

SAVING MONTANA'S

# STONEWALL HALL

TERRITORIAL CAPITOL

VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA

MONTANA HISTORY FOUNDATION



MONTANA HERITAGE COMMISSION

# A Public-Private Partnership

The Montana History Foundation and Montana Heritage Commission

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**The Montana History Foundation and the Montana Heritage Commission are partnering to save Stonewall Hall, Montana's original Territorial Capitol Building.**

The Montana History Foundation is an independent 501(c)(3) charity that raises private funds to support community-based history and preservation projects across the state.

The Montana Heritage Commission is the state agency that preserves and manages historic resources in Virginia City, Nevada City, and Reeder's Alley.





# STONEWALL HALL

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Stonewall Hall, the original territorial capitol building for Montana, is in imminent danger of collapse.

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Built in Virginia City in 1864, it was home to Montana's territorial legislature from 1865-1875.

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Recently, the owner agreed to transfer the building to the State, creating the best preservation opportunity in decades.

*The Montana territorial legislature, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Stonewall Hall, 1874.*

# WALLACE STREET

THE MAIN STREET of VIRGINIA CITY, MT

"Virginia City is to the American West what Colonial Williamsburg was to early America, except that Virginia City is entirely intact and all original."

Richard Moe,  
Past President National Trust  
for Historic Preservation  
in the  
New York Times



Fairweather Inn

Bale of Hay Saloon

Cousin's Candy Shop

Virginia City Cafe

## STONEWALL HALL

Located in the heart of town, the building is prime for historic preservation and commercial redevelopment.

# Top Preservation Priorities

The Montana Heritage Commission

## STONEWALL HALL

Montana's First Territorial Capitol Building  
(1865-1875).



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## COGSWELL TAYLOR RESIDENCE

Home to Montana's first female African American businessowner.



2

## HICKMAN RESIDENCE

Home to influential Montana pioneer and territorial legislator.



3

## GILBERT RESIDENCE

Home to local businessman and brewery owner.



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# SAVING STONEWALL HALL

Steps to acquire, fund and restore.

## STEP ONE

Montana History Foundation (MHF) raises seed money to stabilize the building.

## STEP TWO

State Land Board accepts property on behalf of Montana and the Montana Heritage Commission (MHC).

## STEP THREE

MHF and MHC collaborate to fund restoration phase.

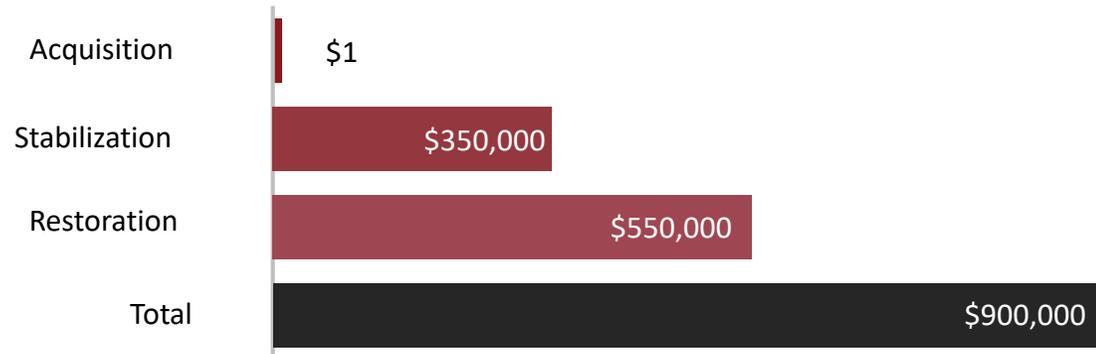
## STEP FOUR

MHC encloses and stabilizes the structure.

## STEP FIVE

Interior restoration of legislative chambers completed, including first floor commercial space that will support ongoing maintenance of the building.

# Budget



# Funding



- ✓ We are close to completing funding for the stabilization phase.
- ✓ We are working on a plan to raise restoration funds.
- ✓ In addition to private fundraising, state lodging tax dollars and federal grants could be leveraged to complete the restoration phase.

# HOW YOU CAN HELP

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