Historic Building Interiors
FOREWORD

This bibliography was prepared for The Interiors Conference for Historic Buildings, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, December 7-9, 1988. Because the subject is so diverse, encompassing such a wide variety of topics, this is by necessity a very selective collection, and in many cases represents merely a fraction of the many literary offerings on a particular subject. The intent in preparing this bibliography was to include primarily those publications that are generally available, preferably as books or periodicals currently in print. However, in some instances, certain books and studies have been included because of their importance in a particular field of study, even though they are not so readily accessible and are not likely to be found in bookstores except as reprints, but, which may be found in most libraries.

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U.S. Department of Commerce
National Technical Information Service
5285 Port Royal Road
Springfield, VA 22161
(703-487-4650)
Features, Finishes And Materials:
General and Historical Studies


This series includes a number of reprints of late 19th-century house books, such as "Shoppell's Modern Houses, 1887", and "Suburban & Country Homes, 1893." In addition to containing a variety of original house designs and floor plans, most of the reprints also include special sections on plumbing, heating and ventilation, as well as decorating advice. These books could be especially useful to researchers wishing to identify original floor plans, and interior trim and design details.


Joseph Byron was a noted New York photographer, and this collection records the last decade of the 19th-century and the first decade of the 20th-century. While the book includes the expected views of residential interiors and salons of upper class homes, also interesting are views of bathrooms and kitchens, and commercial establishments such as hotels, offices, restaurants, banking rooms, drugstores, shops and galleries.


The author reviews the evolution of bathroom and kitchen sinks in America, and provides suggestions for use and maintenance of old sinks today. Also included is a list of sources for reproduction and salvaged fixtures.


Between 1870 and 1920 many courthouses, museums, statehouses, banks, hotels and office buildings featured skylights in a principal public room. Restoration of these features involves repair, removal of grime, paint and tar and replacement of damaged lights. Most importantly, the role of diffuse natural light in relation to original spatial aspects and electrical lighting sources should be maintained. Several examples of skylight restoration and alterations are featured with an evaluation of their successes or failures.


This is a reprint of Downing's important work published in 1850, and also includes "Designs for Cottages, and Farm-Houses, and Villas, with remarks on Interiors, Furniture, and the best Modes of Warming and Ventilating." As a tastemakers, Downing popularized this romanticized country architecture using many designs of famous contemporary architects, including Alexander Jackson Davis, Richard Upjohn, and Gervase Wheeler. In addition, and like many of the "style books" of the period, this includes essays on exterior and interior design, decorative details and furnishings, color, design of farm buildings, and a section on heating emphasizing the importance of ventilation.


One of the most important books in the history of 19th-century domestic design, Hints on Household

This article is part of a series on the changing character of the American home in the 18th and 19th-centuries. In this installment, the focus is on the orderliness of interiors from these periods, the linear formality in the placement of furniture and the colors and fabrics that accompanied these tastes. It is noted that interior architecture took precedence and that furnishings were arranged to complement, rather than to overwhelm or eclipse these features.


The specialized, upstairs bedroom of modern times evolved from a ground floor room which often served multiple functions, as, for example, a storage room. The types and arrangements of bedroom furniture, and the appropriate bed linens and curtains for various periods are discussed.


The author recounts dining room design practices from Colonial times through the 19th-century and describes how the use and location of the space was transformed as the room became more specialized. Also discussed is the type and disposition of dining furniture for various stylistic periods.


In reconstructing a historic interior it is essential to consider regional climate, temperature variations and insect factors which often dictated the appearance of historic interiors. By stressing the seasonal cleaning and rotation of furnishings, the author provides examples of interior fittings, furniture and heating and cooling devices which made life more comfortable in extremes of heat, cold and insect annoyance.


German influences in the use of insulation in buildings in a region of Ohio is the topic of this article. The technique consisted of "Dutch biscuits" composed of lime, mud and straw which were secured by plaster and fixed between joists beneath floor boards.


Holly's Country Seats which was first published in 1863 features primarily picturesque villas and cottages of the "Hudson River Bracketed" style, and Modern Dwellings, first published in 1878, features the "Queen Anne" style and provides a survey of the stylistic development of domestic American architecture over a period of about 15 years. While the first book is more of a literary treatise exhorting the virtues of country life, somewhat in the English manner, in the second book Holly devotes much space to interior design and furnishings. Holly's books are much in the manner of other style books of the period.

This reprint of a catalogue published by Morgan Woodwork Organization in 1923, includes house plans, standard prefabricated bathroom and kitchen fixtures, architectural elements, as well as furniture, and decorating advice. Handsomely reprinted, this book should be of incomparable use to anyone interested in, or restoring old houses built between the 1st and 2nd World Wars.


Prepared for a national conference on appropriate interior treatments for historic buildings, this handbook includes nearly 400 pages of technical papers as well as guidance for architects, developers, building managers, curators and property owners. The contents address both rehabilitation and restoration issues, including inspection, evaluation and planning, architectural features and materials, systems and fixtures, space utilization and adaptive use, finishes and decorative accessories, and fire protection and building codes. (Available from Historic Preservation Education Foundation, P.O. Box 27080, Central Station, Washington, DC 20038.)


This is the second book by these authors, whose first book American Vernacular Design 1870-1940 covered the same subject on the exterior. This second book analyzes the role manufactured materials, standardized and readily available, played in creating the interiors of vernacular buildings. The book is comprised of four sections: elements (interior features); systems (including heating); the popular decorative styles of the period; and a survey of some vernacular building types, including residential, commercial and religious. The book has a primarily rural and regional (Midwest) emphasis.


This book consists of articles by various authors on individual period rooms, most of which were installed in museums in the early decades of the 20th-century.


This issue features a special section on how to sensitively incorporate a working kitchen into an old house. Included are articles on the following: "The Pre-1840 Kitchen," "The Modern Approach," a selection of different kitchen styles that have been used in several old houses, "Countertop Options," and "The Craftsman Kitchen."


Many of the articles compiled here from the first 8 years of The Old-House Journal will be useful in various aspects of interior rehabilitation, including: energy efficiency and insulation, wiring, heating and plumbing, plaster repair, floor and stair repair and refinishing, painting, restoring mantels and fireplaces, and repairing woodwork. The Compendium also includes numerous articles on 19th and early-20th century interior decorative styles, bathrooms, and kitchens, and craft techniques such as stenciling and graining.

Late Victorian Architectural Details. An abridged facsimile of "Combined book of Sash, Doors,

The contents are clearly explained by the original title and the book will prove useful to those seeking to identify many interior decorative features to be found in residential and commercial buildings of the last quarter of the 19th century. Some of the catalogue entries include measurements and original prices.


This attractive book is well-illustrated with color photographs. It provides guidance for decorating residential interiors in a Victorian manner and proceeds on a room-by-room basis, featuring chapters on the living room, dining room, kitchen, bedroom, bathroom, etc. Appendices include a list of suppliers, a bibliography and a list of historic house museums.


The article discusses various styles of bedroom design in the first quarter of the 20th century, and features period illustrations.


The popularity of decorating with Native American Indian art such as Navajo blankets, rugs, pottery and baskets in the late-19th and early-20th centuries is discussed and illustrated here.


This volume surveys changing taste in American interiors from the 16th to the early-20th century. Information is provided on furnishings, lighting, textiles, wall decoration and color schemes favored by the wealthy, as well as the less affluent, and the text is well-illustrated with photographs and line drawings.


This is an attractive book with a Foreword by interior designer Mario Buatta and is filled with many decorating ideas for doors, floors, ceilings, mantels, windows, walls, stairs, lighting, bathrooms and kitchens. The interiors and decorative features shown in the book have somewhat of an English bias, but the directory lists both American and British sources.


These reprints are an excellent resource containing photographs of mostly residential structures (interior and exterior) and ornamental details. Also included are many detail drawings of interior and exterior elements including moulding profiles. For this reprint series, the original articles have been rearranged in a more organized fashion with new titles, but all photos and text are printed in a somewhat unsettling green color. Individual book titles include: New England by the Sea, Survey of Early American

This article provides a brief survey with text and photographs of American bathrooms from the 1880's up to the 1920's.


This brief survey points out that while the pre-1900 kitchen usually lacked well-planned, organized space and most modern appliances, by the 1920's kitchens had acquired a modern configuration and did not differ too drastically from kitchens of today. The article provides some basic guidelines for old-house owners planning to redecorate their kitchens.


Updated annually, this is probably one of the most complete sourcebooks available in the United States today for salvaged original and reproduction products for historic buildings. Indexes provide guides to products and services by type, by manufacturer or advertisers' names, as well as by geographical location.


Eight curators and museum directors meet at a symposium convened by *House and Garden* to discuss the purpose(s) of a period museum room, how closely a historic room can be recreated, how it should look, and the philosophy behind the "restyling" of numerous period rooms in Ameri-
This illustrated catalog contains stock millwork items including doors, glazed sash, blinds, stairwork and newels, mantels, grilles, parquetry and decorative glass, among other items. The catalog also contains a number of room designs for domestic interiors accompanied by decorating suggestions.


Among the catalogs listed here are those that featured stock decorative wood details, as well as mantels and moldings, and tin ceilings and decorative plastering. Most date to the mid-to late-19th century, and are useful to the old building researcher for showing the wide variety of stock architectural details that were available for sale at that time.


This book stresses the importance of proper research for accurate restoration of historic interiors. The author explains how to research the subject, how to make architectural decisions and collections lists, and based on these, how to put together and furnish a period house.


This study is divided into three time periods: 1860-1873; 1873-1893; and 1893-1917. It includes a good geographical cross section of the U.S. and shows domestic interiors that range from simple log houses in the West to more upscale urban residences of the East. Photographs provide decorating hints concerning window, wall and floor coverings, light fixtures, mantelpieces, and other decorative features including furnishings.


This is the first comprehensive guide to the Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) and the Historic American Engineering Record (HAER) collections since 1941. It contains several essays relating to interior issues illustrated with HABS/HAER photographs, including "Recording a Room: The Kitchen" by Rodris Roth, pp. 107-126; and "Fittings and Fixtures: Miscellaneous Americana in Survey Photographs," by Denys Peter Myers, pp. 127-158.


This book provides useful information for owners of bungalows and other Craftsman style homes of the early decades of the 20th-century who want to restore the original decor. Although much of the book is devoted to exterior house and landscape designs, much space also is given to the distinctive decorative treatments for the Craftsman interior, including woodwork, wallpapers and furnishings.


This catalog reprint contains line drawings, photographs and prices for mouldings, stair parts, brackets, columns, art glass, millwork, mantels, parquet flooring, grilles, and blinds, as well as exterior trim and porch designs.

This book had considerable impact on turn-of-the-century decorating in America. The authors noted that no study of house decoration as a branch of architecture had been published for at least 50 years in either England or America, and here railed against the prevailing bad taste of the times placing responsibility for it on the disinterest of the wealthy.


This excellent book divides the subject into four periods: 1830-1850; 1850-1870; 1870-1890; and the 1890's. Each period is addressed similarly according to wall treatments, floor treatments, and windows and window treatments. A very good bibliography is included.

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**Features, Finishes and Materials: Conservation and Maintenance**


The author presents a step-by-step plan for stabilizing and improving the physical care of the collection and discusses conservation resources available on the state and national levels. Included is a list of regional conservation centers with a description of the services they provide as well as national conservation resources.

Feilden, Bernard M. *Conservation of Historic Buildings.* London: Butterworth & Co., Ltd., 1982. This comprehensive manual covers all aspects of maintenance and conservation of historic buildings. Specifically related to interiors of historic buildings are chapters on internal structural elements, internal temperature control, building inspections, inserting new systems into old buildings, fire and security, and sections on materials repair including woodwork, ironwork, plaster, paint and glass. This is a very useful book for anyone who works with old buildings.


Prepared to assist owners and custodians of valuable cultural property in selecting a conservator, the book suggests where to look for information, what questions to ask, and what to expect. Also included are national and regional conservation organizations, training centers, and additional references. (Available from the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works, 1400 16th Street, NW, Suite 340, Washington, DC 20036.)


The author emphasizes the importance of architects making use of the five senses, plus intuition, in preparing routine or regularly scheduled maintenance plans for old buildings, and in diagnosing existing or potential preservation/maintenance problems. Old buildings should have complete "physicals" before any rehab work is undertaken, or changes made. Building diagnosis is not an end in itself, but must be followed by a prognosis for the building's future.

Although prepared for National Park Service park facilities, this handbook should be useful in any museum. It provides guidance on matters of acquisition, handling, packing and shipping, museum environment, storage, security, fire protection, emergency planning and curatorial health and safety.


Written by two conservators for The National Trust, this book is intended as a guide to those responsible for the management and maintenance of historic houses and special museum collections. Individual chapters discuss light and temperature controls, general conservation techniques for various items such as books, fabrics, etc., and also include advice on maintenance of floors, walls and wall coverings. Appendices include lists of special materials, and mostly British suppliers of equipment and materials. The book is directed primarily toward the preservation of collections, rather than building maintenance.


This is an excellent overall survey, with specific guidelines for lighting, environment and loan procedures.

Story, Keith O. *Approaches to Pest Management in Museums*. Suitland, MD: Conservation Analytical Laboratory, Smithsonian Institution, 1985.

This manual identifies different insects and outlines approaches to pest management for collections.


The article discusses how to safely remove dirt, paint and stains from interior marble features such as mantels, floors and wainscoting. A chart listing solvents for poulticing is included.


The author provides a thorough text that discusses light, humidity, and air pollution within museum display areas and storage.

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Features, Finishes and Materials: Paint


The author presents a methodology for mixing period paints and includes several sample recipes in the second article in an issue devoted to historic finishes.


This book includes a brief background on the history of stenciling, and a more extensive discussion on the use of stenciling today. This is a very thorough guide on "how-to-stencil" walls, floors and furniture. Includes directions on how to make the stencil, materials to use, stenciling techniques, and a selection of traditional and contemporary designs that can be adapted to individual projects.


Twenty-two terms used to describe traditional and modern decorative painted finishes are
defined here. The terms range from "antiquing," to "marbleizing" and "stenciling" (among others), and the glossary concludes with "trompe l'oeil."


Numerous color illustrations showing close-up detail views of the painted finishes as well as entire painted rooms help guide the craftsman or home decorator in creating special paint effects. These include traditional as well as contemporary decorative paint treatments. The author provides basic information on preparing wood and plaster surfaces before painting, a "troubleshooter guide," and a short glossary of terms.


The author presents a methodology for consolidation, removal, construction of a new support system, varnish removal and restoration of an early 19th-century painted room in Nova Scotia. The reasons for choosing a transfer and restoration procedure, rather than in-situ conservation are discussed.


This encompasses a complete survey of decorative painted finishes and decorative painting techniques for walls, floors (and floorcloths), and furniture. Different types of finishes are explained as well as types of paints and brushes to use.


Glazing is the decorative technique of applying a film of transparent color over an opaque ground coat of a similar or different color. The author, himself a painter specializing in decorative finishes, describes the basics and "how-to" of glazing, polychrome glazing, sponging, rubbing, achieving a graduated blend, silhouetting, and texture glazing. Glaze recipes and glazing tips are included.


This is an excellent book on gilding of all types with emphasis on glass gilding and signage such as house numbers on transom windows. It also contains a Troubleshooting Guide, Buyer's Guide, and Supplier's Guide.


While this article briefly explains various types of decorative painting techniques, it primarily concentrates on how to proceed with the restoration of decorative painting from the initial research necessary to uncover remnants of existing painted designs, to cleaning and touch-up "in-painting."


First published in 1952, this book is one of the most important studies of decorative painted woodwork, walls and floors by the acknowledged expert in the field of early American decorative arts. Includes 14 color plates and 170 black and white illustrations almost exclusively of New England interiors.


This book contains traditional recipes for decorative painters and craftsmen which include: sizes, grounds, paints, mediums, glazes, varnishes, fixa-
tives and adhesives. Tables with drying times, melting points, etc., are also featured as well as useful notes on a variety of related subjects.


This Publication Supplement includes five articles previously published by APT, most notably an extensive Paint Bibliography prepared in 1975 by John Volz, with a new supplement, plus other articles on historic paint research and a methodology for exposing architectural graining that has been painted over without destroying the historic graining.


This guide to creating traditional finishes such as lacquering, gilding and faux finishes provides excellent recipes using modern materials. Each formula contains all materials needed for each finish and technique. Color plates assist the craftsman to achieve the desired finish.


This article is addressed to the architect or general contractor and describes methods and materials used by paint stripping contractors on interior work. The article emphasizes the importance of preparing specifications, discusses costs, and provides a comparison of two chemical paint removal systems, one a commercially available caustic dry powder product, and a chemicals manufacturer who also trains and licenses the contractors who provide the stripping service.


This article discusses the pitfalls of removing paint from interior woodwork. It includes a very useful guide on when it is worthwhile to strip, and when it is not, and another chart that explains and rates the different ways to remove paint from old wood.


This is the basic handbook prepared and used by the painting and decorating industry, and as such includes practical information on paints and coatings, tools and equipment for painters, safety procedures, color, reasons for paint failure and remedies, decorative paint finishes, wall coverings and their application, and drywall finishing. The handbook contains a useful dictionary of trade terms on the subjects of painting and decorating, wall coverings and drywall installation.


This guide explains how to create all types of faux wood and stone finishes, including American and European types of wood and stone, as well as other types of broken color effects and varnishes. It is highly regarded by conservators and craftsmen, for the quality of the recipes, the color plates which accompany them, and the glossary of terms. One conservator referred to this as "the best modern book on the subject."


This article constitutes the majority of an issue devoted to historic finishes. It contains detailed information on the terminology of paints and finishes with a discussion of their respective con-
tents and pigments. The historic context of colors and their appropriate uses is profiled and supplemented with an extensive bibliography on the topic.


This is a thorough coverage of all aspects of paint sampling and analysis. It includes techniques for simple on-site analysis and inspection, as well as more complicated laboratory methods.


The author discusses problems encountered in the conservation of early-American oil-based paints based on his experiences with several old buildings in New England, and in particular with the first Harrison Gray Otis House (1795-96), now headquarters of the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities in Boston.


This provides a basic introduction to the subject of removing paint from wood, metal, marble, and even glass, brick and plaster. It discusses whether to strip or not to strip and includes pros and cons of each.


A combined effort using manual scraping with two different solvents proved successful in removing unwanted paint from grained doors and trim.


After many layers of paint were removed, enough of the original stencils remained in the Cornish House, Little Rock, Arkansas, to provide a guide for their restoration. Original photographs of the interior also supplied additional guidance for the restoration.

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Features, Finishes and Materials: Plaster


This is a brief article describing the professional services available for the repair and recasting of decorative plasterwork.


These three articles describe in detail the repair and reproduction of decorative plaster. The first article describes making run ornament which involves forming a profile by pushing a template
over wet plaster, and making "bench work" in which the molding is run on a flat surface and later applied to the wall. The second article explains the more complicated process of how to make plaster cornices in place, and the third article describes the quite different technique of casting decorative plaster.


The author explains the basic principles of traditional plastering techniques, which include the scratch coat, brown coat and finish coat.


This article describes in detail the author's experiments with, and subsequent development of historic plaster repair techniques. First discussed is the repair of Akoustolith Plaster, based on a 1925 patent and used, for example, in the Nebraska State Capitol. Also described in depth are various adhesion systems used to stabilize plaster that has separated from its lath, in particular acrylic resin and epoxy consolidants used by the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities (SPNEA) at its property Brantwood in St. Johnsbury, Vermont.


This article deals specifically with the problem of resecuring and repairing bulging plaster beneath decorative surfaces by using adhesives available in standard caulk gun cartridges. These methods have been adapted for less sophisticated users from a similar, but more costly technique of plaster repair with injected adhesive bonding that was developed over a 12 year period by the Society for the Preservation of New England antiquities (SPNEA).


One of the most common forms of deterioration of decorative plaster surfaces is the disengagement of the substrate from the lath or keys. The remedy described here involves the injection of an adhesive behind the decorative surface in order to replace the mechanical bond lost due to water damage or structural failure. Scaffolding or other support mechanism is then held against the reconsolidated area to ensure rebonding.


This article reviews different methods of repairing (covering) cracks, and patching larger holes for the non-professional plasterer. The article is not extremely detailed but provides adequate guidance for fairly simple repairs, and includes "A Plastering Glossary," and also discusses finish coat failure, and problems caused by moisture.


Heavy decorative plaster beams attached to a concrete substructure were upgraded with screw reinforcements to meet earthquake codes. In addition, stenciled and grained finishes that had been masked by white paint and fiberboard were revived.


Around the turn of the century for a period of thirty years interior decoration made use of many
false finishing techniques. The method described in this case study, that of scagliola or false marble, involved a combination of plaster randomly interlaced with marble chips which was then polished to a high sheen.


The book is somewhat awkward to use since it is laid out in glossary form, but it contains a wealth of information including sections on how to make columns, cornices, domes, decorative casting, and sections on many obsolete practices.


A reprint of a plastering textbook originally published in 1953, this book contains useful information on a wide variety of plastering techniques seldom practiced today such as running a decorative cornice, forming elliptical panels, running niches, as well as basic plastering methods.

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**Features, Finishes and Materials: Metals**


This article provides a brief history of the use and production of metal ceilings. It concludes with a list of manufacturers’ catalogues that offered metal ceilings, and is useful for research purposes in identifying the source of a particular metal ceiling design.


This is a good sourcebook on historic architectural metals, and includes sections on lead, tin, zinc, bronze, copper, iron, nickel, steel and aluminum. Part I, A Historical Survey of Metals, focuses on identification and historic uses of architectural metals; Part II, Deterioration and Methods of Preserving Metals, provides in-depth information on repair and preservation methods, and discusses each metal individually.


This article offers practical advice from workmen experienced in metal ceiling installation. The article does overemphasize somewhat the use of a new metal ceiling as a new decorative element rather than its utility as a repair/replacement material for an existing metal ceiling.


This is a short and to-the-point illustrated article on the right way to install a new tin ceiling cornice.


This high quality reprint addresses all types of decorative and utilitarian sheet metal fabrication including cornices, windows, kitchens, ducts, doors, furnaces, and protective coatings. The book includes excellent line drawings.

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Features, Finishes and Materials: Textiles


These two articles offer a detailed description of cost and materials used to construct the rolled textile units at the Chester County Historical Society. Also described are the cost of materials and construction of the sampler folders for flat textiles.


The author presents a description of the eight textile storerooms at Winterthur Museum. Detailed measurements for storage units are provided for curtain, bedspread, general textile, and rug storage.


This paper gives an overview of the variety of problems encountered in a museum with period room settings and solutions used in the past and the present.


This is an excellent document which discusses the effect of light on textiles and the use of light, past and present, within museums and historic houses.


This handbook includes an excellent compilation of storage designs and methods for all decorative arts objects, particularly textiles, rugs, and costumes. Of special interest are the discussions of fixed rolled storage units, the mobile hanging storage units, storage for rolled textiles, the mobile hanging storage for flat textiles and large rugs, and the high-density mobile storage system. Other important topics covered are records, security and environment.


This provides a good introduction to the care and storage of textiles and costumes. Topics covered include lighting, mildew, insects and rodents, cleaning, mounting, and exhibition, with a source list for suppliers and a selected bibliography.


This book consists of an extensive dictionary of textiles compiled from original documents, prints and paintings, commercial records, American merchants' papers, shopkeepers' advertisements, and pattern books with original cloth swatches. Prefacing the over 200-page dictionary are chapters on furnishing practices in England and America, bed hangings, window curtains, and upholstery and textiles for the period room in America. The preface discusses the changing "fashions" in decorating the period museum room.
in the 20th-century. The dictionary is accompanied by over 100 color plates showing historic fabric swatches.


This book includes 95 photographs, and offers a catalogue of 550 available reproduction fabrics. Particularly useful is a glossary of fabric terms, a list of manufacturers of reproduction fabrics, and suggestions for additional sources of information.


For the collector as well as curators of historical textile collections, this article discusses the display and storage of quilts.


This clearly illustrated booklet shows flat, rolled, and shelf storage systems for textiles, coverlets, quilts, and tapestries used at the Department of Textiles at the Art Institute. Of special interest is the "tree" system for very large tapestries and the rolled units running on tracks.

**Features, Finishes and Materials: Wallcoverings**

Anaglypta was a successor of Linlustra-Walton, but made of highly embossed, pressed paper. Since it was not as durable as Linlustra, it was most likely to be used on ceilings to imitate decorative plaster and friezes. Invented in England in the 1880's, where it is still used, its popularity in the U.S. had declined by the 1920's. The article also includes recommended refinishing techniques.


This article offers a brief overview of the history of wallpaper, related terminology and stylistic categories for dating wallpapers in an issue devoted to historic finishes.


The article provides a history of this linoleum-based wallcovering and explains not only its composition, but its popularity. Also included is advice on repairing existing Linlustra-Walton.


The author outlines the developments in the design and printing of wallpapers in the United States where eventually, economized production methods made wallpapers affordable to everyone. A recipe for wallpaper paste is also included.


This important work consists of a listing of all known literary references to the use of wallpaper.
beginning with 1509, which the author states is
the date of the earliest known wallpaper. The
references continue up to 1960, and include inter-
esting literary references as well as important
milestones in the development of wallpaper.

Greysmith, Brenda. *Wallpaper*. New York: Mac-

This historical survey of the design and produc-
tion of wallpaper in the western world traces its
evolution from the 16th-century to the present.
Over 150 illustrations are included of which ap-
proximately 30 are color plates. A useful bibliog-
raphy is also included.

Kahn, Eve (compiler). "Painted Window Shades." *The Old-House Journal*. Vol. XV, No. 5 (Sept-
ember-October 1987), pp. 46-49.

Painted shades were popular from the 1820's until
the end of the 19th-century, and their designs
ranged from picturesque "Hudson River School"
landscapes to simple, but elegant borders
intended to blend in with the room decor. The
article, which was compiled from a master's thesis
written by William Jedlick, concludes with
instructions on how to paint window shades.

Lynn (Frangiamore), Catherine. "The Story Wall-
papers Tell." *Historic Preservation*. Vol. 27, No. 4
(October-December 1975), pp. 27-34.

The author explains how wallpaper layers and
their sequence can provide important clues to the
history of a house and its changing interior decor
over the years. The article advises caution in the
removal and examination of old wallpaper frag-
ments even if restoration is not the objective, as it
is not unusual to find paper as old as the house at
the bottom of as many as 6-16 layers of wall-
paper.

Lynn, Catherine. *Wallpaper in America from the
Seventeenth Century to World War I*. New York:

Over 100 color plates enhance this history of
wallpaper types in America, plus many more
black and white illustrations. One of the first
major studies in the past 50 years, it is useful to
the homeowner, interior designer, curator and
professional restorer.

Lynn, (Frangiamore), Catherine. *Wallpapers in
Historic Preservation*. 1st published Washington,
DC: Technical Preservation Services Branch,
National Park Service, U.S. Department of the
Interior, 1977. (Reprinted by the American As-
sociation for State and Local History, Nashville,
TN, 1989.)

This book is well-illustrated in black and white
with examples of historic wallpapers. It begins
with a history of wallpaper technology from hand-
made to machine-made paper, painted papers,
stenciled and printed papers, a history of wall-
paper styles and their use, hanging techniques,
and advice for planning a restoration
project involving wallpaper. The appendices in-
clude a short list of historic wallpaper reference
collections, and a list of firms that reproduce
historic wallpapers.

Nylander, Richard C. *Wallpapers for Historic Build-
ings*. Washington, DC: The Preservation Press,
1983.

This is a guide organized by historical periods
from 1750 to 1900 to more than 350 reproduction
wallpapers available today. Reproduction wall-
papers are listed according to manufacturers, and
a useful bibliography is also included. The hand-
book is part of the series which includes fabrics,
floorcoverings, and lighting published by The
Preservation Press.

Oman, Charles C., and Jean Hamilton. *Wallpapers:
An International History and Illustrated Survey
from the Victoria and Albert Museum*. New York:

This is a very important work on the subject of
wallpapers, and was developed from Oman's ear-
lier study, the Catalogue of Wallpaper published in 1929. This work includes a noteworthy bibliography prepared by E.A. Entwisle.


Missing segments of a lincrusta ceiling are reproduced from existing decorative relief. A polyester resin mixture provided the needed flexibility for recasting delicate, shallow relief which would otherwise crack with traditional plaster materials.


Wood venetian blinds were popular in the U.S. during the Federal period from about the mid-18th century to the mid-19th century, and then again during the Colonial Revival Period. This article explains how to make reproduction wood blinds modelled on 1829 originals.

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Features, Finishes and Materials: Floors and Floor Coverings


This book contains 200 full color illustrations and 150 black and white photographs and line drawings. Included is a useful section on the care of carpets -- cleaning, repairs, display and storage, and a glossary that describes designs, dyes, and types of weaves, as well as a selected bibliography dealing mostly with oriental rugs.


The premise of these articles is that despite the fact that linoleum was a popular floor covering beginning at the turn-of-the-century, it is often ignored and little used in restoration. Included here is a summary of linoleum types and their manufacture. These articles were probably some of the first to acknowledge the importance of linoleum in interior design, and to provide suggestions for repair.


This article discusses the history of wood flooring in the U.S. from the 17th to the late 19th century, and includes the regional differences in wood floor types, as well as different ways of sawing and laying the floor boards. In addition, the article describes various decorative painted floor treatments, and floor coverings, including painted floorcloths, matting, carpets and rugs.


This practical article reviews a variety of floor finishes, how they are applied including pros and cons, and suggests that only traditional reversible finishes keep wood floors presentable and well-preserved. The article discusses cleaning and sanding, and concludes with suggestions for further reading, as well as a list of mostly British manufacturers and services—which however, does not limit the utility of the article for the American reader.

Fisher, Charles E. "Temporary Protection of Historic Stairways during Rehabilitation Work:

When these historic Renaissance Revival-style houses, designed in the 1880's by McKim, Mead and White, were rehabilitated for offices and function rooms to serve a new hotel, a system was designed for fitting the elegant marble and wood staircases with temporary protective covering to avoid damage, but still permitting their use during the construction. The protective system, which can be adapted to any rehabilitation project, utilized plywood and padding to cover the walls, steps and balustrades without using anchoring devices that would damage the historic fabric.


This "how-to" article is based on the experience of a skilled craftsman. It discusses how to find replacement lumber, and how to match it to the existing floor, the importance of seasoning to remove excess moisture, how to remove damaged areas, and the installation of replacements. Also included is a brief column on "Dutchman Patching for Small Repairs."


Although linoleum is no longer manufactured in the U.S., some vinyl patterns closely resemble the old linoleum patterns. The article also provides a listing of sources for these, as well as suppliers in the U.S. that distribute linoleum that is still made in Europe.


These decorative tiles were popular in the U.S. from about 1876 up to World War I, and they were often used decoratively around fireplace openings, and hearths. The article discusses the various manufacturers and artists, how the tiles were made, and includes the address of a studio in the U.S. that still makes new tiles and reproductions.


This small book provides thorough coverage of the subject, discussing painted floors and floor cloths, as well as various types of imported carpets and hand-woven rugs.


This article explains different types of floor coverings used from 1750 up to the 20th-century. Also included is a list of sources available today for these materials.


The author suggests how to locate suitable replacement pieces for missing pieces, cutting and installing new pieces and how to make general repairs.


This series consists of three articles with practical information on: "How to Deal with Sagging, Sloping, Squeaking Old Floors," "Construction
Features, Finishes and Materials: Wood


This short article outlines the basic considerations for choosing replacement wood moldings. Such aspects as thickness of historic molding profile, appropriate wood, and shrinkage allowances are discussed.


When other aspects of a rehabilitation necessitate temporary woodwork removal, the author explains how to carefully remove it and store it without causing damage. After the work is completed, the author provides guidance for non-destructive reinstallation of the woodwork.


This book addresses interior and exterior wood trim and siding. It provides some historical perspective on styles and decorative treatments, as well as "how-to" information.


Hand-rubbing is a labor-intensive refinishing method that results in a very smooth finish best-suited for fine woodwork. It is especially appropriate for woodwork or furniture that has broad, flat surfaces that tend to emphasize minor imperfections in the finish.

This article discusses how to repair and replace when necessary, load-bearing rafters, headers, girders, and joists in old buildings. It includes well-drawn illustrations and good cautionary advice.


The article explains that complete stripping is not always necessary, and suggests simpler options, such as cleaning, when restoring clear finishes. The article provides suggestions for removing damaged or unsalvageable finishes.


This article explains the various types of finishes, and a very useful chart describes each finish, its pros and cons, and includes some suggested product names.


The author discusses the relative dating of wood molding profiles which are either the product of hand craftsmanship or are composites of machine-made components. Reacting to a previous study of the subject, the author suggests that the study sample was too small for regional conclusions about moldings. He offers a general approach for inspecting moldings for clues which indicate either a hand-made or machine-made technology.


This offers a graphic, step-by-step presentation of reproducing historic moldings according to original profiles. The methods are easily accomplished with average power tools.


This article explains what must be done after stripping interior woodwork in order to prepare it for refinishing.


How-to guidance for "gently" reviving a floor finish. First the floor is cleaned, lightly hand-sanded in selected areas, and then a new varnish finish is applied, and finally waxed. This is a practical approach when the floor still retains some of its original finish.


This article describes how one painter applies lacquer and varnish to interior woodwork to camouflage nail holes. He discusses the pros and cons of a variety of clear wood finishes and explains how he matches color putty by blending it with white glazing compound to achieve an exact match with the wood color.


This technical report presents research findings on the use of epoxies to preserve historic wood features rather than replacing them. It discusses low-viscosity epoxy consolidants that can be
soaked into rotted wood in order to restore its solidity, and epoxy pastes for filling holes and cracks in historic woodwork. It includes useful case-study applications, suggested formulations, and lists of suppliers.


The emphasis of this short article is that the proper way to replace a tread or riser is from the underside of the stairs so that the nails do not show and the step does not squeak.


The author discusses some of the most common problems that affect old doors, from paint build-up to loose hinges, with suggestions how to remedy problems so doors operate smoothly.


The author describes how to remedy problems often encountered after stripping old woodwork to prepare for a clear finish. Problems discussed include open joints, cracks and checks, warping, damaged veneer, mismatched and missing pieces, scratches, gouges and dents, and stains and discolorations.


These two articles describe how an 1890 staircase that was shaky and out-of-level with treads pulling out of their housing was repaired by a master stairbuilder, who also replaced the newel and repaired the balustrade.


This is a survey of the major types of finishes for interior wood with a brief description of filling compounds, prime sealers, stains, finishes and the best application for each type.


The author cautions investigators about the inherent difficulties of careful measuring of historic mouldings that are covered with many uneven layers of paint, as well as accurate drawing of the profile recorded.


This article reviews the use of architectural books by 18th-century craftsmen, and the canons of Classical proportioning which often governed their design and placement of such details as moldings and pilasters. Conformity to these principles may be conveyed in these features and therefore may indicate a certain level of professional knowledge or access to building guides. This article has a useful appendix of historic architectural books concerning the designs of interior details.

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Systems and Fixtures


When the 1901 Carnegie Mansion in New York City was converted by the Smithsonian Institution into a museum of design, the engineers and architects were able to utilize the innovative mechanical systems originally installed in the mansion, which enabled them to modernize systems without altering interior or exterior appearances.


The article describes in detail the complex digital computer-controlled electronic communications system to monitor climate control, fire detection, security and electric systems that was installed in the Iolani Palace when it was restored in the 1970's.


The author devised a method of utilizing the many coal-burning fireplaces in his 1880's house, and now as a result also makes and sells modular components of the Rumford fireplace. This is not for do-it-yourselfers, and may not meet fire and safety codes in all localities.


Lighting sources in historic buildings are often inadequate for modern needs. In addition, early attempts at retrofitting were often crude and are incompatible with present building codes. The authors explore means of introducing compatible fixtures and updating electrical wiring systems. Categories of period lighting fixtures describe styles, development and documentation procedures.


This article discusses the popularity of the ceiling fan in the early 20th-century, as well as refurbishing old fans, and sources for reproduction and reconditioned old fans.


This is a concise survey of domestic doorknobs, latches and locks from the 18th-century up to the mid-20th-century. It includes general guidance on cleaning, repair and a list of sources for original and reproduction replacements.


In an effort to upgrade the hotel for compliance with safety protection codes, proposals were made to install sprinkler piping throughout the complex. Some fittings caused slight disruptions of historic fabric, but all efforts were made to minimize the impact with concealed sprinkler systems and recording of altered or removed historic fabric when necessary.

This article discusses a variety of methods that can be used for stripping old paint-encrusted radiators, and suggestions for repainting using traditional paints and color combinations. Also included is a brief pictorial survey of historic radiator types, radiator covers, and a list of sources for radiator replacements and painting supplies.


This case history of this 1891 mansion in St. Paul describes how the Minnesota Historical Society was able to adapt it for use as a house and art museum. Much of the original wiring still existed, and the restoration saved and supplemented the electrical system as well as returning some of the fixtures to their original dual gas/electrical use. The rehabilitation also involved the sensitive installation of fire and security systems required by the new uses.


A thorough analysis and understanding of Wright's design for heating and cooling systems made possible the coordination of modern systems with the original systems. With only minor alterations to the building fabric it was possible to integrate refrigerated cooling and ventilation with the natural ventilation and heating patterns of the house.


This is one of the few publications devoted to the subject of historic electric wiring, as well as historic lighting. While perhaps one fourth of the book deals with wiring, wire insulation, types of wiring systems, and a discussion of rewiring historic buildings, the rest of the book is composed of a well-illustrated chronology of fixtures, 1880-1930, from old lighting catalogs. These fixtures are classified as: functional, gas/electric, artistic, scientific, and traditional.


The author explains some of the problems frequently encountered with older plumbing systems. A glossary of plumbing terms is included.


The author discusses some of the problems of inserting modern electrical services, including fire and security alarms into historic buildings. He describes some approaches which have led to successful and inobtrusive installations in National
Trust-owned properties, as well as the Brighton Pavilion, and other historic buildings in Britain.


The role of artificial lighting was an important component of interior design, atmosphere and hospitality throughout the 18th and 19th centuries. This article underscores the importance of lighting, from Colonial candles and oil lamps, to the 19th-century girandole and later Victorian reflective lamps. The integration of firelight, high gloss woodwork and interior lighting devices is explored using historic excerpts and accounts of lighting practices.


The author provides information on how to test old wiring for dangerous inadequacies, and how to repair electrical wire insulation.


This is one of the earliest books on the history of colonial lighting. It includes lanterns, tin, pewter and brass lamps, candles and candle holders, early glass lamps, and astral and luster lamps.


This catalogue should be particularly useful for those interested in door hardware, shutter and window hardware, clothes hooks, household bells, and door handles. Although the catalogue also contains a small selection of lighting fixtures, much of it is devoted to tools, and other domestic, agricultural and commercial implements that are less pertinent to historic building interiors.


This short article describes and illustrates American bathrooms of the early-20th century (1900-1930). The article explains that basically not much has changed since then, other than modest design changes of the fixtures and the concept of built-ins. It stresses the importance of the tiled bathroom, a concept that also has not changed.


Although the title implies the subject is historic properties, the focus is more on the historic, artistic and archival works contained in museums, and environmental requirements necessary to preserve them.


Presented in the form of a chart, this includes listings for 22 companies in the United States which manufacture and supply traditional hardware. Specialities of each company are described, as well as whether the company sells historical reproductions or contemporary adaptations, and exactly what kinds (pieces) of hardware it can supply.

Twenty-five companies are included here listed alphabetically according to period, types and composition of lighting reproductions offered from chandeliers, sconces and wall fixtures, hall lights, and lanterns. The list indicates whether a company does custom-work, and whether a catalogue is available.


This handbook on the history of lighting in America includes illustrations of hundreds of fixtures available today that are suitable for historic buildings from the 17th-century through the 1920's. Appendices include a list of suppliers, a glossary, additional sources of information and a selected bibliography. This is part of the Historic Interiors Series which includes wallpapers, fabrics, floorcoverings published by The Preservation Press.


As the title indicates, this catalog includes a full selection of cast iron and porcelain fixtures such as sinks, tubs, toilets, urinals and pipes and fittings, for residential and commercial use.


Copiously illustrated, this book takes the form of a catalogue that surveys the types and styles of gas fixtures used in the 19th and early-20th centuries with a one page description, including patent date, of each item illustrated on the page opposite. The book includes interior and exterior lighting. Extensive notes, histories of major manufacturing firms and charter dates for gas companies, and a bibliography offer much to the serious researcher of the subject.


This article does not explain how to rewire an old house. It does provide helpful hints on ways to get wiring through walls, floors and ceilings with a minimum of disruption to, and loss of, the existing plaster.


This reprint contains useful guidance for those wishing to refurbish Mid-Victorian buildings with authentically-styled lighting fixtures.


The Baltimore Heater or Latrobe Stove which was invented in the mid-19th century, was popular throughout the Victorian period and was still made until World War II. The Baltimore Stove was the inspiration or precursor of the first whole-house furnace. So many of these stoves were manufactured that many that are repairable still exist in late 19th-century houses.


The author describes the research that went into
the recreation of appropriate period lighting fixtures for the US Senate Chambers, Independence Hall in Wheeling, West Virginia, the Alabama State Capitol, and the British Columbia Legislative Assembly Buildings.


Installing new lighting in a religious structure should reflect the requirements of the congregation and maintain the architectural integrity of the interior. The author has determined that there are four lighting levels that need to be considered in order to accomplish this, which he discusses here.


How to estimate the electrical service needs of a house based on the present service, taking into consideration new services including increased heating and air-conditioning loads, and additional appliances.


Subtitled "Lamps and Lighting in the Early Canadian Home," this book provides a history and survey of lighting devices in Canada evolving from candles in the early 19th-century to electric lights by the end of the century. The subject has many parallels with the history of lighting in the United States.


This reprint contains three volumes in one and three hundred and twenty plates from drawings by the author. Facing each item individually depicted in a drawing by the author, is a short description of the item, including dimensions, location and date. The first two volumes of the book discuss early American door hardware including knockers, latches, hinges and bolts, and locks. Book three contains drawings with individual descriptions of balconies, and railings, newels and gates as well as miscellaneous household items such as fireplace accessories, kitchen utensils and lighting equipment.


This is the second of two articles (the first in the November 1986 issue discussed exterior security measures) on this subject. The author, a locksmith, discusses different types of locks, including the repair of old locks, and a variety of interior alarm systems. The addresses of several alarm system manufacturers are included.


Written by a security system marketing representative, the article discusses how to select a cost-effective security system for galleries, museums and historic buildings. The author explains various alarm systems including perimeter protection ultrasonic alarms, capacitance alarms, photoelectric alarms, microwave alarms and closed circuit TV monitoring.


The rapid increase in institutional and mill buildings prompted a search for more efficient heating systems during this time frame. This article reviews period literature giving accounts of early attempts to disperse heat with steam air appara-
tus and other methods. Also included is a list of Central Heating Manufacturing Prior to 1845.


This reprint contains authentic plans and plumbing fixtures from the early decades of the 20th-century, and like most catalogs includes specific information on prices, measurements, and detailed drawings that will serve as excellent guidance for those interested in restoring bathrooms of that period.

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Rehabilitation Case Studies


The article documents in detail the extensive restoration project undertaken on this 1868 mansion in Norwalk, Connecticut, and focuses in particular on the painstaking work required to repair and restore the many highly-decorated painted and plastered finishes.


Created as a sourcebook for a 1976 conference on historic courthouses, this handbook is designed to discuss the many problems likely to be encountered when dealing with courthouse pres-

ervation. The handbook provides some practical suggestions that have been successful, and suggestions are also included for other uses. The book discusses structural considerations, updating systems, lighting, acoustics, heating, and spatial considerations. A case study of the rehabilitation of the Marshall County, Iowa, Courthouse is included.


Trends toward the conversion of mill buildings into office and apartment space are examined. The basic features of industrial buildings and options for the treatment of circulation, energy systems, interior spaces and surfaces are described. It should be cautioned that some suggestions may not be compatible with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards.


This article on the mid-19th century Hay Mansion in Macon, Georgia, examines not only the aesthetics of this historic house, but stresses that the historic systems, particularly important and novel for their time, should receive equal attention during restoration and as a point of interpretation in the house museum.


To meet the expansion needs of the building's occupants, a design was developed that created a
more open office plan while preserving the significant historic qualities of the central corridors of this 1920's office building. The solution involved removing horizontal sections of the walls above the original marble wainscoting, leaving original doorframes and transoms in place, and constructing soffits above.


Number 81-017. Removal of Significant Interior Woodwork.

Despite its simplicity and machine-planed character, woodwork in an apartment building was determined to be representative of public rooms for such turn-of-the-century buildings and important to be retained in the course of rehabilitation.

Number 81-019. Alterations to Significant Interior Spaces.

Developers are often tempted to maximize large, multi-storied open spaces within buildings by inserting additional, new floors. A new floor added across a two story trading room in a stock exchange was determined not to meet the Standards because of its radical departure from the original function of the space.

Number 81-020. Interior Alterations to Accommodate New Functions.

The challenge to accommodate a new function in a building without disturbing floor plans and decorative elements is the subject of two rehabilitation case studies. One was determined to be in violation of the Standards for not retaining a dominant central floor plan. The second project which received certification, retained all of a building's primary spaces in the conversion of a mansion to professional offices.

Number 84-059. Replacing a Significant Interior Feature to Meet Health and Safety Code Requirements.

This study best illustrates the sometimes incompatible requirements of building codes and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards. In an effort to comply with codes specifying the replacement of a historic iron cage elevator, the feature was removed entirely, leaving no record of the building's historic means of access between floors and the project was determined not to meet the Standards.

Number 87-081. Interior Alterations Resulting in Loss of Air/Light Shaft.

Two successful rehabilitation projects reveal the flexibility of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation when a certain interior feature such as a light shaft is redundant and is judged to have little character-defining value.

Number 87-093. Alteration of Interior Layouts.

In this example of reuse, alterations to original interior spatial arrangements cancelled the important role of natural light dispensed through a central skylight to surrounding rooms. As a result, the project was denied certification under the Standards.

Number 88-099. Selective Restoration in Historic Interiors.

When a building exhibits two historic periods of construction or alteration, the owner is given the option of returning the structure to its earlier period only if that phase is considered the more significant of the two, and there is sufficient structural or decorative evidence in the building to guide restoration work. In this example, because restoration was selective for certain details the project did not successfully recreate the earlier period.
Often, one of the most prominent features of a building is its presentation of access between floors, as in a staircase, and the way in which spaces are organized around this area. With the removal of a central staircase and subdivision of class rooms into apartments, interior spaces of a school building were no longer readable as part of an educational facility, and the rehabilitation was not eligible for tax credits.


The removal of certain intact features, raising the ceiling to accommodate a second floor and reorganization of a principal space were aspects of an insensitive conversion of a railroad depot to a restaurant that made the project ineligible for tax credits.


Because of their largely open nonconfigured interiors, industrial buildings lend themselves to a variety of uses and impose few limitations on the developer. The book provides case studies of successful projects, stressing the economic potential and also the problems involved in this kind of rehabilitation.


This detailed study chronicles the history of the design by Waddy B. Wood, and the construction from 1935-1936, of the new Department of the Interior Building in Washington, DC. The emphasis of the study is on the decorative features, and the many WPA murals which highlight aspects of American wildlife, agriculture, industry, and the American Indian which ornament the interior of the building.


This case study describes the successful transition of the Dayton Post Office into an office and conference building. Though modern in its conception, the treatment of the office spaces using open dividers retained the open character of the former sorting room. The Neo-Classical lobby which runs the length of the facade has been restored without compromise.


The author describes the restoration, with the use of tax credits, of the 90 year-old Union Station in St. Louis, a National Historic Landmark, into a hotel and retail complex. The article includes numerous photographs that show in detail the meticulous work that went into the restoration of the intricately painted and highly ornamented interior finishes.


The rehabilitation of this 70 year-old hotel included careful and sensitive restoration of decorative scagliola columns, ornate plaster, woodwork, windows and other interior features, while introducing new modern HVAC and plumbing systems, and new room arrangements.

Pencek, Richard W. "Central Pennsylvania Farm House Interiors: 1810-1850." Association for

Some of the buildings that have been restored that are included here are: the 1931 Art Deco-style Wilton Theater and 1929 Pellissier Building in Los Angeles; Homewood, an 1806 Federal-style mansion Baltimore owned by The Johns Hopkins University; a glass-domed room in the 1911 New York Public Library; and the Second Empire-style Office of the Secretary of the Navy in the Old Executive Office building in Washington, DC.


During the conversion of an old warehouse to museum facilities, a study was conducted to determine the best strategies for providing internal environmental comforts that would also protect museum collections, displays and storage. Because the building had no previous HVAC systems, greater latitude was permitted in the location of such components as vertical air shafts and ceiling ducts. Still, the project outlines a broad spectrum of environmental quality concerns that may be addressed in the rehabilitation of historic interiors.


Careful documentation of the mansion prior to rehabilitation ensured that interior features were protected during the heavy construction work, and which were carefully restored when the building was reopened in its new use as a hotel.


This issue of Technology and Conservation includes three articles devoted to the restoration of the 1857 neo-Renaissance Italianate Mechanics Hall for use as a concert hall and cultural center. The restoration project is described in detail including the paint research, with extensive discussions of preserving and enhancing the original, unique acoustical qualities of the hall.

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Inspection, Evaluation and Planning


This study analyzes four methods of estimating the cost of residential rehabilitation. Each method is critiqued quite thoroughly with regard to its treatment of changes in size of projects, productivity of labor, contractor’s mark-up for overhead and profit. This is a very technical
study -- not for the uninitiated, and probably useful only for very large-scale projects.


This is a compendium of thirteen published papers from this conference held in Bal Harbor, Florida, in October 1983. Six of the papers offer general guidance for diagnosis of building condition and performance, and the rest of the papers are oriented to more specific problems regarding building rehabilitation such as potential hazards of misapplication of energy conservation measures in existing religious buildings, a method to determine strength of wood members, and building diagnosis by non-destructive neutron-gamma ray technique.


The author discusses ways of determining the age of historic buildings by studying hardware, nails, lath and plaster, and tool marks which can be dated, and paint and mortar which can provide clues to a building's age and evolution, using X-ray photography and dendrochronology.


Preserving historic interiors is one of the least understood facets of historic preservation, and the author explains that identifying a building interior's historic qualities requires considerable care and objectivity early in the planning stages of the project. The article discusses aspects that are important to identify early in the planning, including historic associations, floorplan, primary and secondary spaces, architectural features and materials, systems and fixtures, finishes and furnishings; and common interior rehabilitation problems, including preserving only the most prominent features, inadequate building protection during construction, exposing masonry, contemporary floor planning, maximizing floorspace, inappropriate alterations to historic staircases and elevators, and poor detailing.


This report explains a method for nondestructive probing of historic buildings that permits investigation of components normally hidden from view.


The author describes his experiments with X-ray as a means of exploring invisible conditions within historic structures to determine its potential for conducting non-destructive physical research. The fully developed methodology is described in the report in the previous entry.


The author suggests that Victorian architects may have integrated the forces of sun and wind into the design and spatial configuration of their buildings to improve air quality and reduce heating costs. The argument is made that by identifying these principles within such buildings it may be possible to adapt a building according to its original way of functioning and reduce the need for drastic retrofitting.

The editors of The Old-House Journal have prepared this basic inspection list to guide potential purchasers of old houses. The list includes exterior as well as interior features to be considered, but the authors emphasize that it is not intended to replace the services of a professional building inspector.


This publication was prepared to assist building owners in identifying significant interior spaces, features and finishes so they may be preserved in rehabilitation work. This guidance applies to all historic building types from 18th-century churches to 20th-century office buildings.


This publication provides a checklist to help the owner or architect in identifying important features, both exterior and interior, as well as landscape or site features that make a historic building significant. The guide explains how these aspects of a building make it unique, and therefore how important it is that they be preserved in a restoration or rehabilitation.


This book offers methods for analyzing and diagnosing possible structural problems in existing houses, and suggests the most sensitive and least destructive ways to repair them. The text covers interior aspects including framing systems, walls, ceilings (including plaster repairs), and flooring, and of course all exterior aspects as well.


These 10 Standards are intended to serve as guidance in preserving the character-defining features in rehabilitation projects involving historic buildings. The accompanying Guidelines assist in the application of the Standards, and provide a model process for owners, developers, and local officials to follow in planning and carrying out rehabilitation.


This publication provides information on materials and techniques to consider or avoid when undertaking weatherization and energy conservation in historic buildings. A useful bibliography is included which provides suggestions for further reading.

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Safety, Fire Protection, Building Codes and Handicapped Access

This study focuses on the difficulties of accommodating the physically disabled at historic sites in the National Park Service. It emphasizes the need to resolve the differences between the needs of physically disabled visitors and the need to preserve historic integrity of sites and structures. The report makes the point that some historic structures are more adaptable than others which may have greater significance or inviolability, or there may be less of a need to modify others because of more limited visitation.


This issue includes a special three-part section on building codes. Mel Green, in "An Overview," provides a background on the studies, activities and progress of the previous ten years that led to advances in building regulations for historic buildings. Marilyn E. Kaplan writes in "Working with the Code Officials," that successful integration of preservation and code concerns calls for a better understanding of the goals of the various parties involved and an increase in the quality of communication between them. The third article by Greg Paxton, "The Georgia Trust Building and Fire Code Project," describes a rehabilitation-oriented model building code ordinance that is the centerpiece of the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation's study of the application of building and fire codes to existing buildings. The section concludes with a Resource Directory and guide to specialists, publications and conferences on building codes and preservation.


This publication includes a collection of six papers that discuss conflicts and problems encountered in rehabilitation projects involving meeting building code requirements. The discussion emphasizes that such conflicts must be better understood before satisfactory solutions can be found. The conference was cosponsored by the National Bureau of Standards and the Conference of States on Building Codes and Standards.


The author argues for increased flexibility in the way in which code requirements are applied to existing or historic buildings, and that a correspondingly flexible approach be adopted on a national basis.


This book consists primarily of appendices which are directed toward the protection of cultural property and historic buildings located in seismic zones. One of the appendices deals with Fire Protection of Historic Buildings and includes a basic checklist of what should be done to establish and maintain reasonable fire standards.


Upon the advice of a state advisory committee on historic buildings changes were adopted softening the state building code's 25%/50% renovation requirement. The new code requires added conformance to the rule only if the occupancy is increased in density, or if a change in occupancy implies an increased hazard.

The first article in a series that examines the impact of the installation, and later changes to electrical, mechanical and ventilating services in old buildings. This article discusses the mistakes that have been commonly made in installing new services in old buildings, and suggests alternative approaches that will result in less damage to the building.


This article discusses the different types of fire detectors, and how proper selection of one should depend on the use of the area where it will be installed, and how to develop the "right" or best system, or dual systems of alarm and heat detectors which trigger back-up automatic suppression arrangement and call the fire department.


This article discusses, through interviews with architects, engineers, fire safety products officials and fire protection association representatives some of the major or most common fire code compliance problems encountered when restoring historic buildings. The article is highlighted by short case studies of general building restorations illustrated with plans and sectional drawings. A three-page listing of Fire-Safety related products follows the article.


This publication includes the results of a survey conducted to determine the extent of adoption of special code provisions for historic structures. Legislation and special provisions are reviewed in the report.


This article emphasizes that building codes are clearly intended to improve the safety of occupants, but that they should be applied to existing buildings with some discretion. A cost-benefit assessment should be made if practicable and the relative importance of the code requirement should be evaluated, particularly with regard to life and safety.


Although prepared specifically for the Gaslight Quarter Historic District in San Diego, this publication contains generally useful information on the permit review process, how to deal with the various officials involved, and obtaining approvals and permits.


This article contains excerpts from the book, "Guidelines on Fire Ratings of Archaic Materials." The author defines a general approach for inspecting individual building materials and features such as doors and partitions, suggesting that a prior knowledge and understanding of building codes will simplify the identification of features which may need to be pulled into compliance. Includes a discussion of fire testing of historic materials with a table of ten basic rules for determining fire resistance and endurance levels of materials and construction.

This volume incorporates the proceedings of the 1985 Conference on Safety in Museums and Galleries, and includes papers on fire safety, liability risk management, and extensive sections on hazards in laboratories and workshops such as toxicology of materials used in restoration and the containment of dangerous fumes. Appendices include a safety checklist for use in museums and galleries, a bibliography with a list of relevant American and British legislation and additional sources of information.


The report of this task force arose out of the conflicts that occur between the frequent incompatibility between the requirements of modern health and safety codes and the needs of historic preservation projects. The report identified and assessed those current methods used by regulatory agencies to mitigate adverse impacts on preservation projects.


This study begins with a discussion of legal and code requirements and proceeds to suggest how to analyze existing conditions of the historic building, and, based on disabled user needs, how to adapt the building to suit these needs with the least amount of adverse impact on the historic building. While most of the book is devoted to exterior adaptations, such as ramps, some space is given to interior issues, such as vertical and inclined stair lifts, and relocating and altering fixtures to accommodate the handicapped.


In 1978, the State of Massachusetts adopted Article 22 as part of the State Building Code which permitted greater leeway in how building inspectors interpreted the way building codes affected existing, or historic buildings. Included in this study is a copy of the article and four case studies of buildings that have been rehabilitated under the new, more lenient regulations.


This compilation includes approximately 25 short papers on local and national building code requirements and how they affect historic buildings, and case studies showing how they have been successfully adapted to historic buildings in specific buildings in New Orleans, Seattle, Alexandria, Virginia and Philadelphia.


This contains 18 papers from an October 1978 conference which addresses public and private sector housing programs which are directed toward the rehabilitation of cities and housing.

The entire issue is devoted to the subject of code requirements in existing buildings. Six of the 9 articles included deal directly with the HUD Rehabilitation Guidelines. The other 3 articles discuss other aspects of code requirements - seismic and handicapped access and a case study of the New York State Capitol which involved making it accessible to the handicapped.


This reprint of guidelines is designed for use with existing codes by government and building officials, designers, inspectors and builders.


The first phase of a program to improve fire detection/alarming and extinguishing at this historic house included installation of a smoke detector/Halon 1301 fire suppression system with a minimal loss of historic fabric and visual intrusion.


In the first of a two-part series, the author discusses the vulnerability of historic buildings to fire damage. The second article in the October 1986 issue discusses how to "upgrade" some types of historic building fabric to make them more fire-resistant, as well as the subject of fire alarms and prevention systems.


This provides regulations and general guidelines which enable local communities to preserve existing buildings while meeting basic fire safety needs.


This report prepared by the State Government Affairs Department of AIA provides an overview of the subject of building codes and discusses those written by the three model code organizations, as well as the many other organizations that write and maintain standards such as ASTM and NFPA. Appendices include a selection of AIA policies, a bibliography, a list of resources, and an essay by Robert J. Fowler, AIA, on the history and practical application of building codes.


This code is intended for historic structures or existing buildings undergoing alterations or changes in occupancy. The UCBC is formatted in the same manner as the Uniform Building Code and is compatible with other Uniform Codes.

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