

Harriton House

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HART B420 Museum Studies Fieldwork Seminar

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Projects:

- Organization and archiving of Nancy Walker's documents
- Organization of The Lower Merion Society for the Detection and Prosecution of Horse Thieves and the Recovery of Stolen Horses and The Music Study Club's Documents
- Organization and transcription of Paul Maier's written correspondence
- Organization and collection management of Harriton's books



Key Takeaways:

- Worked in the archival room organizing documents and records
- Gained skills in document sorting, labeling, and developing effective organization systems
- Learned to identify document types by typeface, paper, and handwriting
- Developed preservation skills
- Identified impact of archival work on historic sites
- Improved focus, judgement, and organization
- Gained deeper understanding of future career paths

Mission Statement

Harriton House is a historic house located in Bryn Mawr, PA. It was originally built by Rowland Ellis, a Welsh farmer who named it Bryn Mawr (eventually lending the town its name) and most famously the residence of Charles Thomson, a founding father who was the secretary of the Continental Congress. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1973. The Harriton Association's mission statement is to:

1. Preserve and maintain the historic 1704 Harriton House
2. To encourage voluntary memberships, contributions, and active participation in the non-profit Harriton Association
3. To sponsor education and cultural programs to sustain understanding of American History and the part played by Charles Thomson, the only secretary to the Continental and Confederation Congresses.



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