DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Awards for Excellence in Historic Preservation

2009

sponsored in part by

sponsored in part by

SMITHGROUP

architecture engineering interiors planning

sponsored in part by

Gould Property Company

sponsored in part by

Charron Consulting

sponsored in part by

FORRESTER

CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

www.ForresterConstruction.com

sponsored in part by

Hensel Phelps Construction Co.

www.henselphelps.com

sponsored in part by

Tadjer Cohen Edelson Associates, Inc.

sponsored in part by

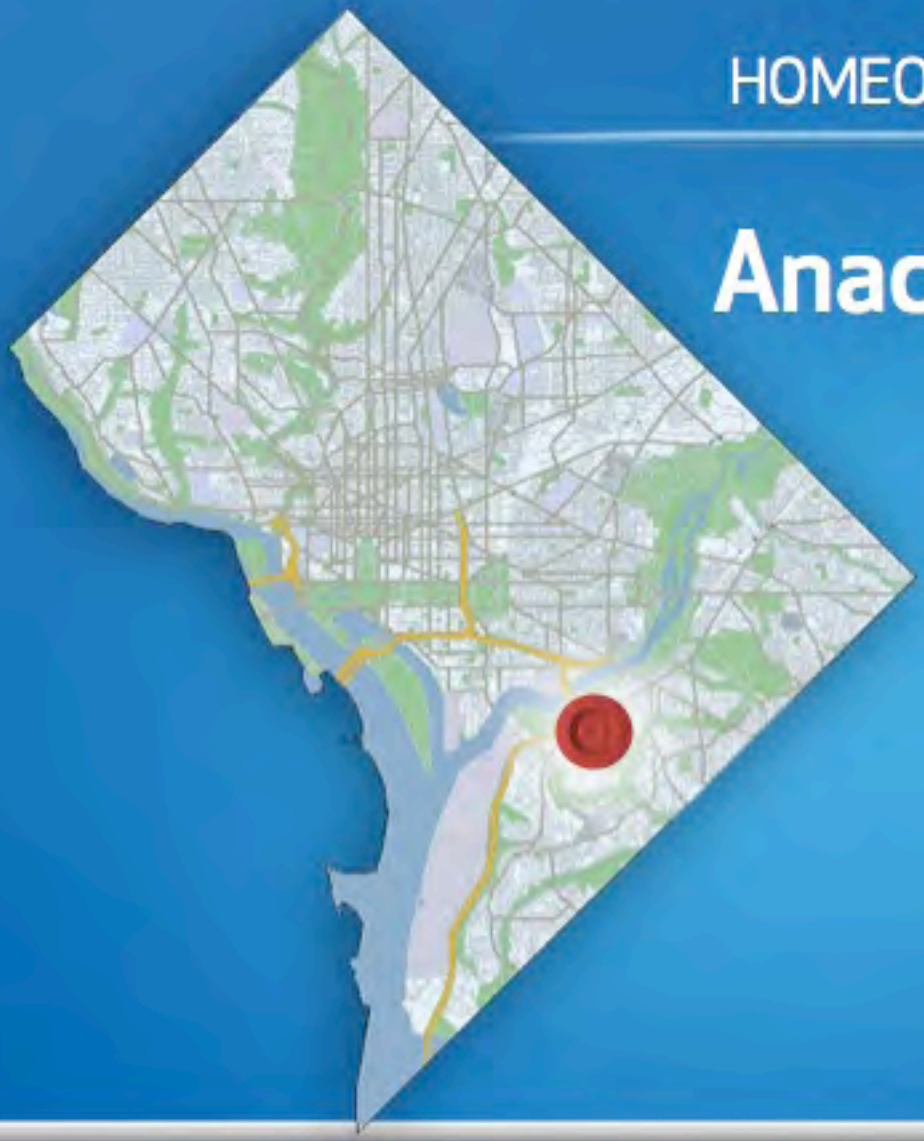
usbancorp®

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

HISTORIC

DC

PRESERVATION



HOMEOWNERS GRANTS PROGRAM SALUTE

Anacostia Historic District Homeowners

Historic Homeowner Assistance Act

Chairman Linda W. Cropp

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency, due to Congressional review, with respect to the need to amend the Historic Landmark and Historic District Protection Act of 1978 to establish the Targeted Homeowner Grant Program for low- and moderate-income homeowners for qualified rehabilitation expenditures of historic homes, and to authorize funds to be used for reasonable costs of administration.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Targeted Historic Preservation Assistance Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2006".

Sec. 2. (a) There existed an immediate need to simplify the administration of the tax credit that is budgeted and available to low- and moderate-income homeowners for qualified rehabilitation expenditures of a historic home.

(b) In July 2006, the Council enacted the Targeted Historic Preservation Assistance Amendment Act of 2006, signed by the Mayor on July 31, 2006 (D. C. Act 16-473; 53 DCR 6786) ("permanent act"), which will provide grants to low- and moderate-income homeowners, thereby encouraging low- and moderate-income homeowners to take advantage of this historic

1

Targeted Historic Preservation Assistance Act

SUMMER 2009
FREE

ARCHITECTURE DC

Architecture at Home: Award-Winning Residential Projects

Introducing Project Front Porch

by Beth Judy

Many Washington neighborhoods have been designated as Historic Districts to protect their fundamental character. Despite these protections, however, homeowners in such areas sometimes embark on "improvements" or renovations—often with the best of intentions—that can obscure or alter original details of their historic houses. The Washington Architectural Foundation hopes to address this problem through a new program called **Project Front Porch**. Under the leadership of foundation board member **Ralph Cunningham, AIA**, architect volunteers will provide pro bono drawings and detailed specifications showing owners how to restore, rather than replace, porches, windows, columns, cornices, and other exterior building features. The program is open to residents who are applying to the District of Columbia's Historic Homeowner Grant Program, administered through the DC Historic Preservation Office in the Office of Planning. Grants are offered in 12 designated Historic Districts and are awarded based on a number of factors including financial need. Project Front Porch volunteers will assist homeowners by preparing drawings required to obtain permits for work conforming to grant guidelines. Michael Lee Bedlin, senior preservation specialist for the District of Columbia Historic Preservation Office, hailed the initiative as "a terrific complementary program to supplement the needs of the Historic Homeowner Grant Program's low- and middle-income homeowners in this noble restoration effort."

The first round of projects are located in Anacostia and volunteers from the firms of **Cunningham | Quill, Barnes Vanze Architects, HOK, Ordeleio & Associates Architects**, and **SmithGroup** are helping four homeowners with drawings for a brick portico, four porch restoration and details, and porch columns. One homeowner discovered a "shadow porch"—remnants of an earlier structure—during the course of renovation, which will help foundation volunteers to provide specifications for restoring the original porch.

"This is a great example of what architects can do to improve our community," said Ralph Cunningham.

The Washington Architectural Foundation was established by the Washington Chapter of the American Institute of Architects in 1980 with a mission of "architects serving the community." Project Front Porch is an extension of the foundation's **Community Design Services** (CDS) program, which provides pro bono design services to qualifying nonprofit organizations. Other foundation initiatives include the signature K-12 curriculum-enrichment program **Architecture in the Schools** (AIS), and the creative, design-build-lend drive **CASolutions**, which benefits the Capital Area Food Bank. For more information visit the Washington Architectural Foundation website www.waf-online.org or call 202.667.3641.

To find out more about the Historic Homeowner Grant Program, call the DC Office of Historic Preservation at 202.442.7600 or visit the Office of Planning's website at www.planning.dc.gov.

PROJECT FRONT PORCH | ARCHITECTURE DC 29

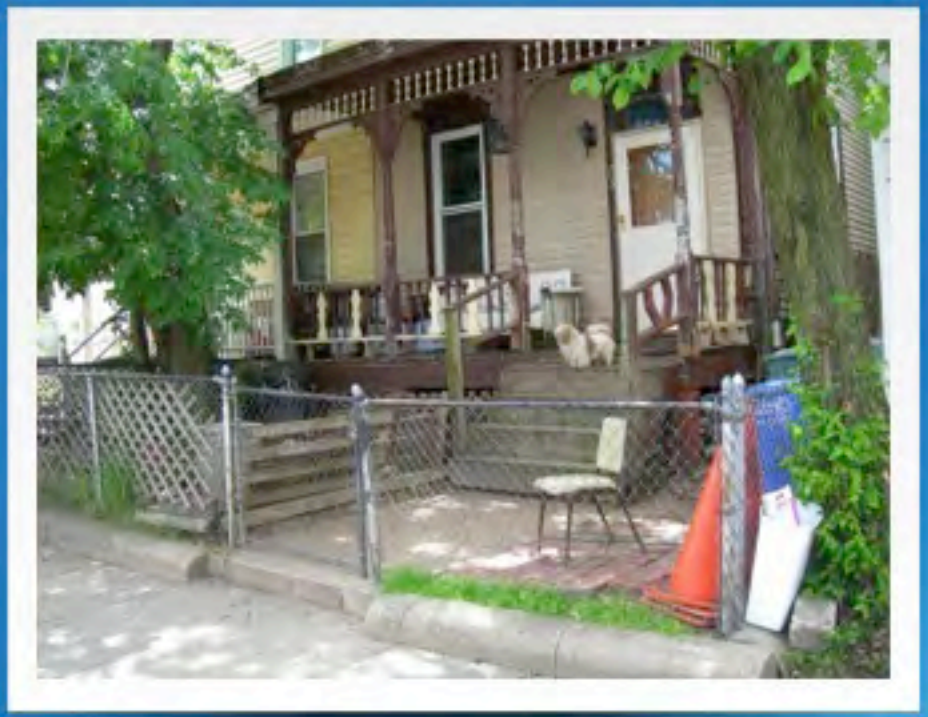
Anacostia: project pilot-area

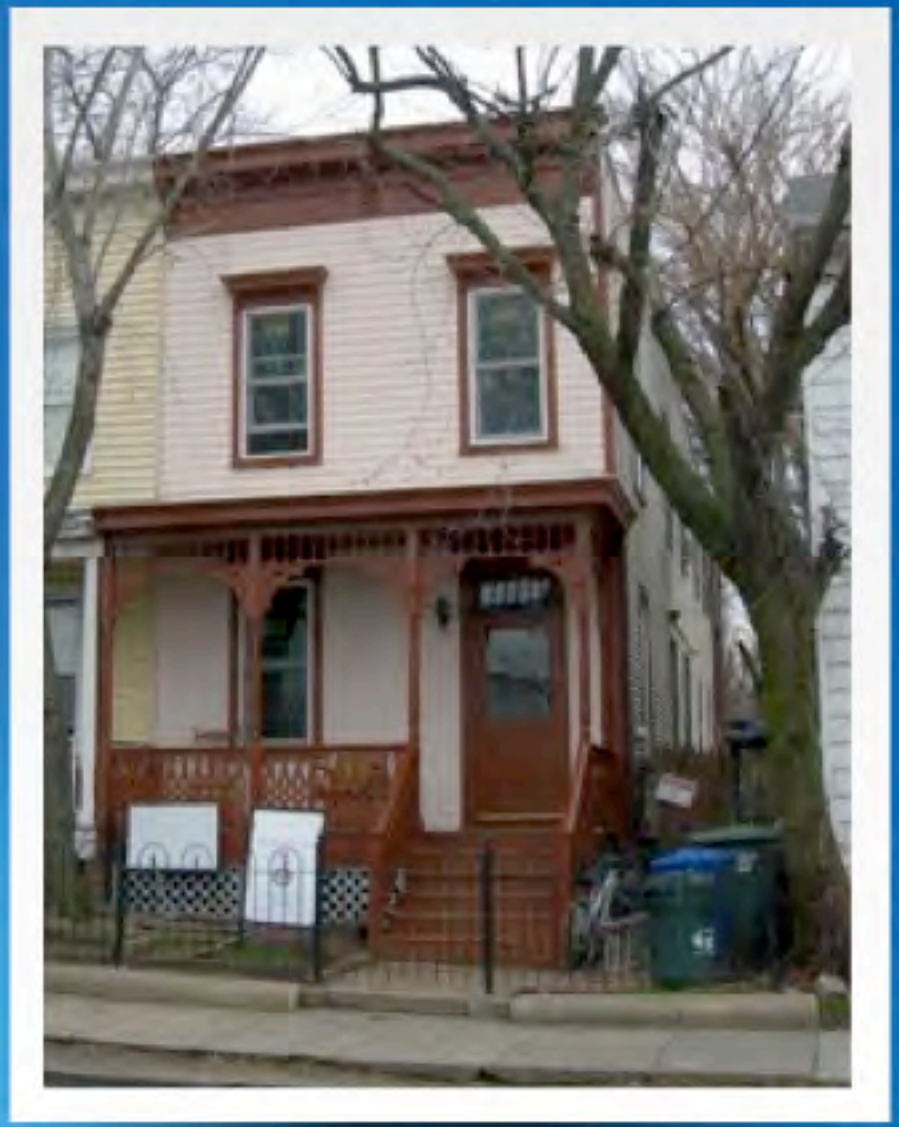
returned to former glory

structural repairs & exterior restoration

dramatic results

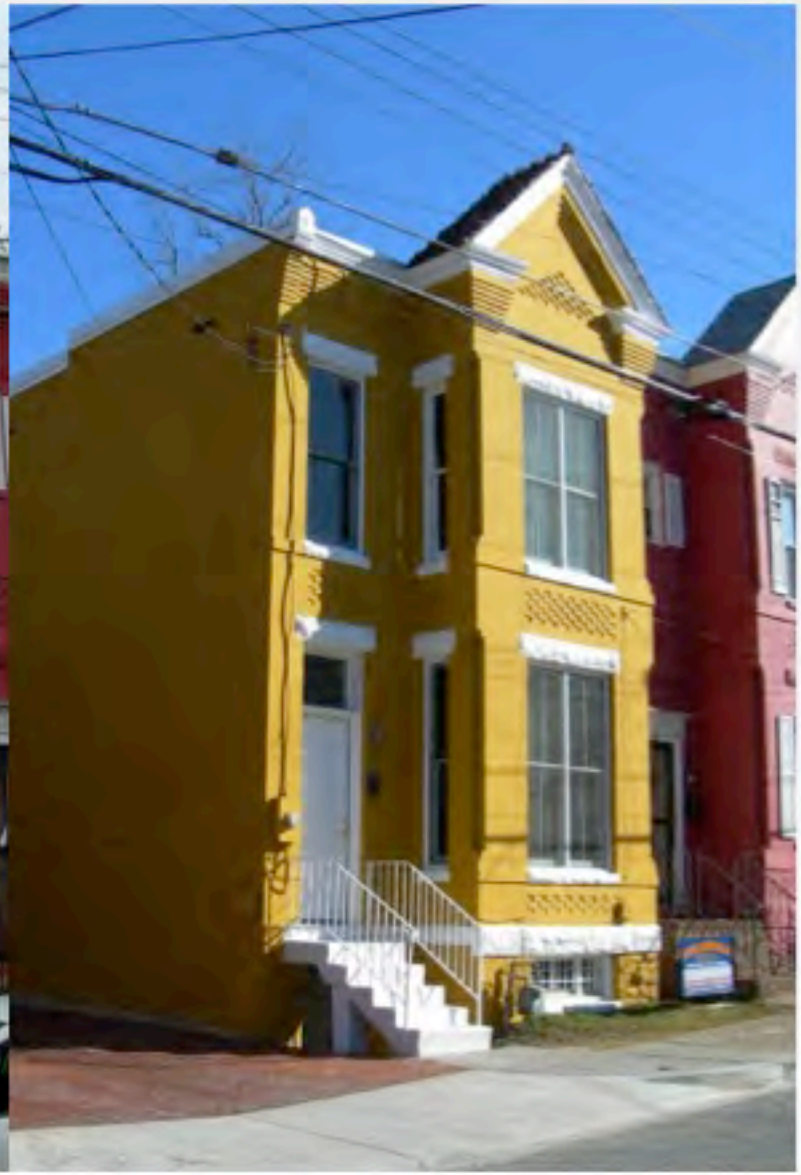
1312 U Street, SE



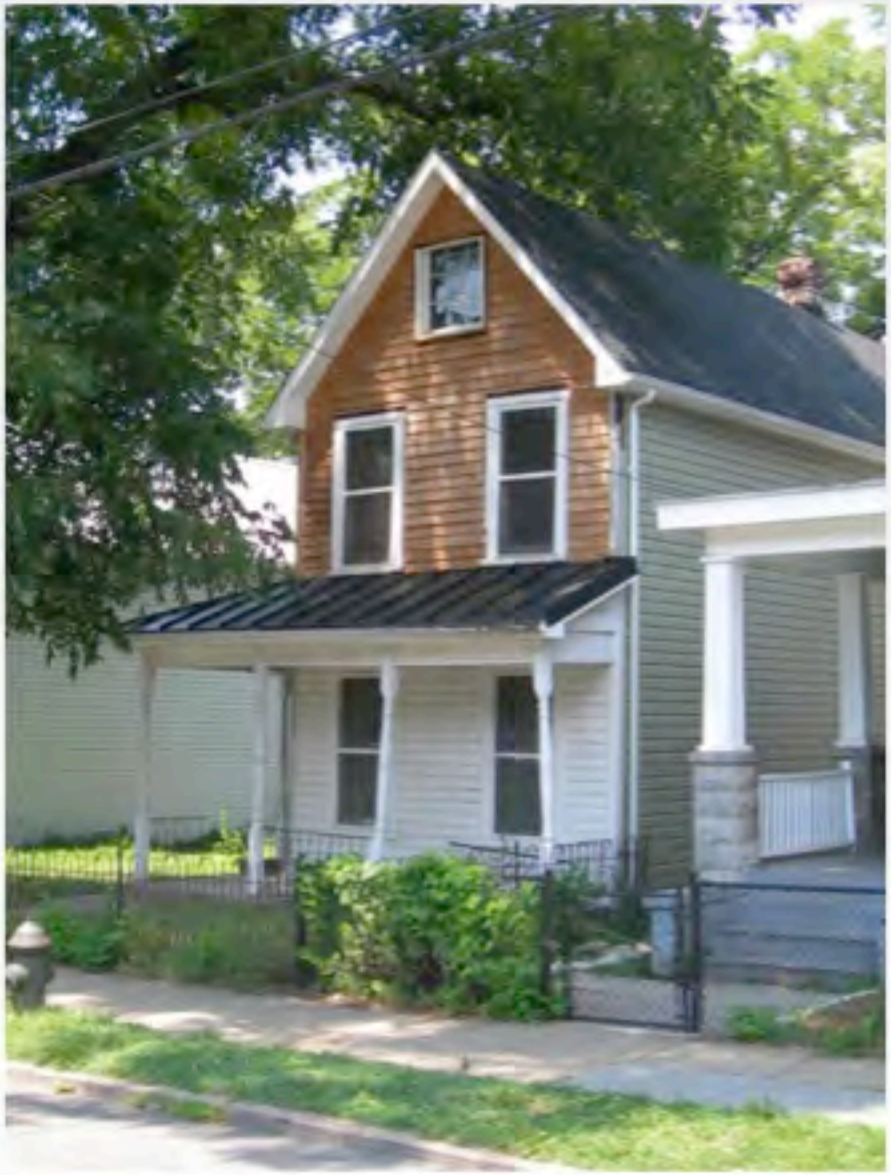


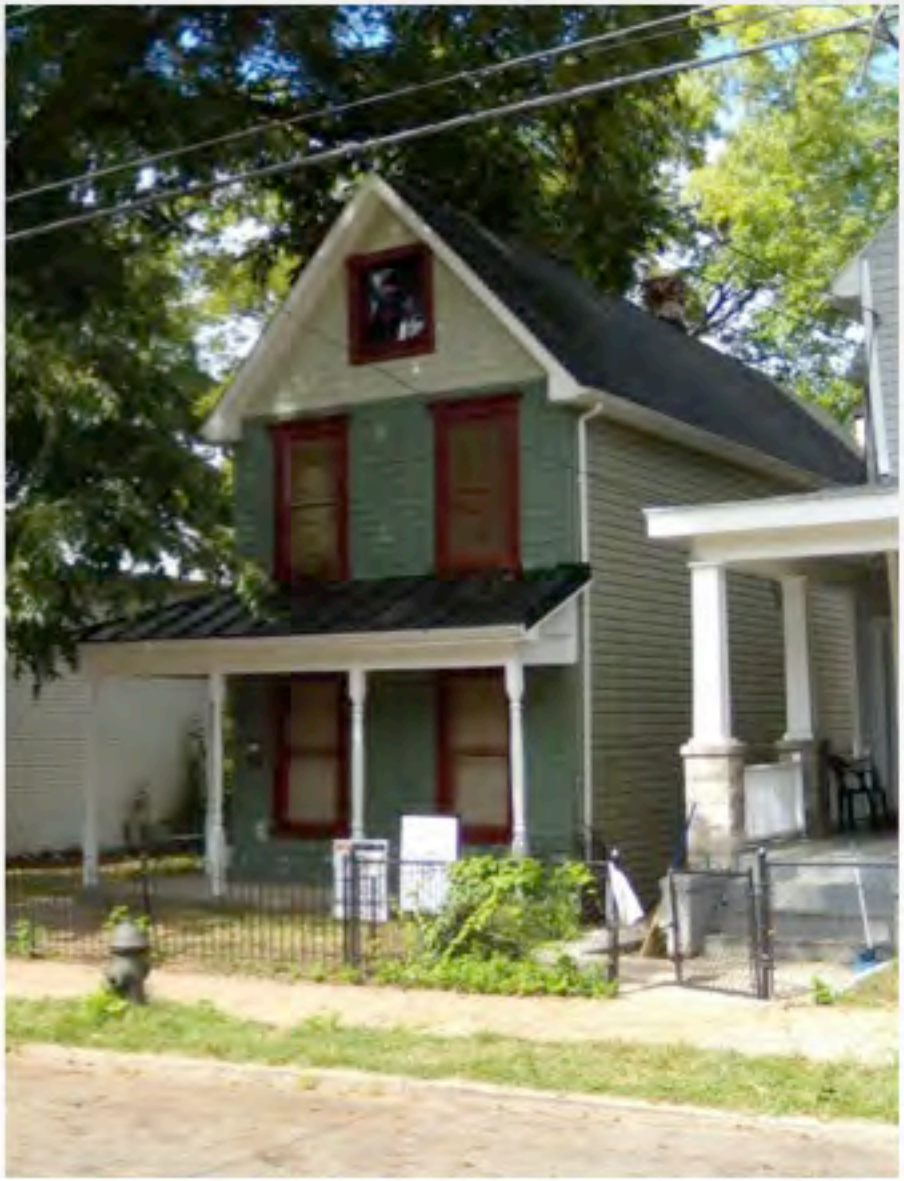
1317 U Street, SE

1317 Valley Place, SE



2116 15th Street, SE





1630 U Street, SE

1612 V Street, SE

1420 W Street, SE

Anacostia Historic District Homeowners

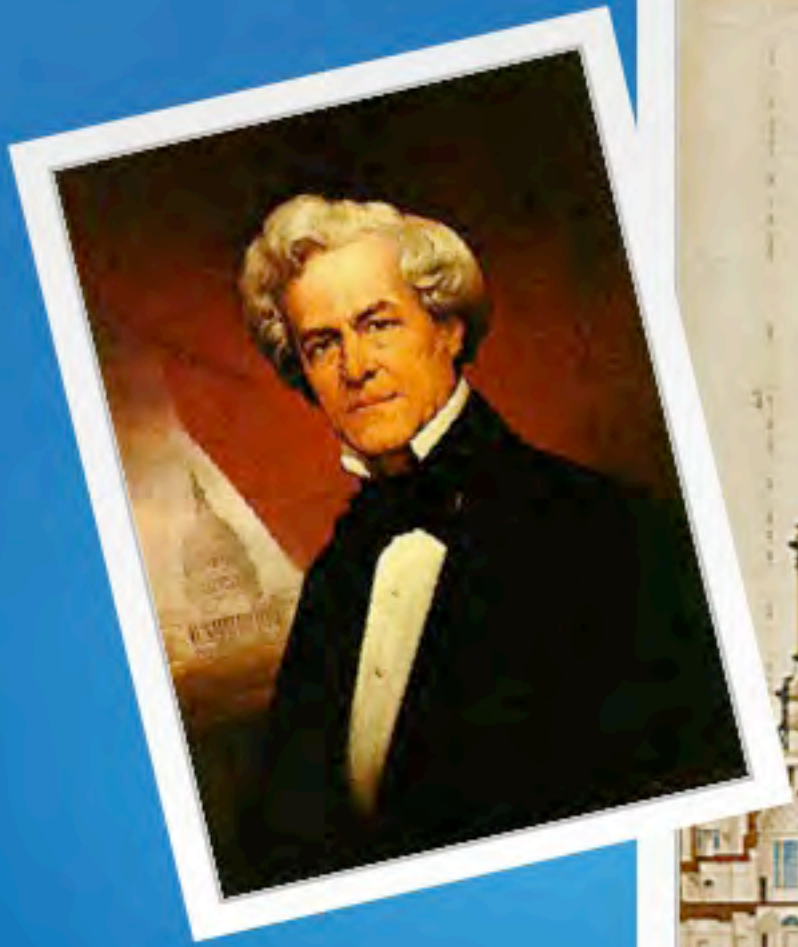
HOMEOWNERS GRANTS PROGRAM SALUTE

EXCELLENCE IN RESTORATION
& RENOVATION

Chinese Community Church

500 I Street, NW

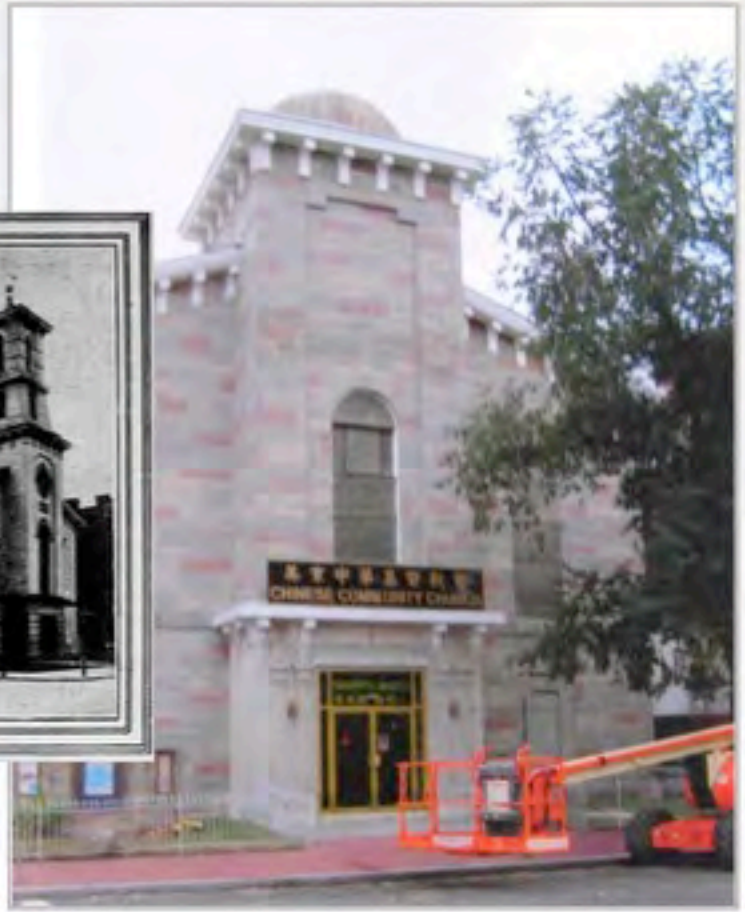
mid-century formstone



architect Thomas U. Walter • Civil-War era expansion of the U.S. Capitol

many congregations, many changes

Chinese Community Church



restoration preparation

emerging architectural details

window eyebrows, before & after

rebuilding the tower

countless volunteer hours

a proud gathering place

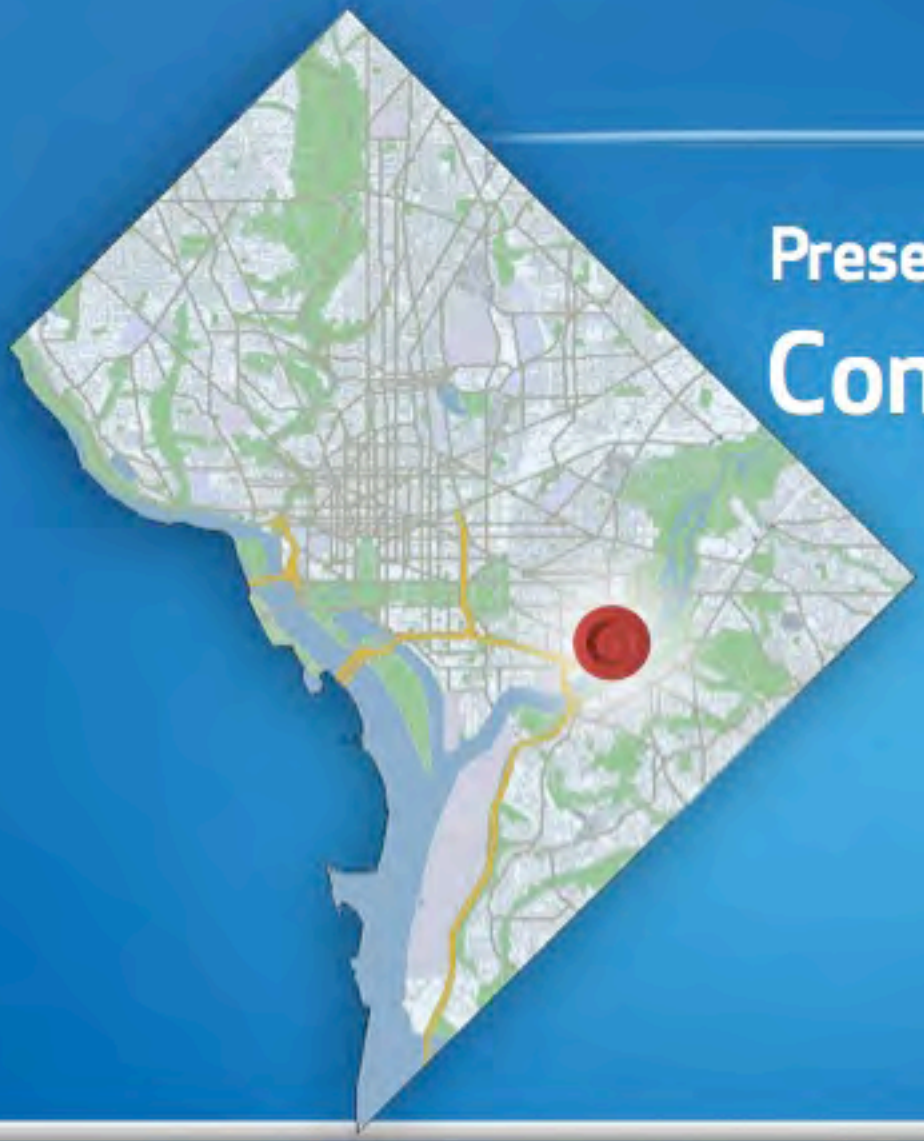
Chinese Community Church

Darrel Rippeteau, RIPPETEAU ARCHITECTS, PC
Todd Anderson, WORCESTER EISENBRANDT
John Matteo, ROBERT SILMAN ASSOCIATES
Kingdon Gould, III, GOULD PROPERTY COMPANY
Emily H. Eig, EHT TRACERIES, INC.
Gate Lew, THE CONGREGATION OF CHINESE COMMUNITY CHURCH

EXCELLENCE IN RESTORATION & RENOVATION

HISTORIC DC PRESERVATION

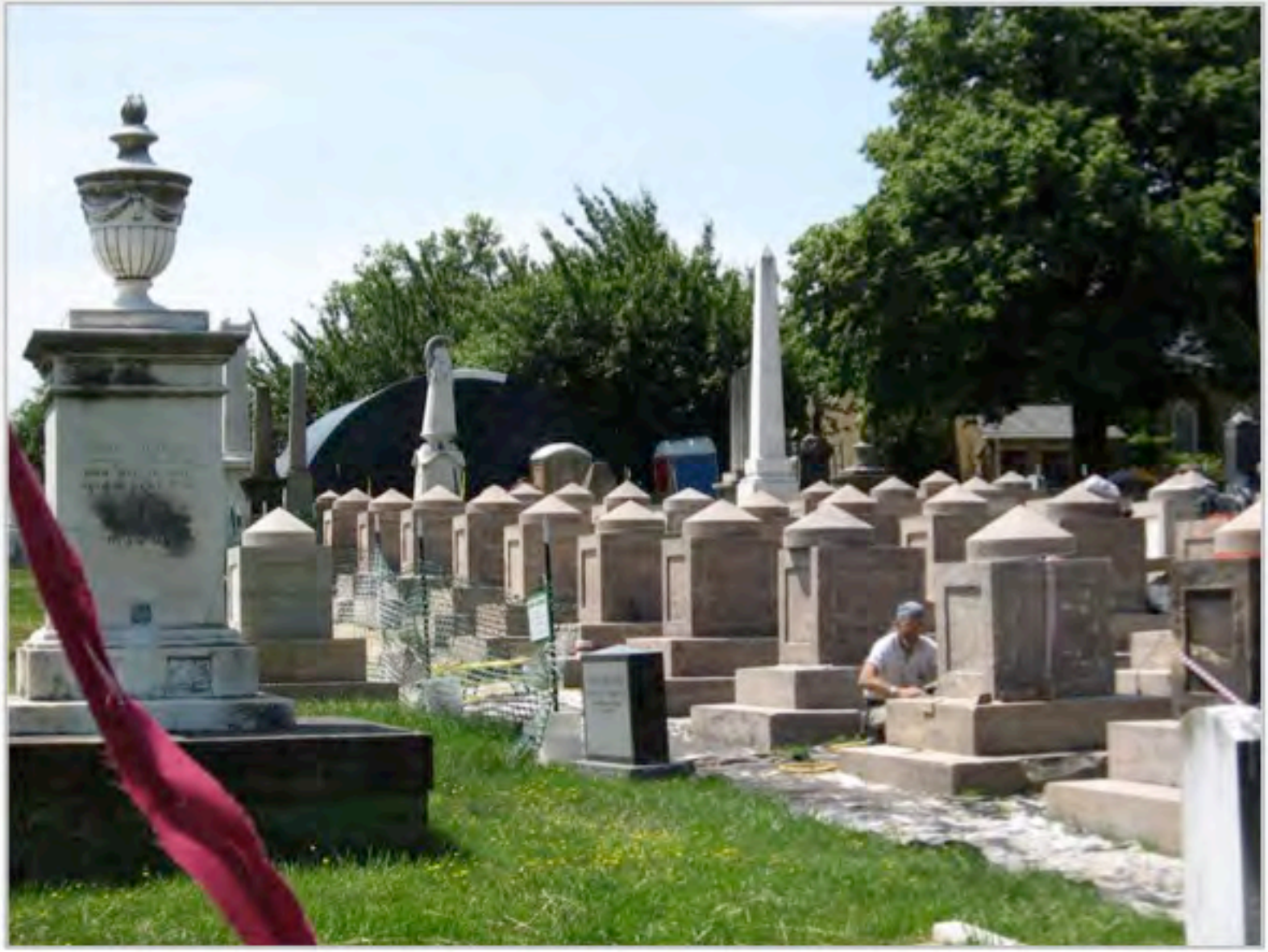
EXCELLENCE IN RESTORATION
& RENOVATION



Preservation of historic monuments at

Congressional Cemetery

1801 E Street, SE



29-month project

combining traditional skills & modern technology

cenotaphs & memorials

Latrobe-designed cenotaphs

Alexander Macomb & his memorial

1864 Washington Arsenal explosion memorial

gentle cleaning

"Dutchman" repairs

KILLED
BY AN EXPLOSION
AT THE U S ARSENAL
WASHINGTON D C.
JUNE 17TH 1864.
KILLED
AN EXPLOSION
THE U S ARSENAL
SHINGTON D C.
NE 17TH 1864.

Macomb monument

temporary relocation of Macomb's remains

monument assessment

completed cenotaphs

Preservation of historic monuments at Congressional Cemetery

Steve L. Muro, NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION

Moss Rudley, NPS HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRAINING CENTER

Patrick Crowley
ASSOCIATION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC CONGRESSIONAL CEMETERY

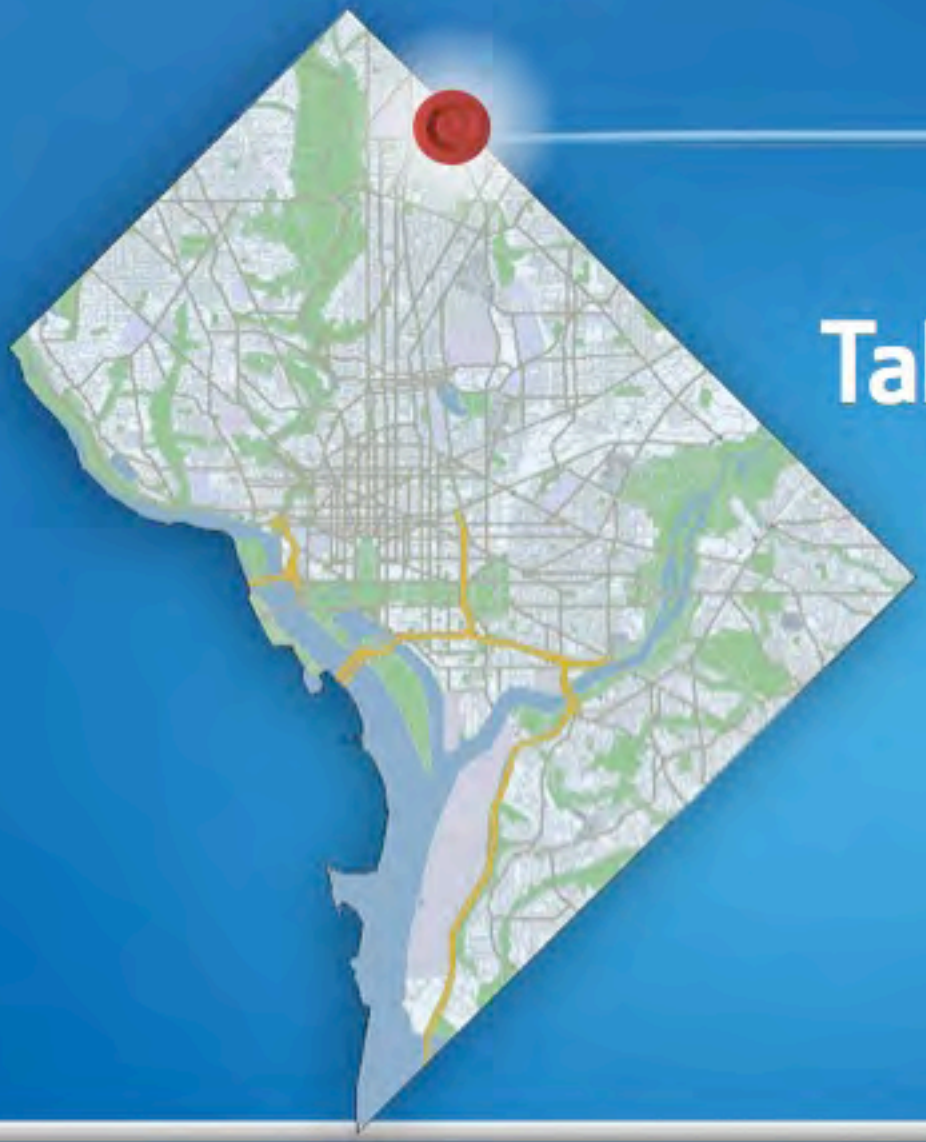
Jason Church
NPS NATIONAL CENTER FOR PRESERVATION TECHNOLOGY & TRAINING

Laurie Burgess
DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY, NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

EXCELLENCE IN RESTORATION & RENOVATION

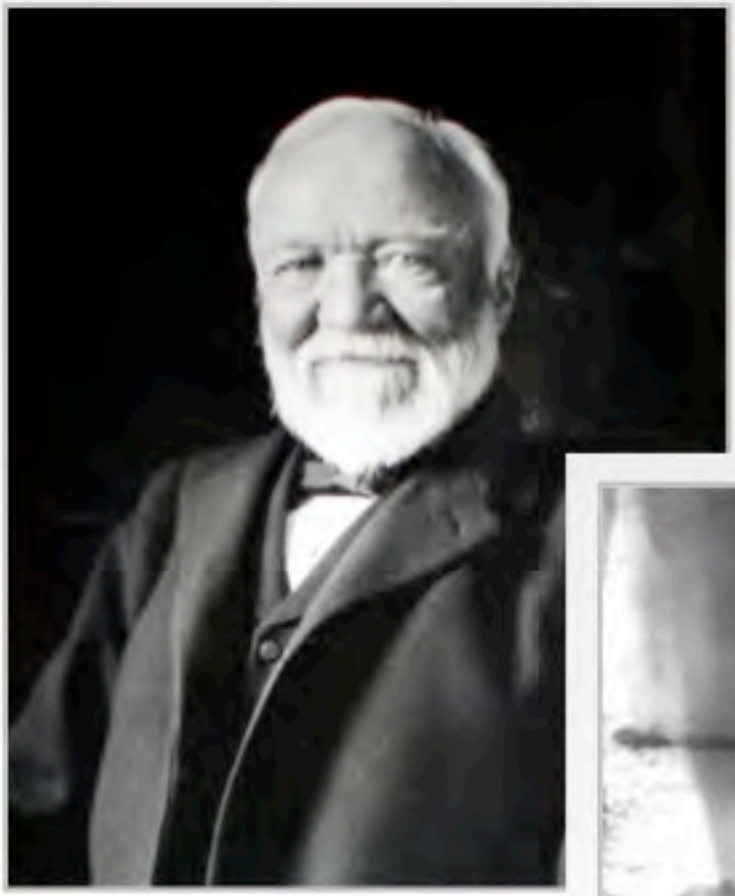
HISTORIC DC PRESERVATION

EXCELLENCE IN RESTORATION
& RENOVATION



Takoma Park Library

416 Cedar Street, NW



Andrew Carnegie • Takoma Park Library c. 1915

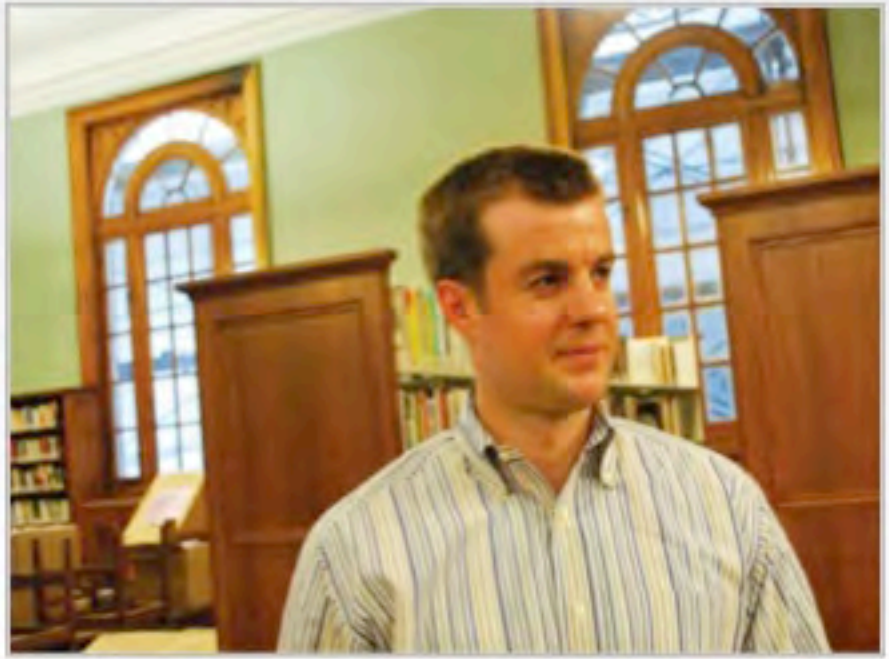
mid-1960s

interior, before

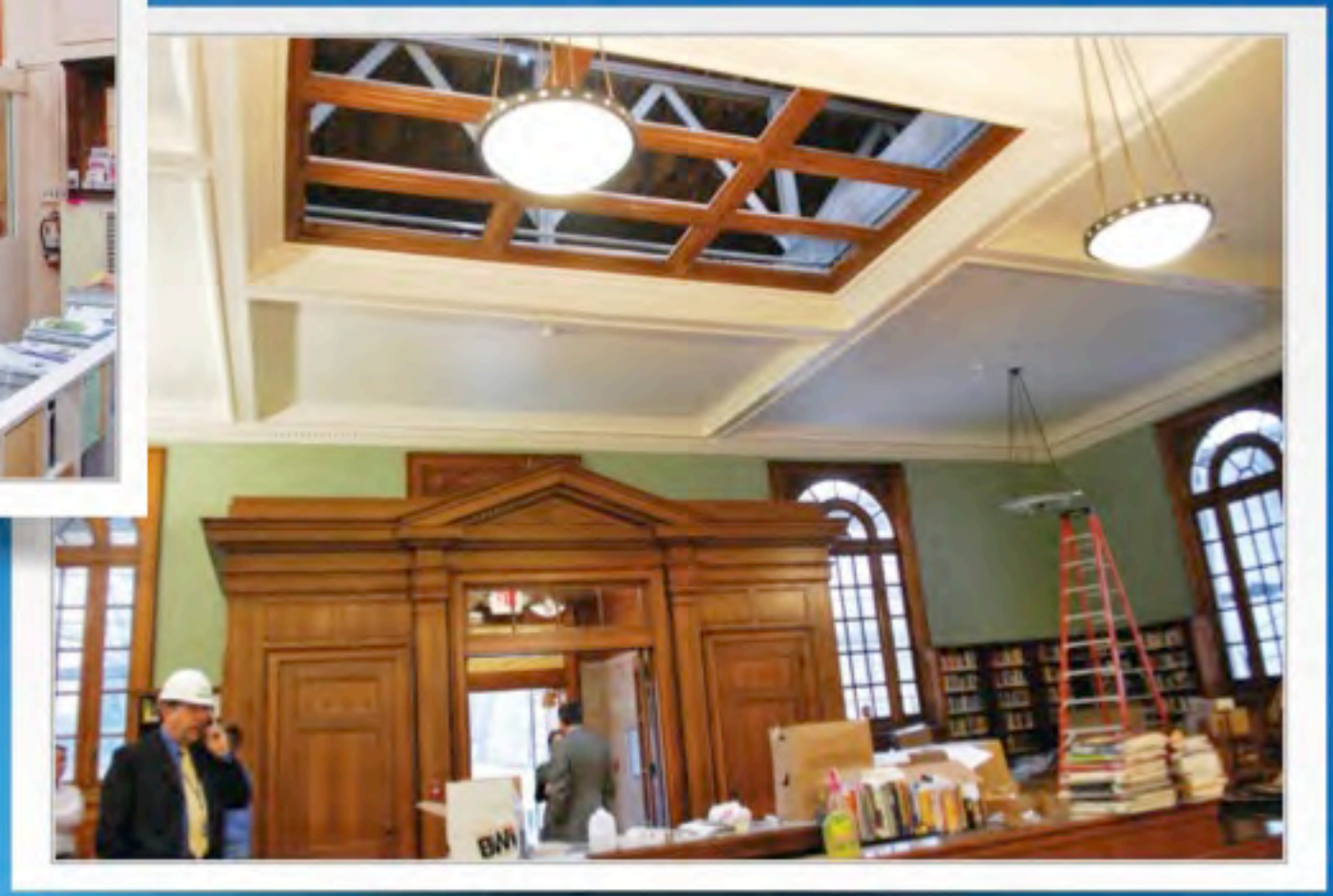
interior, before

exterior, before

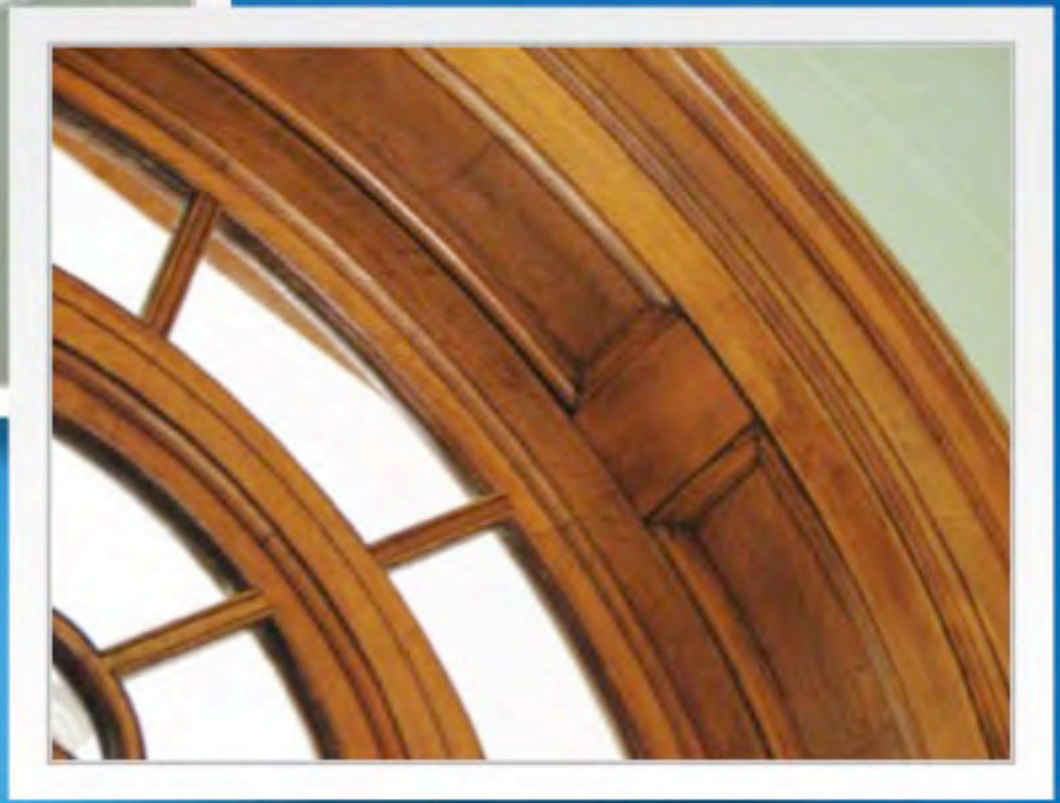
exterior, during restoration



project manager Chris Wright • restored skylight



entryway, before & after



plaster & wood details

mission-style furniture

lighting & flooring

lighting & flooring

a contemporary facility

Takoma Park Library

Chris Wright
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

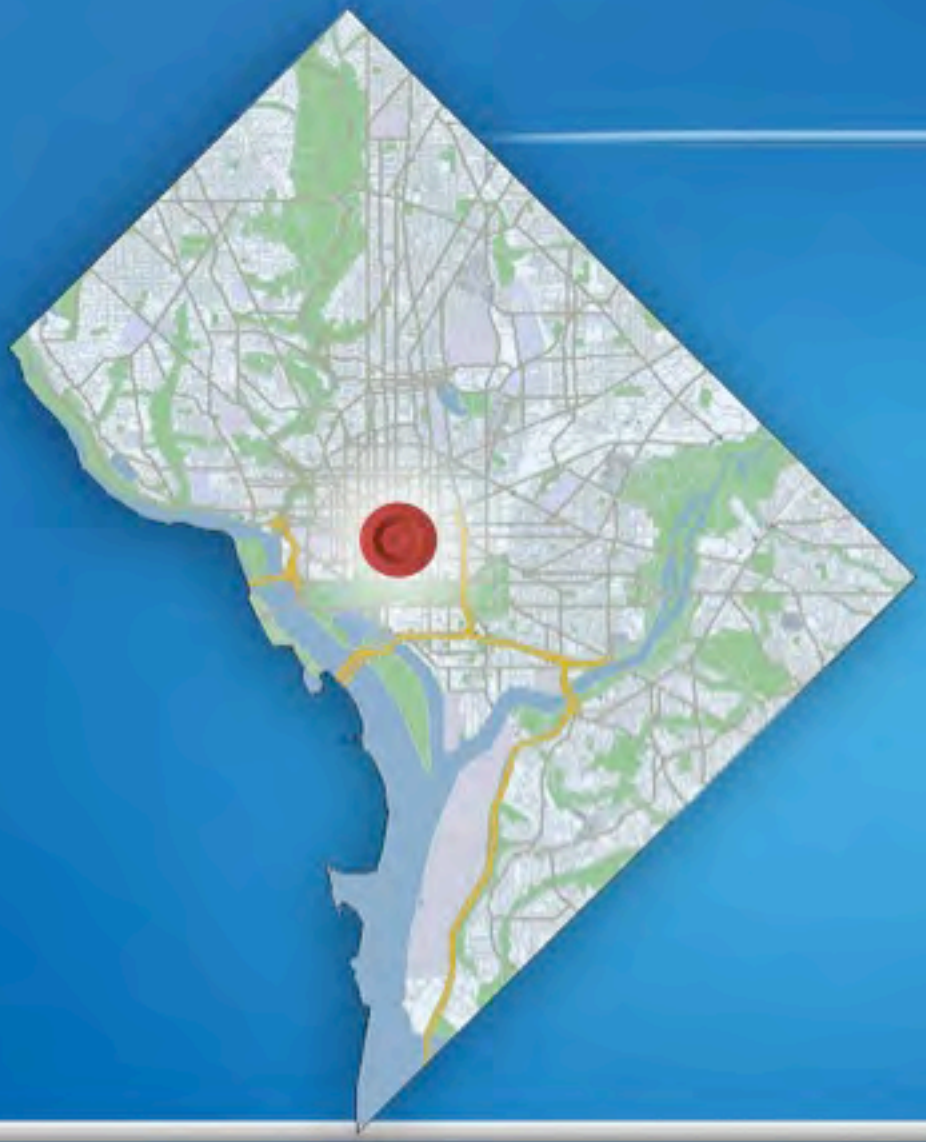
Gul Dusi, FORRESTER CONSTRUCTION

Gary Martinez, AIA
MARTINEZ + JOHNSON ARCHITECTURE, PC

EXCELLENCE IN RESTORATION & RENOVATION

HISTORIC DC PRESERVATION

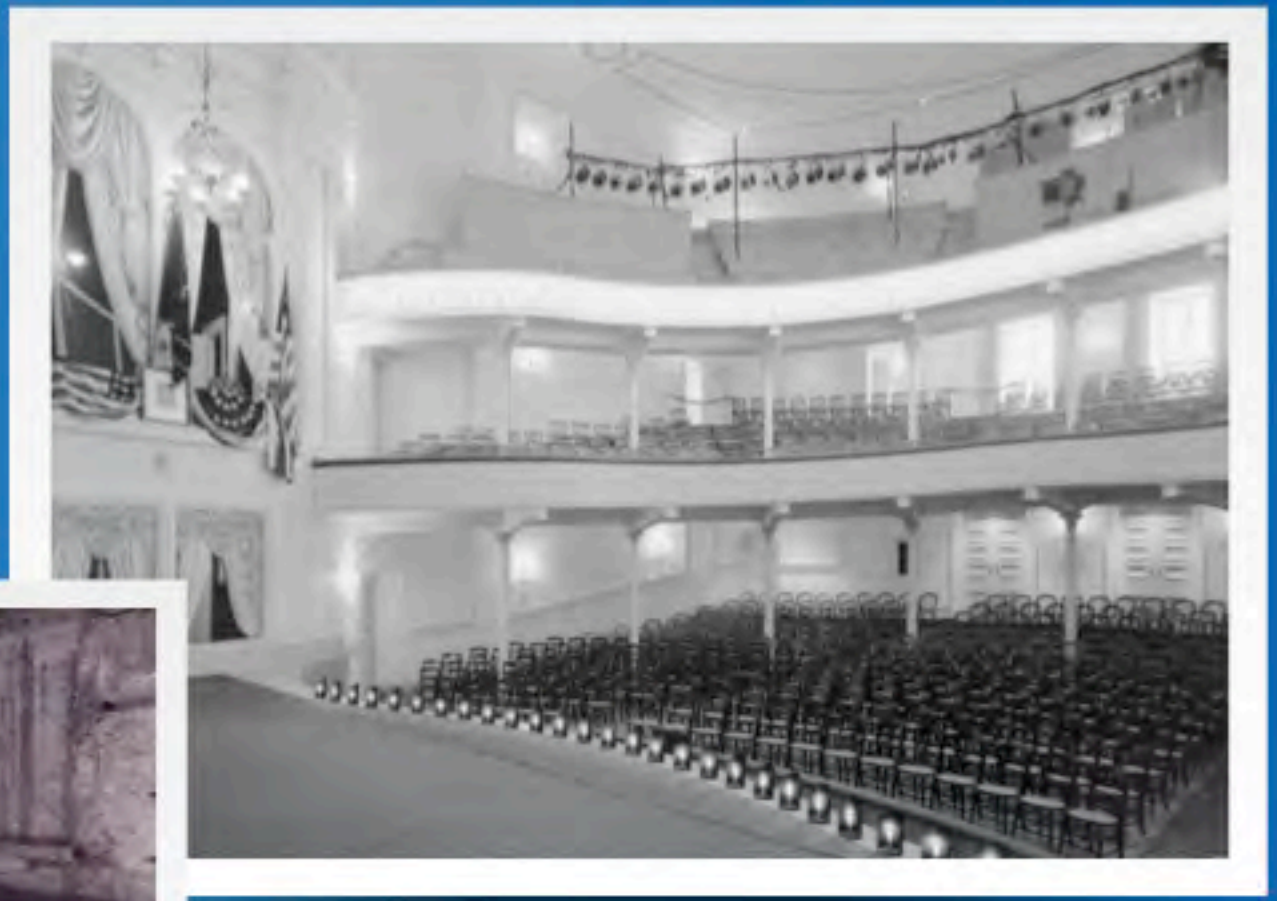
EXCELLENCE IN RESTORATION
& RENOVATION



Ford's Theatre

517 10th Street, NW

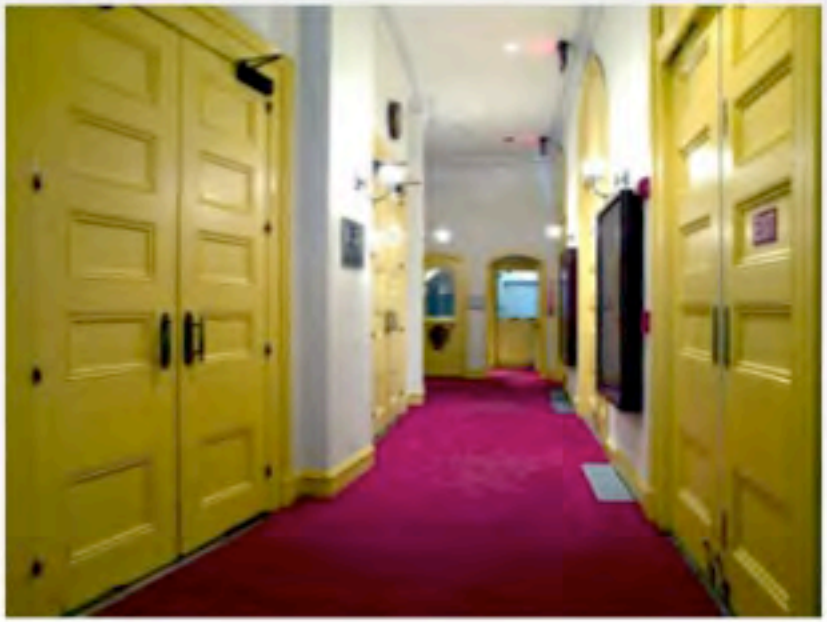
Ford's Theatre in 1865



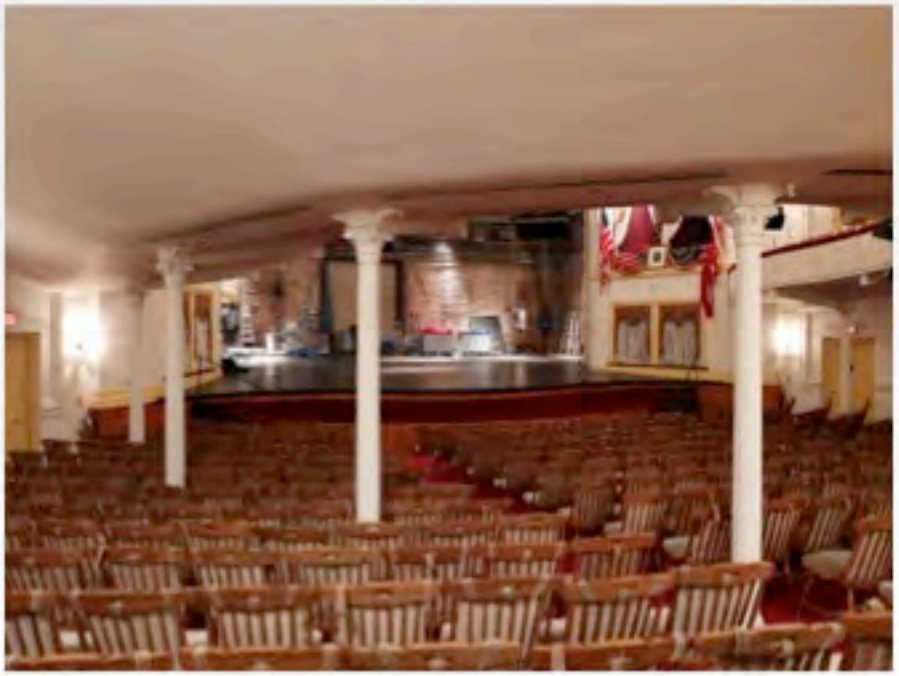
reconstruction and debut in 1968

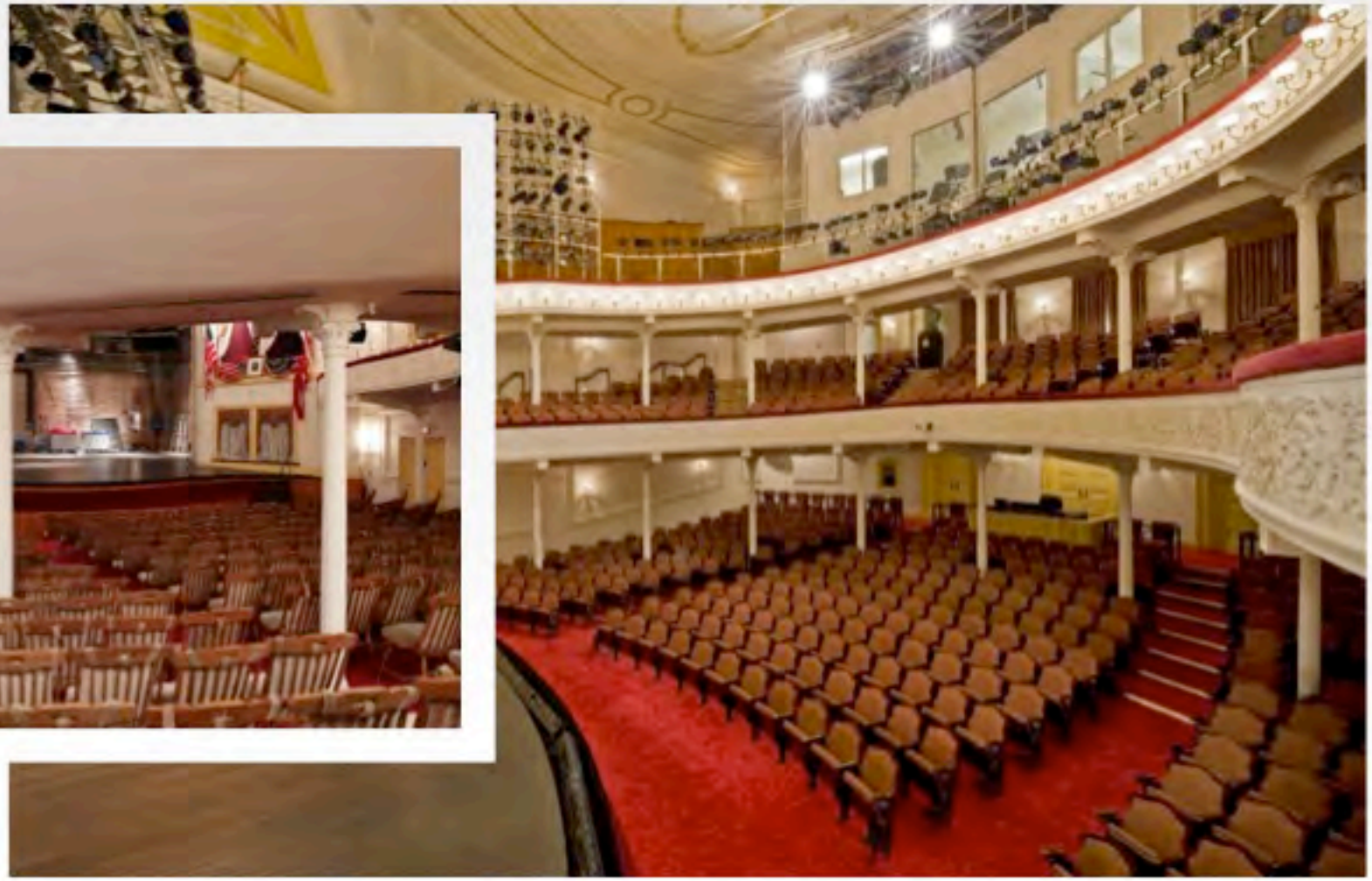
a recent production of "The Civil War"

protecting its historic significance



previous narrow lobby • new spacious lobby





seating before & after

friends reception room

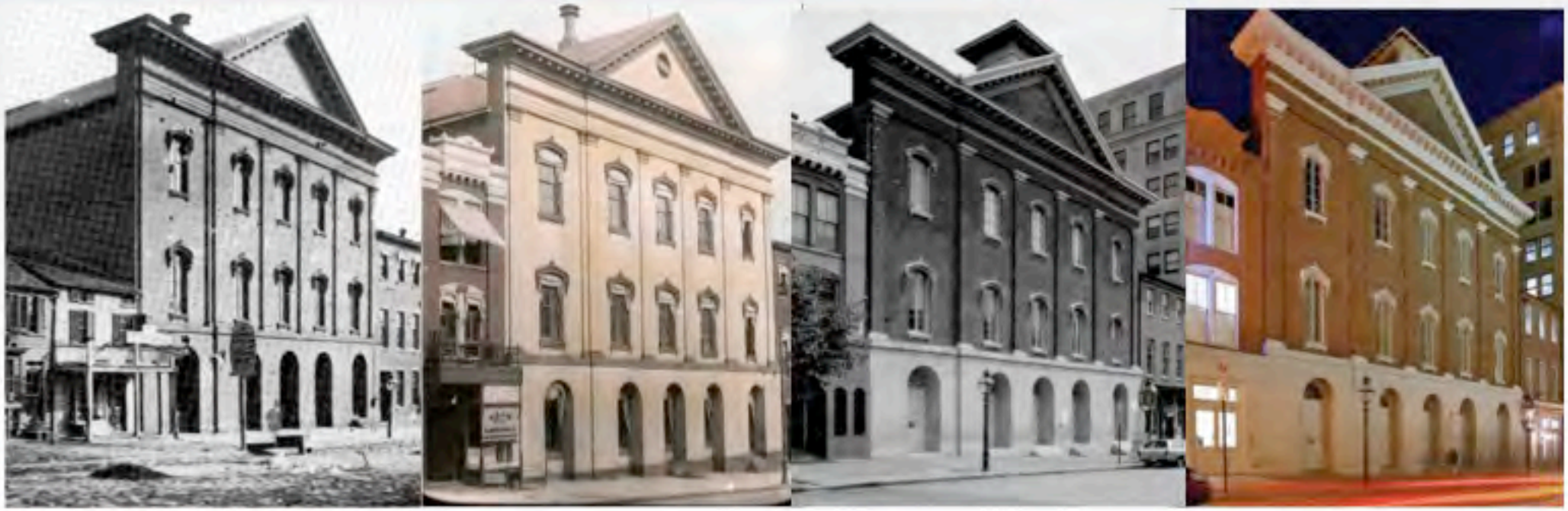
upgraded sound & lighting

expansion into adjacent structures

ceiling detail

re-opening gala

1870 1890 1968 2009



ready for another century

Ford's Theatre

Dave Bertocci
FORRESTER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

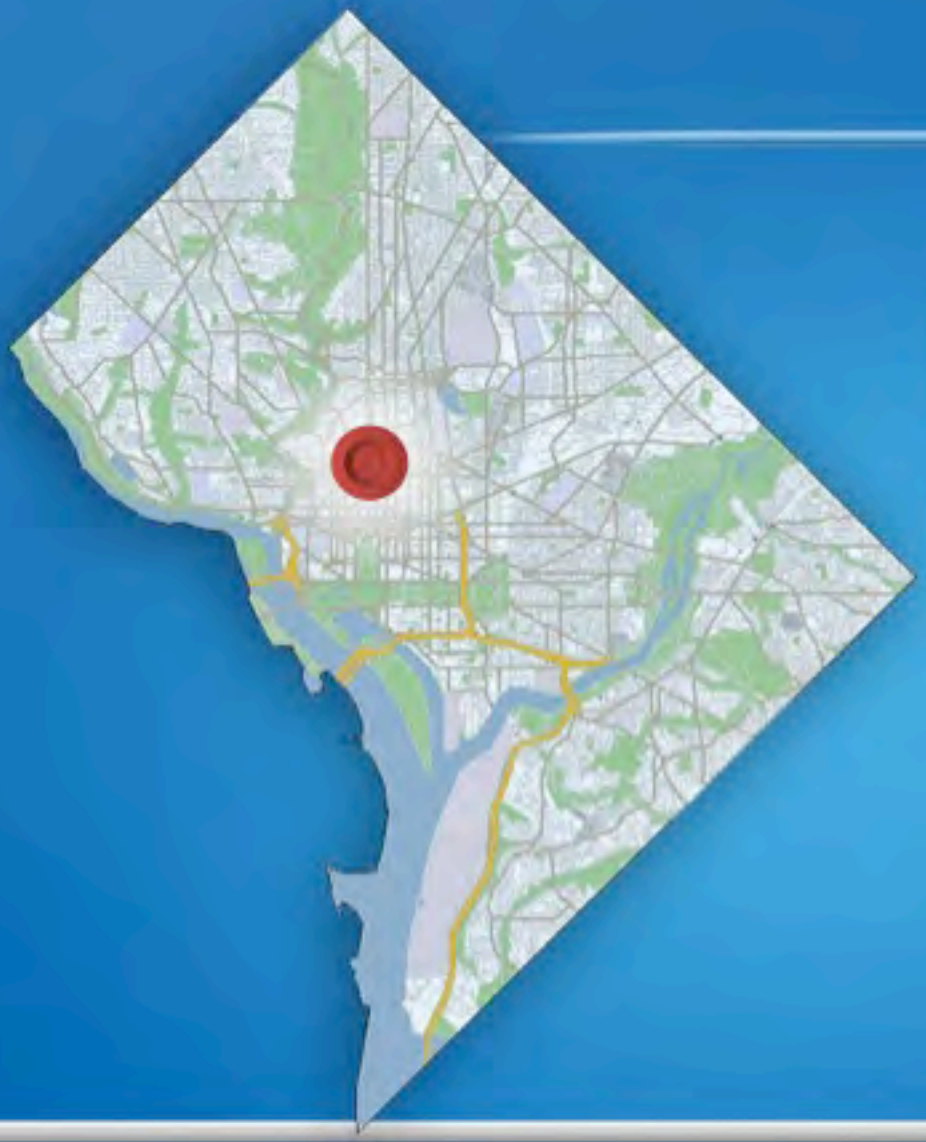
Rae Emerson
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, U.S. DEPT. OF THE INTERIOR

Bob Pruitt, ASD

Steve Tarbuck, INTEGRAL

EXCELLENCE IN RESTORATION & RENOVATION

HISTORIC DC PRESERVATION



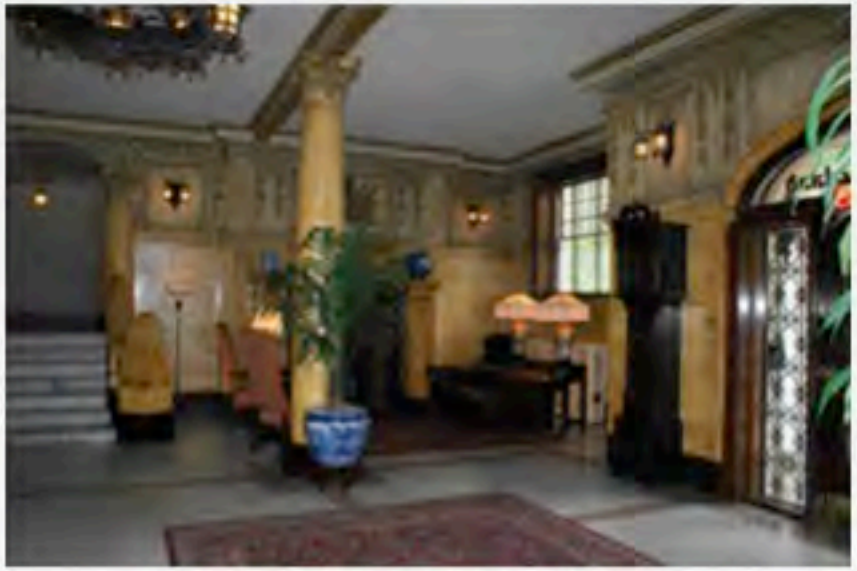
EXCELLENCE IN STEWARDSHIP

Northumberland Cooperative, Inc.

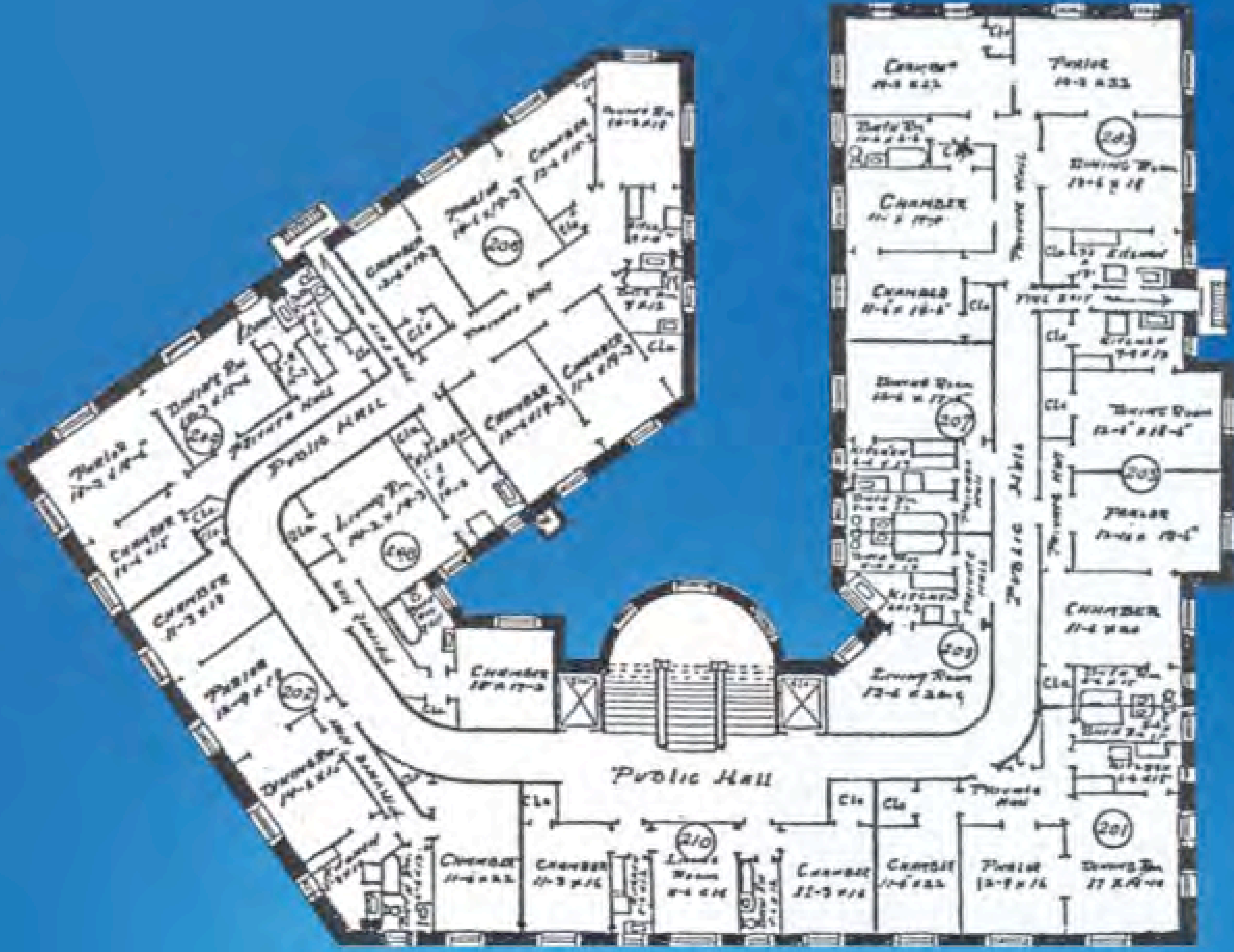
2039 New Hampshire Avenue, NW

designed by Albert H. Beers in 1909

Turn-of-the (20th) Century living



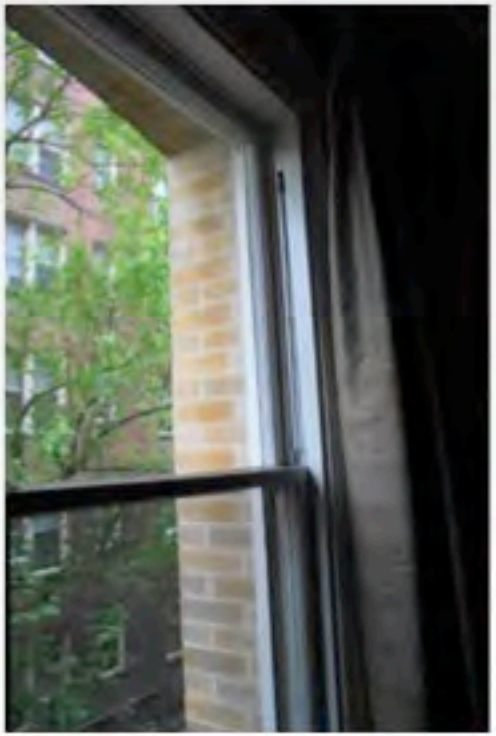
the lobby, then & now



typical floorpan

1968 Washington riots

listed in the National Register in 1980



window detail • interior view

rubberized roof • entryway • elevator

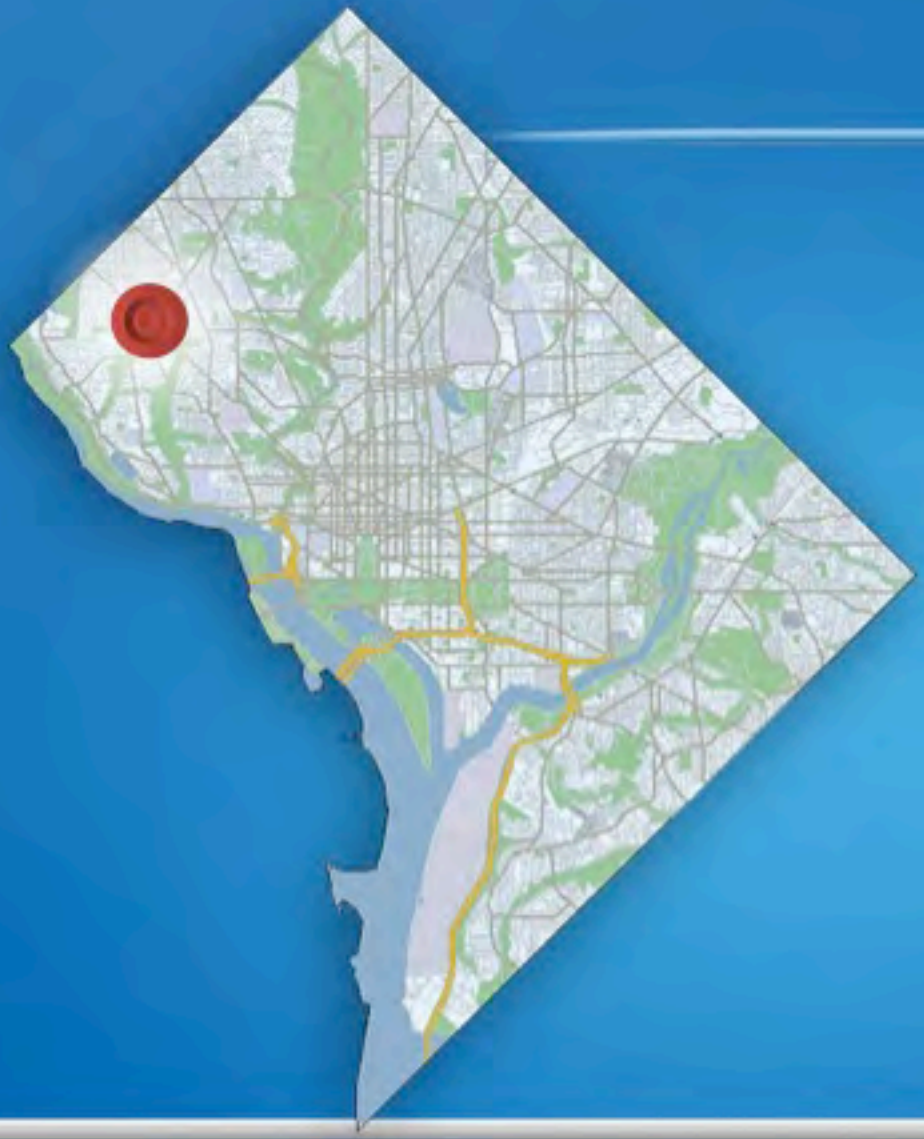
a residential icon

Northumberland Cooperative Inc.

Russell Adams
Kit Alderdice
Geraldine Gardner
Elaine Rigas
Bernd Wilke

EXCELLENCE IN STEWARDSHIP

HISTORIC DC PRESERVATION



EXCELLENCE IN STEWARDSHIP

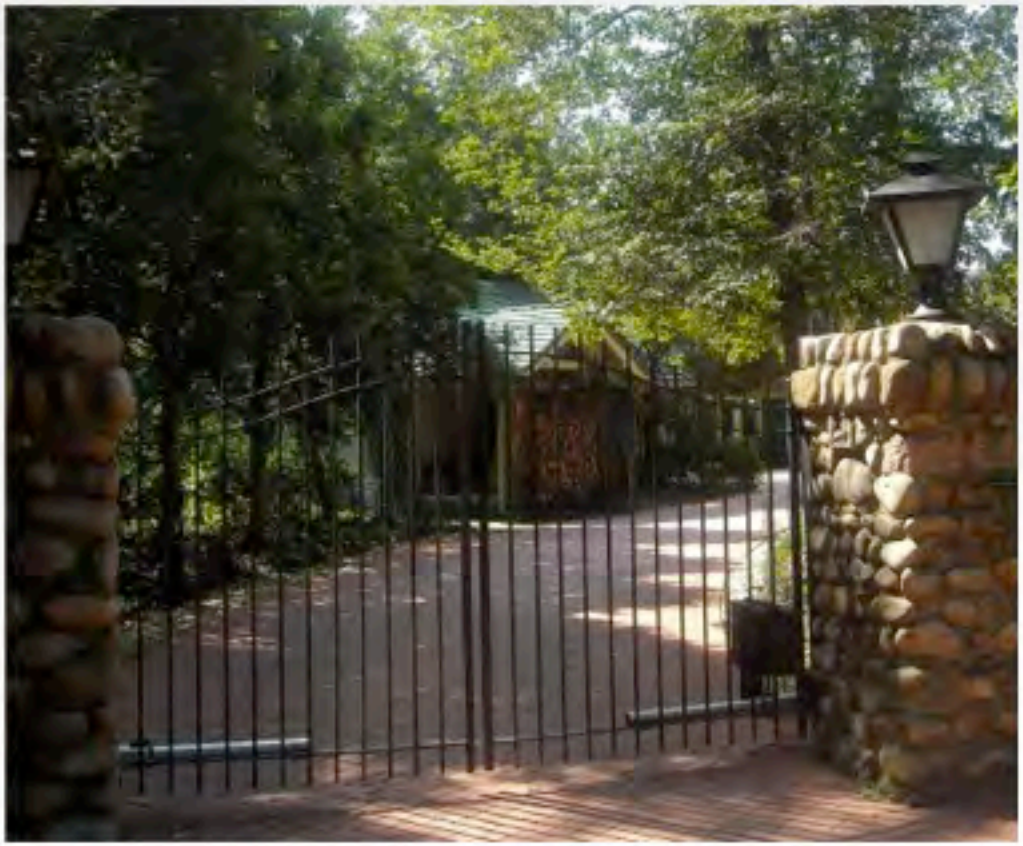
Dumblane

Craftsman-style

Dumblane, c. 1913

interior c. 1911 and today

copper-hooded fireplace



Dumblane entrance & garage

Dumblane's gardens

Tenleytown Historical Society tours Dumblane

c. 1913

Dumblane

Carolyn Long & Jane Waldmann
TENLEYTOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

EXCELLENCE IN STEWARDSHIP

HISTORIC DC PRESERVATION

EXCELLENCE IN ARCHAEOLOGY

Lost in Time: The Boy in the Iron Coffin

coffin discovery in 2005

coffin transfer to Department of Anthropology

CARVER BARRACKS, WASHINGTON D.C.

forensic examination • the boy's clothing

DEATHS.

On Monday, 26th instant, Mrs. MARGARET KELLY, in the 17th year of her age, after a painful and most distressing sickness of four weeks, but borne with the fortitude and resignation of a christian.

The friends and acquaintances of the family are respectfully requested to attend her funeral from the residence of her father, Mr. EDWARD McCURRIN, on Eighth street, near Pennsylvania avenue, this day, Tuesday, at 2 o'clock P.M.

At College Hill, (D. C.) on the morning of the 26th instant, after a very short illness of congestion of the brain, LEMUEL P. BACON, son of the Rev. Joel S. Bacon, D.D., President of Columbia College, aged 12 years.

☞ The funeral services will take place at 4 o'clock P. M. this day, (May 27th,) in the College Chapel. The friends of the family are invited to attend.

DEATH.

On the 29th instant, WILLIAM HENRY, aged fourteen years and six months, son of MATHIAS M. and ELLEN WHITE.

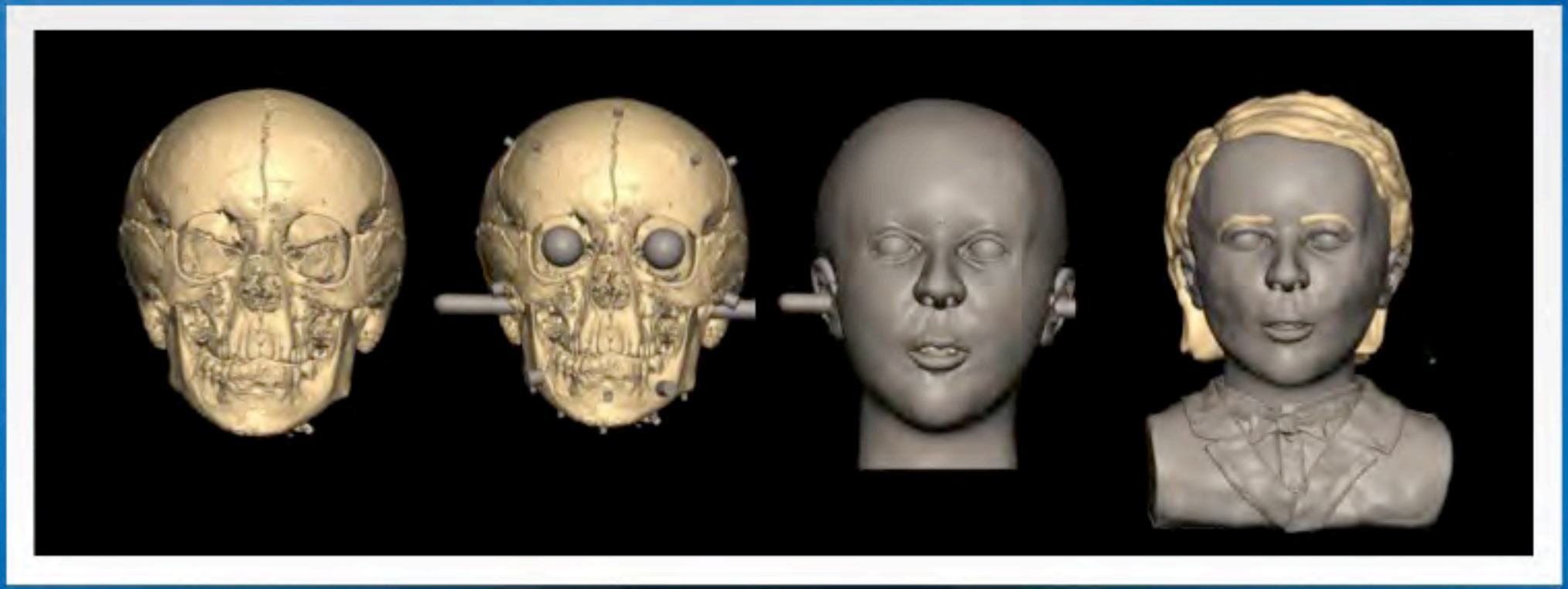
☞ The friends of the family are requested to attend the funeral, at 3 o'clock this afternoon, from the residence of his father, on Pennsylvania avenue, south side, between 3d and 4½ streets.

DEATHS.

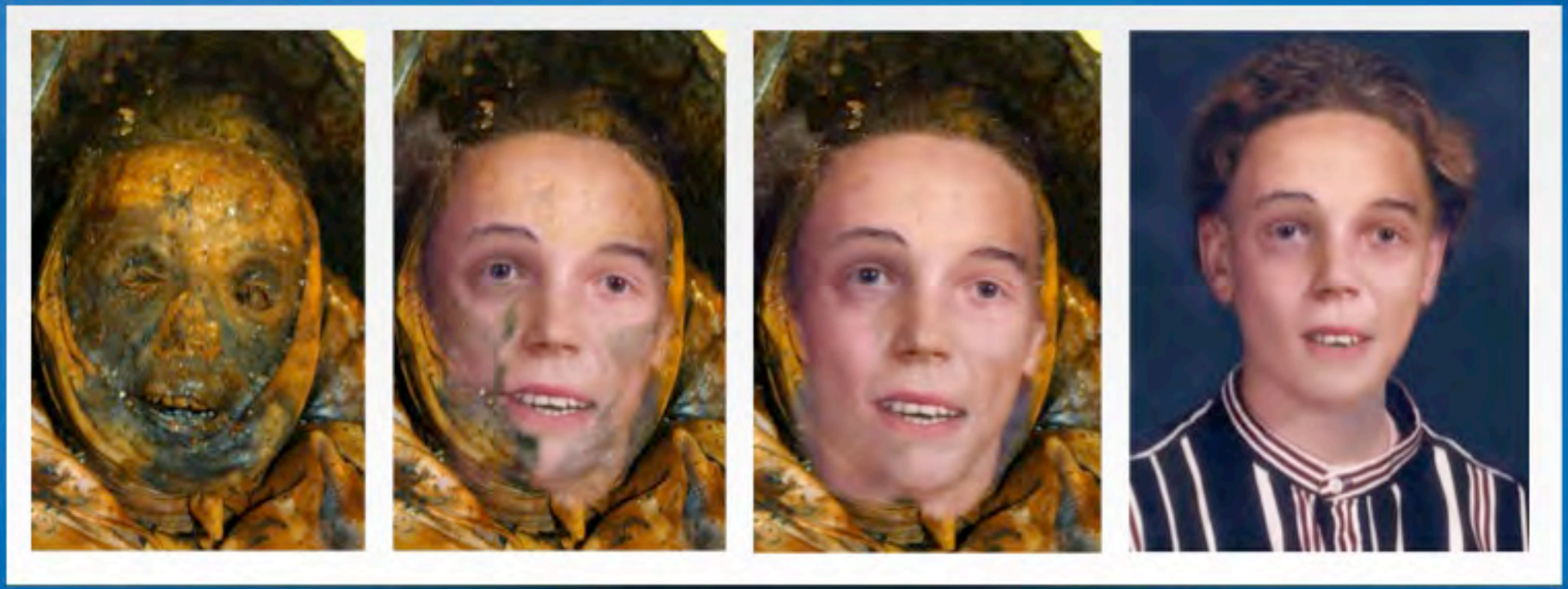
At College Hill, D. C., on the 24th instant, after a short illness, WILLIAM TAYLOR WHITE, of Accomac county, Va., aged 17 years.

public documents led the search

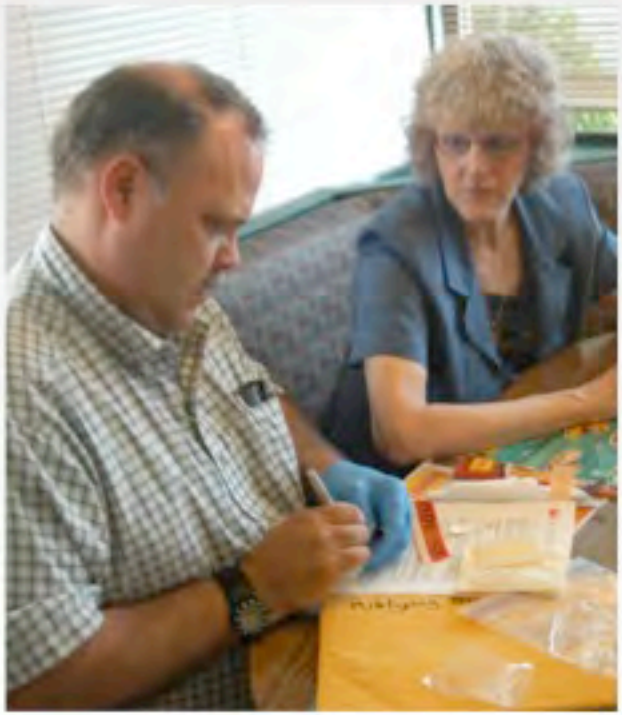
profiled as William Taylor White



facial reconstruction



facial reconstruction



collecting DNA sample from White-family descendent

William White's present-day relatives

William White
1852

Agnes Lenore White
1940's

Linda Dwyer
2007

family resemblance

rescued identity • recovered story

Lost in Time: The Boy in the Iron Coffin

Deborah Hull-Walski
Dr. David Owsley
Dr. David Hunt
Randal Scott
DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY
NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY
SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

EXCELLENCE IN ARCHAEOLOGY

HISTORIC DC PRESERVATION

EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

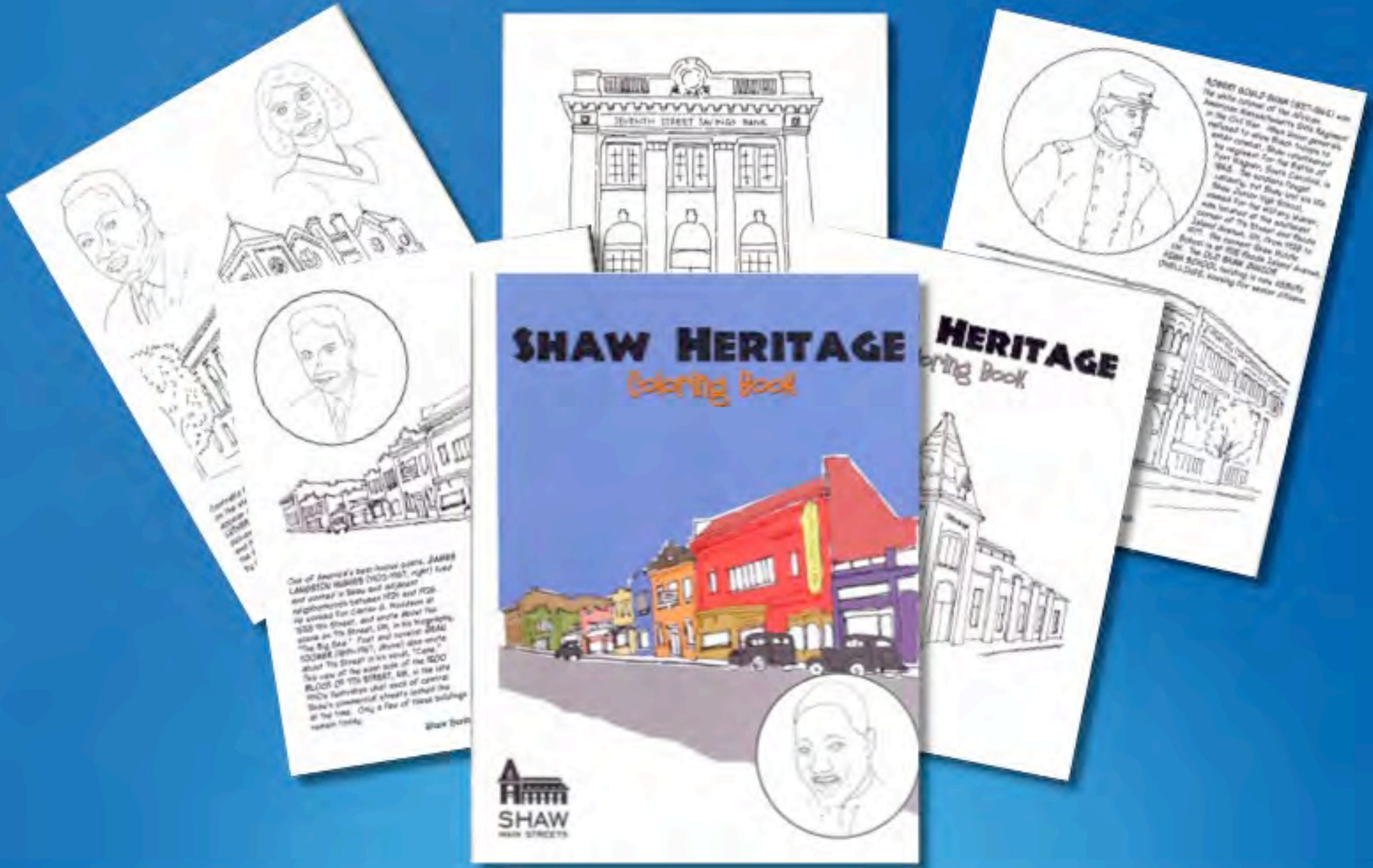
Shaw Main Streets

SHAW
MAIN STREETS

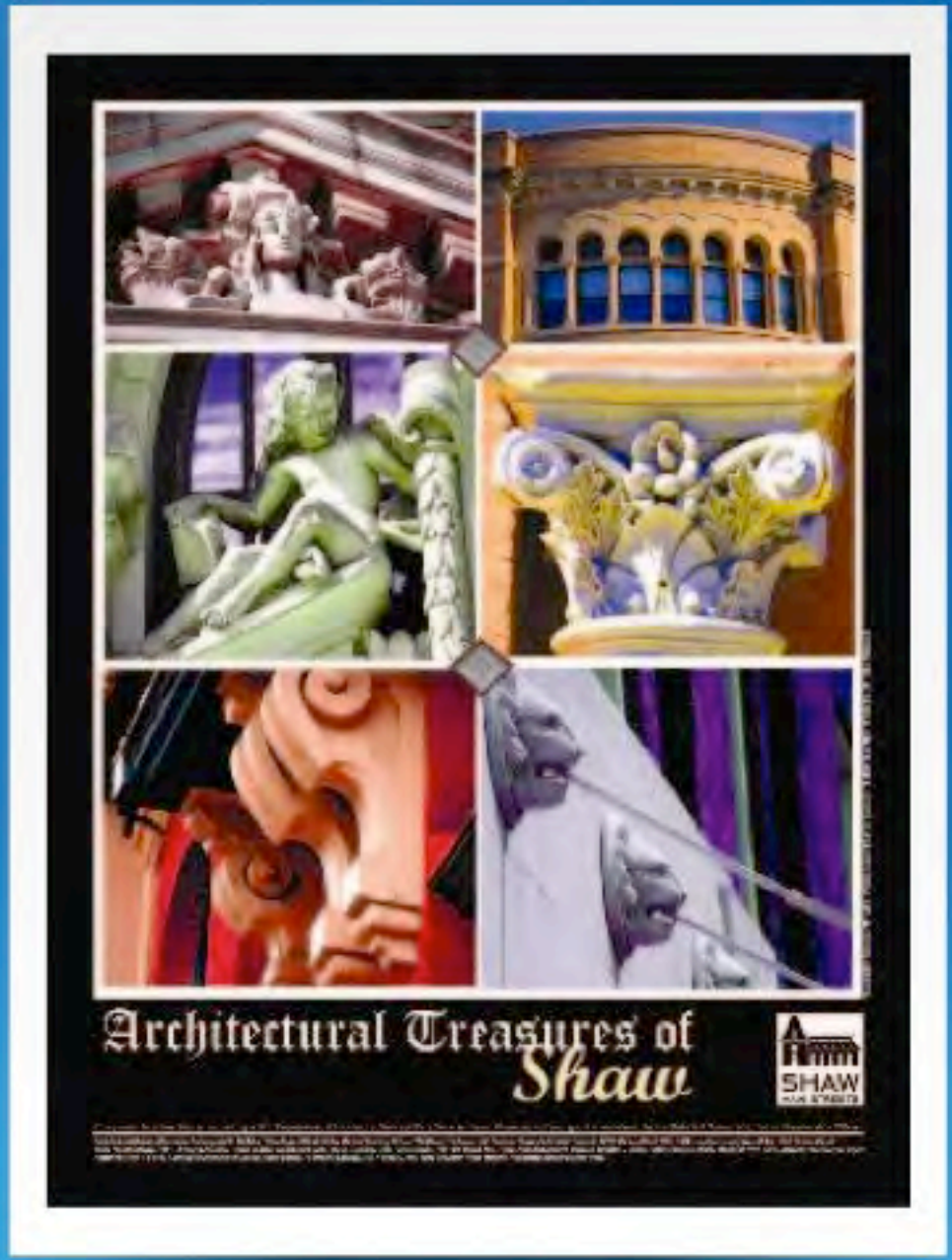
"Where DC Comes Together"

Alexander Padro • historic preservation & new development

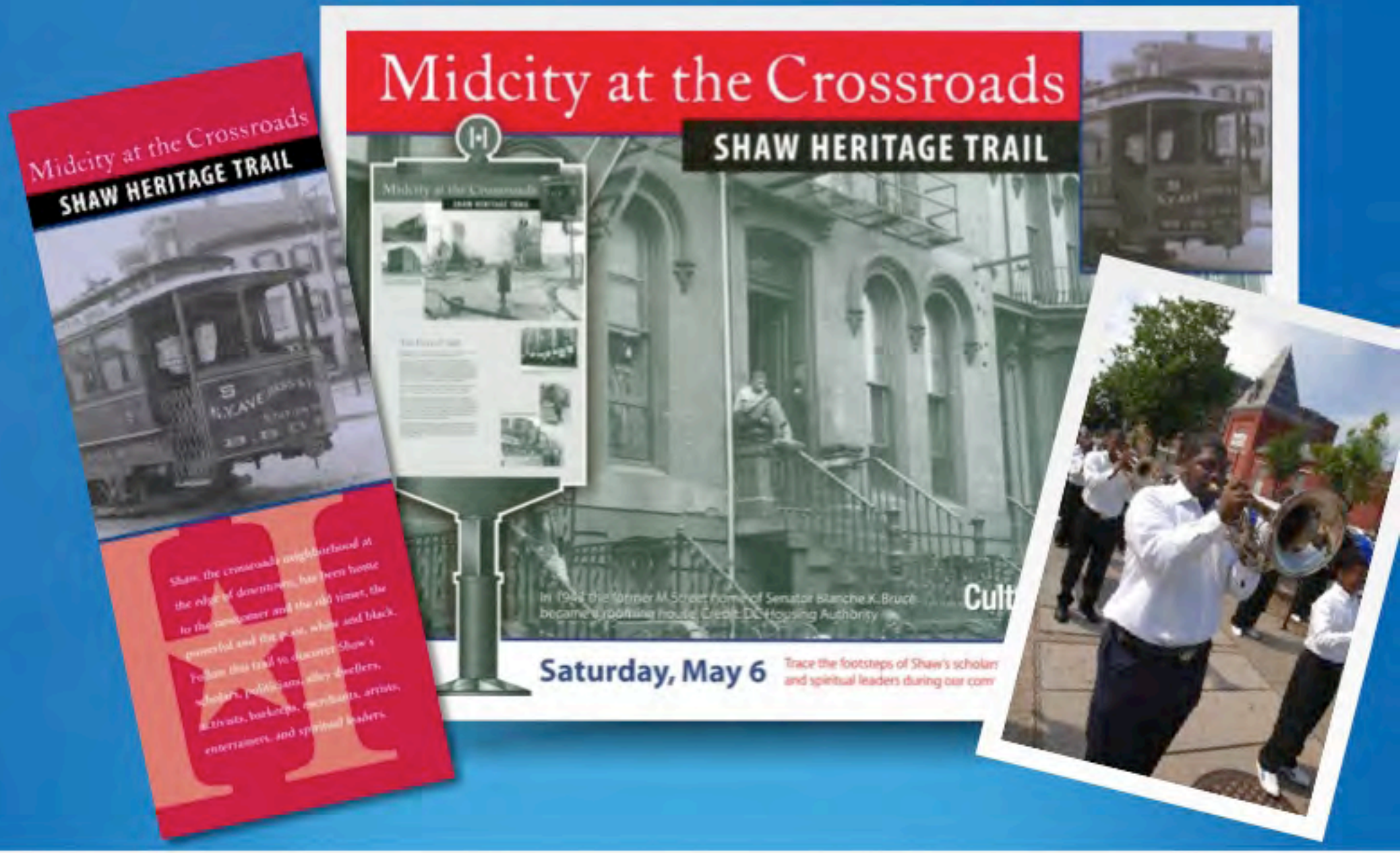
involving the community



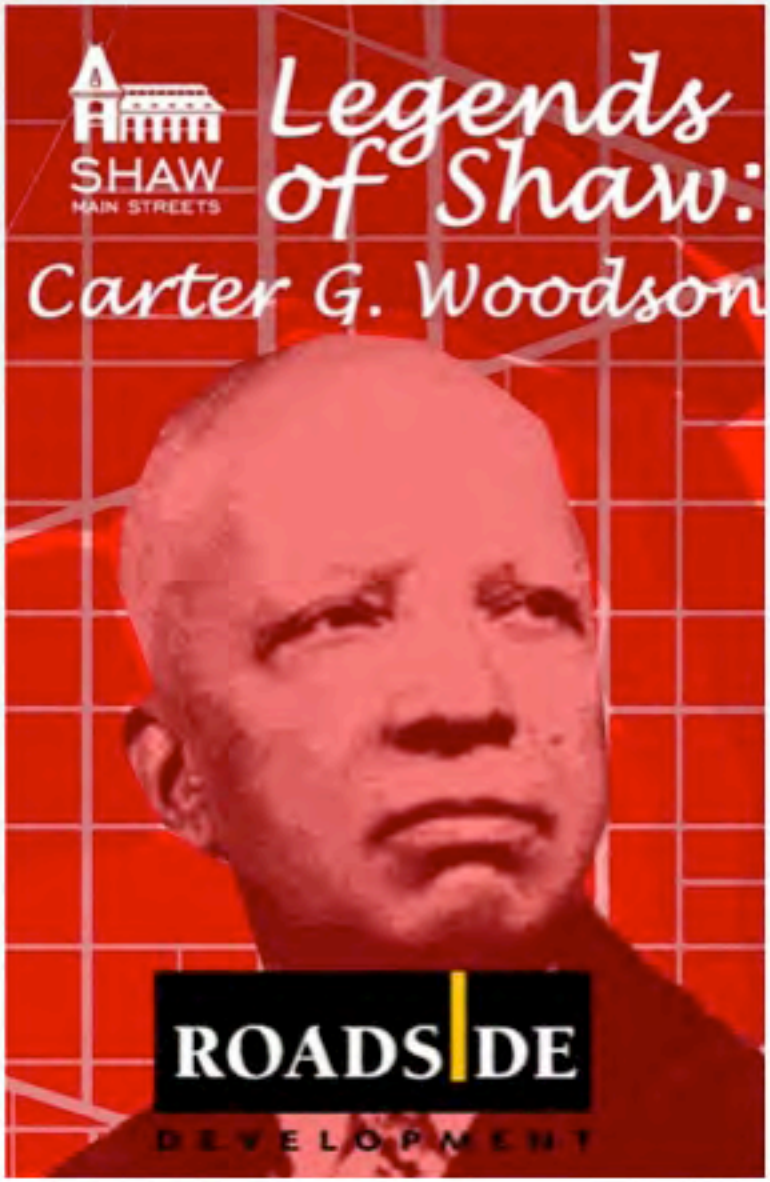
Shaw Heritage coloring book



Architectural Treasures of Shaw poster



Shaw Heritage Trail



heritage trail signage • street banner

an exemplary standard

Shaw Main Streets

Priscilla G. Francis
Rodney D. Green
Brent W. Kruse
Susan V. Linsky
Barry R. Lumsden
Timothy C. Mack
LaVerne Miller
Alexander M. Padro

EXCELLENCE IN
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

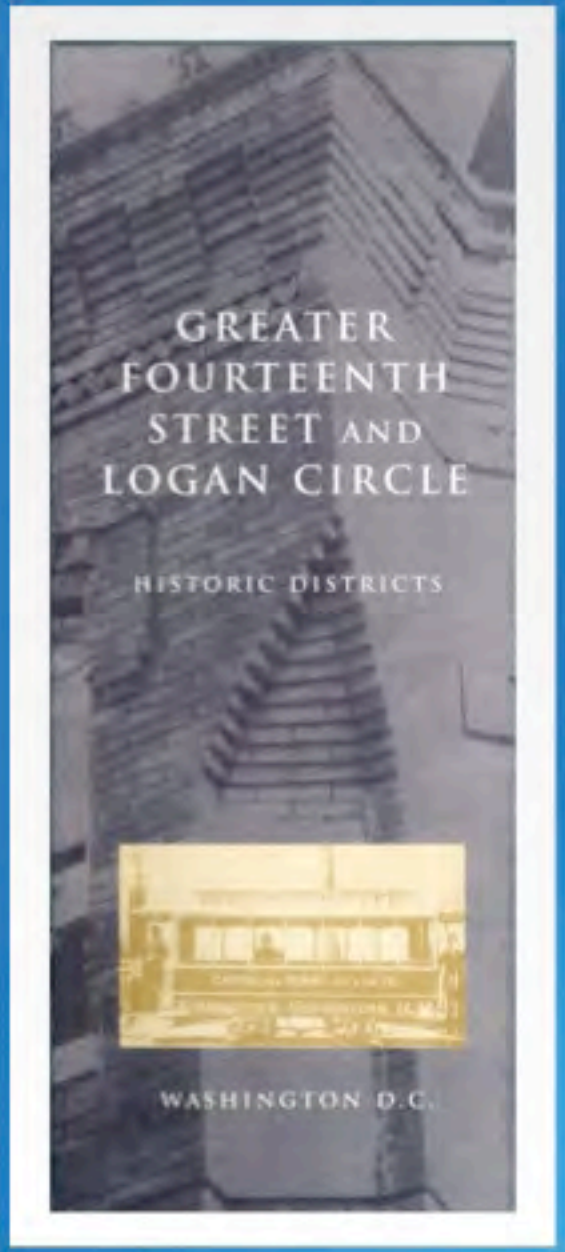
HISTORIC DC PRESERVATION

HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD
Chairman's Award for Law and Public Policy

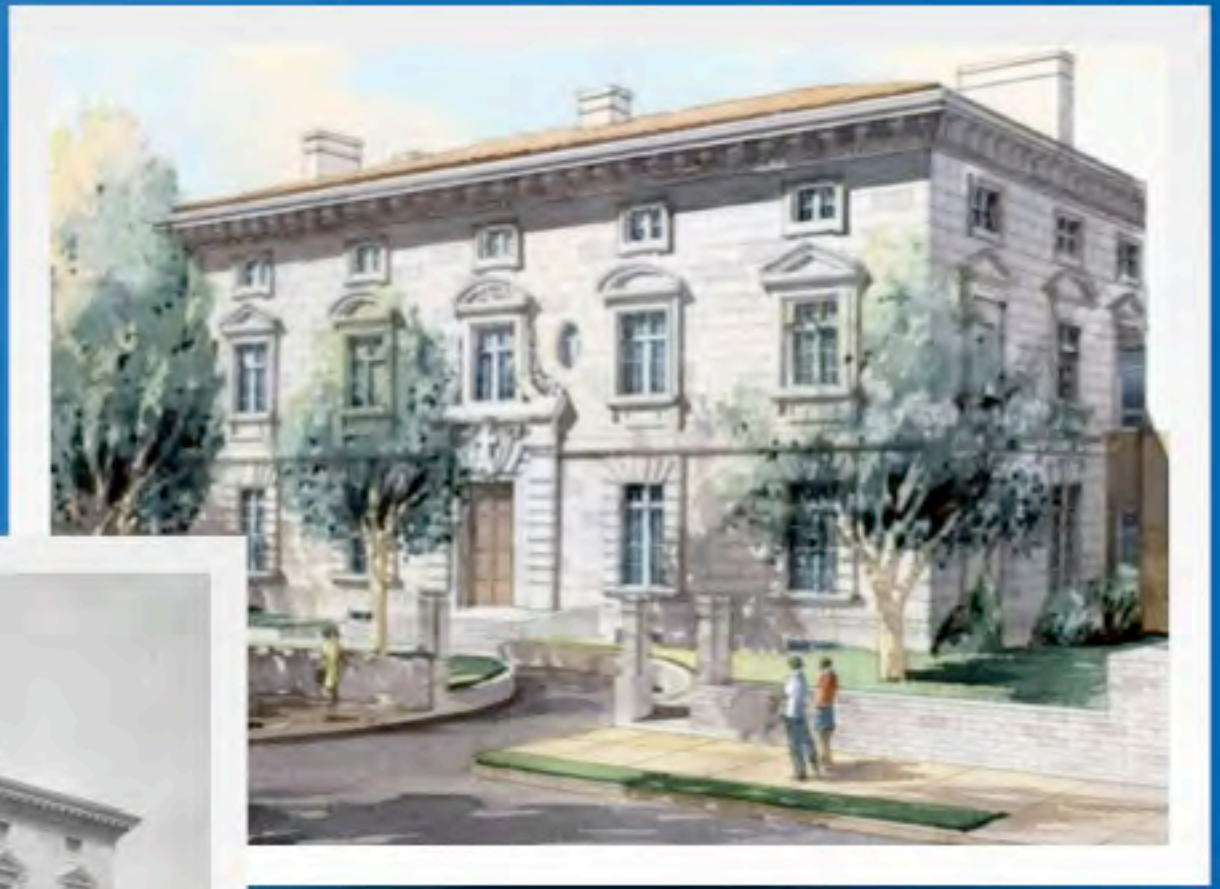
Andrea C. Ferster, ESQ.

at the forefront of historic preservation

established legal framework



Greater 14th Street Historic District

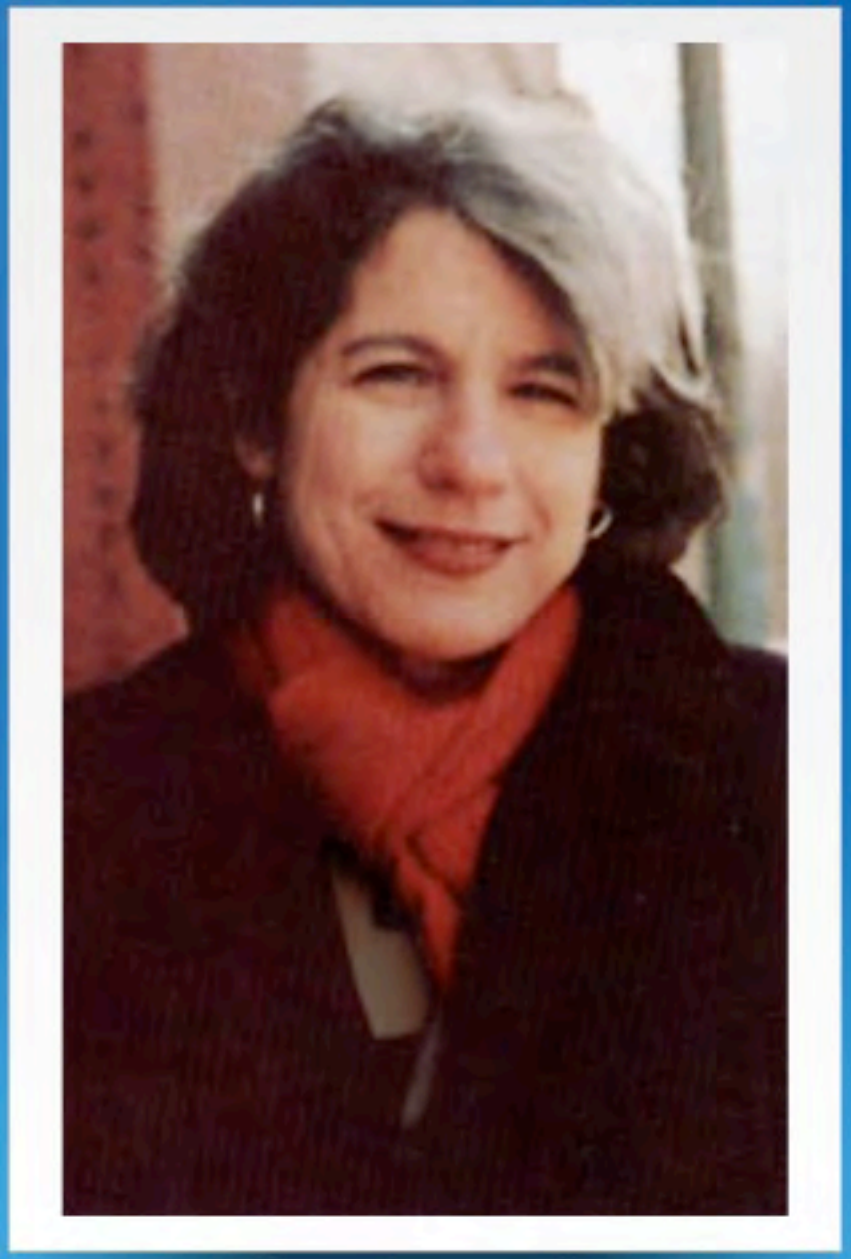


former Embassy of Italy

Victor Building • Webster School

Carroll Square, then & now

brought non-profits equal leverage



preservation advocate

Andrea C. Ferster, ESQ.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD
Chairman's Award for Law and Public Policy

EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC EDUCATION

District of Columbia Neighborhood Heritage Trails

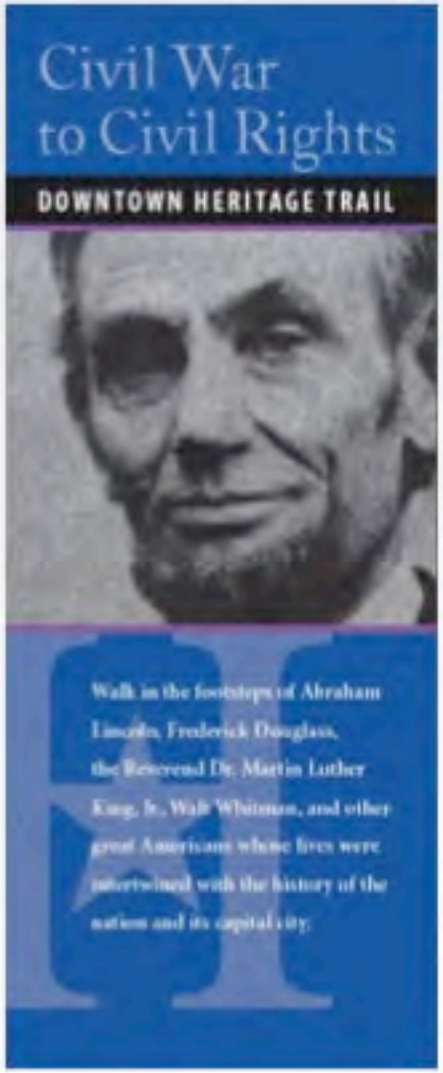
Cultural Tourism DC

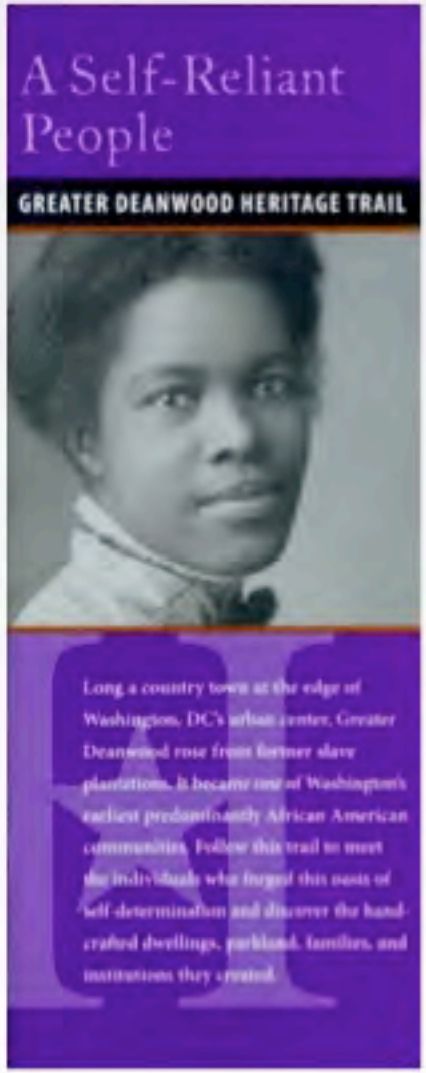
d.

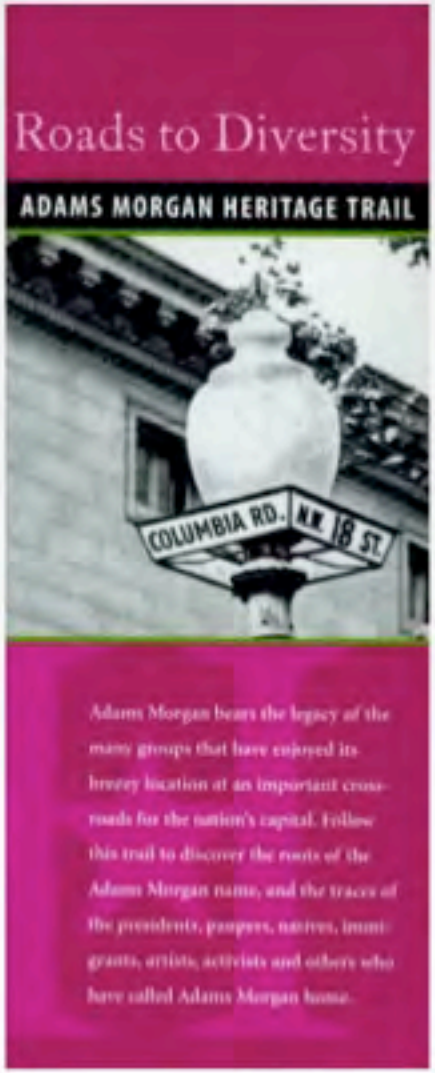
District Department of Transportation

self-guided walks

collecting stories and planning routes & markers


Civil War to Civil Rights
DOWNTOWN HERITAGE TRAIL
Walk in the footsteps of Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Walt Whitman, and other great Americans whose lives were intertwined with the history of the nation and its capital city.


A Self-Reliant People
GREATER DEANWOOD HERITAGE TRAIL
Long a country town at the edge of Washington, DC's urban center, Greater Deanwood rose from former slave plantations. It became one of Washington's earliest predominantly African American communities. Follow this trail to meet the individuals who forged this oasis of self-determination and discover the hand-crafted dwellings, parkland, families, and institutions they created.


Roads to Diversity
ADAMS MORGAN HERITAGE TRAIL
COLUMBIA RD. N.W.
18 ST.
Adams Morgan bears the legacy of the many groups that have enjoyed its breezy location at an important crossroads for the nation's capital. Follow this trail to discover the roots of the Adams Morgan name, and the traces of the presidents, paupers, natives, immigrants, artists, activists and others who have called Adams Morgan home.

Battleground to Community
BRIGHTWOOD HERITAGE TRAIL
A new road linking Washington City with Rockville, Maryland, helped create a village here in the early 1800s. Later, Confederate and Union troops arrived via that road to fight the Battle of Fort Stevens.
Follow this trail to discover how Brightwood honors the past even as it has matured into a modern, urban neighborhood.

iTunes podcast

building Civic pride

STOP
LA PAZ
RESTAURANT
STOP

A Self-Reliant People
GREATER DEANWOOD HERITAGE TRAIL
1
What's Going On

trail signage in Adams-Morgan and Shaw

an innovative model

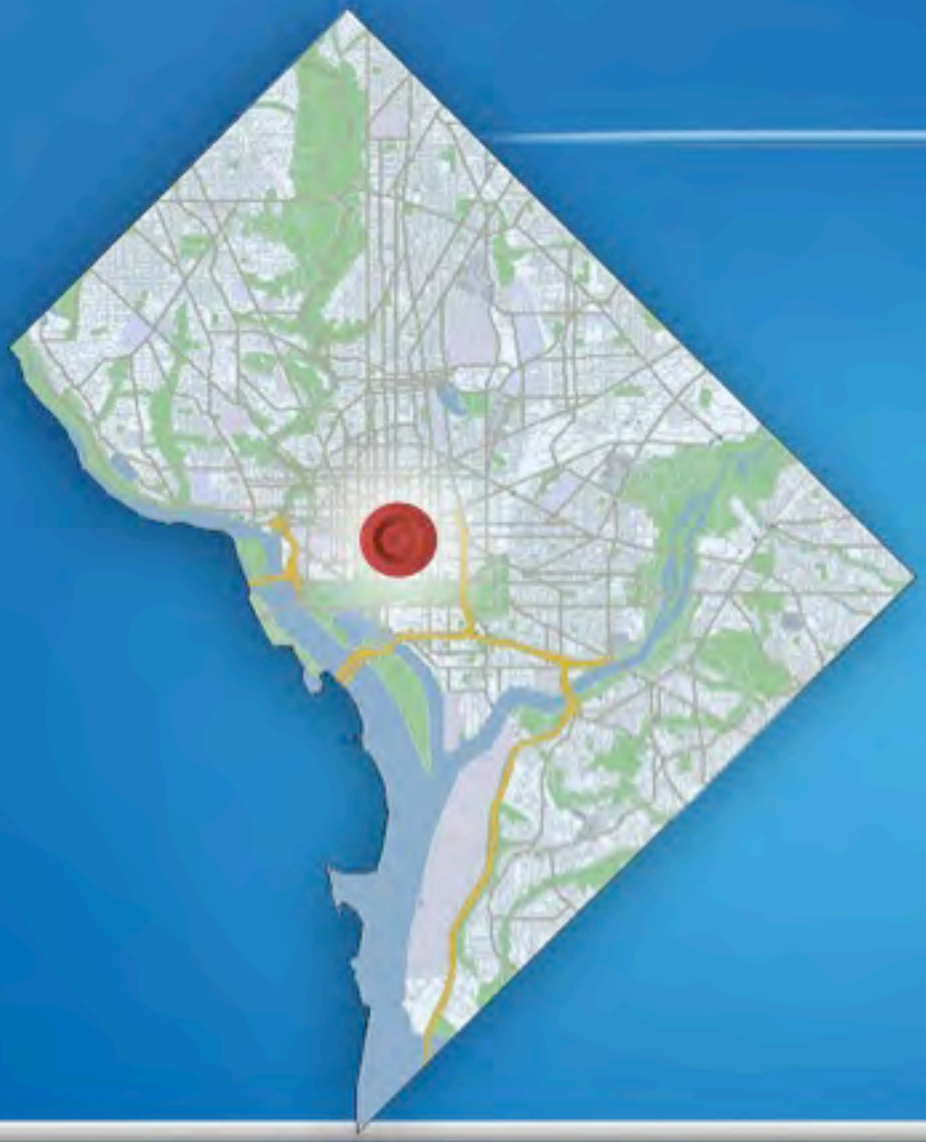
District of Columbia Neighborhood Heritage Trails

Linda Donavan Harper
Jane Fruendel Levey
CULTURAL TOURISM DC
Coleen Hawkinson, DDOT
Kristen Barden, ADAMS MORGAN HERITAGE TRAIL
Patricia Tyson, BRIGHTWOOD HERITAGE TRAIL
Kia Chatmon, DEANWOOD HERITAGE TRAIL
Neal Richardson, MT. PLEASANT HERITAGE TRAIL
Denise Johnson, SHAW HERITAGE TRAIL

EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC EDUCATION

HISTORIC DC PRESERVATION

EXCELLENCE IN REHABILITATION
& NEW CONSTRUCTION



1155 F Street, NW

a new beginning

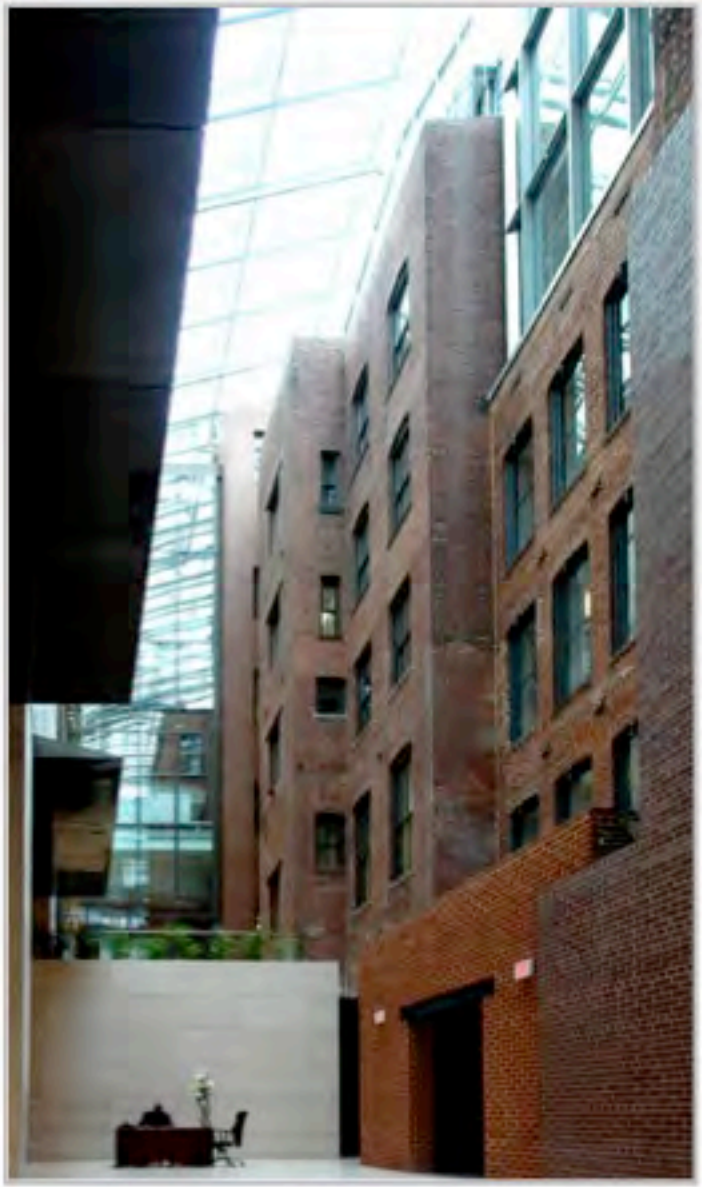
a new beginning

a new beginning

prime storefronts

1929

2009



interior block now part of atrium

contemporary glass additions

1962

1155 F Street, NW

Kevin Milstead, SHALOM BARANES ASSOCIATES

Norman Jemal, DOUGLAS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Elizabeth Conway, HKS, INC.

Laura Hughes, EHT TRACERIES, INC.

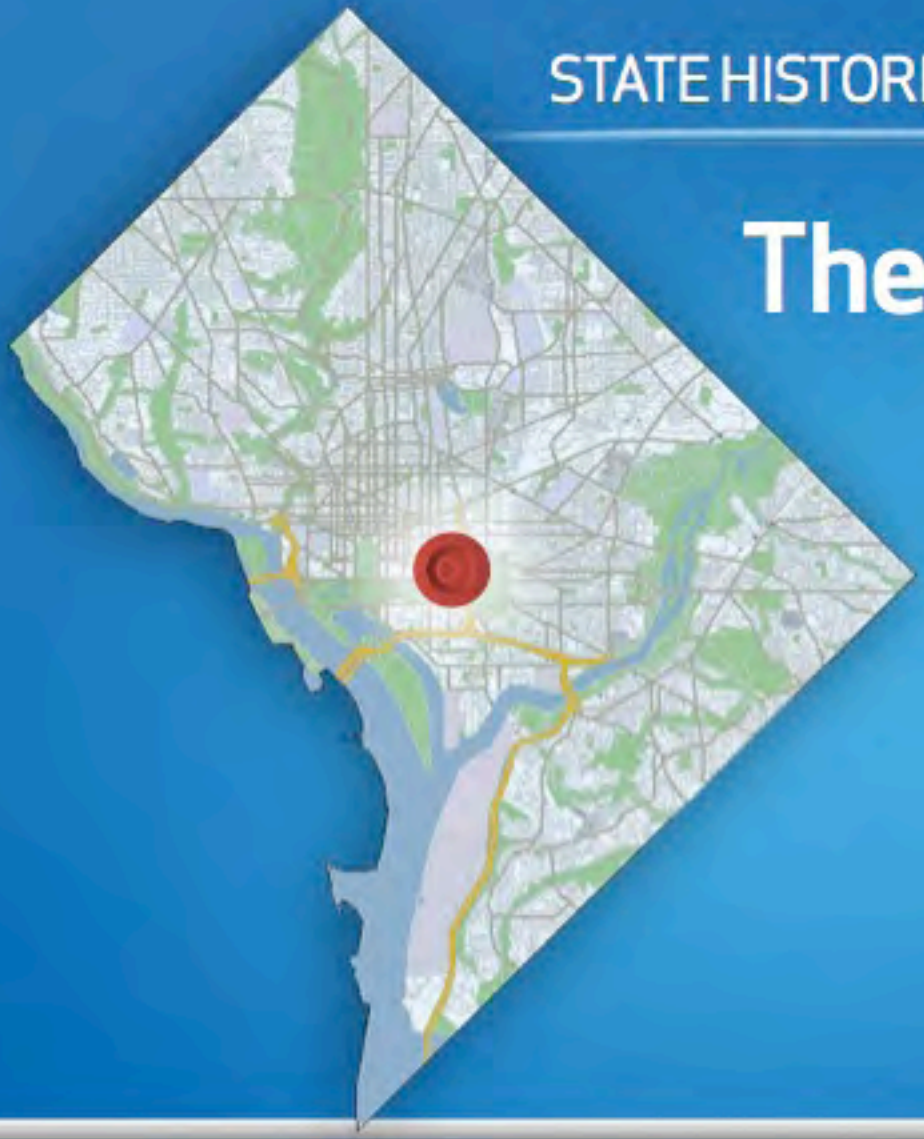
Zivan Cohen, TADJER COHEN EDELSON & ASSOCIATES

Kevin Foote, JAMES G. DAVIS CONSTRUCTION CO.

Bruce White, PEI COBB FREED & PARTNERS ARCHITECTS LLP

EXCELLENCE IN REHABILITATION & NEW CONSTRUCTION

HISTORIC DC DISTRICT

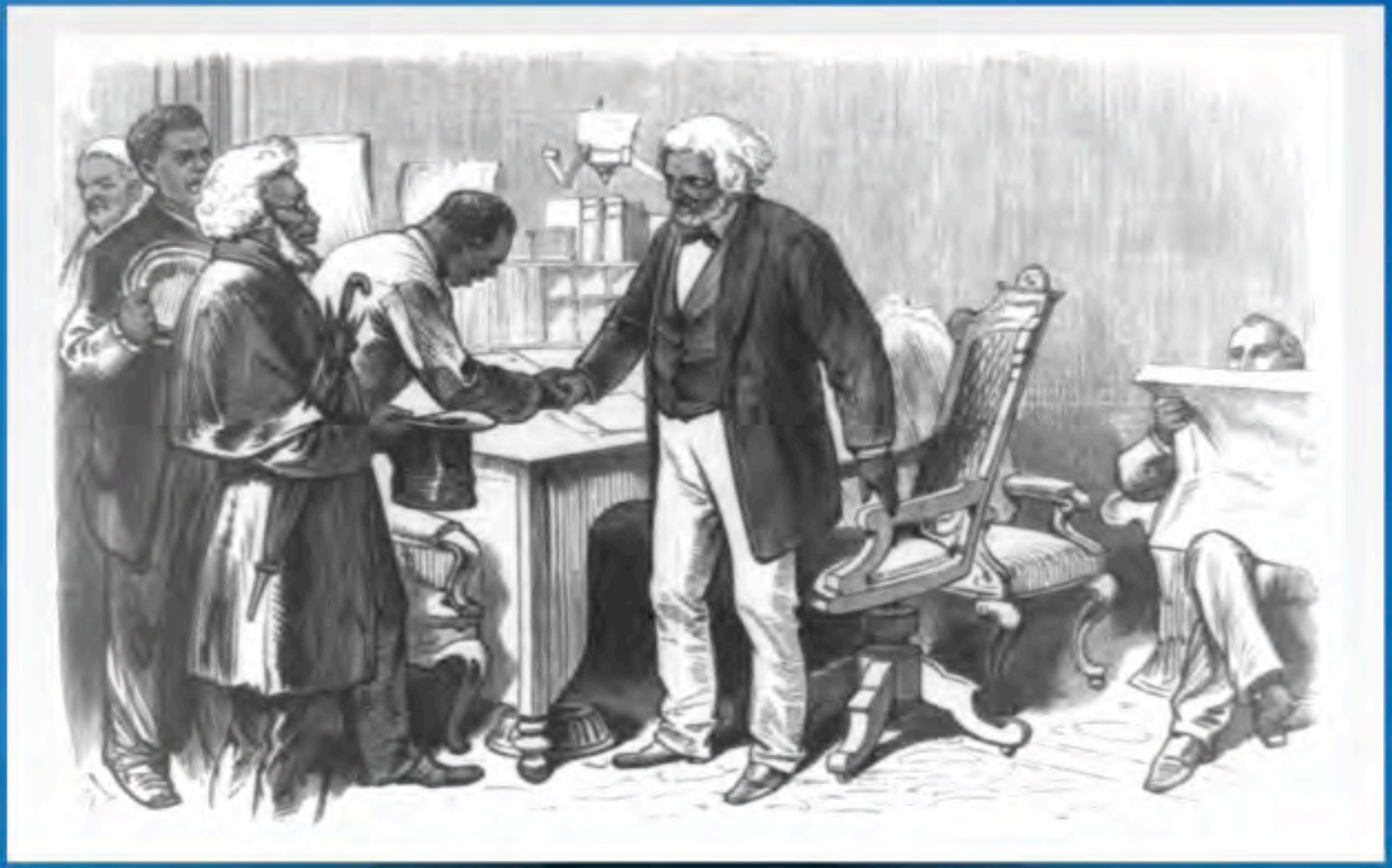


STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER'S AWARD

The Old DC Courthouse

430 E Street, NW

Washington City Hall c. 1850 (including proposed – but never built– central dome)



DC newspaper reporting Frederick Douglass receiving citizens at City Hall in 1877

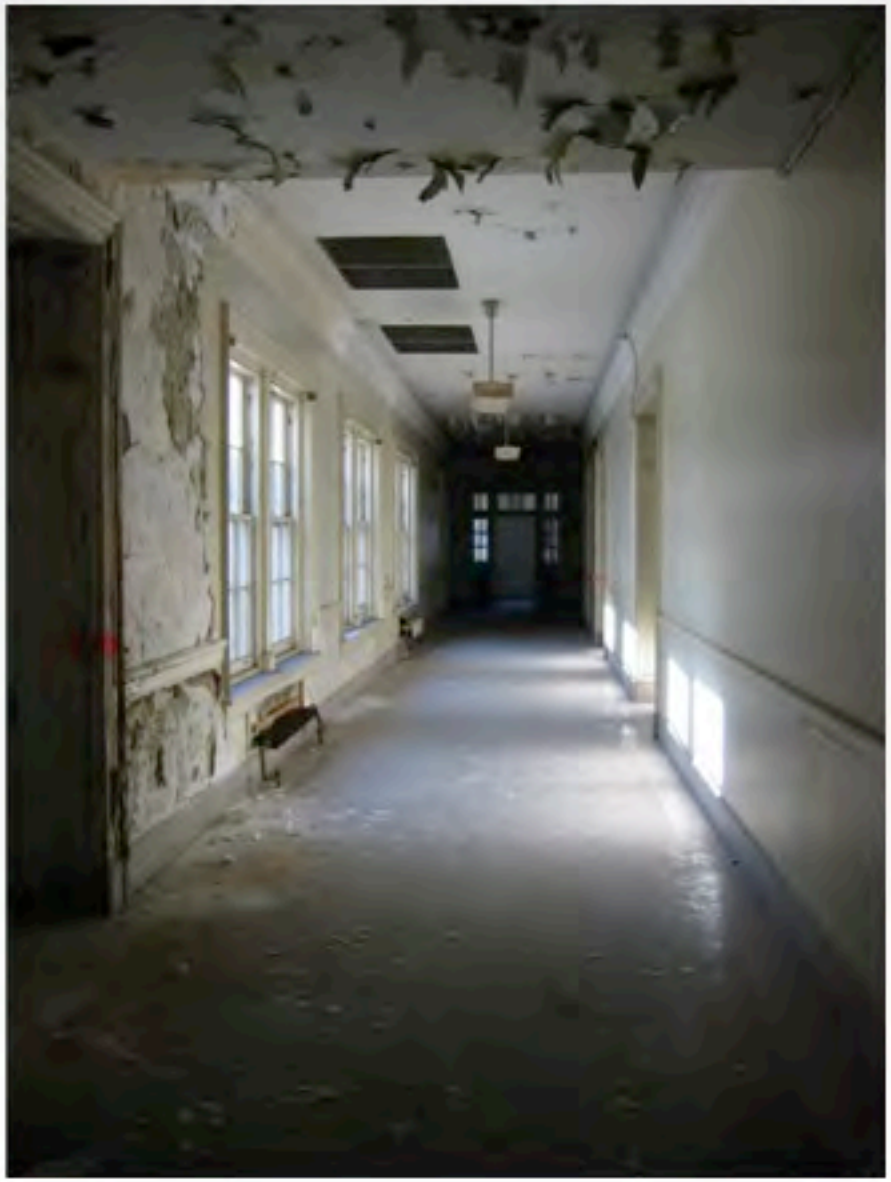
c. 1900

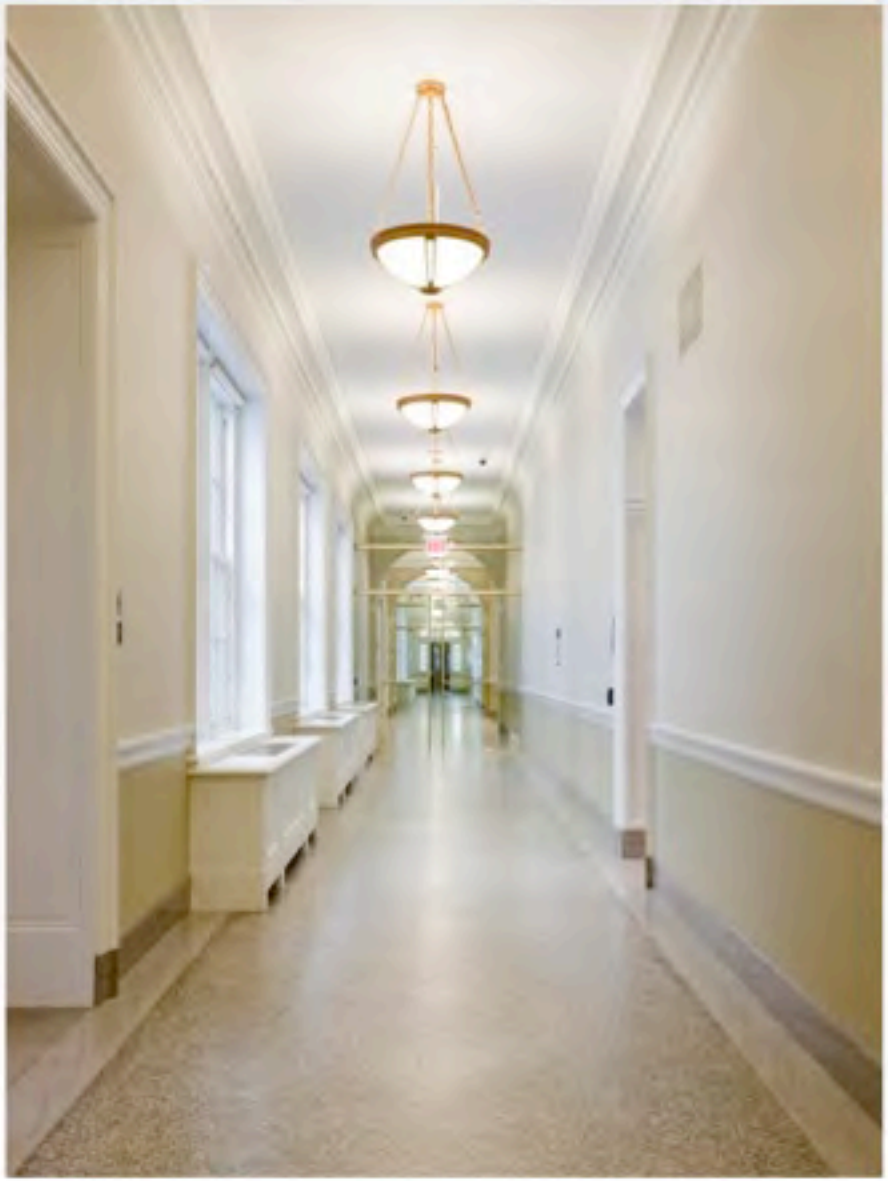
listed in the National Register

façade in disrepair

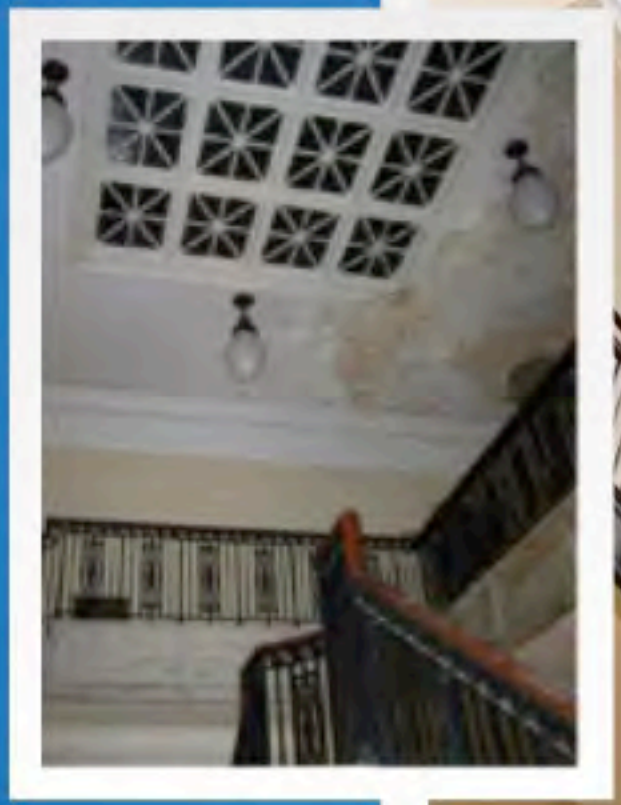
interior 1970

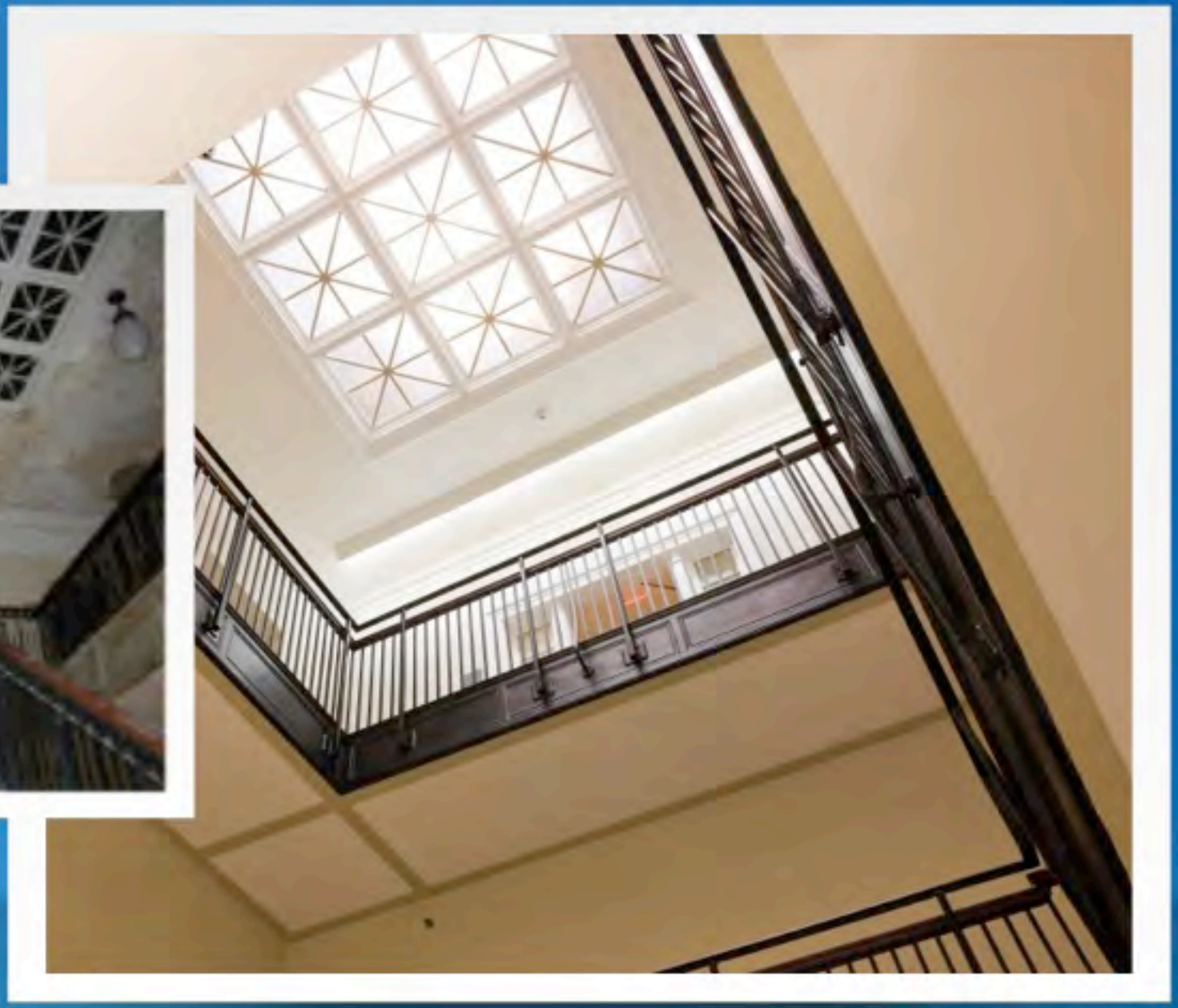
transformation begins





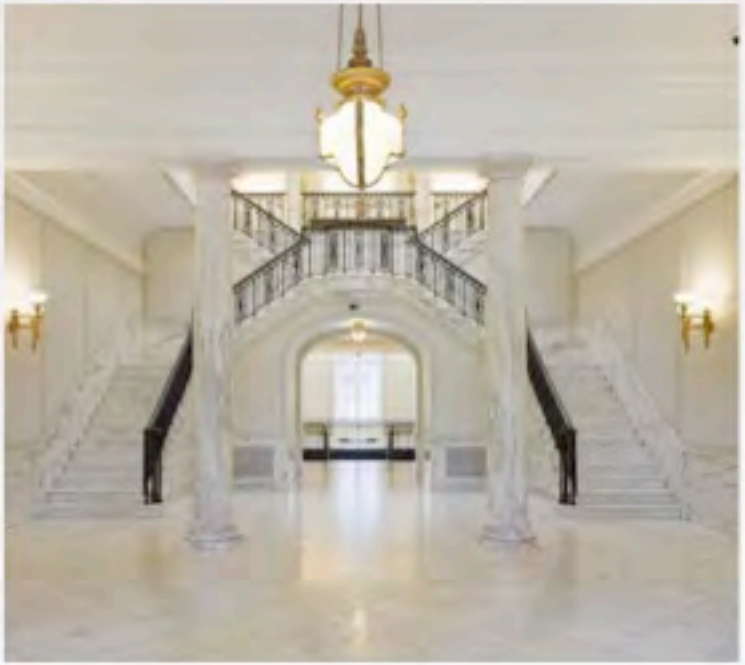
interior hallway, before & after





reopened skylights

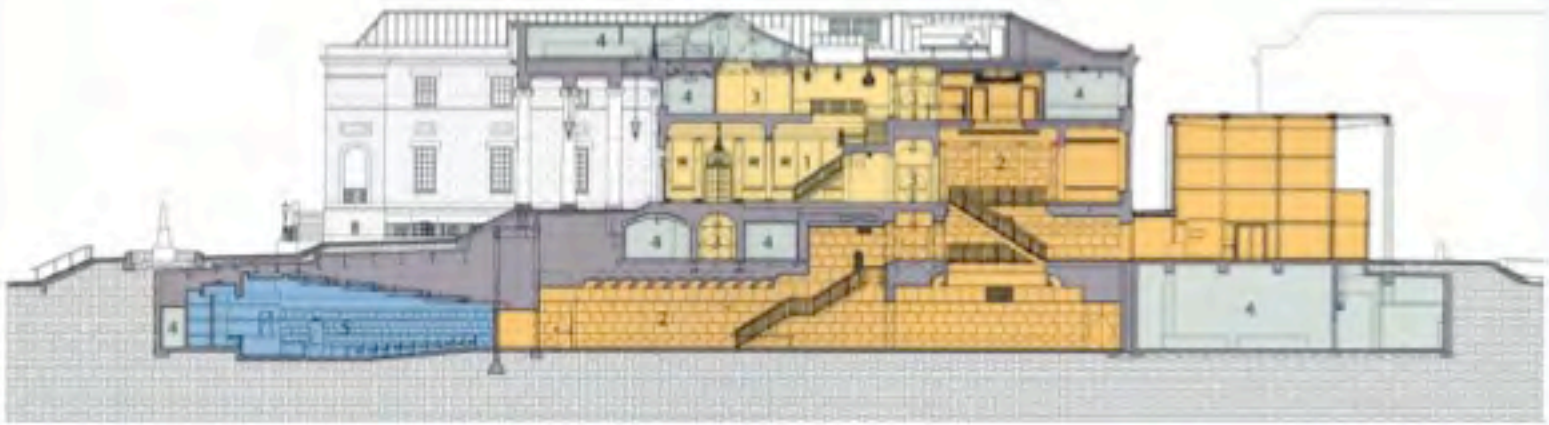
courtroom, before & after



interior spaces

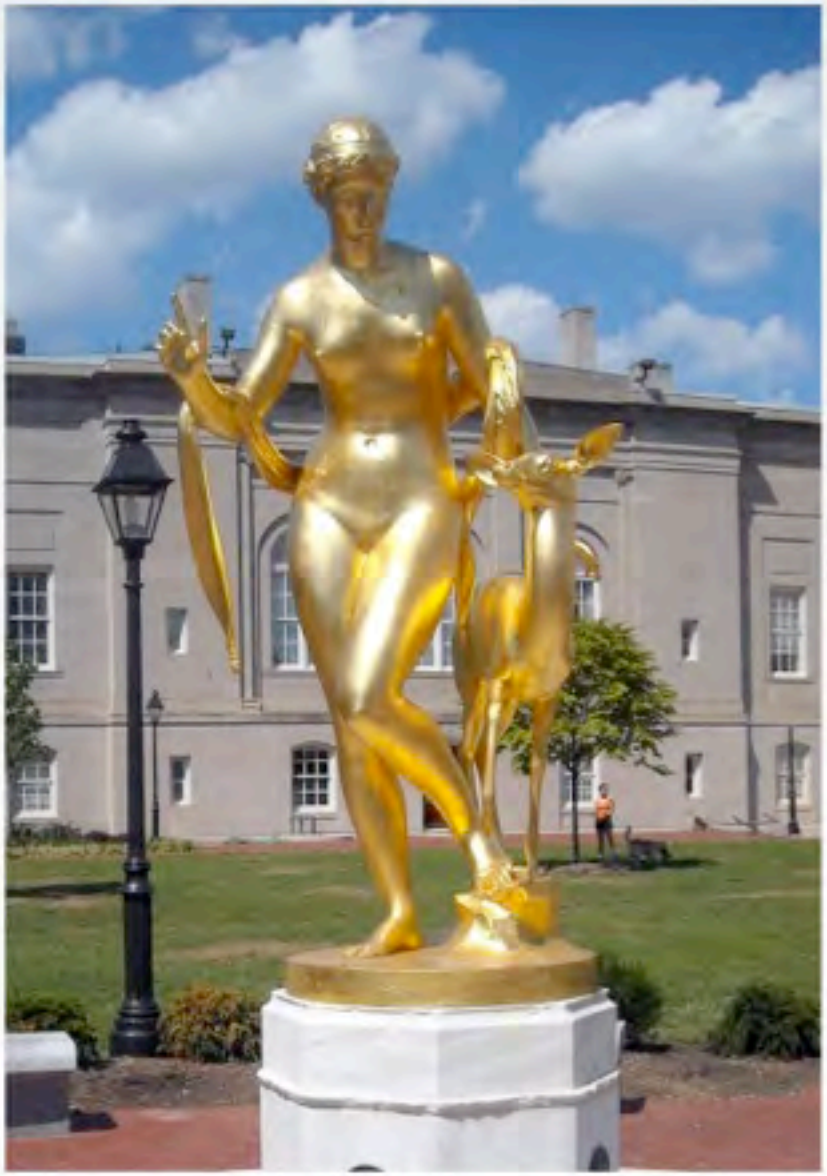
south portico suspended during construction

new main entrance



underground facilities

grounds repair • period exterior lamp posts



reguilded Darlington Fountain

rededicated Lincoln statue

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURT OF APPEALS

The Old DC Courthouse

Hany Hassan, AIA
BEYER BLINDER BELLE ARCHITECTS & PLANNERS LLP

Chief Judge Eric T. Washington,
Senior Judge Annice M. Wagner & Joseph E. Sanchez, Jr.
THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS

Walter H. Boyson
CHARRON CONSULTING

Edward Gomez
HENSEL PHELPS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

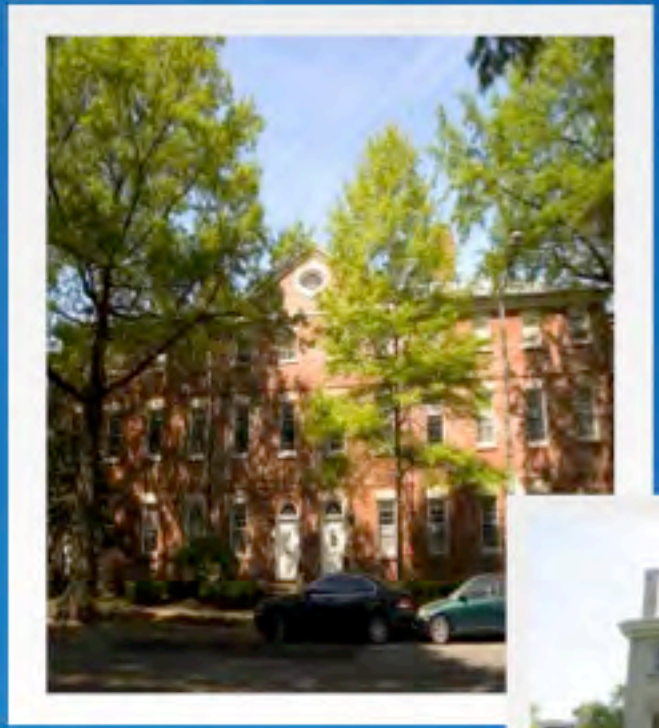
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER'S AWARD

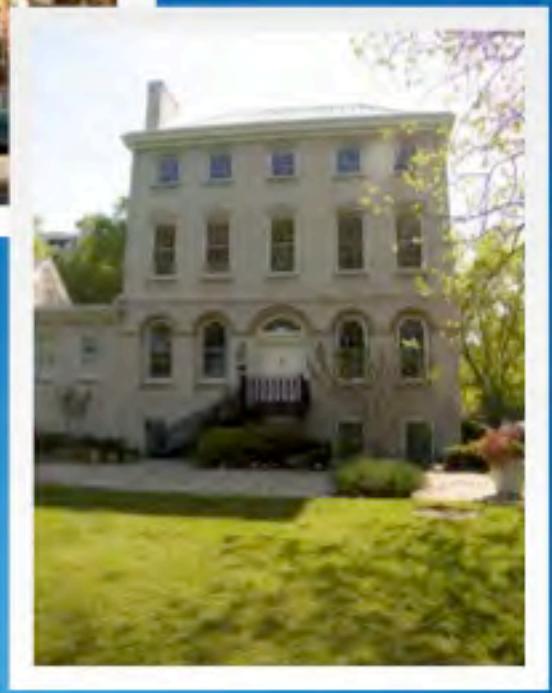
HISTORIC DC PRESERVATION

INDIVIDUAL LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

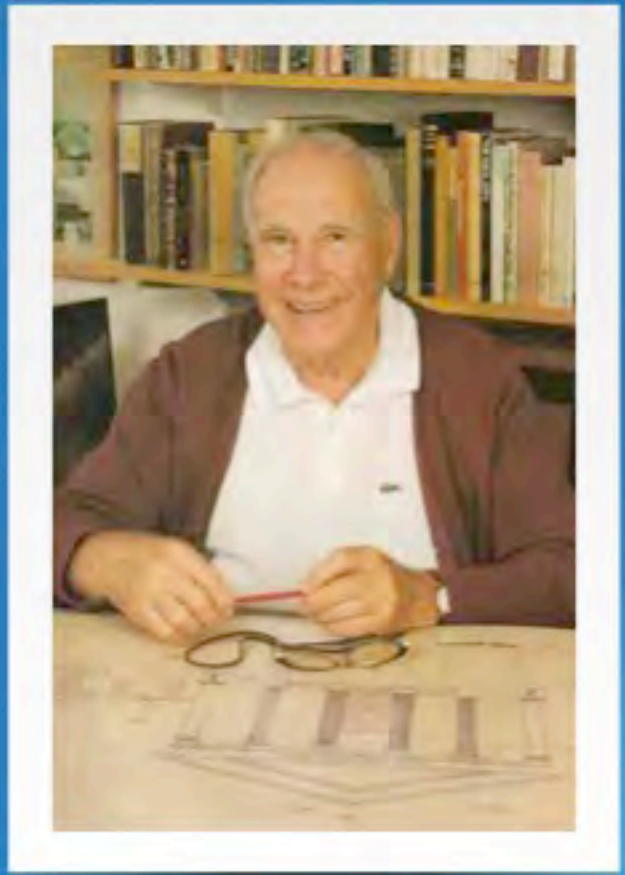
Colden Florance, FAIA, LEED AP

immeasurable impact





Chloethiel Woodard Smith • Federal-era buildings in Southwest



Francis Donald Lethbridge • Thomas Law House at Tiber Island

Historic Preservation Review Board 1982-1989

community leadership

AIA

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BUILDING
INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION

Colden Florance, FAIA, LEED AP

INDIVIDUAL LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

HISTORIC DC PRESERVATION

HISTORIC

DC

PRESERVATION