BOOK REVIEWS


Despite the handicaps placed upon it in recent years by pinch-penny federal and state government actions, historic preservation is still very much alive in Pennsylvania as well as in many other areas, and Philadelphia Preserved is both an inspiration and a very useful tool in this respect.

This massive catalogue of the Historic American Buildings Survey of Philadelphia is a model for future publications on such efforts, containing as it does a great deal of information on many of the more important structures which are included. These are records of both success and failure: structures preserved or restored; compromise settlements; and defeats saved by measurements, drawings, and other information gathered before the onset of the dreaded wrecking ball.

First edition material is unchanged, but it is updated by 123 additional sites, taking up forty more pages, and the book is improved by the addition of a street index, which makes it a virtual guidebook to Philadelphia preservation. The catalogue is arranged by districts: Society Hill, the Old City, Center Square, South Philadelphia, West Philadelphia, Fairmount Park, Northwest Philadelphia, and the Delaware River Corridor.

A further advantage of the new edition is its being offered not only in the rather expensive cloth binding, but in paperback, making it more readily acceptable to those of modest means.

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