

## Books and Publications

The Hastings Heritage Preservation Commission maintains a collection of books and other information on building conservation and restoration. In addition, many of the following are available in bookstores and libraries.

Kahn, Renee and Elaine Meager. *Preserving Porches*. New York: Henry Holt and Co., 1990.

Kitchen, Judith. *Caring for Your Old House: A Guide for Owners and Residents* (Respectful Rehabilitation Series). Washington D.C.: National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1991.

London, Mark. *Masonry: How to Care for Old and Historic Brick and Stone* (Respectful Rehabilitation Series). Washington D.C.: National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1988.

Moss, Roger. *Century of Color: Exterior Color: Exterior Decoration for American Buildings*. Watkins Glen, New York: American Life Foundation, 1981.

Moss, Roger and Gail Caskey Winkler. *Victorian Exterior Decoration: How to Paint Your Nineteenth-century American House Historically*. New York: Henry Holt and Company, 1987.

*American Bungalow* and *Old House Journal* are among many popular magazines related to historic preservation.

### Preservation Brief Series

The U.S. Department of the Interior publishes *Preservation Briefs*. They provide excellent advice on many topics, including *Conserving Energy in Historic Buildings* (No.3); *Aluminum and Vinyl Siding on Historic Buildings* (No.8) and *The Repair of Historic Wooden Windows* (No.9). A complete set is available for review from the Hastings

## Heritage Preservation and Housing Rehabilitation Programs

Several lending and other programs may be used by qualifying property owners. The HRA residential rehabilitation programs are available for historic properties provided the project also meets HRA local criteria.

1. *Owner-Occupied Loans* (includes historic residential improvements; recipients must meet income guidelines). *Inventory (1993-present)*.

2. *Commercial Rehabilitation Program* (includes interest reduction, rehabilitation loan, and exterior improvement programs).

Call the Hastings HRA at (651) 437-4127 for information about the above.

3. *This Old House Program (ends in 2002)* Deferral of real estate tax increases for rehabilitation of houses more than 45 years old. Call the Dakota County Assessors Office at (651) 438-4200 for more information.

Historic Tax Credits for Certified Rehabilitation

This program applies to income-producing properties listed on the National Register, including houses converted to bed and breakfasts and many types of downtown commercial buildings. Twenty percent of the investment in a rehabilitation meeting the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Standards can be certified as a federal income tax credit. For information about the program, call the State Historic Preservation Office at (651) 296-5434. For a list of Hastings properties listed on the National Register, call the HPC at (651) 437-4127.

### Preservation Organizations

#### Local

Hastings Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC)  
(651) 437-4127

#### State

State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)  
(651) 296-5434

[www.mnhs.org](http://www.mnhs.org)

Preservation Alliance of Minnesota (612)  
341-8140.

[www.mnpreservation.org](http://www.mnpreservation.org)

#### National

National Trust for Historic Preservation  
[www.nationaltrust.org](http://www.nationaltrust.org)

## Heritage Preservation Commission. Hastings History Research

The following information is available for review from the Hastings Heritage Preservation Commission or the Hastings Pioneer Room at Hastings City Hall, 101 E. 4th St., St. Paul, MN. Call (651) 437-4127 for more information.

*Hastings Historic and Cultural*

*Inventory (1993-present)*.

*Hastings Historic Contexts Report (1994)*.

*Historic maps and photographs*.

*Newspaper clipping files*.

Historic Property Research

In addition to the collections of the Hastings Pioneer Room, the following collections are useful in researching house and other local history topics.

Dakota County Historical Society  
130 3rd Ave. N.  
S. St. Paul, MN  
(651) 552-7548

Minnesota Historical Society  
Research Library  
345 Kellogg Blvd. W.  
51. Paul, MN  
(651) 296-6126