

Historical Highlights

Pennsylvania's Capitols



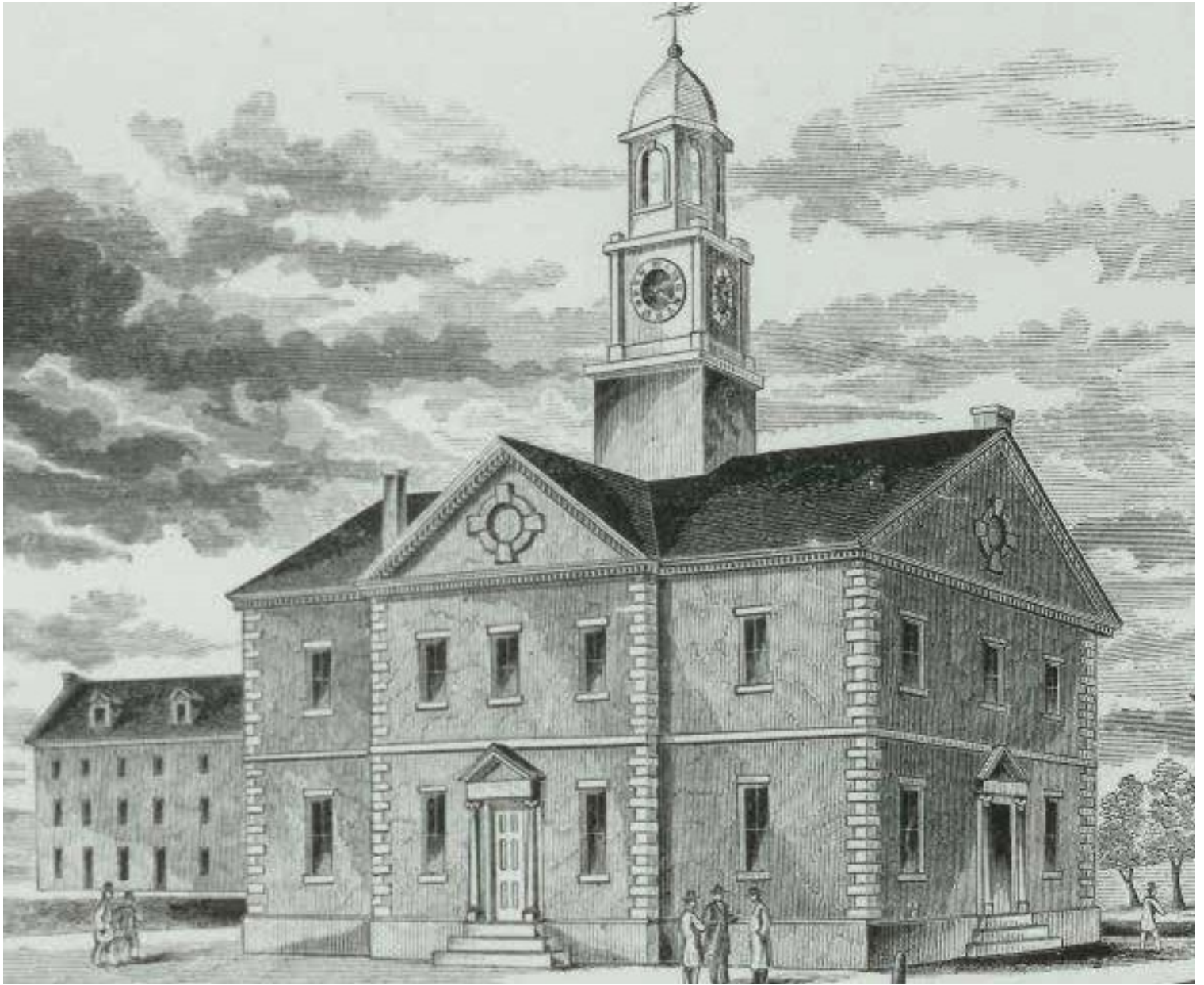
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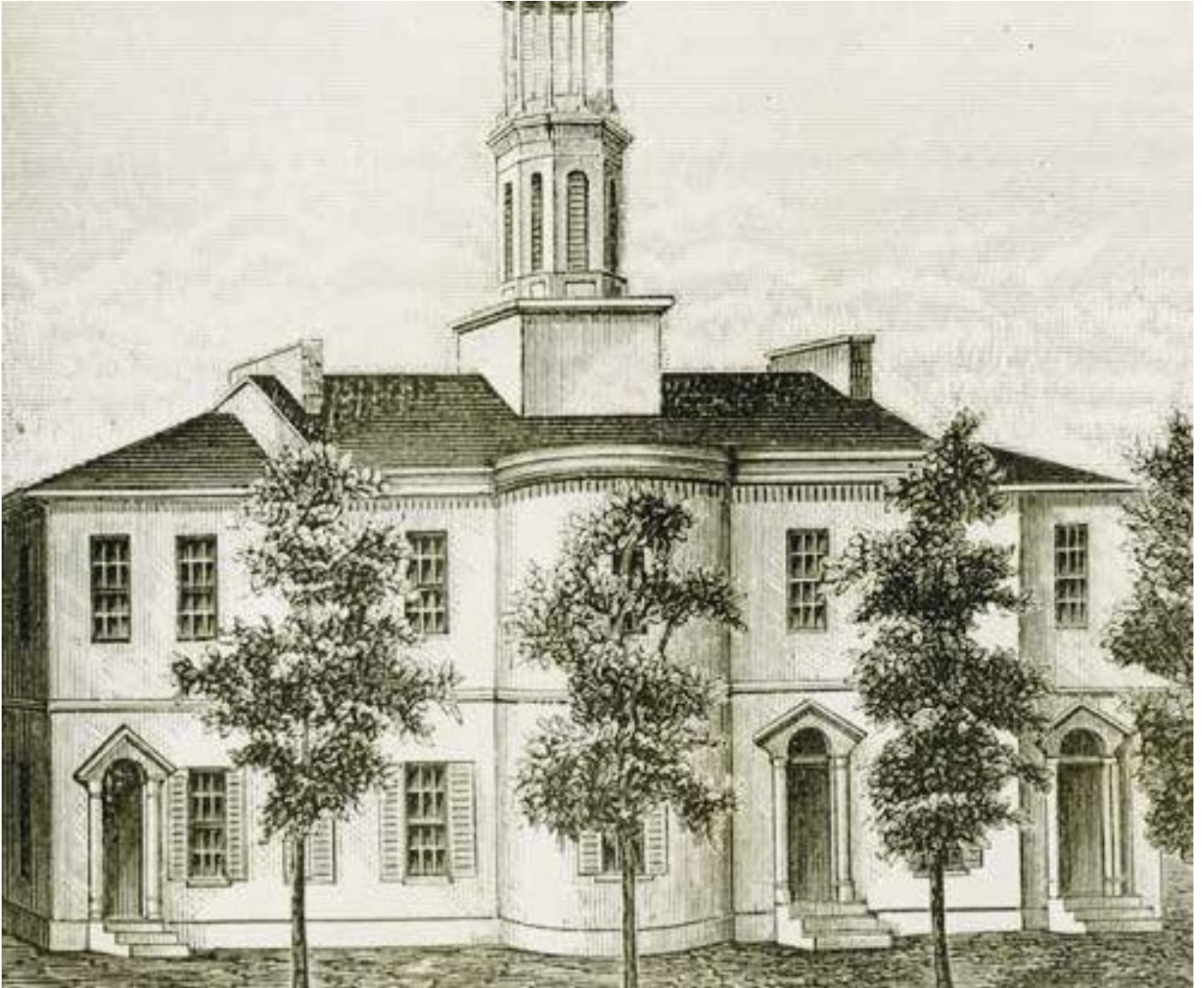
Built in Philadelphia between 1732 and 1735 and used as the state House of the colony and later Commonwealth of Pennsylvania from 1735 until 1799 when the assembly voted to move westward to Lancaster.

Lancaster County Court House



Served as the interim Capitol and seat of government from September 1777 until June 1778, and again from December 1799 until 1812.

Dauphin County Courthouse



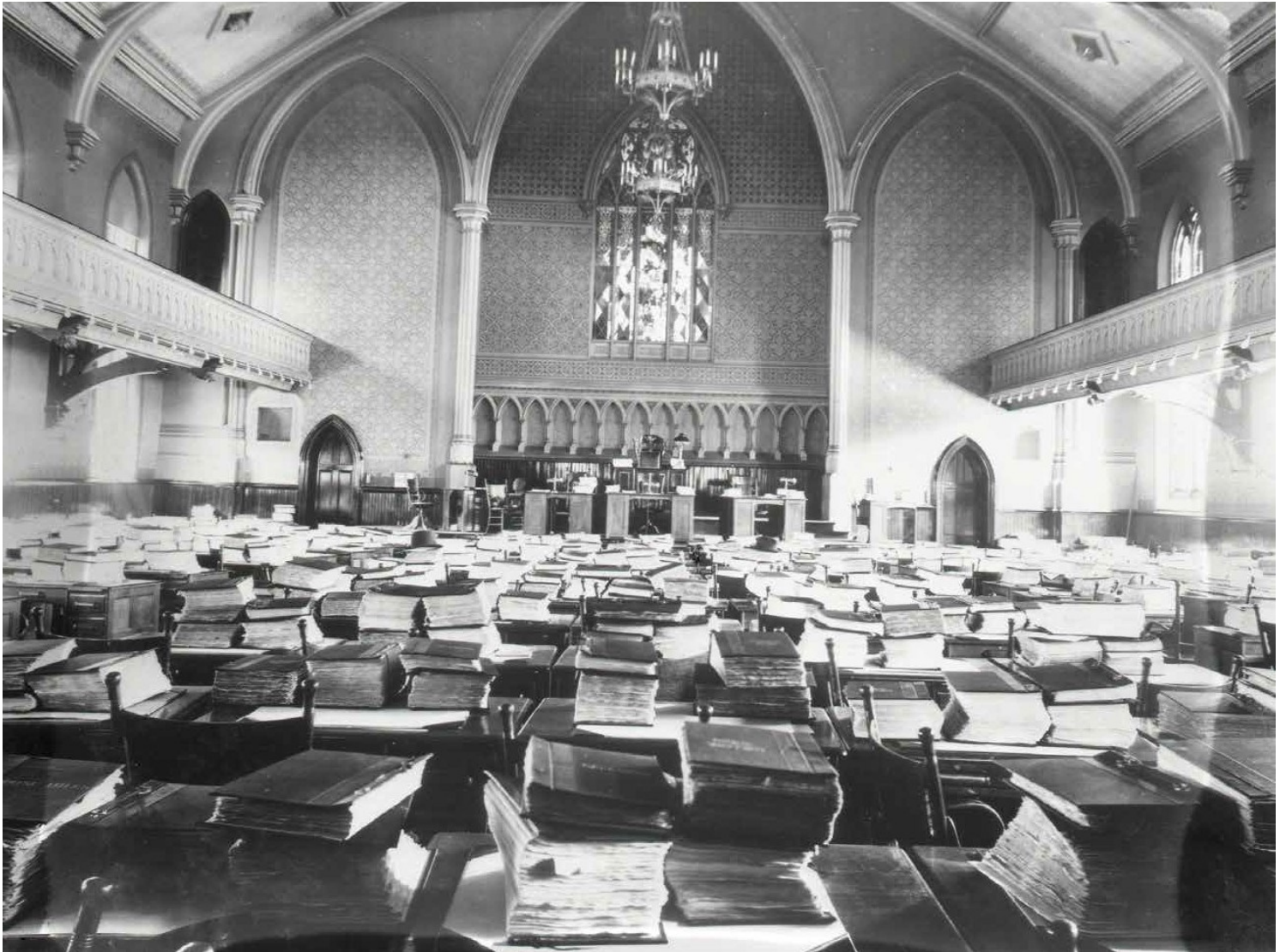
Served as the interim Capitol from April 1812 until January 2, 1822, while the construction of the Hills Capitol and adjacent buildings progressed.

Hills Capitol



Pennsylvania's Federal-style Capitol for much of the 19th century. Designed and constructed by Stephen Hills and built between 1819 and 1822, it burned on February 2, 1897, in the middle of a snowstorm.

Grace United Methodist Church



Interim Pennsylvania Capitol from February 3, 1897, until December 31, 1898, while the Cobb Capitol was being built. The church is located at 216 State Street, Harrisburg.

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Cobb Capitol



Pennsylvania's Capitol from 1899 to 1902, the Cobb Building was never fully completed as architect Henry Cobb had envisioned. The building was eventually clad over in granite and remains a part of the current Capitol. The building was constructed at a cost of \$550,000.

Huston Capitol



Designed and built by architect Joseph Miller Huston between 1902 and 1906 at a cost of \$4.5 million, the present Capitol is an architectural and artistic masterpiece and was listed as a National Historic Landmark in 2006.

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