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Chapel Hall, Gallaudet College, Washington, D.C. Gallaudet College was founded in 1864 as the first college for the deaf in the United States. Photo by P. Andrus.

What are National Historic Landmarks?

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National Historic Landmarks are recognized as our Nation's most important historic and cultural resources. They are buildings, historic districts, structures, sites, and objects that possess exceptional value or quality in illustrating or interpreting the heritage of the United States. Each year some of these Landmarks are threatened with imminent demolition or are seriously damaged through neglect, erosion, fire, vandalism, development pressures, pot-hunting, and floods. Although these Landmarks may represent a small percentage of the total, their potential destruction would represent a serious and irrevocable loss to the Nation.

When the National Historic Landmark program was enacted in 1935, it was designed, in part, to identify nationally significant properties which might be considered for inclusion into the National Park System. Over the years, it became apparent that Federal acquisition was not economically feasible or practical for most Landmarks, and alternative means for ensuring the long-term preservation of Landmarks other than fee acquisition had to be developed. Today, through a variety of innovative programs within the National Park Service (NPS), some measure of preservation assistance is available to owners of Landmarks. These programs, several of which utilize Federal funding to stimulate substantial private investment, are described below; more detailed information may be obtained from the specific NPS offices listed at the end of this booklet.

Annual Monitoring

Since 1976, the Secretary of the Interior has been responsible for monitoring the status of all National Historic Landmarks and for reporting to Congress those Landmarks which are seriously damaged or imminently threatened with such damage. These Landmarks are called "Priority 1" Landmarks and are listed in the annual "Section 8 Report to Congress on Threatened and Damaged National Historic Landmarks." This annual report identifies the nature of the threat and damage and includes immediate and long-term recommendations for preserving the endangered Landmark. A Landmark's inclusion in the Section 8 Report requires no compliance action on the part of the Landmark owner nor the parties causing the damage or threat. Rather, the Section 8 Report is designed to inform Congress and the preservation community of the endangered status of these properties and encourage preservation action. Copies of this report are made available to Congress, Landmark owners, Federal agencies and State and local officials.

The Section 8 Report to Congress



*Prudential (Guaranty)
Building, Buffalo, NY.
Designed by Louis Sullivan,
this office building was one
of the earliest skyscrapers in
America. It was vacant for
years before being
rehabilitated in 1983 using
Federal tax incentives.
Photo by Patricia Layman
Bazon.*

“Priority 2” Landmarks are also identified as part of the NPS monitoring effort. These are Landmarks which are particularly susceptible to serious damage or threat at this time but whose conditions are not serious enough at the present time to warrant listing in the Section 8 Report. “Priority 3” Landmarks are those which appear to be receiving proper care and maintenance and which exhibit little or no known threat or damage. The priority ratings for each Landmark are evaluated annually.

Cahokia Mounds, St. Claire County, IL. This is the largest prehistoric archeological site in America and one of the Nation's few cultural resources included on the World Heritage List. It is seriously threatened with severe erosion. Photo by the State of Illinois Department of Conservation.



Eastern State Penitentiary, Philadelphia, PA. Constructed in the 1820's, this prison became an international model for penal design and management. This vacant and deteriorated building has been listed in the Section 8 Report for several years. Photo by J. Travers.



Technical Assistance

Advisory Services

The National Park Service provides technical preservation advice to all owners of National Historic Landmarks through its regional offices listed at the end of this booklet. General inquiries related to the preservation of Landmarks are routinely answered by the NPS by telephone or letter throughout the year. In some cases, onsite consultations are performed by NPS staff. Answers to inquiries regarding general maintenance and deterioration, and sources of financial assistance are often discussed during annual monitoring.

Federal Tax Incentives

Federal tax incentives are available for rehabilitating income-generating historic properties; since 1976 these incentives have been utilized to spur the preservation of various National Historic Landmarks. Historic buildings used for income-generating purposes that are substantially rehabilitated can qualify for an investment tax credit. Several large, underutilized Landmark buildings such as Richmond's Old City Hall in Richmond, Virginia, the Prudential (Guaranty) Building in Buffalo, New York, and numerous townhouses in urban National Historic Landmark Districts are examples of Landmark buildings preserved by use of the Federal tax incentives program. Easement donations are also available as a Federal income tax deduction.

Technical Information

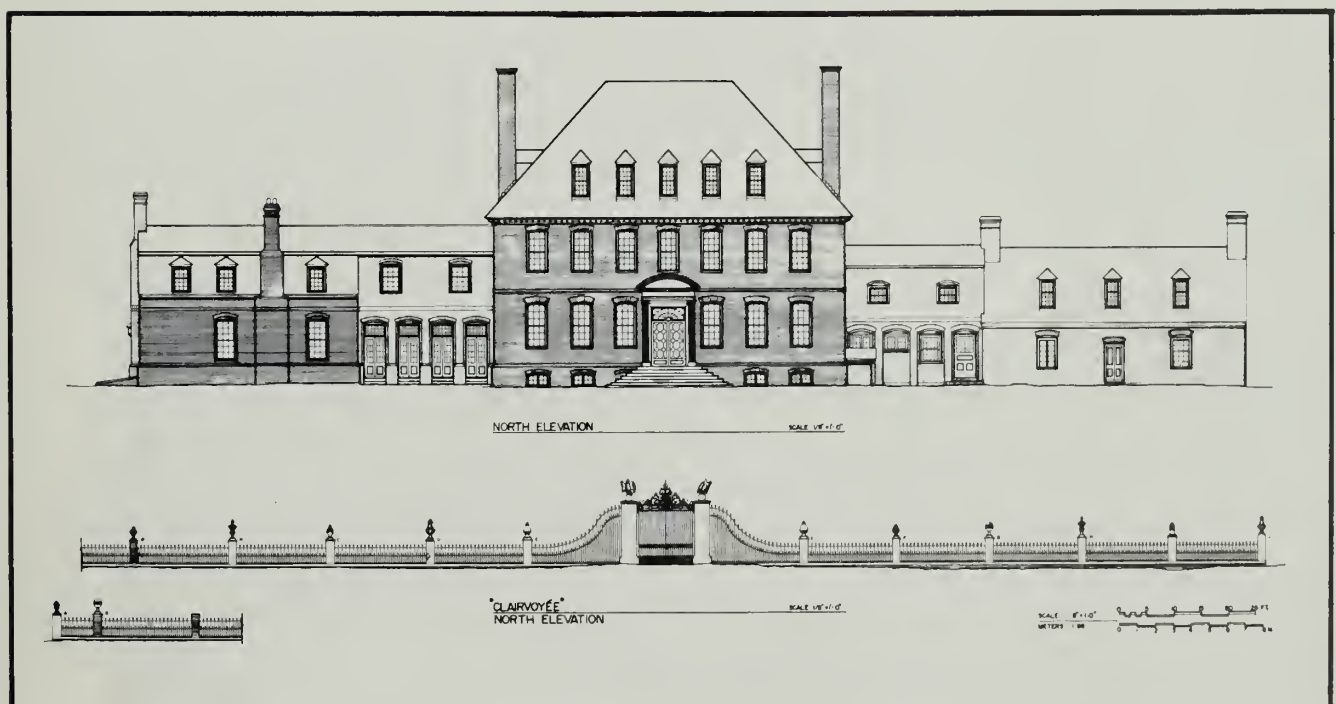
The National Park Service develops and disseminates professional standards for conservation and preservation activities, publishes and distributes information on preservation and conservation techniques, and makes this information available to Landmark owners and administrators upon request. Most National Park Service technical preservation publications available for sale to the general public may be obtained by Landmark owners at no charge. A complete list of publications is available from NPS regional offices.

Grant-in-Aid Assistance

Federal funding is not sufficient to assist all National Historic Landmarks. In recent years, Federal grants-in-aid through the Historic Preservation Fund have been limited to survey and planning work; these funds are not generally available for the restoration or repair of specific Landmarks. Landmark owners desiring grant-in-aid assistance should contact their State Historic Preservation Officer for available State or local funding.

HABS/HAER Recording

Documentation of National Historic Landmarks is an important program of the National Park Service. The Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) and the Historic American Engineering Record (HAER) produce archival documentation of buildings and structures through measured drawings, photographs, and oral and written histories. HABS/HAER documentation creates a permanent written and pictorial record for scholarly research, and can prove extremely valuable should a Landmark be seriously damaged or destroyed. Recording is often funded by other Federal agencies, States, and private individuals and corporations.



Westover, Charles City vic., VA. Private donations assisted in funding the HABS recording of this Georgian mansion. An easement was also donated by the owners for the long-term protection of the Landmark. Drawing by the Historic American Building Survey, Peter G. Darlow, delineator, 1979.

Indepth Inspections

Each year a limited number of Priority 1 and 2 National Historic Landmarks are selected for indepth site inspections funded and coordinated by the National Park Service. The purpose of these indepth inspections is to analyze the specific condition of the Landmark, identify recommended work treatments for correcting identified damages, prioritize work needs, and estimate the costs for carrying out this work. Indepth inspections are performed by architects and engineers in private practice who have experience with historic buildings and structures and are located in the vicinity of the NHL being inspected. Indepth inspections of archeological sites are performed by archeologists often associated with area universities.

Information derived from the indepth inspections is compiled in a building condition assessment report. This report is made available to owners, preservation organizations, and interested public and private groups. The National Park Service also assists Landmark owners in identifying available sources of private and public funds for undertaking the preservation work recommended in the condition assessment reports.



Monte Cristo Cottage (Eugene O'Neill House), New London, CT. O'Neill, one of America's outstanding dramatists, spent most of his early summers in this house and probably wrote his first plays here. An NPS indepth inspection identified several sources of moisture damage to this Landmark. Photo by A.V. Scarano.

Private and Corporate Donations

The National Historic Landmark Fund

The National Park Service helps to funnel donations of cash, building materials and professional services to specific National Historic Landmarks of the donor's choice. National Historic Landmarks can be matched to the interests of the prospective donors. Landmarks can be selected for their associations with specific historical themes, events or individuals, or for their architectural style, building type or construction material. Landmarks in need of various services or building products which correspond to a donor's business also can be selected. Assistance to National Historic Landmark archeological sites is also possible. In working with donors, the National Park Service gives priority to endangered National Historic Landmarks and those Landmarks in which critical needs have been identified by an indepth inspection.



Coker House, Champion Hill Battlefield, Vicksburg vic., MS. This badly deteriorated Greek Revival house is one of the few remaining historic structures on Champion Hill Battlefield. The battle fought here was the precursor to the siege of Vicksburg. An NPS indepth inspection identified the need for major roof, foundation and porch repairs to save this Landmark. Photo by J. Travers.

For further information about these programs for National Historic Landmarks, or the National Historic Landmark Fund, contact one of the following offices of the National Park Service or the appropriate State Historic Preservation Office.



Grey Towers, "The Castle," Glenside, PA. This architecturally significant home exemplifies the type of grand residences built for families of great wealth at the turn of the century. It is now owned by Beaver College. Although well maintained by its conscientious owners, an NPS indepth inspection identified a number of costly structural and conservation problems. Photo courtesy of Beaver College.

*NATIONAL PARK SERVICE OFFICES
RESPONSIBLE FOR MONITORING
AND DOCUMENTING NATIONAL
HISTORIC LANDMARKS*

Landmark Assistance

Preservation Assistance Division
National Park Service
P.O. Box 37127
Washington, D.C. 20013-7217
(202) 343-9581

Historic American Buildings Survey
Historic American Engineering Record
National Park Service
P.O. Box 37127
Washington, D.C. 20013-7217

Alaska Region

National Park Service
2525 Gambell Street, Room 107
Anchorage, Alaska 99503
(907) 261-2632

Mid-Atlantic Region

National Park Service
143 South Third Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106
(215) 597-7013

Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia,
Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts,
Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New
York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Ver-
mont, Virginia, West Virginia

Rocky Mountain Region

National Park Service
655 Parfet Street
P.O. Box 25287
Denver, Colorado 80225
(303) 236-8675

Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota,
Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico,
North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota,
Texas, Utah, Wisconsin, Wyoming

Southeast Region

National Park Service
75 Spring Street, SW
Atlanta, Georgia 30303
(404) 221-2641

Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virgin Islands

Western Region

National Park Service
450 Golden Gate Avenue
P.O. Box 36063
San Francisco, California 94102
(415) 556-7741

Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Washington

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICERS

Alabama: Executive Director, Alabama Historical Commission, 725 Monroe Street, Montgomery, AL 36130. (205) 261-3184. **Alaska:** Chief of History and Archeology, Division of Parks, Office of History and Archeology, Pouch 7001, Anchorage, AK 99501. (907) 762-4108. **American Samoa:** Historic Preservation Officer, Department of Parks and Recreation, Government of American Samoa, P.O. Box 1268, Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799. **Arizona:** Chief, Office of Historic Preservation, Arizona State Parks, 1688 West Adams, Phoenix, AZ 85007. (602) 255-4174. **Arkansas:** Director, Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, The Heritage Center, Suite 200, 225 East Markham, Little Rock, AR 72201. (501) 371-2763. **California:** State Historic Preservation Officer, Office of Historic Preservation, Department of Parks and Recreation, P.O. Box 2390, Sacramento, CA 95811. (916) 445-8006. **Colorado:** State Historic Preservation Officer, Colorado Heritage Center, 1300 Broadway, Denver, CO 80203. (303) 886-2136. **Connecticut:** Director, Connecticut Historical Commission, 59 South Prospect Street, Hartford, CT 06106, (203) 566-3005. **Delaware:** Director, Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs, Hall of Records, Dover, DE 19901. (302) 736-5314. **District of Columbia:** Director, Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, 614 H Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001. (202) 727-7120. **Florida:** Director, Division of Archives, History, and

Records Management, Department of State, The Capitol, Tallahassee, FL 32301. (904) 487-2333. **Georgia:** Chief, Historic Preservation Section, Department of Natural Resources, 270 Washington Street, SW, Room 704C, Atlanta, GA 30334. (404) 656-2840. **Guam:** Director, Department of Parks and Recreation, 490 Naval Hospital Road, Agana Heights, GQ 96910. **Hawaii:** State Historic Preservation Officer, Department of Land and Natural Resources, P.O. Box 621, Honolulu, HI 96809. (808) 548-7460. **Idaho:** Historic Preservation Coordinator, Idaho Historical Society, 610 North Julia Davis Drive, Boise, ID 83706. (208) 334-2120. **Illinois:** Historic Preservation Agency Old State Capitol, Springfield, IL 62701. (217) 785-4512. **Indiana:** Director, Department of Natural Resources, 608 State Office Building, Indianapolis, IN 46204. (317) 232-4020. **Iowa:** Director, Iowa State Historical Department, Office of Historic Preservation, Historical Building, East 12th Street and Grand Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50319. (515) 281-3159. **Kansas:** Executive Director, Kansas State Historical Society, 120 West 10th Street, Topeka, KS 66612. (913) 296-3251. **Kentucky:** State Historic Preservation Officer, Director, Kentucky Heritage Council, Capital Plaza Tower, 12th Floor, Frankfort, KY 40601. (502) 564-7005. **Louisiana:** Assistant Secretary, Office of Cultural Development, P.O. Box 44247, Baton Rouge, LA 70804. (504) 925-3884. **Maine:** Director, Maine Preservation Commission, 55 Capitol, Station 65, Augusta, ME 04333. (207) 289-2133. **Maryland:** State Historic Preservation Officer, John Shaw House, 21 State Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401. (301) 269-2851. **Massachusetts:** Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission, 80 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116. (617) 727-8470. **Michigan:** Director, History Division, Department of State, 208 North Capitol, Lansing, MI 48918. (517) 373-6362. **Minnesota:** Director, Minnesota Historical Society, 690 Cedar Street, St. Paul, MN 55101. (612) 296-2747. **Mississippi:** Director, State of Mississippi Department of Archives and History, P.O. Box 571, Jackson, MS 39205. (601) 359-1424. **Missouri:** Director, State Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102. (314) 751-4422. **Montana:** State Historic Preservation Officer, Montana Historical Society, 225 North Roberts Street, Veterans Memorial Building, Helena, MT 59620. (406) 444-7715. **Nebraska:** Director, Nebraska State Historical Society, 1500 R Street, P.O. Box 82554, Lincoln, NB 68501. (402) 471-3850. **Nevada:** Director, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Nye Building, Room 213, 201 South Fall Street, Carson City, NV 89710. (702) 885-4360. **New Hampshire:** Commissioner, Department of Resources and Economic Development, P.O. Box 856, Concord, NH 03301. (603) 271-2411. **New Jersey:** Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection, CN 402, Trenton, NJ 08625. (609) 292-2885. **New Mexico:** State Historic Preservation Officer, Historic Preservation Division, Office of Cultural Affairs, Villa Rivera, Room 101, 228 East Palace Avenue, Santa Fe, NM 87503. (505) 827-8320. **New York:** Commissioner, Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation, Agency Building #1, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12238. (518) 474-0444. **North Carolina:** Director, Division of Archives and History, Department of Cultural Resources, 109 East Jones Street, Raleigh, NC 27611. (919) 733-7305. **North Dakota:** Superintendent, North Dakota Historical Society, ND Heritage Center, Fargo, ND 58505. (701) 224-2667. **Northern Mariana Islands:** Historic Preservation Officer, Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Saipan, NMI 96950. **Ohio:** State Historic Preservation Officer, Ohio Historical Society, 1985 Velma Avenue, 71 at 17th Avenue, Columbus, OH 43211. (614) 466-1500. **Oklahoma:** State

Historic Preservation Officer, Oklahoma Historical Society, Historical Building, 2100 North Lincoln, Oklahoma City, OK 73105. (405) 521-2491. **Oregon:** State Parks Superintendent, 525 Trade Street, SE, Salem, OR 97310. (503) 378-5019. **Pennsylvania:** State Historic Preservation Officer, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, P.O. Box 1026, Harrisburg, PA 17108. (717) 787-2891. **Commonwealth of Puerto Rico:** State Historic Preservation Office, Box 82, La Fortaleza, San Juan, PR 00901. (809) 721-4389. **Rhode Island:** Director, Rhode Island Department of Community Affairs, 150 Benefit Street, Providence, RI 02903. (401) 277-2678. **South Carolina:** Director, Department of Archives and History, 1430 Senate Street, Columbia, SC 29211. (803) 758-5816. **South Dakota:** State Historic Preservation Officer, Historical Center, P.O. Box 417, Vermillion, SD 57069. (605) 773-3458. **Tennessee:** State Historic Preservation Officer, Department of Conservation, 701 Broadway, Nashville, TN 37203. (615) 741-2301. **Texas:** Executive Director, Texas State Historical Commission, P.O. Box 12276, Capitol Station, Austin, TX 78711. (512) 475-3092. **Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands:** State Historic Preservation Officer, Land Resources Branch, Department of Resources and Development, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Saipan, Mariana Islands, TT 96950. **Utah:** State Historic Preservation Officer, Utah State Historical Society, 300 Rio Grande, Salt Lake City, UT 84101. (801) 533-7039. **Vermont:** Secretary, Agency of Development and Community Affairs, Pavilion Office Building, Montpelier, VT 05602. (802) 828-3211. **Virginia:** Executive Director, Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission, 221 Governor Street, Richmond, VA 23219. (804) 786-3143. **Virgin Islands:** State Historic Preservation Officer, P.O. Box 3088, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, VQ 00820. (809) 773-1082. **Washington:** State Historic Preservation Officer, 111 West 21st Avenue, KL-11, Olympia, WA 98504. (206) 753-4011. **West Virginia:** Commissioner, Department of Culture and History, State Capitol Complex, Charleston, WV 25304. (304) 348-0220. **Wisconsin:** Director, Historic Preservation Division, State Historical Society of Wisconsin, 816 State Street, Madison, WI 53706 (608) 262-3266. **Wyoming:** Director, Wyoming State Archives, Barrett Building, 2301 Central Avenue, WY 82002. (307) 777-7697.

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