



Restoring,  
enhancing,  
and transforming  
the architectural  
gems in your  
vintage home.



**Oak Brothers**  
Historic Restoration



You wouldn't muck up your heirloom jewelry,  
toss it in a box, and forget about it,  
would you?



Then why let the same abuse and neglect happen to the  
architectural gems in your vintage home?



**BUT DON'T DESPAIR!**

**NOT ONLY CAN  
ARCHITECTURAL  
GEMS BE  
RESTORED.**

**THEY CAN ALSO BE  
ENHANCED...**

**AND SOMETIMES  
EVEN  
TRANSFORMED!**

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Consider this gem that had been mucked up with so many layers of paint that it looked like an iced wedding cake.

Once the paint was removed, though, structural problems requiring repair work became apparent.

**HIDDEN BENEATH THOSE LAYERS OF PAINT AND NECESSARY REPAIRS LAY THIS ELEGANTLY DESIGNED, BEAUTIFULLY CRAFTED HEIRLOOM CABINET.**



# Enhancing your architectural gems



The homeowners had no idea the level of detail trapped— before their very eyes! — beneath the layers of paint blanketing this decorative plaster...until we removed it, that is.



The paint also covered up repair work — sections of delaminating and crumbling plaster — that needed to be done. But then the embellishment could begin!

To accentuate its sculptural depth, we applied an antique patina. We then finished it with a wax coating, lending the whole expanse a lustrous depth that made it look like ivory. Painting the flat, vaulted surfaces a darker color caused the decorative plaster to step up and get noticed as the architectural gem that it is!



# Transforming your architectural gems



This embossed wall covering was a common feature in turn-of-the-century homes. Yet it wasn't rendered the same way in every residence.

In low end houses (such as the one pictured here), it would have been fabricated in linoleum. In mid-priced homes, copper was the material of choice. But in high end homes, it would have been tooled from leather.

By rendering a faux leather finish on this linoleum wall covering, we transformed a low-end element into a form of elegance...

**WHILE STILL REMAINING TRUE TO THE  
HISTORICAL PERIOD**

(thus achieving the desirable effect that the work be invisible, as if the original condition had simply been preserved).



Before



After

Twenty-five years of experience helping homeowners recover the elegance of their vintage interiors has revealed several common, yet false, assumptions homeowners frequently make:

❧ **that what you see is what you get.**

Vintage gems often lay hidden beneath expedient and/or unappreciative cover-ups.

❧ **that the potential for restoration is minimal.**

In fact, the transformations made possible by skilled artisans frequently seem magical.

❧ **that what is new is better than what is old.**

Oftentimes what has endured the test of time was better crafted from more valuable materials than what is new.

Oak Brothers Historic  
Restoration has the creativity  
and the artisanal skills  
that you need.

Why not let us  
restore, enhance,  
and transform the  
dignity inherent in  
these historic  
gems?



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