

National Park Service  
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**Title:** Preserve First Bank Tympanum Sculpture on the First Bank of the United States

**Location:** 120 S 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106

**Start:** May 20, 2020

**Completion:** November 11, 2020

**Cost at Award:** \$399,525

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**Prime Contractor:** Taggart Brown & Associates, Inc.

**Subcontractor(s):** Materials Conservation | Eastern Scaffolding & Shoring | Bird Solutions

Taggart Brown & Associates, Inc. was awarded the restoration of the 1797 mahogany carved tympanum on the First bank of the U.S. building. The 42' hand carved element was the first use of the American Eagle as a symbol of the newly formed United States Government. The project required creating an environmentally controlled room on top of 46' high scaffolding to control temperature and humidity as the lead paint was removed and a historically accurate linseed oil paint was applied. In addition, new lead flashings were applied and oxidized steel rust marks from nails installed in 1797 were repaired. To complete the project, we replaced minor section of soffit (by recreating trim elements) and repainted the front trim and soffits after cleaning the tray gutter system around the entire perimeter of the three-story building. The increase in cost can be attributed to those finishing details. It was truly an honor to handle this piece of important American history.

