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The preservation of historic buildings is seldom profitable. The buildings are small, and the level of detail is greater than for modern buildings. I own the oldest commercial building in Portland (1857) and have owned the second-oldest (1859). These little buildings are not close to being profitable. I consider my investments to be philanthropic.

Any public support would save historic buildings and the culture that they represent.