



Bronx County Courthouse

BRONX, NY

The Bronx County Courthouse is a noteworthy example of 1930s neo-classical Moderne, American civic architecture. The building's exterior features sculpture groupings, while one of its interior spaces, Veteran's Memorial Hall, is decorated with four 14.5 foot x 37 foot James Monroe Hewlett murals depicting significant historical events in the Bronx.

Prior to implementing a full restoration/conservation of the murals, EverGreene completed a survey, field testing, and prepared treatment mock-ups.

The four murals were in varying states of disrepair, all required surface cleaning, inpainting areas of loss, and the application of protective varnish. "Settlement of the Territory by James Bronck Under the Dutch" needed the most significant intervention. Its plaster substrate exhibited deterioration, most likely due to an earlier roof leak, and the canvas had multiple areas of planar distortion. EverGreene partially removed this mural from the wall, repaired the underlying plaster, and then reinstalled it. Since this disturbed the original lead adhesive, EverGreene had to utilize environmental controls and conservation techniques.

MORE INFORMATION:

<https://evergreene.com/projects/bronx-county-courthouse/>

SERVICES PERFORMED

Conservation Treatments
Plaster Conservation
Plaster Fabrication
Stone Conservation

PROJECT DETAILS

Original Architect

Joseph H. Freeland and Max L. Hausle

Muralist

James Monroe Hewlett

Client

New York City Department of Citywide
Administrative Services (DCAS)

