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### *Tweed Courthouse Restoration*

AS ORIGINALLY CONCEIVED by architect Thomas Little in 1859, and later completed by architects John Kellum and Leopold Eidlitz, Tweed Courthouse was furnished with 138 sets of copper-bronze electrotype hardware, provided by the Johnson Rotary Lock Company in 1867. Electrotyping was used in the manufacturing of door hardware and house fittings for a short period immediately following the Civil War (1864–68). With a long history of neglect and abuse, the remaining pieces of the original hardware – two locks and a handful of roses and escutcheons – were discovered mostly on the backside of closet doors or sealed

behind layers of prior renovations. Identification of the hardware was made easier by the method of its manufacture, but actual documentation of electrotyping is rare, with only one section of a jobber's catalog known to exist. With a desire to replicate not only the decorative aspects of the doorknob, but also its original method of manufacture, E.R. Butler & Co. utilized a proprietary hydro-forming technology. Providing dedicated research, consultation and state-of-the-art technologies, E.R. Butler & Co. is committed to producing the finest quality hardware for historic, residential, institutional, and government properties.

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