



# Anthracite Region National Historic Landmark and National Register Nominations

Northeastern PA

## **CLIENT:**

### **Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission**

As part of a historic context study of the Anthracite region of northeastern Pennsylvania, KSK prepared two National Historic Landmark (NHL) nominations and two National Register of Historic Places (NR) for resources in the Lackawanna Heritage Valley. NHL nominations were prepared for the Lackawanna Iron & Coal Company Furnaces (1848), the Lackawanna County Courthouse (1884) and the John Mitchell Monument on the courthouse square (1924). NR nominations were completed for the Masonic Temple and Scottish Rite Cathedral (1930), and the Joseph Cassese House (1911).

The Lackawanna County Courthouse was the site of the first session of the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission, appointed by President Theodore Roosevelt to end the “Great Strike” of 1902. The Strike Commission’s hearing represented the first non-violent, even-handed intervention by the federal government in a labor dispute. John Mitchell, international president of the United Mine Workers of America, played a significant role in the Strike Commission hearings as the first and most celebrated witness to testify. Mitchell is commemorated with a monument on the courthouse square.

The Lackawanna Iron & Coal Company Furnaces are remnants of one of the seminal anthracite iron complexes in the United States. The Lackawanna Iron & Coal Company was among the earliest and most productive iron rail mills in the country and helped spur the settlement and development of the City of Scranton. The Masonic Temple and Scottish Rite Cathedral is significant for its association with Raymond L. Hood, a prominent New York Architect of the 1920s and early 1930s and as a unique example of Neo-Gothic architecture. The Joseph Cassese House is an unusual Italian Renaissance style house designed and built for an Italian immigrant who became a prominent Scranton business and civic leader.



*Masonic Temple and Scottish Rite Cathedral*



*Lackawanna County Courthouse*