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HORIZONS

Cultural Heritage Research Services, Inc. is pleased to announce our new office in the Borough of Brownsville, Fayette County, Pennsylvania.

At the urging of many of our western Pennsylvania clients we have established a regional headquarters in their part of the state.



Brownsville, a historic community along the banks of the Monongahela River thirty miles south of Pittsburgh, is located within two National Heritage Areas: the National Road Heritage Area and the Steel Industry Heritage Area. It seemed like a perfect location for our latest office.

Our Brownsville bureau is currently staffed by ten cultural resource specialists who are servicing the needs of our clients in the region. And, we anticipate that the new

office will soon be firmly linked into the computer file server and internet-based phone system of the home office in North Wales, allowing the two offices to be fully integrated.

With this new office, CHRS, Inc. looks forward to expanding service and improving relations with clients in the western part of Pennsylvania, while continuing to provide quality service to all of our clients within Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, New York and West Virginia.



Archaeological Investigations were conducted as part of the proposed renovation of the Fairmount Waterworks. The Waterworks is associated with an early endeavor to furnish Philadelphia with a commercial water supply. In addition to the archaeological fieldwork, which provided information on the design of the wheel pit and forebay of Wheel 1, Historic American Engineering Record (HAER) Level photography was conducted in order to document both the archaeological site and the physical elements that constitute the building itself.



Photo 1 – This photograph of the wheel forebay illustrates the types of archaeological resources that were uncovered at the mid-nineteenth century Fairmount Waterworks in the City of Philadelphia. Visible in the photograph are two brick arches along with remains of the wooden sleepers (found in the channels on the floor).

Photo 2 – This photograph depicts a detail of the wooden sleepers found in channels on the floor of the wheel forebay. Also visible in this photograph are remnants of steel bolts. Not visible are two wooden joists which run east to west through the forebay.





Photo 3 – This photograph shows the sloped stone floor of the wheel pit. The quality of the workmanship and the exceptionally smooth, regular, curving surface of the stones suggests that they were dressed in place. The wheel forebay is located to the left of the wheel pit.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Service: n. (ME, from MF, from Lat. *servitium* condition of a slave) the work performed by one that serves, a contribution to the welfare of others; the act of serving: as a helpful act.

When one works in a field that is unfamiliar to most, you are often asked “What do you actually do?” I usually reply that I am the President of a firm that provides Cultural Resources Services.

Usually I get a look of incomprehension. I follow up with: “Archaeology, historical research, and historic building survey work.” These terms are somewhat more familiar to the questioner and they certainly sound more interesting than “Cultural Resources Services.” But in reality, CHRS, Inc. is a service company. Not in the sense of the original root of the word. We are not slavish in our approach to our work, nor do we perform our tasks as directed without question. But we do serve our clients, contribute to their welfare and perform helpful acts.

Our job is to help clients achieve their goals. Whether that entails help navigating the regulatory jungle,

obtaining permits or funds for construction, or providing assistance in identifying and evaluating issues related to historic preservation, we carefully consider the client's needs before we perform the work. Often this means we offer different courses of action, instruct clients how they might overcome perceived hurdles, or reevaluate our level of effort before expending the budgeted funds.

We are successful in what we do, not only because we offer good service, but also because of our staff's vocation. Our staff is committed to historic preservation. We care about saving important portions of our nation's past for the future. We believe that this commitment is evident in our work, and that those in regulatory or review positions recognize our dedication to preserving the past. It is that dedication which provides a level of trust that often allows dialogue, and creates many ways of helping our clients reach their goal.

CHRS, Inc. is in the service of both our clients and our communities.

Kenneth J. Basalik, Ph.D.
President - CHRS, Inc.



American Archaeology Gothic

Kevin Quigg with Todd Glass of NBC's *Last Comic Standing*, after an appearance together at the Comedy Cabaret in Media, PA.

Please check out our updated website:

CHRS, Inc. was featured in a March 26, 2005 article in *The Reading Eagle*, for our work along Route 422.



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