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PENN ACQUIRES VERMONT MARBLE ARCHIVES

The University of Pennsylvania Libraries and School of Design announce the acquisition of the Vermont Marble Co. Archives. Comprising business records and a stone sample collection, the archives document the firm's activities from its beginning in 1869 as the Sutherland Falls Marble Co. to its final years in the 1970s. The purchase has been made possible by the generosity of the B. H. Breslauer Foundation, Lisa Sardegna, and the G. Holmes Perkins Fund.

Penn plans to collaborate with the Preservation Trust of Vermont, which has acquired the Vermont Marble Museum in Proctor, Vt., the original home of Vermont Marble. The museum and collection were recently threatened when the current owner, OMYA, Inc., decided to divest itself

of the property (*SIAN*, Winter 2013). Joint projects may range from updated exhibitions to student workshops and publications. In addition, a merit-based scholarship will be established for a student from Vermont who wishes to study at Penn's School of Design with a major in historic preservation, architecture, or landscape architecture.

The history of Vermont Marble encapsulates America's rapid growth at the end of the 19th century. Vermont Marble produced the stuff of monumental America, from everyday memorials to commercial and domestic palaces to national monuments. As supplier, designer, fabricator, and seller, the company embodied the very nature of American ingenuity and resourcefulness and quickly became a global competitor in the European-dominated world of building and ornamental stonework.

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Vermont Marble Archives

Marble yard at West Rutland, Vt., early 20th century.

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July 10-14: Rust, Regeneration and Romance: Iron and Steel Landscapes and Cultures, Ironbridge Gorge, England. Info: <http://ironandsteel2013.wordpress.com>.

Aug. 9-15: Assn. for Industrial Archaeology Annual Meeting, Dundee, Scotland. Info: www.industrial-archaeology.org.

Aug. 21-24: Chemistry in Material Culture, 9th Int'l Conference for the History of Chemistry, Uppsala, Sweden. Info: www.9ichc.se.

Sept. 14-22: National Railway Historical Society, Annual Convention, Fairbanks and Anchorage, Alaska. Charter trains and tours. Info: www.nrhs.com/events.

Sept. 25-27: Big Stuff, Triennial Conference, Ottawa, Ont. Sponsored by the Canada Science & Technology Museum. Theme: "Saving Big Stuff in Tight Economic Times." Info: www.sciencetech.technomuses.ca (search Big Stuff).

Sept. 26-29: SIA FALL TOUR, ROCKFORD, ILL. See article in this issue. Info: www.sia-web.org.

Oct. 6-9: Society for the History of Technology (SHOT) Annual Meeting, Portland, Maine. Info: www.historyoftechnology.org.

Oct. 9-12: Pioneer America Society: Assn. for the Preservation of Artifacts & Landscapes, Annual Conference, Mohawk Valley, N.Y. Info: www.pioneeramerica.org.

Oct. 11-15: Assn. for Preservation Technology International Annual Conference, New York, N.Y. Info: www.apti.org.

Oct. 21-27: VII Latin American Symposium on Conservation of the Industrial Heritage, San Luis Potosí, Mexico. Info: www.mnactec.cat/ticcih/.

Oct. 29-Nov. 2: National Trust for Historic Preservation Conference, Indianapolis, Ind. Info: www.preservationnation.org.

Nov. 8: Business and Politics in 20th-Century America, Wilmington, Del. Sponsored by the Hagley Museum & Library. Info: clockman@hagley.org.

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Jan. 8-12: Society for Historical Archaeology Annual Conference, Quebec City, Que. Info: www.sha.org.

Mar. 19-22: National Council on Public History Annual Conference, Monterey, Calif. Info: www.ncph.org.

Apr. 9-12: Society for Commercial Archeology Annual Conference, St. Petersburg, Fla. Info: www.sca-roadside.org.

Apr. 9-13: Society of Architectural Historians Annual Conference, Austin, Tex. Info: www.sah.org.

May 22-25: SOCIETY FOR INDUSTRIAL ARCHEOLOGY ANNUAL CONFERENCE, PORTLAND, ME. Watch the SIA website for updates. Info: www.sia-web.org.

June 19-22: First International Conference on Early Main Line Railways, Caernarfon, North Wales, U.K. See call for papers in this issue. Info: www.earlymainlinerailways.org.uk. ■