How architectural features help define integrity and historic significance

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Overview

• What is integrity?

• Examples of local millwork

• Using integrity to inform applications
What is Integrity?

According to Webster:

1. The state or quality of being complete, undivided, or unbroken

2. Moral soundness; honesty; uprightness
What is Historic Integrity?

According to the National Park Service, it is the composite of seven aspects:

1. Location
2. Design
3. Setting
4. Materials
5. Workmanship
6. Feeling
7. Association
Location

... the place where the historic property was constructed or the place where the historic event occurred.
Design

... the combination of elements that create the form, plan, space, structure, and style of a property.
Setting

... the physical environment of a historic property.
Materials

... the physical elements that were combined or deposited during a particular period of time and in a particular pattern or configuration to form a historic property.
Workmanship

... the physical evidence of the crafts of a particular culture or people during any given period in history or prehistory.
Feeling

... a property’s expression of the aesthetic or historic sense of a particular period of time.
Association

... the direct link between an important historic event or person and a historic property.

Wharton Esherick Museum
Why is Integrity important?

- It is the ability of a property to convey its history
- It represents authenticity in history
- It connects us with the contributions of previous generations
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Brinton
1704 House

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Does it retain integrity?

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Rising Lights Door
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1916-1971
Fanlight Sash Door
Caleb Pusey House
Millwork
Integrity & applications

• Integrity can be used to help evaluate applications for changes to historic resources
  • Will the proposed change have an impact on the resource’s integrity?
  • Is the change reversible?
  • Is the change in-kind?
  • How common is the resource in our municipality?
Scenario A
Scenario B
Scenario C