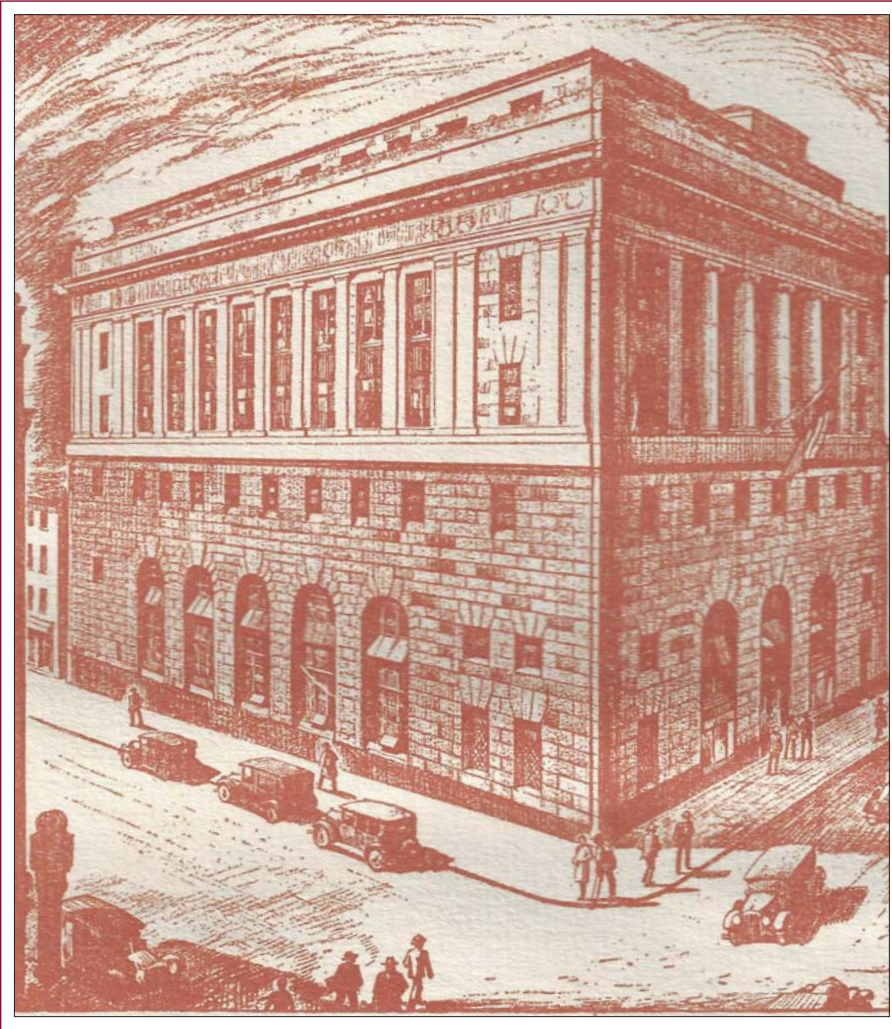


Nineteenth Annual Stop the Wrecking Ball



One West State Street
Saturday, November 23, 2024

“We’re using our past to build our future”

One of Trenton’s great interior spaces is a fitting place to celebrate our commitment to preservation.

More than most buildings, the former bank at 1 West State is a product of its timing. It was planned in 1929, while Trenton threw itself into the 250th celebration of the city’s 1679 settlement. So great was the patriotic fervor with which Trentonians got caught up in their history that a rusticated stone building in Renaissance Revival style ended up with a Colonial Revival boardroom, designed to recall an 18th century tavern.

A tavern isn’t the sort of image most banks want to adopt, but the board of First Mechanics Bank ~ led by former Governor Edward C. Stokes ~ came to be justly proud of the history of this site. Indeed, when the bank opened to the public in 1930, the handsome booklet published to celebrate it was entitled “Perpetuating the Corner Historic.”

Here, in a succession of taverns with better than average names, Congress met, Lafayette was hosted before his return to France, New Jersey ratified the Constitution of the United States and Washington sat to pen the ladies of Trenton a letter of thanks. Having commissioned a building that would have been at home in 15th century Florence, the bank overlaid it with a new pride in Trenton.





Please join
The Preservation Committee
of
The Trenton Historical Society
to celebrate Trenton history and support
Restore Trenton! Grants
at

Stop the Wrecking Ball

an elegant evening in a historic space

Saturday, November 23rd 2024

from six until nine o'clock

at

The Corner Historic

1 West State Street, Trenton, New Jersey

Ample hors d'oeuvres, open bar & live music
Silent auction of items related to Trenton history

Black tie favored

Go out and across West State, look up at the cornice and you'll see this proclaimed as "The Corner Historic," with the names and dates of the Blazing Star and City Tavern. On the South Warren side, it's "Dedicated To The Progress Of Trenton," with the Thirteen Stars and French Arms recalled.

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Since its founding in 1919, the Trenton Historical Society has celebrated and defended the rich heritage of New Jersey's capital city. We actively promote preservation of Trenton's architectural heritage through advocacy and our Restore Trenton! grant program, acquire and preserve artifacts of Trenton's past, and provide public educational programs.

Join us as we use the past to build the future. Your dollars, time and expertise are needed to fulfill Trenton's promise of a modern city that hasn't forgotten its illustrious past.

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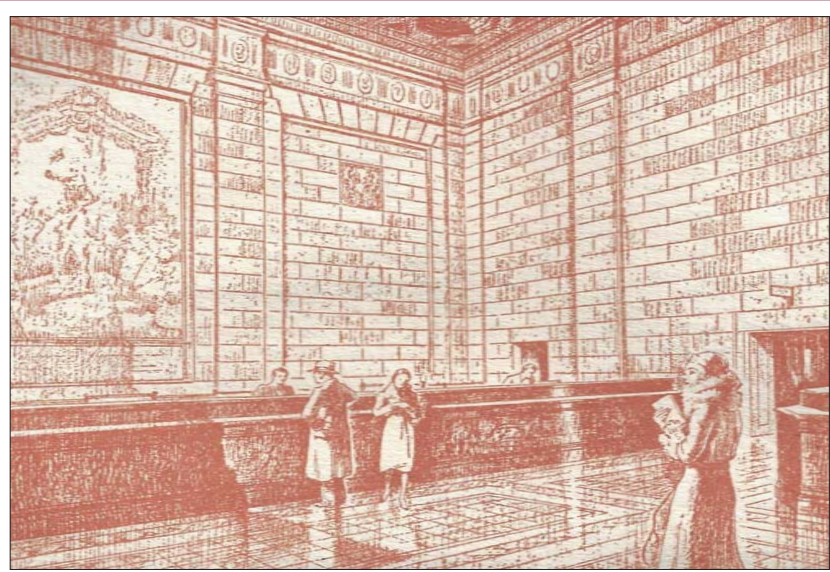
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Stop the Wrecking Ball

All tickets include 2025 Trenton Historical Society membership.

I/We're attending! We need ____ tickets @\$125.

I/We want to be Event Patrons and need _____ tickets @\$175.

I/We are unable to attend, but wish to make a tax-deductible contribution of \$_____.

Payment can be made online with PayPal

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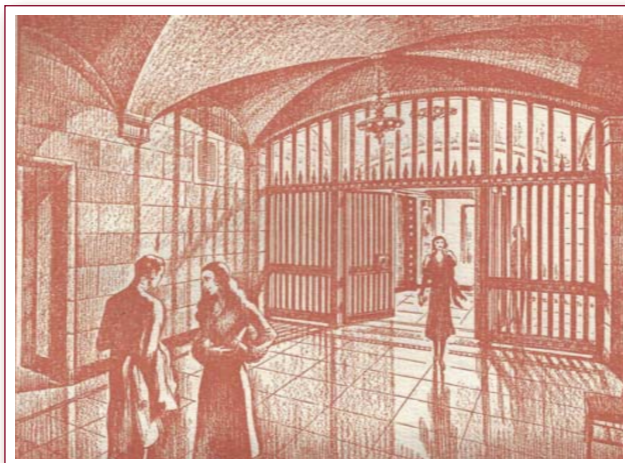
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**Proceeds benefit
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and the Restore Trenton! Grant Program,
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to repair or replace exterior architectural details and features,
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