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*Helping people protect and preserve the historic places that matter to them*

## To Save Hoke House

Spring Grove, Pa. -- [Friends of the Hoke House](#) are racing the clock to beat a December 31st deadline for bringing the mid-17th-century house up to compliance with local code.

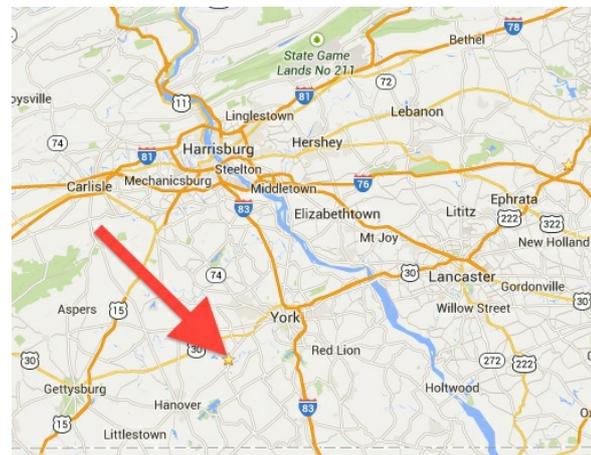
Hoke House, located on a triangle of green at Roths Church Road and Route 116, is likely one of the oldest buildings in York County, according to York County Heritage Trust records.



The building is owned by Rutter's Farm Stores, a chain of convenience stores in Pennsylvania and Maryland, which agreed not to demolish it as long as the structure is maintained. Rutter's will continue lawn care and pay taxes, liability insurance and electricity, while the Friends group must meet the compliance deadline, take on responsibility for the structure's physical condition and find a new use within the next three years.

An estimated cost for rehabilitating the centuries-old building is \$690,000. None of the work can be performed by volunteers, as the agreement requires insured contractors. In the short term, the estimated cost of bringing the building up to code is \$10,000. The Spring Grove Historical Society has contributed \$5,000.

Great progress has been made to meet the initial December 31 code compliance deadline. They are only \$300 away from meeting their goal of \$5,000 to match the historical society donation. The next stage will be fundraising for rehabilitation, and developing a new use plan.



Donations of any size are welcome, or consider a gift in the name of a history-loving relative or friend. Make checks payable to Preservation Pennsylvania (257 North Street, Harrisburg 17101), which is acting as a nonprofit fiscal manager for the Friends group. Write "Hoke House Fund" in the memo section of your check.

## Crawford County Historical Society fundraising to save Victorian mansion

Meadville, Pa. – The Tarr Mansion at 871-873 Diamond Park was built in 1866-67 by James Tarr, one of the first oil millionaires in the United States. A

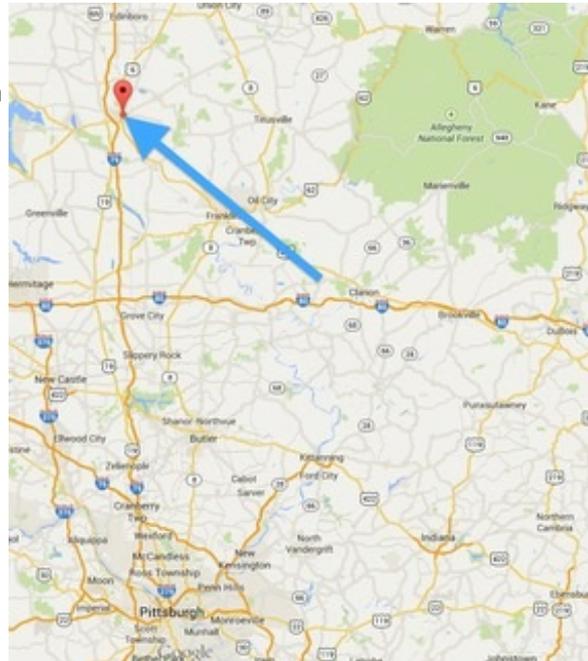


portion of his vast fortune went toward construction of this house, which features an Italianate brick exterior and quality materials inside including beautifully-detailed plaster crown moldings and almost a dozen marble and black walnut fireplace mantels.



A local historical society hopes to save the landmark from the landfill and is fundraising to purchase and rehabilitate it. A portion of the building would be used as their headquarters. Their \$630,000 goal includes the sale price, rehabilitation and systems upgrades. The society's long term plan for the mansion includes income-producing options that will help pay for ongoing maintenance.

Initially threatened with demolition as part of a multi-million dollar courthouse expansion, the Tarr Mansion was issued a temporary reprieve by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners after public input favored saving the building and its Diamond Park context. The historical society is now hoping that community support will extend to financial contributions to the preservation fund. They have reached over one third of their goal so far, raising \$247,000 through bequests and donations.



Tax-deductible donations for the [Tarr Mansion Campaign](#) may be made to the Crawford County Historical Society's Tarr Mansion Fund, P.O. Box 871, Meadville, Pa. 16335. For more information, contact the Crawford County Historical Society at 814/333-9882.

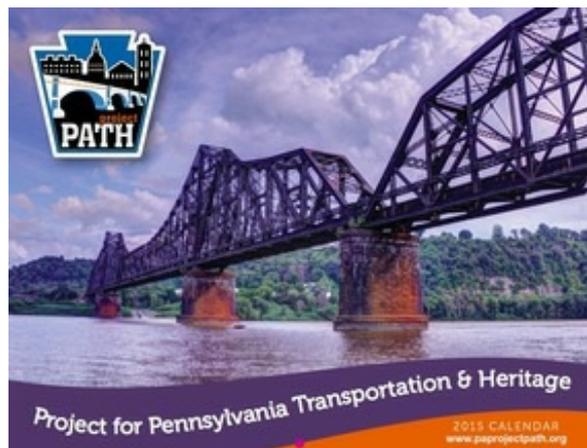
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## Compliments of the Season

The ProjectPATH Photo Contest calendar is hot off the presses and features a beautiful array of Pennsylvania scenes related to transportation history.

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[ProjectPATH](#) is a searchable online resource created by PennDOT and Preservation Pennsylvania that allows anyone to participate in PennDOT's efforts to consider the impacts of a transportation project to historic properties.



The goal of this agency/public interaction is to identify historic properties potentially affected by the project, assess potential effects, and collaborate on solutions to avoid, minimize, or mitigate any adverse effects on historic properties.

You can [browse a map](#) showing current projects, and by visiting [search.paprojectpath.org](http://search.paprojectpath.org) and clicking "Share your voice" you can sign up to receive email notifications from PennDOT inviting your comments at important decision points in the transportation project design.

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## Nominations now open for the National Trust for Historic Preservation's list of "America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places"

Since 1988, the National Trust has used its list of America's [11 Most Endangered Historic Places](#) to raise awareness about the threats facing some of the nation's greatest treasures. The list, which has identified 253 sites to date, has been so successful in galvanizing preservation efforts that only a handful of sites have been lost.

The "11 Most" list is one of its most powerful tools for raising awareness about beloved threatened pieces of our national heritage and is also one of the Trust's largest programs, involving several departments across the organization.

If you would like to raise awareness of an important threatened historic place, please consider nominating it to the list.

**Nominations will be accepted through March 2, 2015.**

You can also help spread the word about nominations by sharing it on your social channels and using the hashtag #11Most

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