

## John Harris-Simon Cameron Mansion



### PROJECT

John Harris-Simon Cameron Mansion  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

### CLIENT

Dauphin County Historical Society

### DATES

2009 CAP Study

### DESCRIPTION

Built in 1766, the three-story stone and timber framed structure consisted only of what is today considered the main part of the house. In the 1860s, a two-story addition was built, the parlor floor was dropped three feet, and a bay was added. A second bay in the library, was added in the 1920s. The primary stairwell was altered twice, in 1830 and again in 1860. An elevator was installed early in the 20th century.

### CHALLENGE

The project was contracted under the Conservation Assessment Program (CAP), administered by Heritage Preservation. The purpose of a CAP study is to assess the site and collections of a museum, in this case, a National Historic Landmark estate. The Mansion housed a collection of 18th and 19th Century artifacts as well as the archives of the local historical society. Covered in the study were the issues of staffing, building and facilities, climate control and environment, collections and collection policies, exhibitions, storage, and emergency preparedness.

### SERVICES

CAP Study

Provided an illustrated report detailing the conditions and issues noted throughout the site.

Provided photographs documenting all conditions observed.

Provided matrices detailing each condition by location, issue, recommended treatment, and priority.

### POINTS OF INTEREST

The John Harris-Simon Cameron Mansion is a National Historic Landmark.