

[Preserving Roofs of Houses] William Paine

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Ingredients

lime

wood ashes

sand

linseed oil

Places

Horden

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Description

Instructions for a mixture to be applied on roofs as protection against water and fire. Reel 1. Image use courtesy of American Antiquarian Society.

Transcription

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a New Method of preserving roofs of Houses from Injury by the Weather & the falling of Flakes of Fire, communicated by W^m Patterson Esq^r of Horden, Kent to the Society of Arts & printed in their 12^t Vol^e

” Take 3 pt^s by Measure of Air Slacked Lime 2 of wood ashes, & 1 of fine sand, sift them thro’ a fine seive, & add as much Linseed Oil, as will bring the mixture to the consistence of Paint,, so as to be laid on with a Brush. great care must be taken to mix the ingredients perfectly. I believe grind^s them as Paint in oil would be an improvement. 2 Coats are necessary, the 1st rather thin, the 2^d as thick as can be worked; it will improve in hardness by time, it is impenetrable by moisture & it is much cheaper than paint & more durable.

Preserving Roofs of Houses recipe from Early Modern Maritime Recipes: <https://emmr.lib.unb.ca/recipes/671>