



SEVEN TO SAVE

RAISING THE VISIBILITY OF LOCAL PRESERVATION CHALLENGES



In 2009, the Preservation League of New York State is using its annual listing of endangered places, Seven to Save, to support and enhance the year-long commemoration of the voyages of Henry Hudson, Robert Fulton and Samuel de Champlain.

The 2009 Seven to Save List gives voice to seven disparate sites which illustrate the heroic saga of the exploration and settlement of the Hudson and Champlain valleys.



Burden Iron Works Museum

LOCATION:

Troy,
Rensselaer County

HISTORY AND QUADRICENTENNIAL CONNECTION:

This building is architect Robert Robertson's best surviving work and an important reminder of the Hudson River's industrial heritage. Robertson designed the building as the offices of the Burden Iron Company, a world famous 19th century iron firm best known for being the first in the world to manufacture horseshoes by machine. The site is now operated as a museum of commerce and industry, and houses the offices of the Hudson Mohawk Industrial Gateway, the not-for-profit which owns the building.

PERIOD OF SIGNIFICANCE:

1881-1882

LANDMARK STATUS:

Local, State and National
Register

THREAT:

Deterioration; ongoing
restoration challenges

HOW THE LEAGUE IS HELPING:

Seven to Save designation is assisting the Hudson Mohawk Industrial Gateway in its fundraising efforts, as the organization continues to struggle to raise the money to continue restoration of this building. While the group is taking all the right steps and has received an award from NYS Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation, the Burden Iron Works Museum will benefit from the enhanced visibility offered by Seven to Save would provide.

The Preservation League can lend additional credence to the Gateway's work on this site, and highlight the building's architectural and historic significance as the premier property for the interpretation of the Hudson Valley's industrial heritage.



The Preservation League is a statewide not-for-profit organization based in Albany.
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