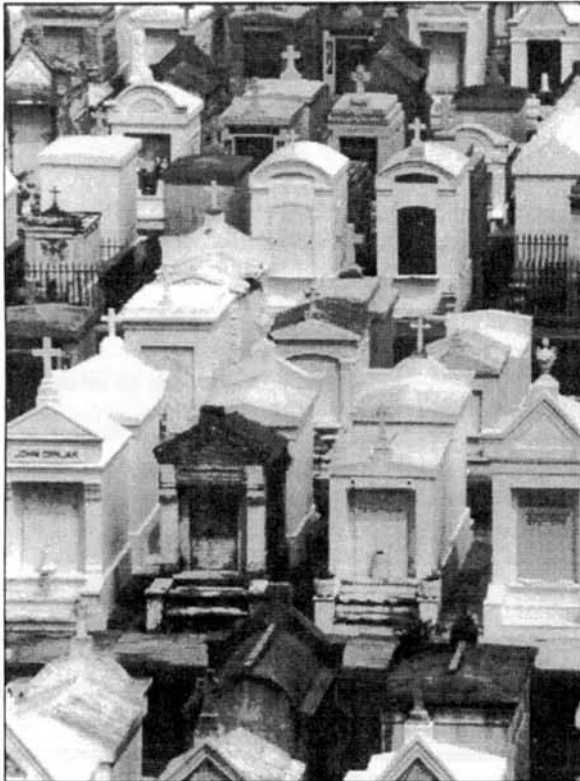


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Finding facts

Where do I find information about proper restoration and conservation techniques?

The U.S. government, through the Department of the Interior's National Park Service, has resources for every level of interest or expertise. Technical Preservation Services produces over 100 publications ranging from books and videos to public service leaflets on almost every topic relevant to architectural rehabilitation.

The most comprehensive volume is *The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation & Illustrated Guideline for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings*, first published in 1976 to ensure that Federally funded projects were reviewed in a consistent manner. Today, the easy-to-use volume is used by countless agencies and community groups, as well as by owners of historic homes and developers seeking tax advantages. It is the basic guide to proper practices. The 16- page book with 230 illustrations is available from the Government Printing Office at 202-512-1800 (stock number 024-005-01091-2) for \$13.00.

Each of the 41 Historic Buildings Preservation Briefs contains technical information about specific materials or situations—these are the “how-to” guides of the conservation community. The wide range of subjects includes masonry cleaning and re-pointing, historic roofing systems, exterior paint problems, conserving energy in historic structures, stucco and plaster repair, and preservation of historic signs. Prices of the briefs, available from the GPO, vary. A list of titles and the briefs themselves are on-line at the National Park Service website, www.nps.gov.

Whether dealing with tombs or larger structures, many of the techniques and principles necessary to proper restoration are available at this one location, but there are also other resources. One is the National Trust for Historic Preservation, which has an extensive list of publications.

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