



Conservation in the Nineteenth Century

Early Techniques in the Conservation of Cultural Objects

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The conservation profession has its roots in the intellectual movements of the first half of the nineteenth century. Scholarly study of objects made available by important archeological excavations and discoveries gave birth to the first debates on theoretical issues of preservation. Additionally, playing a significant role in conservation practice were nineteenth-century technical inventions brought about by the industrial revolution and political events disrupting Europe in the first decades of the nineteenth century. This volume will explore the development of conservation in the nineteenth century.