

Doors

Wood is the material of choice for an exterior door. Look to archival photographs for design information when restoring or replacing doors.

A wood door is a good insulator, better than a metal door, but may require work done to improve the weather stripping. Good metal weather stripping lasts much longer than plastic, foam or rubber. Check to ensure that there is weather stripping along the bottom of the door, and a piece attached to the outside of the door called a door sweep. All sides of the door should have weather stripping.

Fir, pine and oak were likely the species most readily available for use in construction at the time Hartney was built.

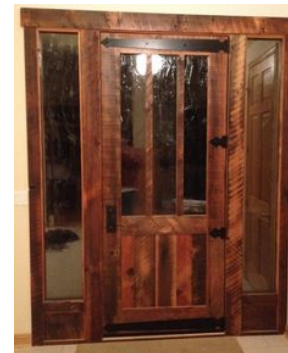
Although there are materials that imitates a wood finish in a variety of styles may seem appropriate for your home, they are not recommended. A lot of the character that is found in the specific features heritage homes comes from the aging of materials. Although other materials may be able to imitate a new wood door, they will not age in the same way. For this reason, imitations are not recommended.



This weathered old door is well worth re-finishing.



A transom window has been filled in substantially altering the appearance and functionality of this entranceway.



A reclaimed wooden entrance way.