

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE  
OFFICE OF PLANNING

**METAL REPAIR AND FABRICATION  
FOR HISTORIC PROPERTIES**

For historically designated buildings, reconstructing, replacing or installing new metal stairs, fences or metal ornamentation requires a DC building permit. The Historic Preservation Office (HPO) reviews these permits to ensure that the original appearance and character of a property will be retained or enhanced in a manner that is historically appropriate. The city's permit office is located at 941 North Capitol Street, NE in Room 2000. You will need: 1) photographs of the building, 2) for work other than repairs, drawings sufficient to show what is being proposed, and 3) a building permit application, which will be provided to you at the permit office or is available online at [www.dhra.dc.gov](http://www.dhra.dc.gov). With those in hand, contact the Historic Preservation Office at 442-8818 and ask to speak to the staff person assigned to your historic district, or stop by the office at 801 North Capitol Street, NE in Room 300 any weekday between 9:00-5:00. Once the permit has been issued, you may begin the work.

Below are some companies that repair and/or fabricate architectural metal work. While all of these companies/contractors have repaired or installed metal work on historic buildings that has been reviewed by the Historic Preservation Office, their listing here does not constitute an endorsement. We encourage you to talk any project over carefully with a contractor, obtain a written scope of work and contract, make sure the contractor is licensed and bonded in the District of Columbia, and to check their references. If you have additional contacts for listing, we would appreciate hearing about them so that we can evaluate their work and add them to this list.

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Company	Telephone	Website	Founded	Location	Specialties
Columbian Iron Works	202-584-6922	n/a	1904	Washington, DC	Fences, security bars
Steptoe & Wife	416-530-4200	<a href="http://www.steptoewife.com">www.steptoewife.com</a>	1972	Toronto, Canada	Stairs, fences, railings, tin ceilings, replication
Northeast Iron Works	202-529-9440	n/a	1946	Washington, DC	Stairs, security bars, fire escapes
Bethesda Iron Works	301-762-9100	<a href="http://www.bethesdaironworks.com">www.bethesdaironworks.com</a>		Rockville, MD	
Colonial Iron Works	804-862-4141	<a href="http://www.colonialironworks.com">www.colonialironworks.com</a>		Canonsburg, PA	Structural, bridges
G. Krug & Sons	410-752-3166	<a href="http://www.gkrugandson.com">www.gkrugandson.com</a>	1810	Baltimore, MD	Ornamental, fences, railings
Stewart Iron Works	703-352-7766 (not the right phone number)		1886	Covington, KY	Fences, restorations, reproductions
Missco Steel & Supply	301-277-4300	<a href="http://www.misscoinc.com">www.misscoinc.com</a>	1987	Hyattsville, MD	Stock cast iron fences, finials, and ornament
Fred Maschak Ironworks	202-554-4455	n/a	1975	Washington, DC	Steps/fence restoration and custom reproductions
Robinson Iron	804-231-5650				(more for commercial than residential)
Architectural Iron Company	800-442-4766	<a href="http://www.architecturaliron.com">www.architecturaliron.com</a>	1978	Millford, PA	Cresting, finials, snowguards, piperails
Jim Campbell/Craftsman Iron	202-592-5744				Stairs
Architectural Trim Products	301-583-9676 x102				Cornices, trim, spandrels
Commercial Roofing & Sheet Metal	301-773-4000				Ornamental sheet metal, copper
Campbellsville Industries	502-465-8135				Stock and custom cornices
W.F. Norman	800-641-4038				Metal shingles, tin ceilings, moldings, ornaments
Weaver & Sons	202-333-4200				Plaques and historic markers
Erie Landmark Company	800-874-7848				Plaques and historic markers
Smith-Cornell	800-325-0248				Plaques and historic markers
Healy Brothers Foundry	800-626-3229				Plaques and historic markers