Historic Building Preservation, Rehabilitation, and Restoration Resources
at the Maryland Historical Trust Library

Introduction:
The Maryland Historical Trust Library is the State’s principal repository for information relating to Maryland’s architectural, archeological, and cultural heritage. The library holds an extensive collection of books, journals and periodicals, historic structure reports, field and research reports, archeological reports, maps, architectural drawings, oral histories, slides and photographs, and vertical files.

This guide provides an overview of some of the resources available at the MHT Library related to historic building materials and preservation. This list is not exhaustive but a starting point for researchers. Contact the librarian for further assistance and information on other resources.

Visiting the Library:
The library is open to the public on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, researchers should contact the librarian, Lara Westwood, at lara.westwood@maryland.gov or 410-697-9546. Visit our website to learn more about MHT and the library. A Library User Guide is also available for further guidance.

Library Catalog:
The online library catalog for the MHT Library can be found online here. The catalog contains records of books, journals, site-specific reports, and historic maps, historic structure reports, preservation plans, and architectural drawings available to researchers.

Resources by Topic:

General Preservation, Rehabilitation, and Rehabilitation:

Benjamin, Asher. *The country builder's assistant: containing a collection of new designs of carpentry and architecture; which will be particularly useful, to country workmen in general.* Printed at Greenfield, <Massachusetts>: by Thomas Dickman, 1797. NA 2520 .B4.


Catalogs and Pattern Books:


Russell and Erwin Manufacturing Company, ed. Illustrated Catalogue of American Hardware of


Masonry and Plaster:


Carosino, Catherine, United States, National Park Service, and Preservation Assistance Division. Historic Masonry Deterioration and Repair Techniques: An Annotated


**Other Architectural Elements:**


**Other Structures:**


**Paint and Wall Coverings:**


Arrowsmith, James. *The paper-hanger's companion: a treatise on paper-hanging; in which the practical operations of the trade are systematically laid down with copious directions preparatory to papering; preventions against the effect of damp on walls; the various cements and pastes adapted to the trade; observations and directions for the panelling and ornamenting of rooms, &c.* Philadelphia: Henry Carey Baird, 1856. TH 8441 .A8.


Davidson, Ellis A. *A practical manual of house-painting, graining, marbling and sign-writing: containing full information on the processes of house-painting in oil and distemper, the formation of letters and practice of sign-writing, the principles of decorative art, a course of elementary drawing for house-painters, writers, etc., and a collection of useful receipts: with nine coloured illustrations of woods and marbles, and numerous wood engravings.* London: Crosby Lockwood and Son, 1900. TT 320 .D25.

Gardner, F. B. *How to paint: a complete compendium of the art designed for the use of the tradesman, mechanic, merchant, and farmer, and to guide the professional painter.* New York: S.R. Wells, 1872. TT 305 .G2.


Hilke, Christine Barbara. *Fashions in house paint: efforts by the American paint industry to


Plumbing and Related Fixtures:


Comstock, 1884. TD 913 .G36.


Rooves:


Timber and Wood:


**Windows:**


James, Brad. *Testing the energy performance of wood windows in cold climates: a report to the State of Vermont Division for Historic Preservation, Agency of Commerce and*


