Would you like to know more about historic buildings and how to maintain them?

TECHNICAL PRESERVATION SERVICES
Technical Preservation Services (TPS), a branch of the National Park Service, is the nation’s leading provider of information and guidance on the care of historic buildings. TPS offers free publications, ranging from technical assistance with window repairs and historic masonry to help with historic tax credits for rehabilitation projects.

TPS Website: www.nps.gov/tps

Secretary of the Interior’s Standards and Guidelines for the Treatment of Historic Properties
www.nps.gov/tps/standards.htm
The Standards are a series of concepts about maintaining, repairing, and replacing historic building materials, as well as designing new additions or making alterations to historic buildings.

NEW! Illustrated Guidelines on Sustainability for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings
www.nps.gov/tps/sustainability.htm
First set of official NPS guidelines on how to make changes to improve energy efficiency of buildings.

PRESERVATION BRIEFS (over 40 FREE building treatment publications)
Learn about historic building treatments, including repointing mortar joints in brick walls, roofing, repair of windows, dangers of abrasive cleaning, controlling moisture, conserving energy, & more.
Examples are listed below. www.nps.gov/tps/how-to-preserve/briefs.htm

Brief #1: Assessing Cleaning and Water-Repellent Treatments for Historic Masonry Buildings
Brief #2: Repointing Mortar Joints in Historic Masonry Buildings
Brief #3: Conserving Energy in Historic Buildings
Brief #4: Roofing for Historic Buildings
Brief #6: Dangers of Abrasive Cleaning to Historic Buildings
Brief #8: Aluminum and Vinyl Siding on Historic Buildings: Substitute Materials for Resurfacing
Brief #9: The Repair of Historic Wooden Windows
Brief #10: Exterior Paint Problems on Historic Woodwork
Brief #11: Rehabilitating Historic Storefronts
Brief #13: The Repair and Thermal Upgrading of Historic Steel Windows
Brief #14: New Exterior Additions to Historic Buildings: Preservation Concerns
Brief #15: Preservation of Historic Concrete: Problems & General Approaches
Brief #16: The Use of Substitute Materials on Historic Building Exteriors
Brief #17: Architectural Character - Identifying the Visual Aspects of Historic Buildings
Brief #20: The Preservation of Historic Barns
Brief #24: Heating, Ventilating, and Cooling Historic Buildings
Brief #25: The Preservation of Historic Signs
Brief #26: The Preservation and Repair of Historic Log Buildings
Brief #27: The Maintenance and Repair of Architectural Cast Iron
Brief #28: Painting Historic Interiors
Brief #31: Mothballing Historic Buildings
Brief #32: Making Historic Properties Accessible
Brief #33: The Preservation and Repair of Historic Stained and Leaded Glass
Brief #36: Protecting Cultural Landscapes: Planning, Treatment and Management
Brief #37: Appropriate Methods of Reducing Lead-Paint Hazards in Historic Housing
Brief #38: Removing Graffiti from Historic Masonry
Brief #39: Holding the Line: Controlling Unwanted Moisture in Historic Buildings
Brief #42: The Maintenance, Repair and Replacement of Historic Cast Stone
Brief #43: The Preparation and Use of Historic Structure Reports
Brief #44: The Use of Awnings on Historic Buildings: Repair, Replacement and New Design
Brief #45: Preserving Historic Wooden Porches
Brief #47: Maintaining the Exterior of Small and Medium Size Historic Buildings

PRESERVATION TECH NOTES
Preservation Tech Notes provide innovative solutions to specific preservation problems. A few Notes examples are listed below.  [http://www.nps.gov/tps/how-to-preserve/tech-notes.htm]

Exterior Woodwork No. 1: “Proper Painting and Surface Preparation”
Exterior Woodwork No. 2: “Paint Removal from Wood Siding”

TAX INCENTIVES
The Federal Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program encourages private sector investment in the rehabilitation and reuse of historic buildings. NPS and the Internal Revenue Service administer this program in partnership with the State Historic Preservation Offices.  [www.nps.gov/tps/tax-incentives.htm]

Kentucky State Historic Tax Credit Program. Information about this state program, administered by the Kentucky Heritage Council, can be found on the KHC website at: [http://heritage.ky.gov/incentives/]

ONLINE TRAINING
TPS has developed web-based tutorials for property owners, local preservation commissions, volunteers, and others interested in more in-depth historic preservation training. See tutorial examples below.  [www.nps.gov/tps/education/online-training.htm]

Walk Through Historic Buildings Identify features that give buildings their historic visual significance.
Incentives: A Guide to the Historic Preservation Tax Incentives Program
From the Roof Down and Skin Deep Learn how to keep the surface of your house in good repair.
Managing Moisture in Your Historic House

NATIONAL CENTER FOR PRESERVATION TECHNOLOGY & TRAINING
NCPTT advances the application of science and technology to historic preservation. Working in the fields of material conservation, architecture, landscape architecture, and archeology, the Center accomplishes its mission through training, education, research, technology transfer and partnerships.  [www.ncptt.nps.gov] See brief NCPTT building material conservation VIDEOS on YouTube at: [www.youtube.com/user/ncptt]