

balustrade. The original wood cornice was extensively damaged by the fire and then removed.

Photographs from the end of the nineteenth century, just before the fire, show no balustrade along the wings, but this was not always the case. The earliest detailed images of the Rotunda and wings show railings along the south sides of the terraces. The February 1823 Neilson south elevation rendering includes simple rails in a lattice diamond pattern, but later views from 1826 to 1845 consistently record railings of delicate Chinese-influenced fretwork, much like the current railings between the Pavilions. The 1856 Bohn's Album image shows a different railing, with vertical balusters, and in the earliest photograph, from 1868, it can be seen that the railing had groups of nine turned balusters separated by square paneled plinths. This same condition is seen in several later photographs.

Stairs/ramps: The wings connect to Pavilions I and II with steps in the east and west bays of the south elevations. The steps in the outermost bays are concrete and are eight risers high, with 1'-1" deep treads.

In the bays flanking the south portico steps, the concrete steps descend from the brick-paved walkway that is directly south of the portico steps. The steps have seven risers, with 1'-0" deep treads. Drains are set into the center of the herringbone-paved landings.

A ramp descending from the front of Pavilion I to the landing at the east bay of the southeast wing was installed in 1998. The ramp is paved with herringbone brick, to match the adjoining passages and walkways.

The steps and ramp are set within concrete retaining walls. There are also ramps along the west and east elevations (outer) elevations of the wings. Wrought iron railings along the steps and the ramps were installed in 1998.

Systems: On the north elevation of the southeast wing, there is an electrical box near the westernmost window opening; a "Carrier" air conditioning unit and a "Westinghouse" switch near the westernmost window; and a concrete well with a metal grate in the ground near the west passage opening.

An electrical box is mounted to the north elevation of the southwest wing near the second pier from the east. There is an air conditioning unit near the third bay from the west.