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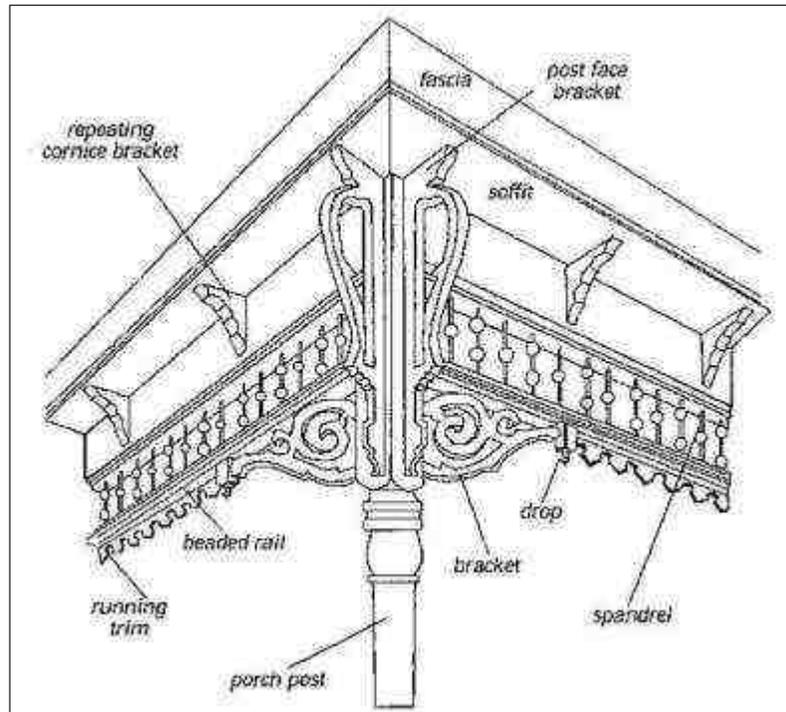


Historic Preservation Guidelines - Tear Away Sheets

Porches

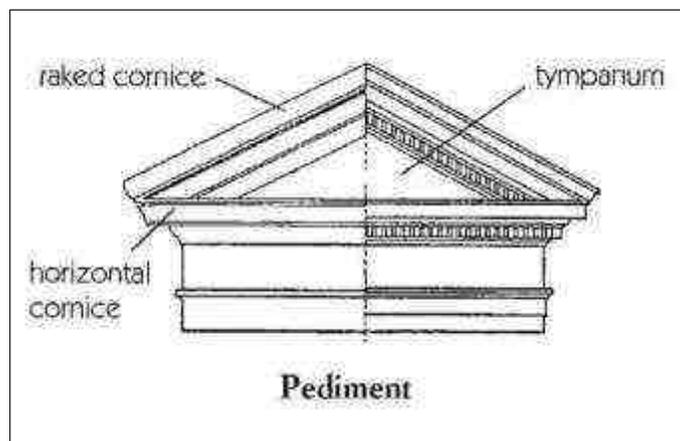
RECOMMENDED

- Conducting an in-depth condition survey of the porch, to determine what level of intervention will be necessary on different elements
- routine maintenance, repair, or replacement.
- Performing necessary surface treatments such as cleaning, rust removal, removal of peeling paint, and repainting on a regular basis.
- Retaining historic decorative features.
- Retaining historic materials such as wood, iron, brick, and stone whenever possible.
- Replacing individual elements of the porch (like columns) with like materials when they cannot be repaired.
- Using physical evidence or photographs to reproduce features that must be replaced. If no evidence exists, newly designed features should be compatible with the size, scale, material, color, and overall appearance of the historic building.
- Replacing the entire porch only when the existing one is deteriorated beyond repair or missing. When a porch is completely missing, the design for the replacement should respect the historic character of the building.
- Ensuring that when substitute materials must be used, they are visually appropriate and chemically compatible.
- Enclosing a porch only when absolutely necessary. The design for the enclosure should preserve the historic character of the building. This could include using large sheets of glass and pushing the enclosure wall back behind the porch's posts.



NOT RECOMMENDED

- Changing the materials, finishes, or historic appearance of the porch.
- Replacing parts of the porch when instead they could be repaired.

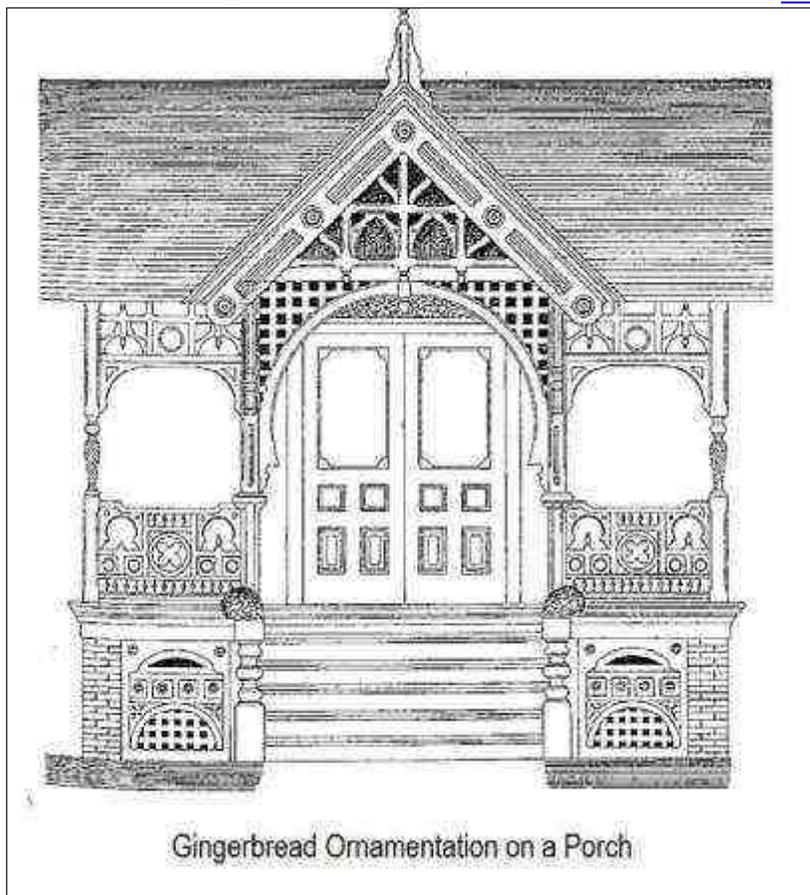


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NOT RECOMMENDED (Continued)

- Replacing parts of the porch that do not match, just to create a uniform appearance.
- Removing materials that are undeteriorated.
- Replacing an entire feature of the porch, such as the railing, when replacement of individual pieces of the feature would get the job done.
- Adding or removing entire features.
- Removing a part of the porch and not replacing it.
- Removing the entire porch.
- Moving or creating new porches on character-defining elevations. If a new entrance is necessary, it may be added to a hidden elevation. New porches should be compatible with the overall design of the building.
- Installing a porch that is incompatible in size and scale with the historic building or that hides, damages, or destroys character-defining features.
- Enclosing a porch with solid materials such as wood, stucco, or masonry. Enclosures of this type decrease or destroy the character of historic buildings.
- Creating a false historical appearance because replaced feature is based on insufficient historical, pictorial, and physical documentation. See page 25 of the Design Guidelines.

For further information see “Preserving Historic Wood Porches” Preservation Brief #45. www.nps.gov



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