

The Roche-Walker House

1)Siding

The Roche -Walker House has several types of siding present. The house is predominantly clad in standard wood siding, the condition of which is most visible. On the west façade. The wood siding is obscured by a faux stone finish called permastone that covers most of the first floor on the east and north elevation.

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The permastone would be removed in its entirety. While the condition of the original wood siding under the permastone is unknown, it is anticipated repairs will need to be made. If there is damage or lost fabric underneath then it will be repaired and replaced in kind. The existing wood siding will likewise be repaired or replaced with every effort made to preserve as much original fabric as possible. A sample of the existing siding is being matched by Guerry lumber. The tin shingles in the gable and the tin siding on the dormers will be preserved, sensitively cleaned, prepped and repainted. The East side of the house originally had a second floor porch that was completely closed in with siding, the porch in its entirety still exists behind the siding. The porch will be restored to its original state as pictured in the original picture of the building Photo.

2)Windows

There are several different types of windows on the Roche-Walker house, 75% are without glass. The windows are in a severe state of deterioration

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The original windows that have survived will be restored and returned to an operable state of use. Those windows where a portion of the original window exists will be restored with missing elements recreated in kind. Where the original window is missing entirely a craftsman will recreate new windows based on the appearance of the originals.

3) Doors

The front doors to the Roche-Walker House are a set of tall, narrow double doors that once had elongated windows in the upper half. The glass has been replaced by plywood. There is signs that the hardware has been moved several times. There are modern metal doors on

the west elevation that were once windows. Both of these doors are accessed by climbing a fire escape.

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It is questionable as to whether the front doors are original. If upon further analysis, the doors prove to be from a later improvement, a pair of appropriate salvaged historic doors would be acquired to replace them. The doors on the west façade that were once windows would be returned to such, and the opening reconfigured to match other existing windows. The fire escape would also be removed. The basement door at the back of the house has been kicked in many times and is currently being held together with several boards. A secure door will need to be installed in this location. The doors at the front of the basement level are also modern doors that have been kicked in several times and are currently covered with plywood. A door appropriate to the style of the house will be obtained and installed.









