Originally published in 1936, *The Early Architecture of Western Pennsylvania* by Charles Morse Stotz (1898-1985) has long been valued for its documentation of the wealth of the region's architecture from the colonial period and the early years of the new republic.

This new edition, with an insightful introductory essay by noted architectural historian Dell Upton, not only reproduces the fine measured drawings and photographs of the original publication, it also places Stotz's work in the context of nationwide efforts in the 1920s and 1930s to document the wealth and character of regional early American architecture. Upton notes, in words that ironically mirror efforts by our own generation of preservationists, that Stotz, like so many of his colleagues in other parts of the nation, combed the countryside to survey and record old buildings before they disappeared in the wake of the effects of urban industrialization. "These fieldworkers saw themselves as members of a vast disaster-relief army working feverishly in advance of a flood," writes Upton in describing architects like Stotz who saw a passing era and attempted valiantly to record and preserve it. Yet Stotz saw the dilemma that change so often brings. Upton quotes his comment, "The excellent modern roads which made the Survey trips possible likewise spelled the speedy end of many of these structures, in opening sections of the country which had lain dormant since early times."

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Stotz's search for what Upton calls the Other America - a purer and simpler America of the colonial past - was grounded in his training as an architect and his love of old buildings. The son of prominent Pittsburgh architect Edward Stotz, Charles Morse Stotz studied at the Carnegie Institute of Technology and completed his bachelor's and master's degrees in architecture at Cornell University. Following an architectural apprenticeship in New York, he returned to Pittsburgh to join his father's firm in 1923. The years of the Great Depression held limited opportunities for designing and constructing new buildings, and Stotz first turned his talents to Pittsburgh's literary circles, publishing both comment and drawings in magazines of the period. But it was his interest in historic buildings that led him, in the early 1930s, to launch the Western Pennsylvania Architectural Survey, which Upton identifies as the largest nongovernmental undertaking of its kind during the period. The systematic survey of structures built before 1860 began in 1932 with a grant of $6,500 from the Buhl Foundation and culminated in the publication of *The Early Architecture of Western Pennsylvania* in 1936. In 1995, the Buhl Foundation is once again assisting with the production of this new edition of the book.

In celebration of the publication of the new edition of *The Early Architecture of Western Pennsylvania*, Preservation Pennsylvania hosted a gala evening at the Isaac Meason House on November 17. To the buildings chronicled by Stotz in the 1930s, the Meason House is unequivocally the finest. Designated a National Historic Landmark and listed in the first (1992) *Pennsylvania at Risk*, the house survives in a severely compromised loss of context with continued threats from area mining activity and commercial intrusions. Despite these obstacles, owners of the house are committed to the preservation of this premier example of the Georgian period Palladian villa in America.

*To purchase a copy of The Early Architecture of Western Pennsylvania at a special price for members and friends of Preservation Pennsylvania, see enclosed flyer.*
LEGISLATIVE REPORT
FEDERAL LEGISLATION

Homeowners Tax Credit Bill

The Historic Homeownership Assistance Act tax credit proposal (HR1662; S1002) has become part of the budget reconciliation process. Efforts are underway to attach the Senate version of the bill (S1002) to the Finance Committee’s title of the budget reconciliation bill. Pennsylvania Representatives Phillip English and Paul McHale are supporting HR1662. Other Pennsylvania legislators should be encouraged to support this important legislation.

The legislation would amend the Internal Revenue Code to provide a credit against income tax to individuals who rehabilitate historic homes or who are the first purchasers of rehabilitated historic homes for use as a principal residence.

Property Rights

Introduced by Senators Dole, Hatch and Gramm, the Omnibus Property Rights Act of 1995 (S605) seeks to establish a uniform and more efficient Federal process for protecting property owners’ rights guaranteed by the fifth amendment. According to the American Resources Information Network (ARIN) which is leading the opposition to the bill, S605 provides for compensation in the event of the diminution in value of even a small portion of a property. The new entitlement program created by the legislation would mandate massive new taxpayer funded payments. Pennsylvania Senator Arlen Specter is a crucial swing vote on the Senate Judiciary Committee which will be voting on S605 in November.

Appropriations

The House-Senate Interior Appropriations Conference Committee met in September and approved funding levels for FY96 that reduce overall federal funding for historic preservation by 13%. The National Trust will receive $3.5 million (a reduction of 50% from FY95 funding); the Advisory Council saw a cut from $3.068 to $2.5 million (15% reduction); and state historic preservation offices were cut from $34,434 in the FY95 to $32,712 for FY96 (5% reduction). The committee report also extended the transition period for the National Trust to replace all federal funds from one year to three years. Other federal cuts affecting historic preservation activities are reductions in the National Endowment for the Arts (40%), the National Endowment for the Humanities (37%) and the Institute of Museum Services (27%).

Advocacy and Nonprofits

The House voted to retain an amendment, included as part of the FY96 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations bill, that would restrict advocacy by nonprofits receiving federal funding. If this amendment survives as part of an appropriations bill, nonprofits would be ineligible for federal funding if more than 5% of their non-grant funds are used for advocacy.

Highway Legislation

Legislation providing for the designation of the National Highway System has passed the House (HR2274) and Senate (S440) and now moves to conference committee. Language in the House version would allow states to raid unobligated funding set aside for enhancements under the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA). This is money that can be used for historic preservation projects like the Greensburg Train Station and other transportation-related projects across Pennsylvania. Other provisions in the House bill, including a weakening of the prohibition against new billboards on scenic byways, are also the focus of a coalition of organizations interested in ISTEA enhancements working to convince the Senate conferees not to accept these provisions of the House bill. NHS legislation conferees include Pennsylvania Representatives Bud Shuster and William F. Clinger.

Telecommunications

Legislation recently passed in the House (HR1555) and the Senate (S625) to promote competition and deregulation in the telecommunications industry could affect historic areas. Language in the legislation would restrict local authority over the siting of cellular telephone towers. The National Trust reports as many as 100,000 sites for towers of 150-200 feet in height may be necessary to meet the demand in a deregulated cellular market. The Trust is working with the National League of Cities, the American Planning Association and other organizations to urge Senate conferees not to accept any language that restricts the zoning and land-use regulatory powers of local governments.

The above information on federal legislation was prepared with assistance from the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

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PA AT RISK
Update

The Shoe House (PA at Risk 1994) was featured in recent issues of People magazine and the Wall Street Journal after it was purchased by York resident Ruth Miller. Located in Hellam, York County, the unusual residence in the shape of a work boot was built in 1947 by shoe company owner Mahlon Haines. The building was restored in the late 1980s by Haines granddaughter, who opened the Shoe as a museum and gift shop. When she was no longer financially able to keep the building, it was put on the market in early 1995. Mrs. Miller is proud of her new purchase which she opens for tours and operates as an antiques and gift shop. With a covenant on the property held by Historic York, Inc., the future for the Shoe seems bright and its place secure along the York County stretch of the Lincoln Highway.

The fate of Bomberger's Distillery (PA at Risk 1994) is uncertain following years of neglect and a recent court order to deal with the large quantity of whiskey stored at the site. The cell to "abate a nuisance" requires that measures be taken to eliminate the whiskey, which is viewed as the enticement to increasing vandalism at the Lebanon County National Historic Landmark. This past summer, a team from the Bureau for Historic Preservation spent a day at the site documenting the buildings, machinery, and other artifacts.

Adding to the ongoing problems for owners of the Isaac Meason House (PA at Risk 1992) was notification in 1993 by Harleysville

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Mutual Insurance Company that their homeowners insurance would not be renewed. Harleysville argued that the owners were ineligible for homeowner’s coverage because the “dwelling was no longer used exclusively for residential purposes” since the owners were giving tours and holding open houses on their property. Following an initial ruling in favor of the insurance company by the Insurance Department of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Meason House owners, assisted by legal counsel provided by Preservation Pennsylvania, filed an appeal before the Insurance Commissioner. In a recent ruling with encouraging implications for other owners of historic properties, the Commissioner found in favor of the Meason House owners, citing that they “…were not charging for tours but were merely sharing the Meason House’s culture and heritage with invited guests.”

Sadly we report the loss of the Path Valley Turnpike Rest Stop (PA at Risk 1995) to arson on September 29, 1995. One of the last, intact, original Pennsylvania rest stops which opened in 1940, Path Valley had been closed for a number of years. Discussions of its reuse as an interpretive center on the highway did not move forward in time to save this important structure.

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SPRAWL SUMMIT CONVENES IN LANCASTER

Sprawl, its impact on Pennsylvania’s environment, and what can be done to change direction in future planning for the Commonwealth, is the subject of a two day gathering in Lancaster, December 6-7. Initiated by Preservation Pennsylvania, the meeting is cosponsored by the Bureau for Historic Preservation, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission; Center for Rural Pennsylvania; Countryside Institute; Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County; Lancaster County Citizens for Responsible Growth; Lancaster Farmland Trust; National Trust for Historic Preservation; Natural Lands Trust; Pennsylvania Downtown Center; and the Pennsylvania Environmental Council.

Representatives of concerned organizations from across the Commonwealth are invited to participate in the meeting which sees as its potential outcome the formation of a coalition that can work for change in Pennsylvania’s state enabling legislation to permit and encourage regional and statewide planning initiatives.

Richard Moe, president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, will open the sessions on Wednesday, December 6. Also scheduled to speak are state Senator David J. Brightbill (Lancaster) and Lancaster County commissioner Terry L. Kaufman. Participating organizations are asked to prepare position statements on the issue of sprawl and proposed solutions. Roundtable discussions on Wednesday afternoon, with presentation of results to the full conference on Thursday morning, will focus on heritage issues, public infrastructure, regional planning and zoning/ private property issues, rural resources, and urban issues. Roundtables will give participants the opportunity to discuss aspects of sprawl, the effects on particular resources, and identify ways to address problems with specific solutions.

For information on the meeting and registration, contact: Preservation Pennsylvania, 717-569-2243.

MISSION STATEMENT
Preservation Pennsylvania, through creative partnerships, targeted educational and advocacy programs, advisory assistance, and special projects, assists Pennsylvania communities to protect and utilize the historic resources they want to preserve for the future.
PLACES

COATESVILLE

The Lukens Historic District was dedicated as a National Historic Landmark on October 21. The district, which includes four buildings along South First Street - Brandywine Mansion, Terracina, Graystone, and the Lukens Main Office Building, is significant in the history of the American iron and steel industry. The district is named for Rebecca Lukens (1794-1854) who managed and owned the Brandywine Ironworks, later Lukens Steel Company, in the period before the Civil War. As the matriarch of this industrial dynasty, Rebecca Lukens was the only woman in America in the antebellum period to head a heavy industry that had interstate and international interests.

HARRISBURG

The Capitol Preservation Committee received one of ten National Preservation Honor Awards from the National Trust for Historic Preservation for their efforts to restore the Pennsylvania State Capitol.

The Historic Midtown Market District has been designated as a Main Street urban revitalization program by the Department of Community Affairs. The district includes six blocks of North Third Street from Forster to Reily and includes the historic Broad Street Farmers Market which has been the area's retail anchor since the Civil War. The program will hire a Main Street manager to work with area merchants and residents to encourage economic development, business retention, historic preservation, signage and streetscape enhancements and local funding.

CONNEAUT LAKE

The Conneaut Lake Park Preservation Fund has formed to save this 1892 amusement park and related buildings located on 155 acres near Meadville in northwestern Pennsylvania. Operated continuously for 103 years, the park did not open this past summer. The owners' bankruptcy is forcing liquidation of the company's assets and preservationists fear this may mean the end of the park which could be subdivided in the sale. For many years a popular summer vacation destination for western Pennsylvania families, the area offered a hotel, cottages, and a wide array of recreational activities. The Bureau for Historic Preservation has declared the park eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. For more information on preservation efforts, contact Patricia Hutton, Conneaut Lake Preservation Fund, Suite 348, Box 181, 5600 William Flynn Highway, Gibsonia, PA 15044.

PHILADELPHIA

With funding from The Pew Charitable Trusts, the Center City District (CCD) has launched a demonstration program to stimulate the reuse and renovation of older commercial buildings. Having identified more than a dozen underutilized commercial buildings east of Broad Street between Chestnut and Walnut, the CCD is preparing plans for reusing the properties which will be developed into case studies and presented in the form of a guidebook for property owners.

PITTSBURGH

The Fulton Theater, Pittsburgh's oldest surviving vaudeville house, reopened in October as the Byham Theater with a new marquee, vestibule, and lobby. With support from the Howard Heinz Endowment, the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust purchased the theater in 1990 and began the renovation process to return the theater to prominence as an arts and entertainment destination. A $3 million gift from the Byham Family will allow the Trust to continue the renovation process and is part of The Cultural Trust Campaign for a Dynamic Downtown.

The Pennsylvania State Supreme Court has agreed to hear an appeal in the Howe-Childs-Gateway House case. Located on the corner of Fifth Avenue and Woodland Road in Pittsburgh and designated historic by City Council in 1986, the 135-year old Gothic Revival house
has been in jeopardy since 1989 when owners Alvin and Shirley Weinberg, who purchased the property in 1987 knowing of its historic designation, applied to the city for a demolition permit. The owners claimed that there is no viable economic use for the property and that they will suffer an economic hardship if demolition is denied. The demolition permit was denied by the City’s Historic Review Commission (HRC). This decision was appealed to the Court of Common Pleas which reversed the HRC decision; the Commonwealth Court subsequently upheld the Common Pleas decision. Local preservation advocates with support from the National Trust and the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission will continue to be involved in this important case as it goes before the State Supreme Court. The case clearly could have far reaching implications for decisions on economic hardship involving other historic properties.

SINKING SPRING

The history of White’s School in Cumru Township, Berks County, was the subject of a recent issue of Governor Mifflin Area History. Located on a small branch of the Wyomissing Creek, the 1863 stone school building welcomed students until 1932 when the property was sold by the Cumru school directors. The building has since been converted to a residence, now owned by Preservation Pennsylvania members Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Wendler, who are preserving this and an 18th century house in Cumru which they also own.

WAYMART

The Waymart Area Historical Society is planning the rehabilitation of the 1875 Delaware and Hudson Gravity Railroad Depot in Waymart Borough. The building is the only extant depot from the 16 7/8 miles of the pioneer gravity operated railway that hauled anthracite coal over the Moosic Mountain on its way to New York City during the years 1829 to 1899. For more information contact: Waymart Area Historical Society, PO Box 255, Waymart PA 18472; 717-488-6134.

WILKINSBURG

SAVE THE GARAGE has formed to save and preserve the small red-brick garage in which Frank Conrad founded the broadcast-industry in 1919-20. Conrad, who was born in Pittsburgh and worked for Westinghouse, first became interested in radio in 1912 and by 1916 was operating an amateur radio station licensed as 8XX. During WWI, when other amateur stations were banned from operating, Conrad’s station was used by the government for communications experiments because of its technological sophistication. After the war, Conrad began playing phonograph records over the air as a way to save his voice. The innovation caught listeners’ attention and they soon phoned him with requests. Music, news, and eventually advertising - at first for the local music store that lent him recordings when his own collection had been exhausted - became the components of what we now know as broadcast radio. Conrad’s amateur efforts soon led to what is considered the first true commercial radio broadcast on November 2, 1920 with returns of the Harding-Cox presidential election on the newly created Westinghouse station KDKA. The group seeking to preserve the site where Conrad’s pioneering efforts began hopes to raise $500,000 to purchase, move, restore, and maintain the garage. For more information contact: Conrad Project, 407 Woodside Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15221; 412-241-4508.

PEOPLE

Milton Marks has been named executive director of the Preservation Coalition of Greater Philadelphia. Marks, who formerly served as the organization’s deputy executive director, replaces Jennifer Goodman who moved to Boston to become executive director of the Boston Preservation Alliance.

PROGRAMS

SCENIC BYWAYS PROGRAM

Scenic byways, rural highways having aesthetically pleasing qualities, are profitable tourist attractions that help to promote economic development in rural communities. Many states have already taken advantage of this potential resource by establishing standards for designating scenic byways.

To develop a similar program in Pennsylvania, a “Scenic Byway Policy Workshop” was held in Harrisburg on October 3. Preservation Pennsylvania, PennDOT, the Center for Rural Pennsylvania and Scenic America were just a few of the organizations represented at the meeting. During the session, staff from the National Road Heritage Park and the Grand Army of the Republic Highway Association provided updates on their respective roads. Their reports included steps being taken to increase tourism and economic activity. PennDOT staff reported on results of their scenic byways study, which suggested ways in which communities could begin to implement and administer their own local programs. Carol Truppi of Scenic America reviewed guidelines of the Federal Scenic Byway Program and Sally Oldham facilitated a session aimed at initiating the formation of a program for Pennsylvania.

From this meeting, a working group was created to outline a program for Pennsylvania. The "Keystone Byways Concept Paper", which describes the program, is currently being circulated to participants for comment. Implementation of the program could begin as early as 1996.

For more information on the Scenic Byways Program in Pennsylvania contact: Jonathan Johnson, Center for Rural PA, 212 Locust St. Suite 604, Harrisburg, PA 17101; 717-787-9555.

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STATE LEGISLATION

Proposed Revisions to Areas Unsuitable for Mining Legislation

The Environmental Quality Board (EQB) is proposing amendments to the current regulations concerning the designation of Areas Unsuitable for Mining, that provide for the protection of historical and archaeological sites. Historic preservation efforts, however, are in jeopardy with the EQB’s proposed amendments to these regulations which will significantly weaken the protection offered by the Commonwealth’s historic and archaeological resources.

The public comment period for the proposed amendment begins on November 4, 1995 with the publication of the Pennsylvania Bulletin, and continues for sixty days from that date.

For more information on the proposed amendments, or to submit comments on the proposal, contact Peter T. Slack, Director, Bureau of Mining and Reclamation, Room 209, Executive House, P.O. Box 8461, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8461; 717-787-5103.

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PROPERTIES LISTED IN NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

The following individual properties and districts were added to the National Register of Historic Places between September 1994 and September 1995:

**Allegheny County**
U.S. Post Office and Courthouse, Pittsburgh

**BlAIR County**
Roaring Spring Historic District, Roaring Spring
Williamsburg Historic District, Williamsburg

**Bucks County**
Churchville Historic District, Northampton and Upper Southampton Townships

**Cambria County**
Revoloc Historic District, Cambria Township
Braemer Cottage, Cresson
A.W. Buck House, Ebensburg
Minersville Historic District, Johnstown and West Taylor Township
Portage Historic District, Portage
Westmont Historic District, Westmont Borough

**Centre County**
College Heights Historic District, State College
Holmes-Foster/Highlands Historic District, State College

**Chester County**
Worth/Jefferis Rural Historic District, East & West Bradford Townships
Waterloo Mills Historic District, Easttown Township
Marlborough Village Historic District, East Marlborough and Newlin Townships
Mertstone, Landenberg
Parksburg School, Parksburg
North Warwick Historic & Archaeological District, Warwick Township
Jacob Zook House, West Whiteland Township

**Delaware County**
Brandywine Summit Camp Meeting, Concord Township

**Fayette County**
Thomas H. Thompson House, Brownsville
Whitsett Historic District, Perry Township

**Franklin County**
Wilson College, Chambersburg

**Greene County**
Greensburg/ New Geneva Multiple Property Submission:
Alexander V. Boughner House, Greensboro
Greensburg School, Greensboro
James Jones House, Greensboro

**Greene County** continued
James Parreco House, Greensboro
Peters/Graham House, Greensboro
John Minor Crawford House, Glassworks
Glassworks/Core House, Glassworks
Glassworks/Gabler House, Glassworks
Reppert/Gabler House, Glassworks

**Huntingdon County**
Christian Oyer, Jr. House, Barree Township

**Jefferson County**
Christian Miller House, Punxsutawney

**Lancaster County**
George Brown's Sons Cotton and Woolen Mill, Mount Joy

**Schuylkill County**
Bud Patterson House, Pottsville
Saint Paul's Union Church and Cemetery, Union Township

**Somerset County**
Daniel Zimmerman Mansion, Somerset Township

**Washington County**
Welsh/Emery House, Centreville Borough
Martin Farmstead, South Strabane Township
Railroad Freight Station, Washington

**Westmoreland County**
Greensburg Downtown Historic District, Greensburg
Compass Inn, Laughlintown
Vandergrift Historic District, Vandergrift
John Walter Farmstead, Washington Township

**York County**
Eichelberger High School, Hanover

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The Brandywine Summit Camp Meeting in Concord Township, Delaware County, is one of the oldest continually operating and one of the best preserved camp meetings in Pennsylvania and a prime example of the American Methodist Camp Meeting Movement popular in the decades after the Civil War. Founded in 1866, the complex is in a wooded landscape with gabled wood-frame cottages along avenues surrounding a central square containing a tabernacle. The cottages, pictured above, evolved from canvas tents, and many stand on the original tent platforms with original tent framing.

For more information on listing historic properties in the National Register of Historic Places and on other state historic preservation programs contact:

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For additional information and application materials contact: Preservation Pennsylvania, 2470 Kissel Hill Rd., Lancaster, PA 17601; 717-569-2243.

NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION
Johanna Favrot Fund. Grants to nonprofit organizations, government agencies, for-profit businesses and individuals. Applications deadline February 1, 1996.

Legacy Preservation Week Grants to community organizations interested in partnering with their local military installation to organize events during National Preservation Week (May 1996). Application deadline February 1, 1996.

For additional information and application materials contact: Mid-Atlantic Regional Office, One Penn Center at Suburban Station, Suite 1520, 1617 JFK Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19103; 215-568-8162.

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL & MUSEUM COMMISSION
Keystone Historic Preservation Grants to nonprofit organizations and public agencies for preconstruction and construction projects that involve preservation, rehabilitation or restoration of historic structures.

For application and 1996 deadline information contact: Bureau for Historic Preservation, PO Box 1026, Harrisburg, PA 17108-1026; 717-783-8946.

For information and application materials for other PHMC grant programs contact: PHMC, PO Box 10256, Harrisburg, PA 17108-1026.

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• Building on the Past, Traveling to the Future: A Preservationist’s Guide to the ISTEA Transportation Enhancement Provision is a joint publication of the Federal Highway Administration and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Since the passage of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA), federal funds designated for Transportation Enhancement Activities have been used in a variety of ways to benefit historic preservation. This publication describes the program and its implementation at the state level, and is supplemented with case studies of projects including the restoration of the S-bridge on the National Road in Unionside and the rehabilitation of the Greensburg Train Station. Copies of the booklet are free, while supplies last, from the Information series, National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1785 Massachusetts Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036; 202-673-4286.

• The perfect holiday gift for fans of early twentieth-century mail-order houses or those with an attachment to Happy Valley is the poster: State College Mail Order Homes “Sold by Mail - Shipped by Rail”. Designed by James Collins, this 12”x18” full-color poster showcases eight styles of mail order houses found in and around State College. $8.00 plus 6% PA sales tax plus $2.00 shipping from: Centre County Historical Society, Centre Furnace Mansion, 1001 E. College Ave, State College, PA 16801.


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For information on other titles in the Preservation Brief series contact: Preservation Assistance Division, National Park Service, PO Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7172.
**CALENDAR 1995**

November 24 - December 31  A Moravian Christmas: Church and Chapel Tours, Bethlehem. By appointment; Adults $11; children $6. For reservations call 610-867-0173.

**DECEMBER 6-7 Challenging Sprawl, Lancaster.** Statewide meeting for organizations interested in forming coalition to combat sprawl. (See article on page 3). Contact: Preservation Pennsylvania, 717-569-2243.


December 7  Overbrook Farms and the Tradition of Picturesque Suburban Planning. Lecture by James B. Garrison, AIA. 6 p.m. Merion Tribute House, 625 Hazelhurst Ave, Merion Station. $15 per person; $25 per couple. To register, contact Lower Merion Preservation Trust, 9 S. Bryn Mawr Ave., Bryn Mawr 19010; 610-520-9895.

December 10  22nd Annual Candlelight House Tour, Harrisburg. 1-7 p.m. Advance tickets $12. Contact: Historic Harrisburg Association, 1230 N. Third St., Harrisburg 17102; 717-233-4646.


**CALENDAR 1996**


March 23  Third Annual Three Rivers Chapter Winter Symposium, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV. Call for papers on the history of the Three Rivers Region including themes of transportation, iron and steel, navigation and maritime history, coal and coke, glass, and social history. Submissions due January 31. For more information on the symposium or submitting a paper, contact: Lee Maddox, Institute for the History of Technology and Industrial Archaeology, West Virginia University, 1335 Mileground, Morgantown, WV 26505; 304-293-3829.


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Specialized Technical Assistance Grant Program for PA designated Main Street programs, PA designated Heritage Parks programs, Center for Rural PA designated programs, and PDC members. Open application period until available funds have been committed for the program year.

Contact: PA Downtown Center, 301 E. Second Street, Bloomsburg, PA 17815; 717-784-0456.
The Early Architecture of Western Pennsylvania

Charles Morse Stotz
Introduction by Dell Upton

The serene countryside of southwestern Pennsylvania provides the backdrop for the hundreds of stately and historic homes and other buildings in this study by architect Charles Morse Stotz (1898–1985).

Perfect not only for architecture buffs and artists but also for lovers of the “Gateway to the West,” this book gives a unique window onto the buildings of a former time—from log houses, to the symmetrical beauty of Colonial- and Georgian-style buildings, to the lavish construction of the pre-Civil War Gothic-style structures. Eighty-one drawings and more than 400 photographs depict not only dwelling-places but also places of work, worship, and recreation: banks, houses, churches, even barns.

Originally published in 1936, the oversized and updated format of the book allows the reader to linger over precision-rendered details of cornices or columns, window sashes or shutters. Profiles of moldings and ornamentation are shown in single-line silhouette, and in all cases, stone joining has been faithfully drawn, joint for joint, to record the charm of the old wall patterns. Signature stones and hardware speak to the quality of early craftsmen’s work.

But this is more than just a pretty picture-book. A thoughtful introduction by Dell Upton, professor of Architectural History at the University of California, Berkeley, gives us the scholar’s view of the ways in which Stotz’s analyses relate to other regional archi-

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