

ALTERING A HISTORIC HOME?

UNLOCKING THE MANY CHALLENGES



WALLS & TRIM

- TRY TO USE SIDING AND TRIM THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE OVERALL HOUSE. MATERIALS, DIMENSIONS, DETAILING AND PATTERNS SHOULD BE ALL CONSIDERED.



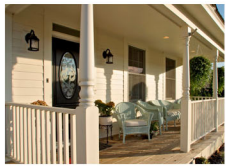
WINDOWS

- IF REPLACING/ADDING WINDOWS, THE MATERIAL AND DESIGN SHOULD BE CONSIDERED. THE NUMBER OF PANES, TRIM PROFILES, AND TYPE OF GLASS ARE ALL IMPORTANT.



DOORS

- ORIGINAL DOORS SHOULD BE RETAINED IF POSSIBLE. IF REPLACEMENT IS REQUIRED, TRY TO REPLICATE THE PANEL, PROFILES, AND CONFIGURATIONS WHERE EVER POSSIBLE.



PORCHES

- WHEN REBUILDING/ADDING A PORCH, THE POSTS, RAILINGS, TRIM SHOULD ALL COMPLEMENT THE ORIGINAL STRUCTURE. PROPORTIONS, TRIM PROFILES AND MATERIALS ARE IMPORTANT.



ROOFS

- ROOF MATERIALS, CORNICES AND TRIM SHOULD BE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED TO MATCH THE EXISTING BUILDING AND THE CORRECT ERA.



CHIMNEYS

- ORIGINAL CHIMNEYS WERE ALWAYS DESIGNED TO COMPLIMENT THE BUILDING DESIGN AND SHOULD BE KEPT IF POSSIBLE.

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