



# Section 106 Consultation and HABS Documentation for the Philadelphia Civic Center

Philadelphia, PA

**CLIENT:**  
**University of Pennsylvania**

KSK was hired by the University of Pennsylvania to provide services related to consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The University planned to demolish the historic Philadelphia Civic Center and adjacent Commercial Museum to make way for a state of the art cancer research and treatment facility. KSK consulted with the client, project architects and engineers, the City of Philadelphia and the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission to explore all potential alternatives to demolition that would allow for the construction of the proposed facility. All parties coordinated to develop a strategy to mitigate the loss of the National Register eligible Civic Center, resulting in a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA).

Upon completion of the MOA, KSK was retained to document the Philadelphia Civic Center to Historic American Building Survey (HABS) standards. The University of Pennsylvania provided historic drawings of the building, while KSK conducted background research and completed a historical narrative. Our subconsultant John Herr provided photographic services, resulting in archivally processed images of key components and spaces in the building. Additional efforts included the identification, measurement and photography of elements in the building to be salvaged.



*Chandelier*



*Baluster detail*



*North and west façades*