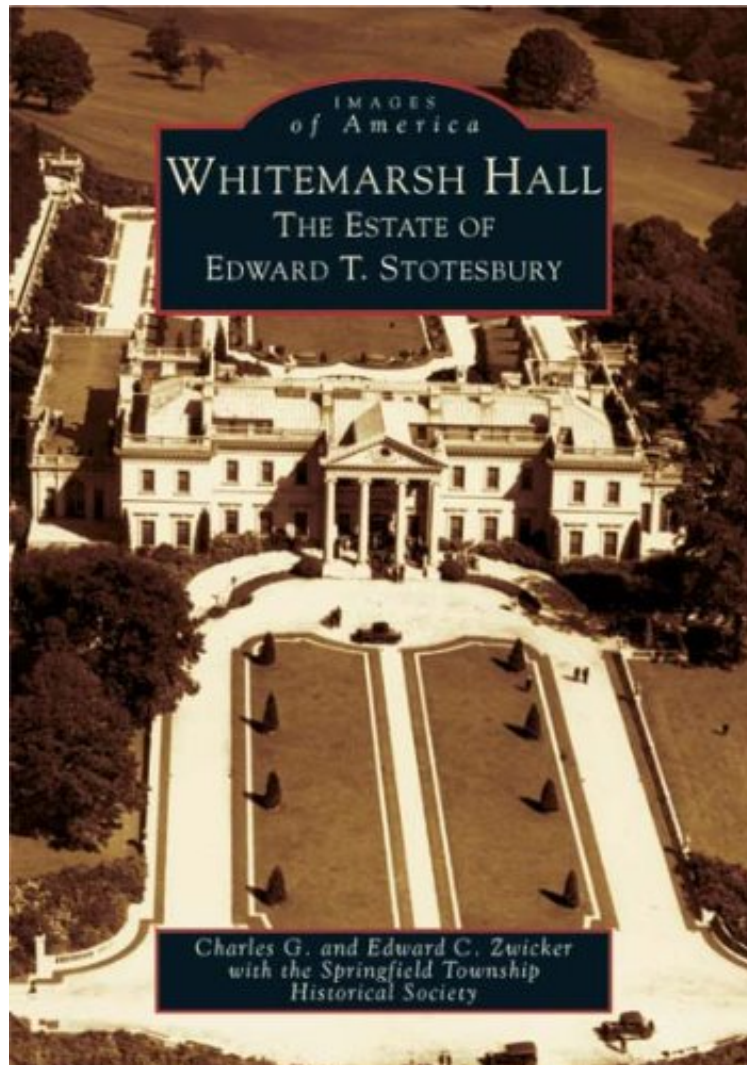


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detailed captions. Charles and Edward Zwicker partnered with the Springfield Township Historical Society to locate virtually all available photos related to Whitemarsh Hall and the Stotesburys. This book is a vital architectural reference for perhaps the grandest neoclassical residence designed by Horace Trumbauer. Whitemarsh Hall truly was "America's Versailles." The book illustrates how the Stotesbury family came to prominence in Philadelphia and briefly describes how Edward T. Stotesbury built his fortune that made it possible to commission this mansion and surrounding estate. The book shows in many photos the mansion's construction, completion and many interior photos to reveal how magnificent this home was in the twilight years of America's Gilded Age. Every bit as fascinating are the photos of the mansion and its use after the Stotesburys passed away: its use during World War II and how it functioned as the headquarters for a large chemical company. The book also documents the sad decline and eventual destruction from neglect and vandalism until it finally had to be demolished. Most shocking was the modest tombstone that marks Edward Stotesbury's grave, a man who was once one of the richest men in America. I highly recommend this book to those wanting more information of one of the once-great mansions in the United States. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Amazing Stotesbury Mansion By HMI had a chance to quickly walk through part of it a few years before it was demolished. I didn't know anything about it at the time. I read the book and studied all the pictures and was so amazed by it all. Had I known the history and what it looked like in its glory, I would have explored it more thoroughly, as long as I wouldn't get in trouble for trespassing! I plan on going up there this summer to see for myself what's still left. It's only a couple of hours from me. The book for being used, must have really been brand new. Great photos from the mansions beginning to end. Very informative and well written. An excellent read if you're interested in Stotesbury Mansion. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Awesome Mansion tell all! By Lynn Ramage 'Awesome must have for any mansion lover!!! This one is for the coffee table~!

Whitemarsh Hall, known as "the Versailles of America," was one of the largest and most exquisite estates in North America. Edward Townsend Stotesbury, one of the wealthiest Philadelphians in the early twentieth century, commissioned renowned architect Horace Trumbauer to build the one-hundred-forty-seven room mansion in 1916 on three hundred acres just outside Philadelphia. Whitemarsh Hall, which took five years to build at an estimated cost of \$10 million with all the furnishings, was a wedding present for his second wife. This book explores Whitemarsh Hall's construction, its heyday in the 1920s, the multiple impacts of the Great Depression, Stotesbury's death, and subsequent ownership over the next four decades, culminating in its eventual submission to decay, vandalism, and the wrecking ball in 1980.

About the Author The Springfield Township Historical Society was established in 1985, in large part as a result of the township and its interested residents losing battles to save significant historical buildings, including Whitemarsh Hall. Board members Charles G. and Edward C. Zwicker actively research Springfield Township history and conduct presentations on topics of local interest. They also authored Springfield Township, Montgomery County with the historical society. The Springfield Township Historical Society was established in 1985, in large part as a result of the township and its interested residents losing battles to save significant historical buildings, including Whitemarsh Hall. Board members Charles G. and Edward C. Zwicker actively research Springfield Township history and conduct presentations on topics of local interest. They also authored Springfield Township, Montgomery County with the historical society. The Springfield Township Historical Society was established in 1985, in large part as a result of the township and its interested residents losing battles to save significant historical buildings, including Whitemarsh Hall. Board members Charles G. and Edward C. Zwicker actively research Springfield Township history and conduct presentations on topics of local interest. They also authored Springfield Township, Montgomery County with the historical society.