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During the Phase 1 archaeological assessment of the Dunhams Block the basement and ground floor levels of all the premises within the block were examined. Various features of archaeological and architectural interest were observed, most of which have been discussed either in the first volume of this report or in the historic architectural report prepared by Acroterion (1988).

Two properties that deserve further mention are 8 and 10 East State Street. The basements of both of these premises contained features of archaeological and architectural interest that have so far received minimal description. In the west foundation wall of 8 East State Street were the remains of a fireplace and chimney base and furnace footing (Plate D.1). While the latter feature probably dated from the late 19th century, the fireplace and chimney base appear to have been original elements in the building, dating from around 1833 when 2-6 North Warren and 2-10 East State Streets were built as a single structural development (see above, Appendix A.iii).

In the basement of 10 East State Street was a section of what appeared to have been a "sunken" rear yard along the western edge of the property. A narrow alley with an exterior wall was evident (Plate D.2) along the north side of which was a well-preserved three-seater privy (Plates D.3 and D.4). The yard and perhaps also the privy are believed to have been original features of the same circa 1833 building episode noted above for 8 East State Street (see above, Appendix A.iii; Acroterion 1988: 10 East State Street).

So far as the archaeological evaluation of the Dunhams Block was concerned, a deliberate decision was taken not to record in exhaustive detail the manifold structural complexities of the basement walls, except where correlation with major archaeological soil strata might be achieved (as in the Trenton House and 12 and 14 North Warren Street properties). It would be virtually impossible to accurately interpret every constructional nuance of these foundations and it was felt that the archaeological effort was better directed at those portions of the block where intact stratigraphy survived.

So as not to neglect the basement walls entirely, a photographic record was kept of the demolition process in which careful attention was paid to the street frontage foundations. Selections from the photographic record of the demolition process are included as Plates D.5 through D.16. Following the initial view of the Dunhams Water Tower, these photographs are arranged in counterclockwise order beginning with the Trenton House property in the northwest corner of the block.

The Dunhams Water Tower is worthy of specific mention as it served as a prominent downtown landmark for 40 years. This structure was erected in 1948 and consisted of a 20,000 gallon wood tank set atop a 35-foot high steel frame tower (City of Trenton Tax Records; Acroterion 1988).

The basement walls of virtually all the properties within the Dunhams block displayed evidence of modification, rebuilding, blocked openings, etc. This was especially noticeable in the foundations along the street frontages where original masonry had frequently been patched or rebuilt in stone, brick or concrete. In many instances openings for stairways leading up to the sidewalk had been blocked, although along North Broad and East State Streets there were a number of brick-arched storage vaults that extended beneath the street paving (Plates D.14-D.16). There were only two locations where blocks of soil stratigraphy were observed. These consisted of narrow slivers of cultural strata which survived beneath the alleys between 15 and 17 North Broad Street (Plate D.15) and 12 and 14 North Warren Street.



Plate D.1. 8 East State Street: view looking northwest showing fireplace and chimney base in west wall and possible furnace base in floor; scale in feet (Photographer: Richard Hunter, July 1987).



Plate D.2. 10 East State Street:
view looking north into rear yard
now enclosed within building. Privy
located through doorway at left-
center of photograph; scale in feet,
(Photographer: Richard Hunter, July
1987).

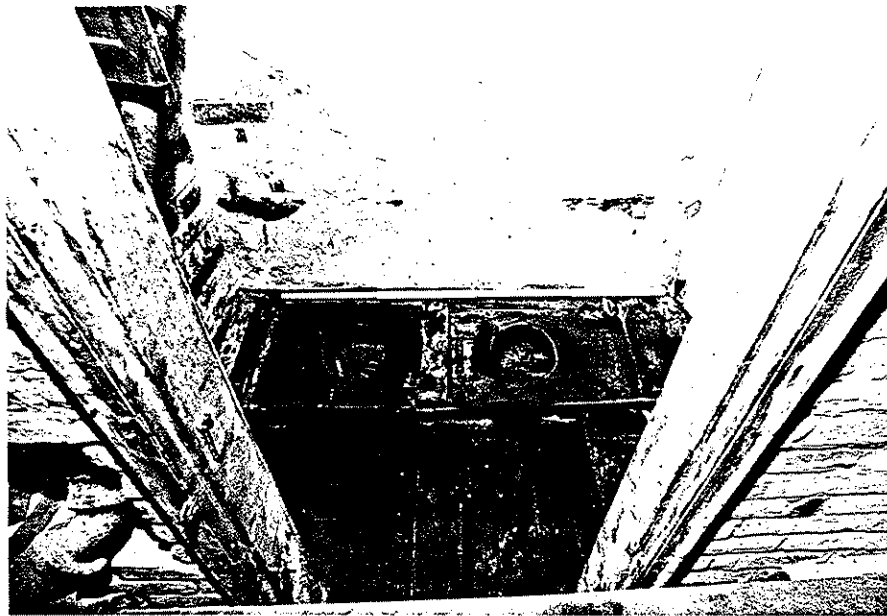


Plate D.3. 10 East State Street: oblique view of three-seater privy, looking west through doorway from alley; scale in feet (Photographer: Richard Hunter, July 1987).

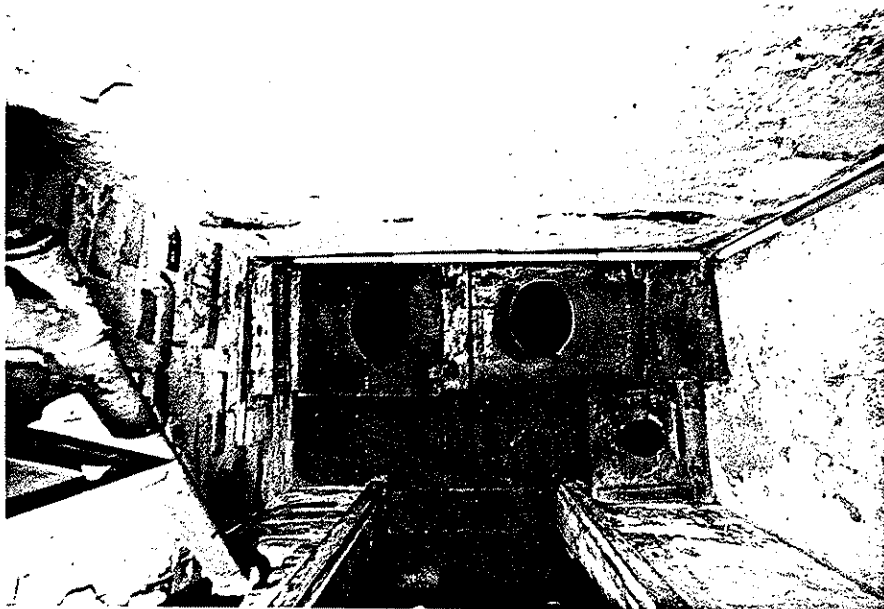


Plate D.4. 10 East State Street: vertical view of three-seater privy; scale in feet (Photographer: Richard Hunter, July 1987).



Plate D.5. View of the Dunhams water tower, looking west, taken during the demolition of the block (Photographer: Steven Kaplan, November 1987).



Plate D.6. View looking north, at the north foundation of the mid-1850s wing of the Trenton House; East Hanover Street in background; scale in feet (Photographer: Lynn Rakos, November 1987).



Plate D.7. View looking south across the southeast corner of North Warren and East Hanover Streets following the demolition of the structures on the Trenton House property (Photographer: Steven Kaplan, November 1987).



Plate D.8. View looking west at northwest corner foundation of The Trenton House; scale in feet (Photographer: Lynn Rakos, November 1987).

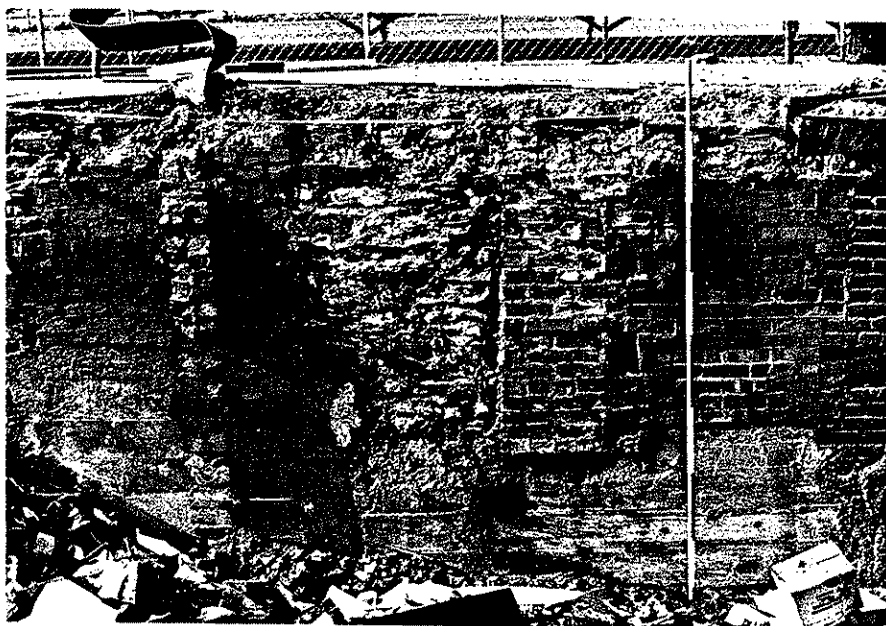


Plate D.9. View looking west at west foundation of the Trenton House property, North Warren Street in background; scale in feet (Photographer: Lynn Rakos, November 1987).

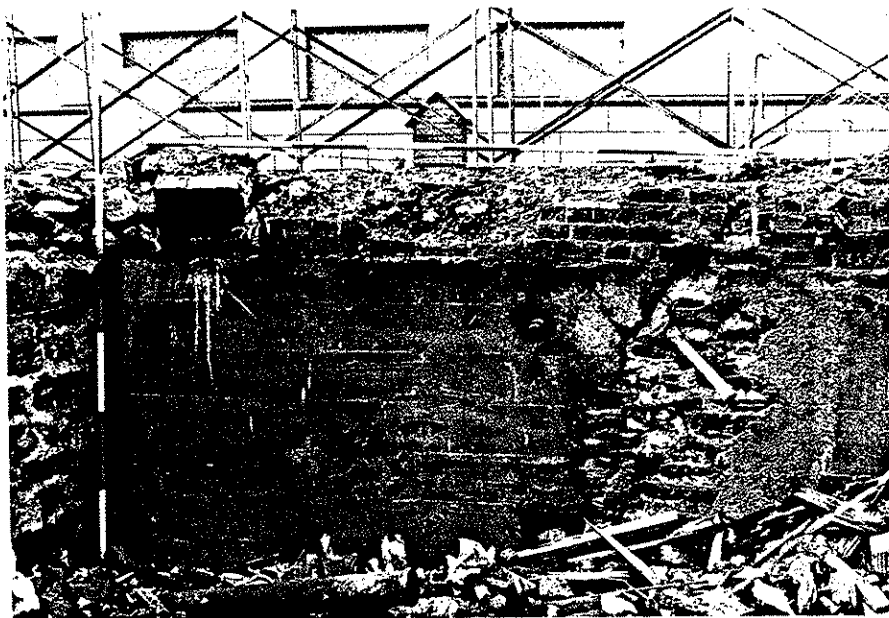


Plate D.10. View looking west at the south-west corner foundation of the main block of the Trenton House; North Warren Street in background; scale in feet (Photographer: Lynn Rakos, November 1987).



Plate D.11. General view of the demolition of the Dunhams Block, looking southwest; North Warren Street to right of photograph; basements of 14A, 16 and 18 North Warren Street visible in foreground (Photographer: Steven Kaplan, November 1987).



Plate D.12. General view looking northwest following demolition and excavation of the Dunhams Block; foundations of structures fronting on North Warren Street are visible at center of photograph (Photographer: Lynn Rakos, November 1987).



Plate D.13. 2 North Warren Street: view of the southwest corner foundation, looking south, showing blocked opening to possible vault beneath sidewalk; scale in feet (Photographer: Lynn Rakos, November 1987).



Plate D.14. 8 East State Street: view looking south at south foundation; small doorway in center leads into a stone lined, brick-arched vault located beneath sidewalk; scale in feet (Photographer: Lynn Rakos, November 1987).

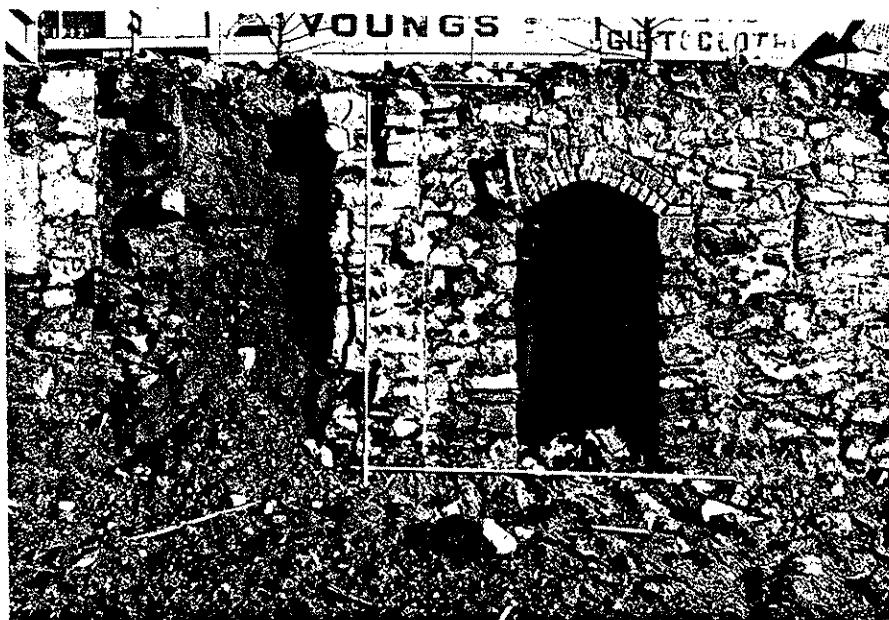


Plate D.15. 15-17 North Broad Street: view looking east at east foundation; vertical area of soil to left of range pole indicates the alleyway between 15 and 17 North Broad Street noted on historic maps; arched doorway at center right leads into stone-lined, brick-arched vault beneath sidewalk; scale in feet (Photographer: Lynn Rakos, November 1987).

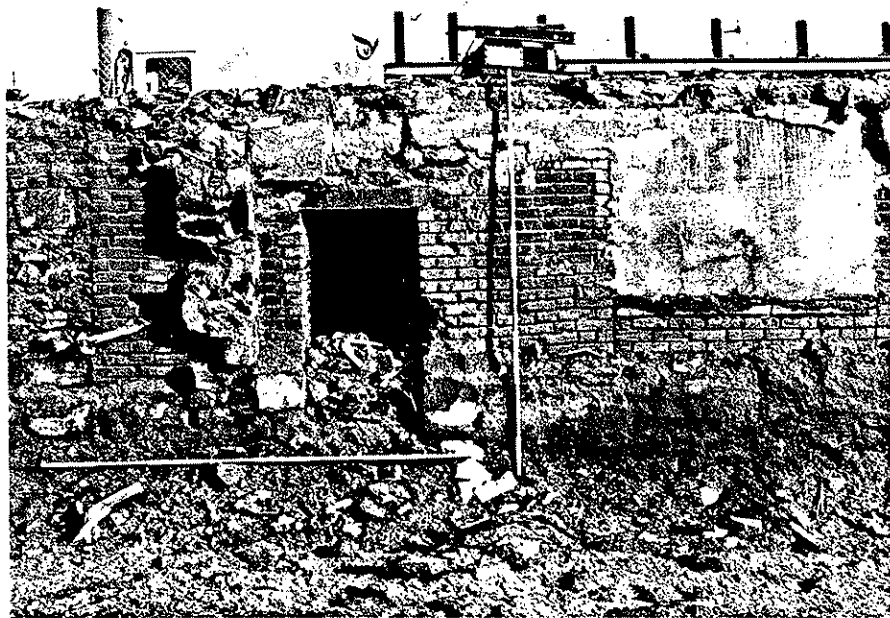


Plate D.16. 17-21 North Broad Street: view looking east at east foundation; opening leads into a stone lined, brick-arched vault located beneath the sidewalk; scale in feet (Photographer: Lynn Rakos, November 1987).