Documenting Historic Structures

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• Photo Documentation
  – I am not a professional photographer

• Photos with Reports
What do you want to say with your pictures and documentation?

• A snapshot in time
• To create a story
• Social media/Website
Tools, Materials, Brain Power

• Camera
• Tripod (with level)
• Sun or Cloudy day if outside
• Step stool
• Scale
Camera

• Simple camera
• Cell Phone
Tripod with Level
Tools, Materials, Brain Power

- Camera
- Tripod (with level)
- Sun or Cloudy day if outside
- Step stool
- Scale
Shadow? Cloudy or Sunny Day

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Tools, Materials, Brain Power

- Camera
- Tripod (with level)
- Sun or Cloudy day if outside
- Step stool
- Scale
Step Stool and Scale
Point and Label
Views

• 8 views
  – We can’t move everything
• Context
• Character Defining Features
• Document issues
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Feature, issue
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Character Defining Feature
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Before and Afters
Back to the Computer

• Folders
  – What makes sense
• Spreadsheets
  – Photo logs, tables
• Labels
  – North, South, Front, Back, rotten log
• Document
  – Date, square footage, work done
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## Spreadsheets

### Photo Log

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Photographer</th>
<th>Photo ID</th>
<th>Stage of Work</th>
<th>Building</th>
<th>Work Project (Area of Work)</th>
<th>Photo Description</th>
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<td>3/13/2017</td>
<td>Kate Ruble</td>
<td>P3130042.JPG</td>
<td>Site Visit</td>
<td>Pump House</td>
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<td>On top of hill above Pump House, inspecting power line damage</td>
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## Table – Conditions Assessments

- Biogrowth on the roof needs to be removed

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<th>Siding Log Conditions-</th>
<th>End Cap Log Conditions-</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>North Wall</strong></td>
<td><strong>West Wall</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>4 cracks in foundation</td>
<td>Metal bar sticking out of the ground</td>
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<td>1 crack in foundation</td>
<td>3 cracks in foundation</td>
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<td>Door needs new hardware</td>
<td>2 cracks in foundation</td>
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*All numbers are counting the logs from the foundation up*

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### Building Interior:

* Cracks in concrete floor
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Back to the Computer

- **Folders**
  - What makes sense
- **Spreadsheets**
  - Photo logs, tables
- **Labels**
  - North, South, Front, Back, rotten log
- **Document**
  - Date, square footage, work done
Label your photos
A chance to Document other things

• Square Footage
  – Easy for bidding, contractors, paint supplies, number of acres

• Date
  – Everything should have a date

• Make sure to document work done
Friendly Reminder