

Resource Guide to Historic Preservation
In the
Southern Maryland Studies Center

The College of Southern Maryland established the Southern Maryland Studies Center (SMSC) in 1976 in order to provide a central location for research on the historically important region of Southern Maryland. SMSC is located at the La Plata campus in the Library, room LR210.

This resource guide provides information on a variety of materials available to anyone interested in the practical aspects of preserving old buildings, cemeteries, and historic landscapes including architecture, preservation, restoration, identification and researching a building or landscape's history. This is not a comprehensive list of materials, but rather a guide. Customers are encouraged to consult with SMSC staff about additional resources not listed. A list of web resources is also provided.

The books, manuscripts, and photographic collections listed in this guide can be found at the SMSC:

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BOOKS

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Architecture of the Old South: Maryland. Lane, Mills

Md NA 730.M3L36 1991

This book illustrates and describes the architecture of important buildings, arranged in chronological and stylistic order.

Barn Again: A Guide to Barn Rehabilitation. Humstone, Mary M.

Md TH 3411.H8 1997

This guide was developed as part of a national program to preserve historic barns. It emphasizes economically feasible projects that preserve as much of the original structure of the barn as possible, while providing the efficiency to run a successful operation. It also lists other sources of information that may be helpful.

Buyer's Guide to Older and Historic Houses. National Trust for Historic Preservation

Md E 159.W3 2000

This booklet addresses many of the issues to consider when purchasing an older house. It explains architectural styles and offers tips for locating historic houses. It covers financing, house inspections, and local, state, and federal historic designation as well as information about insurance and tax considerations that apply to history houses.

Domestic Architecture of Colonial Maryland. Taylor, Charlotte Mason

Md NA 7237.M3T3

Points out predominate characteristics of domestic architecture of that period.

Economic Benefits of Historic Preservation in Maryland. Maryland Historical Trust, Department of Housing and Community Development.

Md NA 107.M37M3 no. 6

Lists the advantages to preservation and rehabilitation of historic properties.

Fabrics for Historic Buildings. Nylander, Jane C.

Md TS 1767.N94 1990

Explains how to choose, buy and install the correct fabrics for historic interiors. Included is a unique catalog of more than 600 fabric types and patterns and a new chapter of 20th century fabrics.

A Guide to Early American Homes. Pratt, Dorothy

Md NA 7205.P68

A guide to early American houses, listed by state.

Historic Building Facades. Foulks, William G.

Md TH 2235.H56 1997

For owners of historic buildings, building contractors, and architects, this book clarifies procedures, helps identify sources of deterioration and offers solutions to the most difficult maintenance and rehabilitation problems.

Historic Preservation. Rath, Frederick L.

Md E 159.A1R35 v1

Bibliography on historic organization practices.

Historic Preservation and Affordable Housing in Maryland: A Summary. Maryland

Historical Trust, Department of Housing and Community Development.

Md NA 107.M27M3 no. 8

Summarizes the cost-effectiveness of restoring older buildings for contemporary use.

Historic Preservation in Small Towns: A Manual of Practice. Ziegler, Arthur P.

Md E 159.Z513

Historic Preservation Information Booklets: [1] Appraising Historic Properties; [2] Getting to Know Your 20th Century Neighborhood and [3] The New Old House Starter Kit. National Trust for Historic Preservation

Md E 159.H7144

Booklet 1 contains information on finding a qualified appraiser; the benefits of owning an historic property; the valuation process and appraising easements.

Booklet 2 focuses on neighborhoods developed during the first half of the 20th century, from 1900 to 1950.

Booklet 3 outlines the basic process a homeowner should follow in restoring or rehabilitating a house.

Historic Preservation Information Booklet: Preservation of Historic Burial Grounds. Strangstad, Lynette

Md E 159.H7144

This booklet is designed to meet the need for information that both the general public and professionals alike may have when considering the preservation of an historic burial ground.

Homeplaces: Traditional Domestic Architecture of Charles County, Maryland.

Rivoire, Richard J.

Md NA 7206.C4R5 1990

Architectural drawings and photos documenting the architectural heritage of Charles County.

Housekeeping for Historic Homes and House Museums. Heaver, Melissa M.

Md E 159.H4 2000

This manual is designed to assist those responsible for the care and maintenance of an older or historic home, whether private residence or house museum.

How to Complete National Register Inventory-Nomination Forms. National

Register of Historic Places

Md E 159.H6

A guide to processing nominations and procedures for completion of forms.

An Illustrated Glossary of Early Southern Architecture and Landscape. Oxford

University Press

Md NA 727.I44 1994

An architectural dictionary of terms common to southern architecture.

The Impecunious House Restorer: Personal Vision and Historic Accuracy.

Kirk, John T.

NA 7205.K57 1984

How to develop a consistency of thought when undertaking a restoration project.

Information Booklet #70: Coping with Contamination: A Primer for Preservationists. Andress, Carol; Bartsch, Charles and Cooney, Deborah

Md E 159.I53 1993

This booklet introduces owners, users and supporters of historic buildings to the issues surrounding contamination, its causes and remedies. A resource guide at the end of the booklet provides useful contacts for additional information.

Introduction to Photographing Historic Properties, Information Series No. 42,

1988. Gittings, Kirk for the National Trust for Historic Preservation

Md E 159.I53

This booklet describes the technique and equipment used in photographing historic sites and structures.

A Layperson's Guide to Historic Preservation Law. Miller, Julia H.

Md KF 4310.Z9M5 2000

This booklet explains the laws and legal principles that protect historic resources. It provides a basic overview of the laws governing historic districts at the federal, state and local levels. It also lists resources on preservation laws and related issues.

Maintaining A Lead Safe Home: A Do-It-Yourself Manual for Homeowners, Property Managers and Contractors. Livingston, Dennis

Md TD 196.L4L58 1997

Written for homeowners, property managers and trade people, this illustrated teaching tool suggests practical and affordable solutions to lead problems.

Maryland Architecture: A Short History from 1734 through the Civil War. Forman, Henry Chandlee

Md NA 730.M3F56

History of Maryland architecture during the first 200+ years since colonization.

Maryland Gardens and Houses. Clapp, Elizabeth Fisk

Md NA 7235.M3C5

Descriptive summary of houses and gardens.

A Maryland Manor in Transition. Turner, Louise Boone

Md NA 7237.C4W478

The National Registry of Historic Places 1972 prepared by the staff of the National Registry of Historic Places: Murtagh, William J.; Dippel, Elizabeth A.

Md E 159.N34 1972

The contents are current through June 1971.

Paint in America: The Colors of Historic Buildings. Moss, Roger W.

Md TH 2239.S45 1990

The definitive volume on how paint has been used in the U.S. in the last 250 years. Eminent contributors cover the history of this medium in American buildings from the 17th to the end of the 19th centuries.

Preservation of Historic Burial Grounds.

Md E 159.H7144

An overview of the significance of historic burial grounds, concerns about their preservation and appropriate conservation methods.

Preservation Yellow Pages: the complete information source for homeowners, communities and professionals. Preservation Press

Md E 159.P73 1997

The state-by-state guide resource directory contains federal rehabilitation standards, a bibliography, glossary, finder's aids and more.

Recording Historic Buildings. Historic American Building Survey, compiled by McKee, Harley J.

Md NA 705.H55

A guide for professional persons who obtain and record data about historic properties.

Using Old Farm Buildings. Humstone, Mary M.; Johnson, Dexter W.

Md TH 3411.H857 2000

This booklet answers frequently asked question by owners of outdated barns, and other buildings on working farm and ranches. It also provides a list of other organizations and agencies for further information.

Using Professional Consultants In Preservation. Beasley, Ellen

Md E 159.B4 2000

This booklet provides information on selecting a professional consultant. It includes sample formats of proposals, letters, contracts and scope-of-services statements.

The Value of Historic Preservation in Maryland. Rypkema, Donovan D.

Md E 151.F6

This report draws on a wide range of resources—recent studies; raw data from state agencies; and interviews with public officials, developers, and preservationists to quantify the economic importance of historic preservation in every corner of the state.

Walls and Molding: How to Care for Old and Historic Wood and Plaster. Shivers,

Natalie

Md TH 2239.S45 1990

Written for homeowners and others responsible for the care of buildings from 50 to 250 years old, and based on the principles of preservation expressed in the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings, this authoritative handbook offers practical advice for all aspects of caring for old wood and plaster walls and molding.

What Style Is It?: A Guide to American Architecture. Poppeliers, John C.;

Chambers; S. Allen, Jr.; Schwartz, Nancy B.

Md NA 705.P6 1983

This slim, pocket-sized guide has many photographs and illustrations. It should be of value to anyone interested in identifying and enjoying the architectural assets of a building.

*The following books are **uncataloged**:*

Floor Coverings for Historic Buildings: A Guide to Selecting Reproductions.

Rosenstiel, Helene Von; Winkler, Gail Caskey

A catalog of more than 475 reproduction floor coverings.

*The following books are **on order**:*

Archeology and Historic Preservation.

A primer that covers basic archeological concepts, state and local issues, protection of archeological sites, public programs and key legislation.

Appraising Easements.

An up-to-date guide on appraising land conservation and historic preservation easements.

Community Guide to Saving Older Schools

This booklet demonstrates through case studies that older school buildings can successfully adapt to new technology and the latest educational mandates.

A Curriculum Framework for Professional Training and Development.

Practical advice for teachers, preservationists and museum and site interpreters for developing programs and instructional materials that focus on historic places as teaching tools.

The Economics of Rehabilitation

Demystifies real estate development and explains how to demonstrate the economic benefits of preserving older buildings.

Gazebos and Trellises: Authentic Details for Design and Restoration.

This unique visual reference brings together almost 200 beautifully rendered drawings of trellises and gazebos, all based on authentic historic details from field and library research.

A Guide to Tax-Advantaged Rehabilitation.

Up-to-date information on the historic rehabilitation tax credit in an easy question and answer format. Sample worksheets help readers estimate the value of the credit for their projects.

Heritage Education: An Introduction for Teachers, Group Leaders and Program Planners.

Ideas for using historic sites as teaching tools, along with examples of heritage education activities from around the country.

Heritage Resources Law: Protecting the Archeological and Cultural Environment.

Comprehensive review of federal laws and court decisions that govern the protection of all heritage resources – archeological, historic, maritime and Native American.

In Search of Collaboration: Historic Preservation and the Environmental Movement.

A look at potential partnerships between preservationists and conservationists to ensure the protection of the natural and cultural environment.

Innovative Tools for Historic Preservation.

A look at financial incentives, conservation districts, comprehensive downzoning, growth management programs and comprehensive planning and regulatory relief.

The Investor Looks at a Historic Building. Rypkema, Donovan D.

This reprint of a speech encourages preservationists to understand and promote sound economic arguments that will encourage investors to put their money into historic buildings.

Keeping Time: The History and Theory of Preservation in America.

William Murtagh provides a look at American community preservation, its history, practice and legal framework.

Maintaining Community Character: How to Establish a Local Historic District.

Proactive strategies for influencing local policy and opinions about the creation of a local historic district.

New Life for White Elephants: Adapting Historic Buildings for New Uses.

Learn about projects around the country that were once seen as white elephants and are now examples of successful renovation and reuse.

Partnerships for Preservation: State Historic Preservation Offices and Statewide Nonprofits.

A look at the range of activities in which statewides and SHPOs have formed productive partnerships. Case studies highlight successful partnerships in Georgia, Maryland and Utah.

Railroad Depot Acquisition and Development.

A step-by-step guide to preserving historic railroad depots.

A Self-Assessment Guide for Community Preservation Organizations.

Guidance for organizations undertaking a self-assessment process to measure effectiveness and help plan for the future.

Strategies for the Stewardship and Active Use of Older and Historic Religious Properties.

A guide to the preservation, restoration and reuse of historic religious structures.

Treatment of Flood-Damaged Older and Historic Buildings.

Useful manual to help building owners reduce structural and cosmetic flood damage to older and historic buildings.

Use It or Lose It

This report focuses on how official federal, state and local historic landmark or landmark district designation affects commercial property values.

MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS

The following collections are located in the SMSC Archive and are available Monday-Friday, 1:00pm-4:00pm. Customers must fill out a registration form before using the collections.

Charles County Historical Society, Historic Sites Files (20th Century)

There are files on historic homes and churches located in Southern Maryland, as well as a few from Montgomery County, Anne Arundel County, Washington, D.C., and Virginia. Surveys, inventories, copies of blueprints and photos of some sites can be found with these files. (Finding aid available.)

John M. Wearmouth Collection (18th, 19th and 20th Centuries)

The collection contains information on Charles County history, especially Port Tobacco, the restoration of the Port Tobacco Courthouse and historic homes.

Paul D. Brown Collection (18th, 19th and 20th Centuries)

Collection covers the period 1797-1973. Papers of P. D. Brown consist of correspondence, notes & news clippings on the history of Charles County. It includes many Southern Maryland historic homes, and the restoration of General William Smallwood's home.

Port Tobacco School Collection (19th and 20th Centuries)

The collection consists of notes from the Port Tobacco Times regarding the Port Tobacco School from May 1870, to December 1887; a pamphlet from the Renovation Celebration dated October 2, 1994.

J. Richard Rivoire Collection (20th Century)

The collection consists of photographs, slides, architectural drawings, research files, genealogical information and field notes. Major topics in the collection include architectural history, family history and documentation of restoration projects. (Finding aid available.)

Southern Maryland Studies Center General Photograph Collection (19th, and 20th Centuries)

The collection includes photographs of Southern Maryland school buildings, schoolhouses; occupations; events; businesses and organizations; persons and families; historic homes and sites; sports and sportsmen; courthouses; miscellaneous scenes of places and people. (Finding aid available.)

Walter W. Deschler Collection (20th Century)

The collection is a catalog of older building and other structures on the culturally distinctive landscape of Southern Maryland. Included are houses, farm and village, barns, hotels, gas stations, stores, churches, bars and other buildings. The buildings included in the survey have undergone changes in function and form, fire, decay and collapse. The catalog shows the buildings from the exterior and interior during the first half of the 1990's.

Wilfong Collection (20th Century)

The collection contains newspaper clippings of articles on historic homes in Maryland written by James C. Wilfong. There are over 900 photographs of historic properties in Charles and St. Mary's Counties.

Women's Voices Project Collection (20th Century)

Collection consists of autobiographical articles taken from the Women's Voice Project. One article donated by Mary Beth Winkler Chandler, "Life in Charles County". In the early 1950's, she lived in an old Victorian home in La Plata. The home is known as the "Homeplace". She describes the restoration of the home.

MICROFILM

The microfilm is located in the black cabinet, at the end of the first row of books in the Reading Room. There is one, non-printing microfilm reader in the Reading Room and one printing reader in the Microfilm Room, LR210.

Types of records include:

- Federal Tax Assessment, 1789
- U.S Census for Maryland (1790-1920)
- Agricultural and Manufacturing Census (1850-1880)
- Wills
- Inventories
- Land Records
- Court Records
- Births, Deaths, and Marriages
- Church records--Leonardtown Charge, (1849-1968); St. Ignatius Church Collection, (1852-1896); St. Johns Parish Protestant Episcopal Church Collection, (1824-1934); Trinity Church, (1729-1906); Christ Church (Old Durham Church), (1774-1975); Christ Church Episcopal Port Tobacco Parish, (1869-1988)

For a full inventory of records on microfilm housed in the Reading Room of the Southern Maryland Studies Center, please refer to the Microfilm Guide.

WEB LINKS

National Trust for Historic Preservation

www.nationaltrust.org

University of Maryland, National Trust for Historic Preservation Library

www.lib.umd.edu/NTL/ntl.html

Old House Network

www.oldhouse.com/newsite

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

www.achp.gov

National Center for Preservation Technology and Training

www.ncptt.nps.gov

National Preservation Conference

www.nthpconference.org

Architecture Directory for Historic Preservation

www.architecture.about.com/library

Historic Preservation and Cultural Resource Management

www.preservationdirectory.com

Preservation Maryland

www.preservemd.org/

Maryland Historical Trust

www.marylandhistoricaltrust.net

National Register of Historic Places

www.nationalregisterofhistoricplaces.com

Society of Architectural Historians

www.sah.org

Maryland Department of Parks and Natural Resources

www.dnr.state.md.us

Baltimore Museum of Art

www.artbma.org

Colonial Williamsburg

www.history.org

Historic American Buildings Survey
www.memory.loc.gov/ammem

Museum of American History
www.americanhistory.si.edu

College of William and Mary
www.wm.edu