemes

www.nthp.org

National Trust book catalog

www.historicnewengland.org

Historic New England, formerly known as Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities, is a good source for books, programs, etc.

www.vernaculararchitectureforum.org

Information, publications, and organization information

www.ptn.org

Preservation Trades Network, information & links of interest

www.preservationweb.com

Products and services

www.PRGinc.com

Products, Borate information, & excellent book catalog

www.usheritage.com

Masonry services & products

www.apti.org

The Association for Preservation Technology International

www.cr.nps.gov/

National Park Service preservation services, source of Preservation Briefs (publications) and other materials

www.heritagepreservation.org

Preservation information and good links

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.paint.org

Various information on paint coating and links

www.paintinfo.com

Variety of paint areas covered

www.paintquality.com

Similar to above site

www.oldhouseweb.com

Covers many areas of old house maintenance and repair - useful

www.oldhousejournal.com

Site of 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

For old or out-of-print books:

www.alibris.com

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