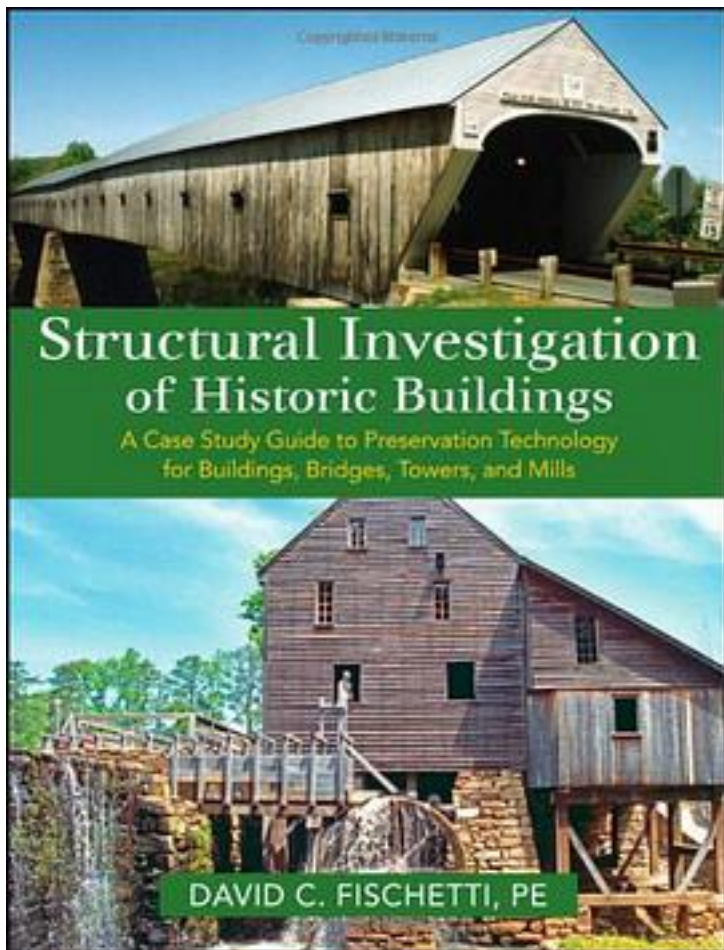


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A toolkit for giving our historic built environment a second life Conservation of our existing structures has obvious economic and social value. Moreover, historic structures provide an excellent laboratory for studying aspects of structural

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