Wood Window Restoration

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Fine Restorers of Architectural Wood

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Three Approaches to Work On Vintage Homes

Repair

“Fix what is broken.”

Renovation/Rehab.

“Rip it out and replace it.”

Restoration

“The recovery of architectural integrity; that is, as close as possible to it’s original condition.

“Our Restoration Process” at www.oakbrothers.net
Another Word for “Benign”: Architectural Integrity

Definition: The degree to which a building retains the original architectural character as expressed in form and style and its constituent materials (brick, wood, glass, metal, etc…)

- Basic footprint and form of the building had been preserved (with the exception of a poorly built addition at the rear of the building; poorly built, so easily removable).

- Shape and configuration of the rooms had not been altered (for instance, no walls knocked down to create “open space” design).

- Minimal renovation: kitchen and bath only.

- Original materials throughout (such as brick, plaster walls and ceilings, original floors, original interior woodwork, original radiators).

- Original doors, windows, AND storm windows!
DEGREES OF ARCHITECTURAL INTEGRITY

Bare Bones
Advanced
Extreme
ADVANCED ARCHITECTURAL INTEGRITY

- Vintage/Repro. Lighting, Cabinetry, Tile, Curtains, Furnishings and Fixtures
- Period Finishes (painted, faux, other materials)
- Period Landscaping
- Removal/Replacement/Reconfiguration of Non-period Elements
BARE BONES
ARCHITECTURAL INTEGRITY

- Original shape, style, and structure of the envelope.
- Original facade.
- Original exterior materials.
- ORIGINAL WINDOWS AND DOORS.
“DON’T KNOW WHAT YOU GOT (TILL IT’S GONE).”
DEGREES OF ARCHITECTURAL INTEGRITY

Bare Bones
Advanced
Extreme
“GENEROUS WINDOWS”
GENEROUS WINDOWS!!!
54 Window Openings???
“MOTHBALLING”
SEQUENCING THE PROJECT
FACADE FACING WINDOWS FIRST
TEMPORARILY SEAL WINDOWS
AT THE BARE MINIMUM:

CAULK THE EDGES OF THE EXTERIOR WINDOW FRAME