
Historic Preservation



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Why Preserve?



The Pink House (1855) Photo by The Pink House.

- Intrinsic value
- Heritage tourism
- Sustainability
- Irreplaceable
- Future Generations

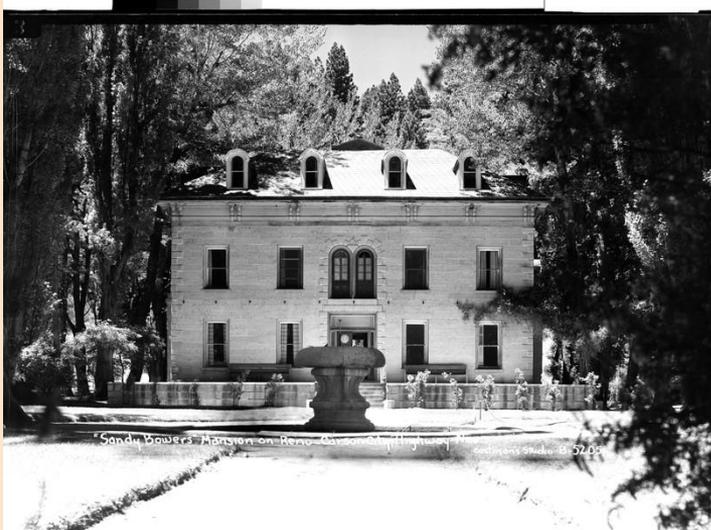
Who preserves?



Old Winters Ranch (1864) listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Photo by Julie Nicoletta courtesy of Society of Architectural Historians.

- Individual property owners
- Preservation nonprofits
- Specialized tradespeople
- Government agencies

What to preserve?



Bowers Mansion (1863) listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Photo courtesy of UC Davis Digital Collections

- Generally, properties should be at least 50 years old
- Significant
- Retain integrity

Significance Criteria



Twaddle-Pedroli Ranch (est. 1869) listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Photo Rick Cooper, [CC BY 2.0](#)

- Association or linkage to events or persons of the past
- Representative of the manmade expression of culture or technology including architectural examples
- Potential to yield information about history or prehistory through archaeological study

7 Aspects of Integrity

- Location
- Design
- Setting
- Materials
- Workmanship
- Feeling
- Association



Harrison's Guest House, Las Vegas, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Photo by Courtney Mooney, NV SHPO.

How to Provide Legal Protection



Peleg Brown Ranch House (1864) listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Photo by Martin Fisher courtesy of Library of Congress.

- Listing on a **local** register of historic places
- Addition of conservation covenant

Notice that listing on the National Register of Historic Places provides no legal protection.

How to Research a Historic Property



Alamo Ranch House (1887) listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Photo by NoeHill Travels in the American West.

- Washoe County Recorder's Office
- University of Nevada, Reno Special Collections
- State Historic Preservation Office
- Library of Congress
- U.S. Census Records
- Washoe County Library System

How to preserve?



Galena Creek Schoolhouse (1940) listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Photo courtesy of Washoe County Parks and Open Space.

Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties

- Preservation
- Rehabilitation
- Restoration
- Reconstruction

Rehabilitation



The Depot (1910) is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Photo by The Depot.

- Avoid removal of distinctive materials or alteration of historic features.
 - Recognize the property as a record of its time.
 - Deteriorated features will be repaired rather than replaced.
 - New work will not destroy historic material, will be differentiated from the old, and will be compatible.
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Learn more about preservation

- National Park Service
- State Historic Preservation Office
- Preserve Nevada
- Nevada Historical Society
- Historic Reno Preservation Society
- Reno Historical App



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