



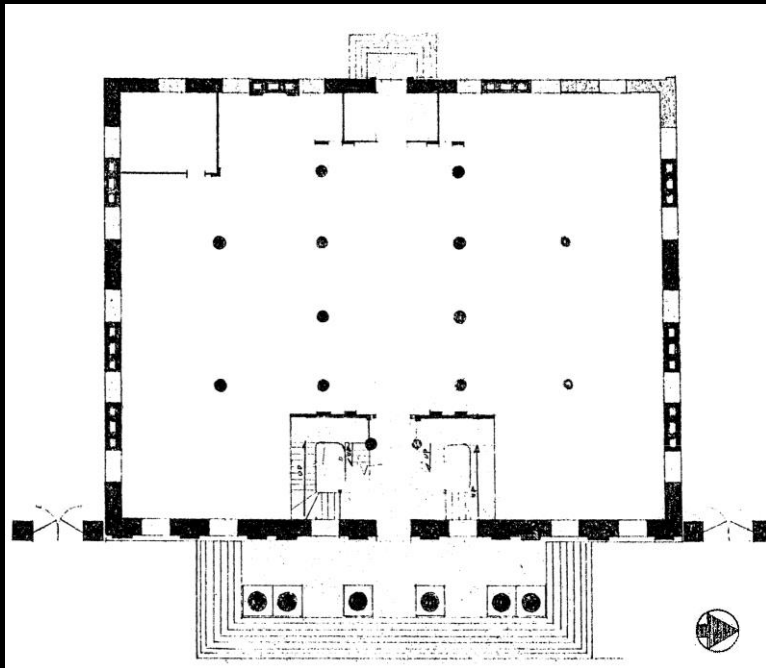
Rehabilitation of the First Bank of the United States

Independence National Historical Park
(East Elevation of the First Bank)



William Birch 1798

First Bank of the United States was chartered in 1791.
The building opened in 1797.

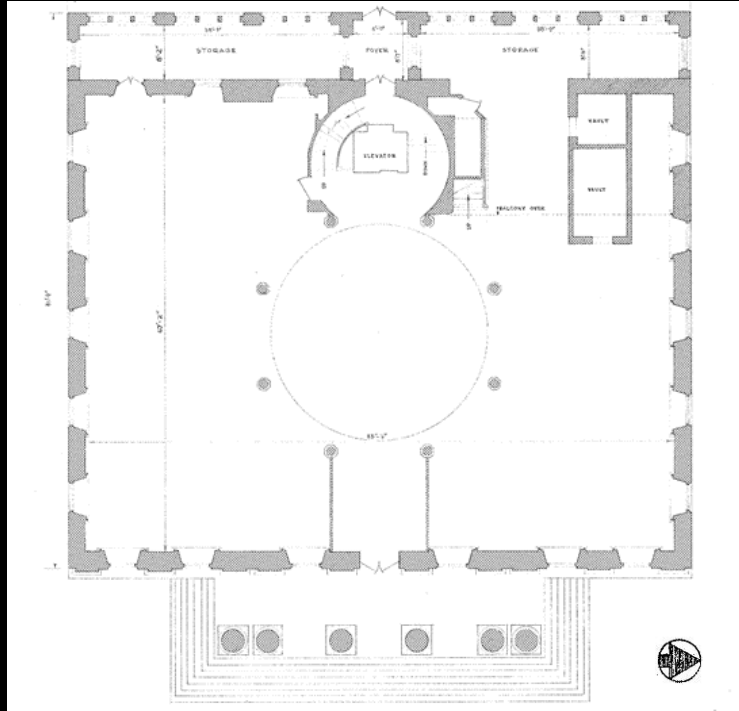


1797
First Floor Plan

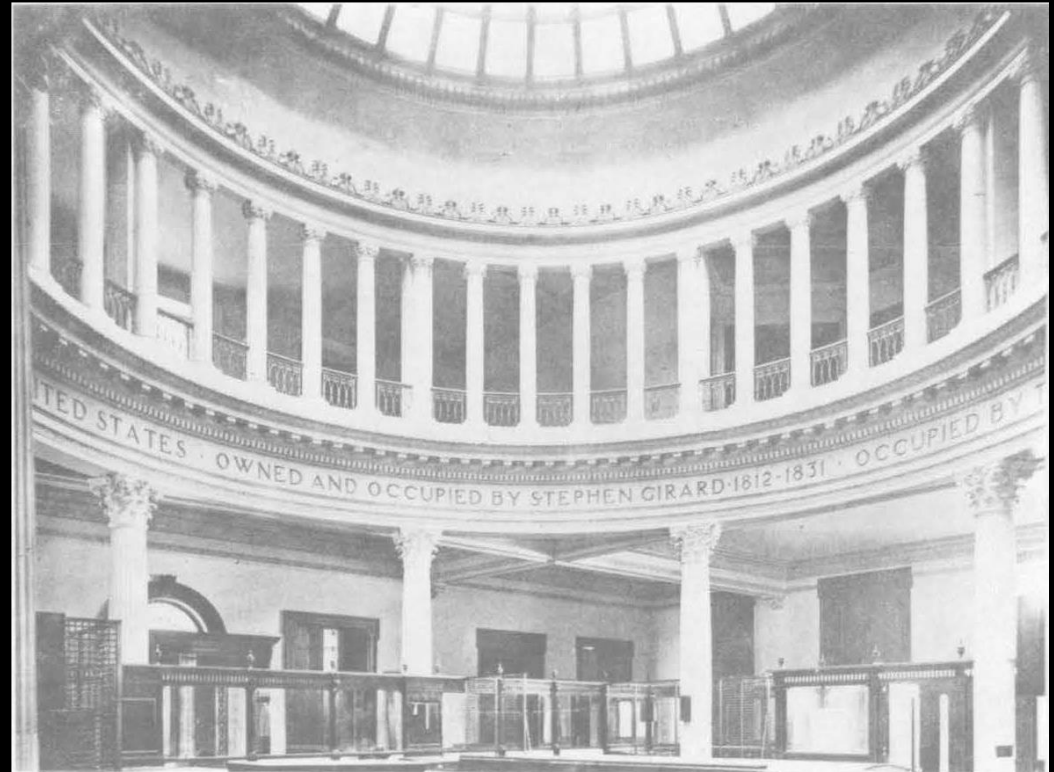


Courtesy NPS

The bank featured an entrance flanked by winder staircases
and a grand barrel-vaulted banking hall

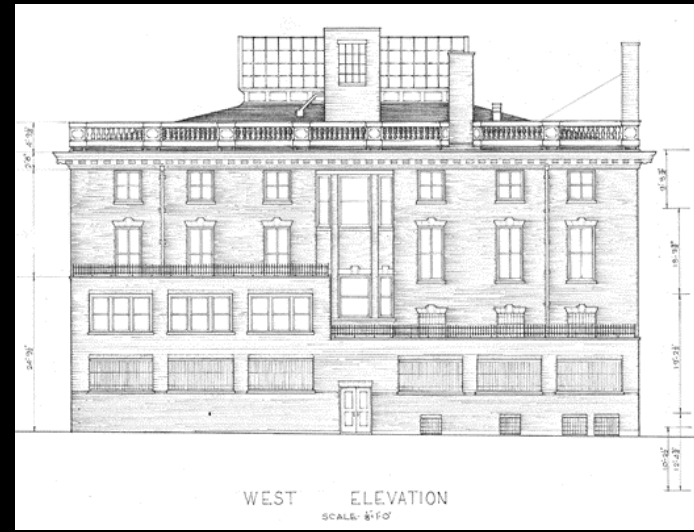
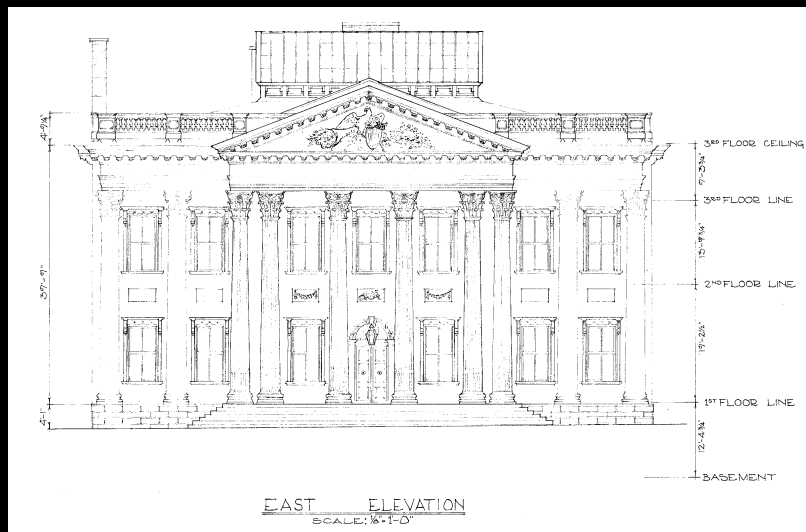


1902 & 1911 West Addition
First Floor Plan



Courtesy NPS

A major interior renovation was completed in 1902. Designed by James H. Windrim the renovation included a new rotunda, grand staircase, and addition on the west elevation (1911).



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The building became part of Independence National Historical Park in 1955.

In 1960 a HABS team documented the building.

1974-75 the National Park Service restored the exterior of the building to its 1797 appearance.

Museum of the American
Revolution

Merchants' Exchange

Third Street

First Bank

Chestnut Street

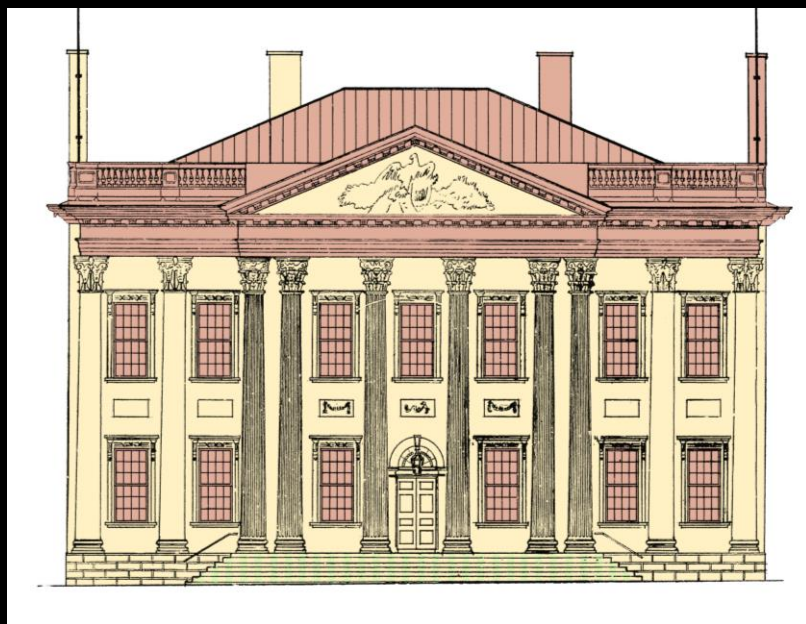
Walnut Street

Carpenters' Hall

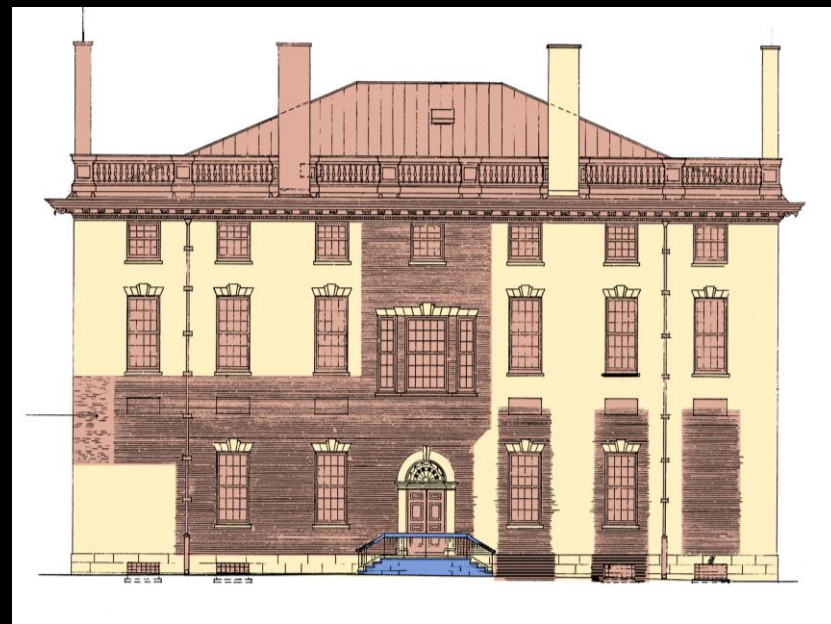


Area of Potential Effect





East Elevation



West Elevation

- Priority #1 : Original 1797 Fabric
- Priority #2 : Character Defining 1902 Construction
- Priority #3 : Reconstructed 18th c. Fabric
- Priority #4 : Non-original Fabric

Historic Fabric Assessment



Existing view from Carpenters' Hall east to the First Bank

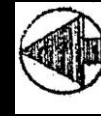
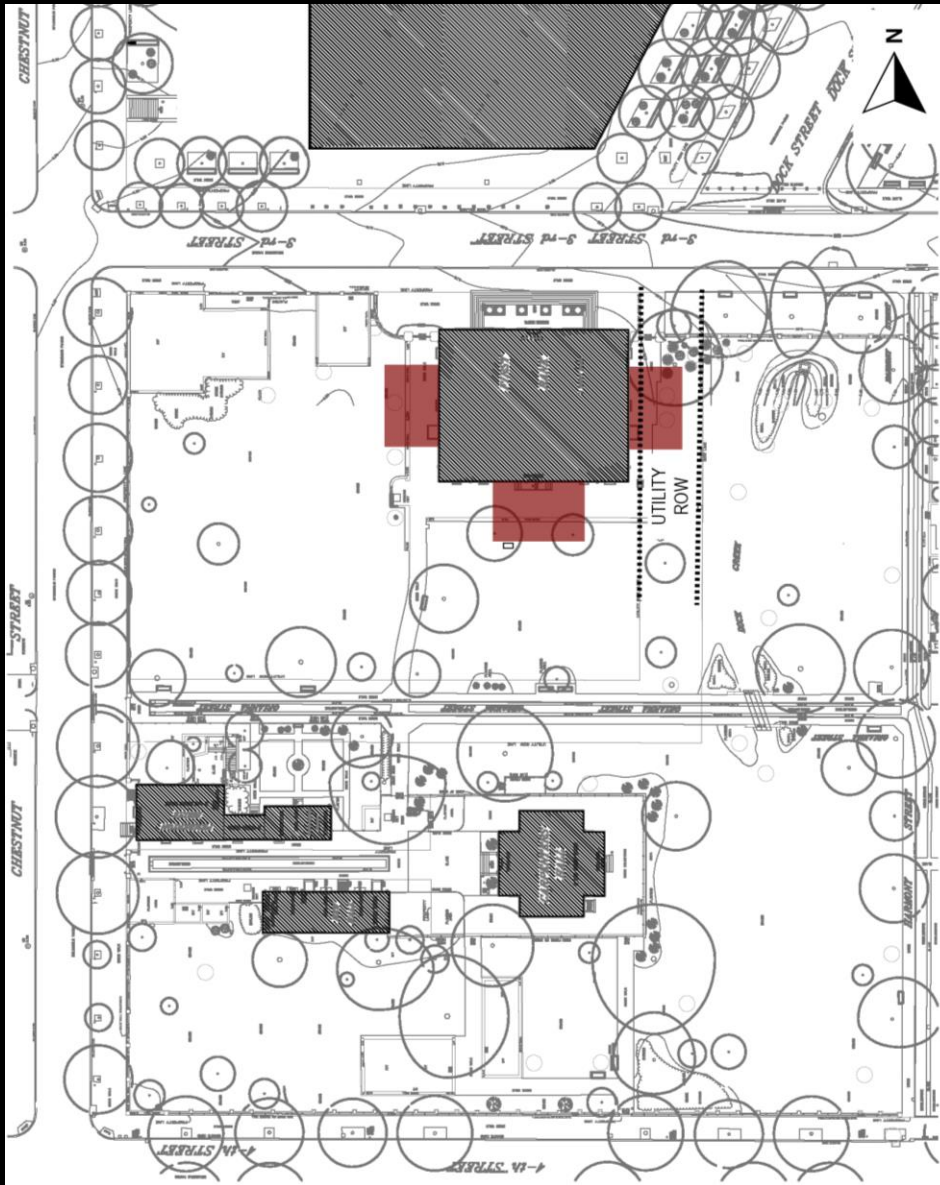
Alternatives:

1. No addition
2. Limited west addition
 - 2A. Expanded west addition
3. Limited north addition
 - 3A. Expanded north addition

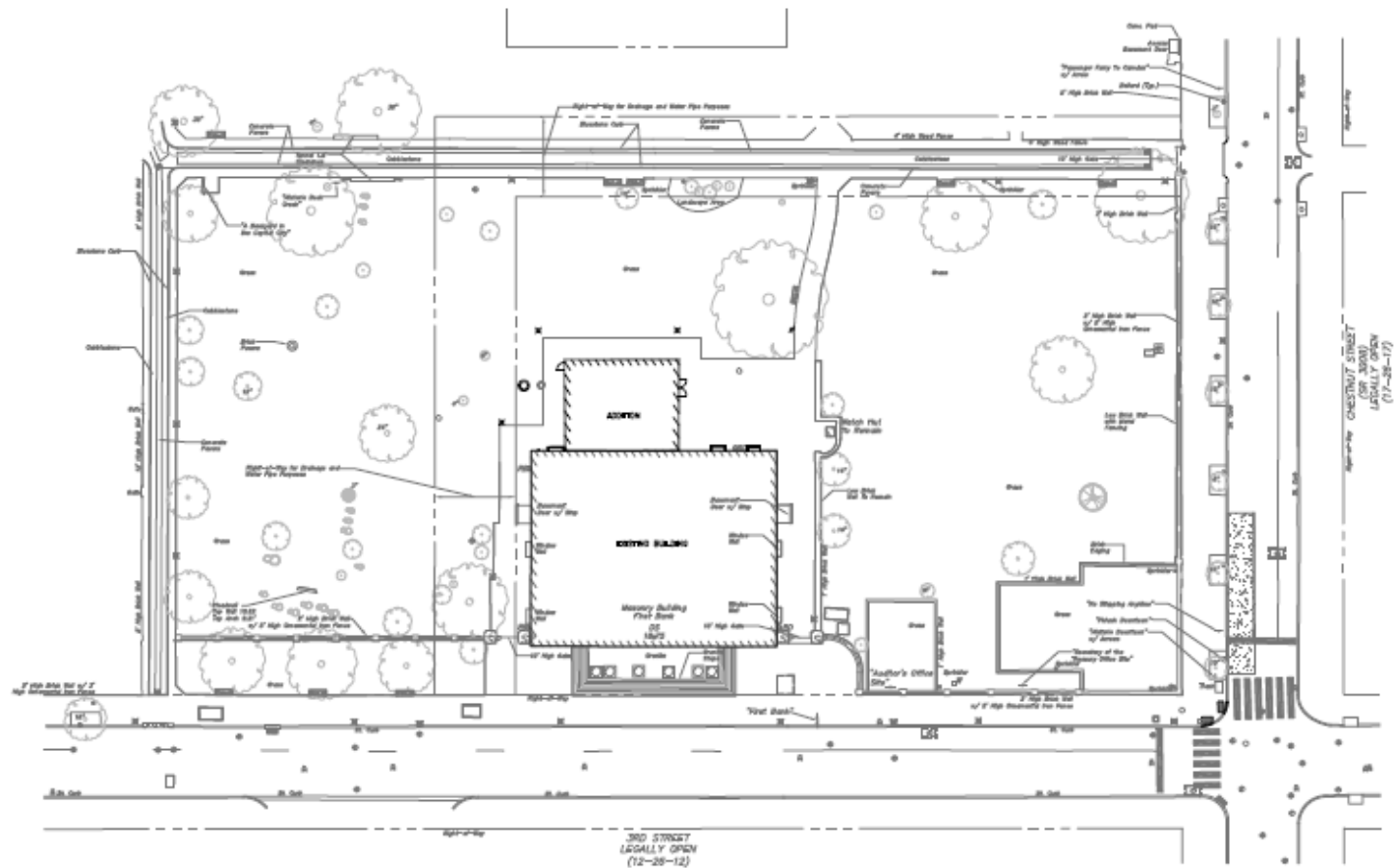
Table 4: Building Architecture Factors

Factor 1 – Protect Exterior Historic Resources
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effect on exterior historic character.
Factor 2 – Protect Interior Historic Resources
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effect of elevator placement. Effect of entrance placement from the addition. Effect of new stairway placement. Effect of restroom placement.
Factor 3 – Protect Cultural Landscape
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effect on cultural landscape.
Factor 4 – Protect Archeological Resources
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effect on archeologically sensitive areas (includes addition excavation and paving and retaining wall work on west and north, utility work.)
Factor 5 – Protect Public and Employee Health, Safety and Welfare
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proximity of emergency egress to visitor flows. Ability to monitor visitor flows for building security.
Factor 6 – Maintain or Improve Visitor Experience
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effect on visitor understanding of historic character (exterior and interior). Quality of exhibit space (entrance, circulations, proximity to front desk, school groups queuing) Amount of visitor programming space (first floor exhibit space, second floor architectural studies collection) Convenience of elevator location and size (access to the seminar room, access for catering, access in relation to the main entrance)
Factor 7 – Improve Operational Efficiency and Reliability
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effect on staff and visitor functions and flow. Entrance clarity. Amount and location of operations space (custodial/trash removal).

Alternatives Considered



Alternative locations for an addition considered



1 SITE PLAN - OVERVIEW
SCALE A

Scale A: 1" = 20'



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Proposed site plan showing the proposed new addition on the west elevation of the First Bank.



Interior View @ Entry, west elevation of the First Bank retained. Addition set away from the building separated from the First Bank by glass.



Proposed North Elevation



Proposed South and West Elevations