

Carpenters' Hall



PROJECT

Carpenters' Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

CLIENT

The Carpenters' Company of the City and County of Philadelphia

DATES

2004 Conditions Assessment

DESCRIPTION

Carpenters' Hall, located at 320 Chestnut Street in historic Philadelphia is a fine example of Georgian-style architecture, and is representative of Robert Smith, a Scottish trained architect and builder. The Hall has been continuously owned and operated by The Carpenters' Company of the City and County of Philadelphia, the oldest trade guild in America, since 1770. It hosted the First Continental Congress in 1774 and was home to Franklin's Library Company, The American Philosophical Society and the First and Second Banks of the United States.

CHALLENGE

We were reointed by the Carpenter's Comapny to provide a written conditions assessment of the exterior envelope as it related to water infiltration, masonry deterioration, and fenestration. The recommendations were provided as a means to assist the Carpenters' Company in maintaining this building through the 21st century.

SERVICES

Conditions Assessment

Conducted an on-site investigation of the exterior façade.

Provided a comprehensive conditions assessment report summarizing the issues and concerns regarding the exterior envelope.

Provided a log of photographs documenting current conditions.

Identified and provided general recommendations and cost estimates for improving the building's water tightness and preventing deterioration.

Identified deficient building elements and listed recommended repairs, including cost estimates for the proposed work.

POINTS OF INTEREST

Carpenters' Hall is a National Historic Landmark and part of Independence National Historical Park.