



# Historic Paints and Finishes Research in Virginia City, Montana

**The Town of Virginia City welcomes heritage professionals and scholars to participate in an on-going effort to identify the historic assembly of colors, styles, and materials that define the National Historic Landmark, and American pioneer west.**

Research assistance is needed in paint analysis and documentation of surviving 19th century and early 20th century color schemes and finish treatments within the community, to assist the development of a comprehensive field guide and color reference system. Additional research considerations include uses of local earth pigments, along with commercial products, and the added potential for custom synthetic pigments to have emerged through historic assay processes.

Proposals for student research, along with innovative and experimental technologies and methodologies are also most welcome.

**For more information please contact the Virginia City Historic Preservation Office at [www.townofvirginiacity.com](http://www.townofvirginiacity.com)**