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# Civil War Murals, Memorial Hall

## Franklin County
## Board of Commissioners
## 373 South High Street
## Columbus, OH 43215

## Project Duration: January–May 2001

This project involved conservation and restoration of two Civil War battle murals created in 1906 in Memorial Hall, Columbus, Ohio. ICA conservators reconstructed two large sections of one mural that had been removed to install an elevator and duct work while the building was in use as a science center in the 1960s. Both murals were covered with heavy grime and soot layers, as well as thick dark brown varnish layers that completely obscured most of the compositional elements. The project was part of the complete renovation of the building and the conservation work was carried out during the construction work. Treatment involved removal of grime, soot, and varnish layers, application of a stable varnish, application of canvas inserts where mural sections were missing, and reconstruction of the composition at these areas using materials and techniques which imitated the artist's methods.

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