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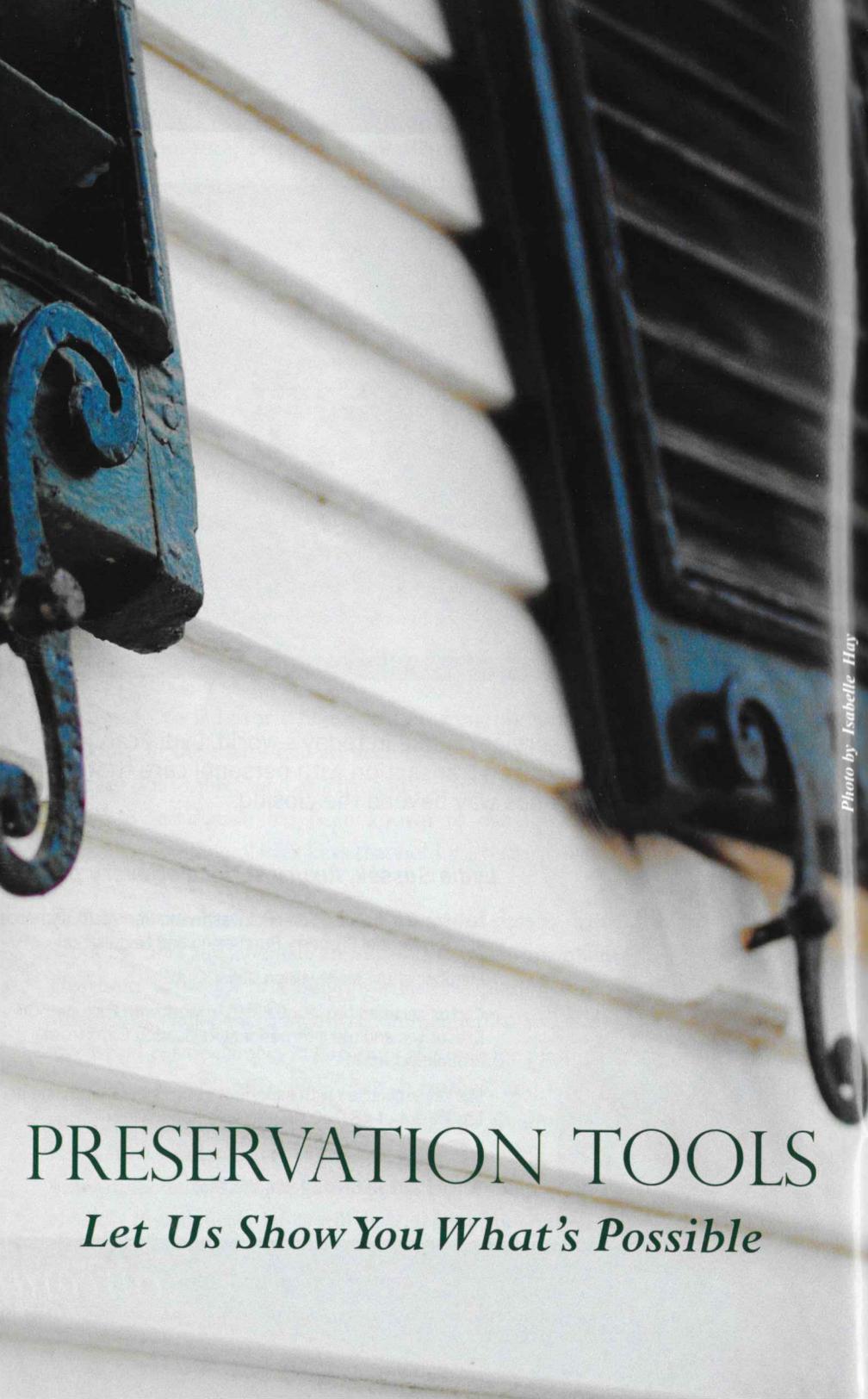


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PRESERVATION TOOLS

Let Us Show You What's Possible



WHEN WAS YOUR HOUSE BUILT?

NPT's Interviewing Your House Program

Do you know when your house was built and how it evolved? NPT offers a free one-hour "house interview" to determine a construction date and point out the evolution of the house from its architectural evidence. The "interview" usually includes a review of timbers in the basement and attic; a survey of the old windows, woodwork, and floor plan; and is provided by a team comprising an architectural historian and a preservation contractor and/or architect. The team can answer specific questions about various features and can provide information about a building's architectural style and history. The program is ideal for those who are planning a restoration or addition and for new owners wanting to learn more about their old house. Please arrange for your complimentary house interview by calling the NPT office at 508-228-1387.

House Histories

NANTUCKET

A Special Program Offered by

Nantucket Preservation Trust

Every historic Nantucket house has a story. Do you know yours?

Unlock the history of your home with a Nantucket Preservation Trust House History. We offer three levels of house histories—our brief history, which provides basic deed research and a short summary—or our concise and comprehensive hardcover books that are thoroughly researched, clearly written, and beautifully illustrated to provide a detailed picture of your house through time.

For more information, visit our Web site: www.nantucketpreservation.org
or contact us at 55 Main Street, P.O. Box 158, Nantucket, MA 02554
508-228-1387



Image of older House Marker design with new design pictured inset

MARK YOUR OLD HOUSE

Nantucket Preservation Trust's house-marker program spreads the word about the significance of Nantucket's historic architecture by informing passersby about the age of the house and who built it or lived there during Nantucket's heyday. The idea of marking a house on island is not new; sign boards modeled on ships' quarterboards were being placed on houses by the second half of the nineteenth century—and perhaps earlier—when residents and islanders named their houses in ways that were meaningful to them. In addition, the round plaques found on many historic houses were part of a past NHA marker program. The NPT house-marker program includes an investigation of town records to determine the building's age and original owner. Since 2002, we have researched and marked over two hundred structures. It serves as a great first step in learning the history of your house and can lead to a book on its history, if desired. Please join us by marking your house!

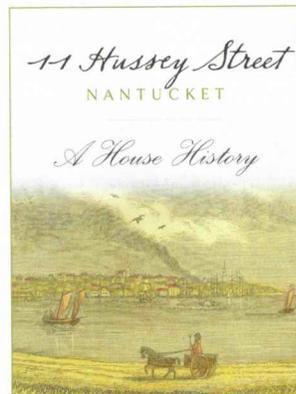


NPT'S BUILDING-HISTORY PROGRAM

NPT continues to document the island's architectural heritage and share our research with the public. One way we accomplish this task is through publications focusing on the neighborhoods, landmark buildings, and historic houses of Nantucket. Learning the history of a building and its neighborhood is critical to determine how best to preserve it. Today, NPT offers a collection of books for those hoping to learn more about the island's rich history and architectural heritage.

Individual House Histories

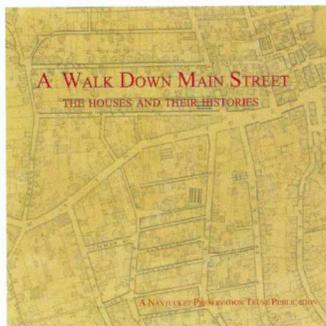
Since 2002, NPT has offered owners of historic properties an opportunity to learn more about their own properties through the House History Program which can be a simple one-page narrative illustrated with historic photos or a comprehensive NPT House Genealogy in a hard-cover format individually tailored to your property's unique history.



Copies of NPT's histories can be viewed at the Nantucket Atheneum, the NHA's Research Library, or the NPT office. For more information, or to order your house history, call the NPT office at 508-228-1387, or visit us online at www.nantucketpreservation.org

Neighborhood Book Series

The Neighborhood Book Series provides information on the development of island neighborhoods and glimpses of the houses and streets.

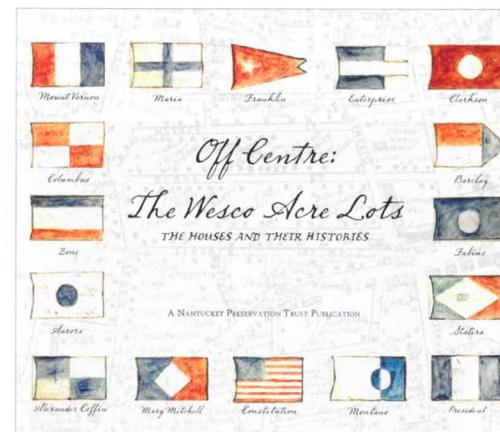


A Walk Down Main Street: The Houses and Their Histories

The first book in this series focuses on thirty houses and provides an overview of the early history of the town and the various house types. Filled with historic photographs, maps, and other illustrations, the book serves as a walking tour guide of this memorable street.

\$10, soft cover

Off Centre: The Wesco Acre Lots

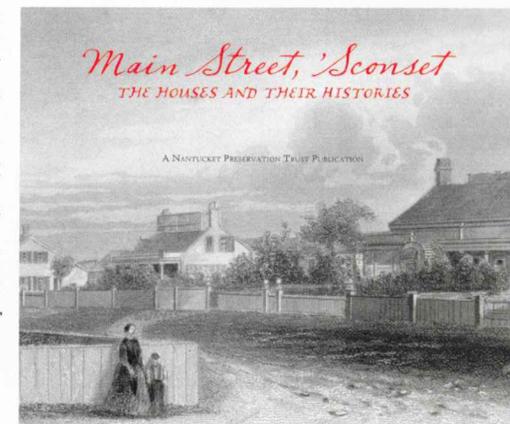


whaling boom into the early twentieth century.

\$25, softcover

Main Street, 'Sconset

Although 'Sconset is well known for early fishermen's cottages that became desirable seasonal residences for whaling captains and their families, few realize that it was along Main Street, 'Sconset, that the wealthiest whale-oil merchants built summer houses beginning in the 1830s. *Main Street, 'Sconset* unlocks the early history of those summer homes and follows their evolution into the late nineteenth and early twentieth century.



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