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Casting a light into hidden corners of history and augmenting our knowledge of building technology is a sure step toward establishing, guiding, and upgrading the best practices in historic preservation. Each of the six articles in the current issue of the *APT Bulletin: The Journal of Preservation Technology* illuminates an aspect of this history.

Three articles address construction materials or methods. Susan Begley Broeksmit and Anne T. Sullivan examine the evolution of dry-press brick and exemplify how it became a popular building product during the late-nineteenth-century, as well as an important advance in building technology in America. Engineers Sanjay R. Arwade, Liakos Ariston, and Thomas Lydigsen present the results of a field investigation and structural analysis of the Bollman truss bridge at Savage, Maryland, showcasing why this bridge is an important link in the history of structural engineering in the United States. Miles Lewis documents the connections between mid-nineteenth-century prefabricated buildings in California and Australia

This special issue of the *APT Bulletin* also contains essays on preservation education and on historic preservation as a professional discipline. Through personal reminiscences and case studies, David G. Woodcock extols the benefits of hand drawing and measuring historic buildings, arguing that these time-tested methods of onsite documentation are critical components in an architect's training and education. In the first installment of a two-part essay, Hugh C. Miller reflects on the seminal role that APT members have played in defining bedrock preservation philosophies and establishing historic preservation as a profession.

The history of building technology was a subject of particular interest to the “consummate, ardent preservation warrior,” the late Charles E. Peterson, who would have celebrated his one hundredth birthday this year. This issue of the *APT Bulletin* is a salute to Peterson, an extraordinary preservationist, who had a far-reaching impact on APT as a founder, first president, member of the College of Fellows, and “APT Bulletin” author. In a thoughtful article David Gregory Cornelius elaborates on Peterson's pursuit of the “lost history” of cement and concrete, proving that Peterson's interests reveal as much about the researcher as it does about his research. More than a dozen people who knew Peterson well share their memories of him wearing many hats over the years — architect and landscape architect, researcher, letter writer, educator, cheerleader, mentor, host, lobbyist, and philanthropist.

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