

Chapter 3 – Renovation and Alteration

3.5 Windows and Doors

- .1 Retain and preserve openings and details of original doors and window including thresholds, sashes, glass, lintels, sills, trim, shutters, hardware, and molding.
- .2 Repair original doors, windows, and frames by patching, splicing, or reinforcing deteriorated sections. Employ the use of epoxy consolidants to reinforce and rebuild deteriorated wood or replace only damaged sections with new wood.
- .3 If replacement of window or door element is necessary, replace only the deteriorated element to match the original in terms of dimension, configuration, material, size, detail, location, and style.
- .4 Replacement of original historic doors and windows for the sole purpose of improving thermal performance is not encouraged and must closely match the scale characteristics and detail of the original window. Avoid replacement of transparent glazing in windows and doors with tinted glazing. It is not appropriate to paint transparent or translucent glazing.
- .5 Do not introduce exterior window shutters or blinds where no evidence exists of their original use on the historic structure. Replacement shutters or blinds should be of wood and should relate proportionately to the window opening and should be mounted so that they are operable.
- .6 If storm windows are used, choose ones that are coated with paint or a baked-enamel to match the color scheme of the house. Installation should be such that the existing windows and frames are not damaged or obscured.
- .7 Select screen or storm doors that are wood, complement the style of the exterior door, and do not obscure the exterior door. Stiles and rails of both doors should align. Metal storm doors are not appropriate on historic buildings.
- .8 Avoid painting exterior doors and matching storm or screen doors that were historically stained, varnished, or false-grained.
- .9 Avoid placement of new doors and windows if they would diminish the original design of building or damage historic materials and features. Keep new doors and windows compatible with original or existing units in positioning, proportion, and details.
- .10 Avoid filling in existing door or window openings if it would change or diminish the character of the historic building.
- .11 Avoid the installation of plastic or metal awnings over windows, doors, and porches. Fabric awnings may be used in a manner that would not conceal architectural features or damage the character of the historic building.

- .12 If skylights or additional attic dormers are desired, place them on sides of the house that are not visible from a street.