

## Topic Specific Resources:

### Window and Door Hardware -Cleaning and Proper Function

[How to Remove Paint and Polish from Antique Doorknobs](#)

[How to Restore Old Hardware](#)

[\(Video\)How to Restore Antique Hardware with Meegan Czop](#)

### Assessing and Weatherproofing your Historic Windows

[NPS: Weatherization of Windows and Doors](#)

[Old House Online: How to Weatherize your Windows](#)

[\(Video\) This Old House: How to Stop Cold-Air Leaks in the Winter](#)

[\(Video\): UCD Preservation: Beginners Guide to Insulating Old Windows](#)

[Historic Homeworks](#)

### Opening Front Doors that Never get Opened-Assessing their Condition

[How to Fix an Exterior Door that Won't Open](#)

[How to Fix Stuck Exterior Door](#)

### Tips for Brick Masonry

[NPS Brief 1: Cleaning Water Repellent Treatments for Historic Masonry Buildings](#)

[NPS Brief 6: Dangers of Abrasive Cleaning](#)

[NPS Brief 2: Repointing Mortar Joints](#)

[\(Video\) Preservation for Living: Historic Denver Presents a Look at Historic Masonry Repair](#)

### Flat and Ornamental Plaster Repair

[NPS Brief 23: Ornamental Plaster](#)

[\(Video\)This Old House: How to Fix a Plaster and Lathe Ceiling](#)

[\(Video\)This Old House: How to Repair Plaster Walls](#)

### Repairing Hardwood Floors

[\(Video\) This Old House: Repair a Tongue-and-Groove Wood Floor](#)

[Wisconsin Historical Society: Preserving Wood Floors in your Historic Building](#)

[Old House Online: Repairing and Refinishing Old Hardwood Floors](#)

### Dealing with Lead Paint

[NPS Brief 37: Appropriate Methods of Reducing Lead-Paint Hazards in Historic Housing](#)

[EPA: Renovation, Repair and Painting Program Contractors](#)

[HUD: Lead Safety for Renovation, Repair and Painting](#)

[Maine DEP: Lead Training Courses](#)

[Maine Housing: Lead in Maine](#)

### Checking Clapboards for Signs of Deterioration

[International Association of Certified Home Inspectors: Wood Siding Inspection](#)

[Wisconsin Historical Society: Common Problems with Wood Siding on your Historic Building](#)

[\(Video\)John Leeke: Exterior Woodwork-Repair Split Clapboard](#)

### Pretty Vines that Damage your Historic Home

[Architectural Trust: Preservation by Prevention: Vines and Other Vegetation](#)

**What to Look for in a Preservation Contractor or Craftsperson**

*Louisiana State Historic Preservation Office: How to Choose a Qualified Contractor*  
*Georgia Department of Natural Resources: How to Select a Preservation Consultant or Contractor*  
*Maine Preservation's Preservation Professionals Database*  
*National Trust for Historic Preservation: Should you DIY or Hire a Professional*

## Books for Do-it-Yourselfers:

*Restoring your Historic House: The Comprehensive Guide for Homeowners, Scott T. Hanson (Available on the Maine Preservation Website)*

*The Investigation of Buildings, Donald Friedman*

*The Old House Doctor: The Essential Guide to Repairing, Restoring and Rejuvenating your Old Home*

*The Complete Home Restoration Manual: An Authoritative Do-It-Yourself Guide to Restoring and Maintaining the Older House*

*Saving America's Windows: Caring for Older and Historic Wood Windows*

*Window Preservation Standards*

*John Leek's Historic HomeWorks*

## Resources for Further Exploration:

*Maine Preservation's Field Service Program*

*Illustrated Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Structures*

*National Park Services: Preservation Tech Notes*

*Secretary of Interior's Standards*

*Historic New England: Tips for Historic Homeowners*