Let It Grow: Climbing vines do not have to be removed from buildings

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Topic:
Vines growing on buildings do not cause severe damage in most situations and thus it is not necessary to remove them. Vines can even be considered character-defining aspects of said buildings so they can and should be preserved with careful consideration and planning.

Abstract:
This paper will examine how and why vines, specifically ivies, should be preserved on historic buildings. In order to do this, common ivies and climbing vines will be identified and the types of damage caused will be discussed. I will also investigate how the public has viewed ivy-covered walls over time as well as how and when ivy can be considered a contributing aspect to the architectural character of the building. Methods of removal and actions required for the retention of climbing vines also will be discussed.

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