

Stephen Girard Country House
Northwest corner Shunk and 21st Streets,
Girard Estate Park
Philadelphia
Philadelphia County
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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA
Reduced Copies of Measured Drawings

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Address: Northwest corner Shunk and 21st Streets, in Girard Estate Park; Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania.

Present Owner: City of Philadelphia.

Present Occupant: Joseph Serge, caretaker, and family.

Present Use: Girard Park caretaker's house.

Significance: This country house of Stephen Girard (b. 1740 - d. 1831) a French-born Philadelphia merchant, financier, and first American multimillionaire philanthropist, was the site of his early 19th century scientifically run "farm-garden." Imported hardware and notable "French" details were incorporated in the later additions.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History

1. Original and subsequent owners:

	<u>Grantor</u>	<u>Grantee</u>
5/6/1761	George Albright, brickmaker Mary h/w	<u>Henry Maag</u> , yeoman
	3 pieces of land sit in Passyunk Township	for 700 pounds (I 6 120)

- 1) one beginning at a post, a corner of land late of Elizabeth Griffiths and hereinafter described - then N 17° E partly by said Eliz. Griffiths land and partly by land granted by Frances Griffiths to Andrew Hannis 37.8 perches to a post then S 88° W 66 perches to a post at a corner of

said Eliz. Griffiths'
land then by same land
S 30 perches and 30 links
to a post in the line of
land belonging to the Lisles
then by said Lisles' land S
87° E 55 perches to place
of beginning
containing 12-1/2 acres

2) another beginning at a post,
the corner of the above
described land and Charles
Brockden's land then by
latter S 57°40'E 77.2 perches
to Shaxhanson Creek then up
same N 5-1/2° E 18 perches N 42° E
14 perches and N 17° W 14
perches then by Andrew
Hannis' land N 76° W 69 perches
to a post in a line of the
said above described land
and then by same S 16° W
18 perches to place of
beginning
containing 13 acres 95 perches

3) and the other beginning at
a post, the corner of the
first above described tract
of land then extending by
Charles Brockden's land N
87° W 30.3 perches to a
post, a corner of Moses
Cox's land then by same N
1-1/2° W 27.7 perches to a post
in a line of Andrew Hannis'
land then by same N 87° E
30.3 perches to another
corner of the first above
described tract then by
same S 1-1/2° E 30.8 perches
to place of beginning
containing 5 acres 86 perches

5/11/1769 Jacob Shoemaker Jr.,
apothecary
Rebecca h/w

Henry Maag,
tavern keeper

for 416 pounds
12 shillings
6 pence

a lot beginning at a
stake in the side of
Shackhansink Creek
then by said Henry
Maag's land N 58-1/2°
W 78 perches then
extending partly by
said Henry Maag's land
and partly by land
late of Moses Cox, dec'd.
N 88-1/2° W 129.1 perches
to a corner stake then
partly by Samuel Morris'
land and partly by John
Measamer's land S 2-1/2° E
11.9 perches to a corner
stone then by land late
of Charles Brockden now
of Jacob Shoemaker the
2 following courses - S
83° E 102.4 perches to a
stone and S 68-1/2° E 84 perches
to a corner stake in the
side of the said Creek
then up the said Creek
[blank in original] about
32 perches to place of
beginning

(I 5 392)

containing 27-1/2 acres 4 perches

"Together also with all and
Singular the Messuages
Tenements Buildings..."

Henry Maag, by his LW&T dated 12/29/1786,
directed his executors - Elizabeth Maag and
Richard Mosley - to sell the below described
premises.

(D 31 18)

10/25/1791 Elizabeth Maag,
widow and relict of
Henry Maag, yeoman, dec'd.
Richard Mosley,
carpenter
both of the above exs.
named in LW&T of
Henry Maag

Henry Seckel,
merchant
for 1550 pounds
current money of
Pa. in Specie

(D 31 18)

the first described message
and lot in the below 12/26/1797
transaction

5/24/1786 Henry Maag,
yeoman
Elizabeth h/w

the below tract of land -
containing 15 acres †

Paul Field,
yeoman

for 1,000 pounds
in specie of gold
or silver

(D 15 462)

8/4/1788 Paul Field,
yeoman
Mary h/w

a lot sit in Passyunk
bounded E by Shaxhanson
Creek S by land late
of Jacob Shoemaker W
by the great road leading
to State Island Ferry
N by Andrew Haines land
containing 15 acres †

the above lot "with all
the Buildings" - but no
specific mention of a
message

Richard Mosley
Solomon Maag
in trust

for 1,000 pounds

(D 31 14)

10/26/1791 Richard Mosley,
carpenter
Solomon Maag
yeoman

the second described
message and lot -
the below 12/26/1797
transaction

Henry Sickel [sic],
merchant

for 575 pounds
current of Pa. in
specie

(D 31 16)

9/24/1796 Henry Seckel,
merchant
Sophia h/w

George Cooper,
gentleman
Henry Sheaff,
gentleman
Abraham Wilt,
gentleman

all the messuages
and lands of Henry
Seckel in order to
pay his debts -
including "2 plantations
in Passyunk commonly
known by the name of
Masons Estate and Lentz's
Contg 70 Acres more or less"

for 10 shillings

(D 59 319)

1/27/1797 George Cooper,
gentleman
Henry Sheaff,
gentleman
Abraham Wilt,
gentleman
- of the first part
Henry Seckel, wine
merchant - of the
second part

Philip Seckel,
merchant - of the
third part

for \$37,000.00

(D 65 23)

various premises
including the below
described messuages and
tracts of land

NOTE: Henry Seckel is
indebted and Cooper,
Sheaff and Wilt have
assumed those debts
as indicated in the
above transaction

1/27/1797 Philip Seckel

George Cooper, Sr.

various premises
including the below
described messuages
and tracts of land

for 5 shillings

(D 65 28)

NOTE: in the above
transaction, also dated
1/27/1797, the money
mentioned belonged to
George Cooper and Philip
Seckel's name was used
"only as a Trustee for
the use of said George
Cooper"

12/26/1797 George Cooper, Sr.,
skin dresser and
breeches maker
Mary h/w

Stephen Girard,
merchant

for 4,479 pounds
18 shillings 11 pence

a message and lot sit
in Passyunk Township
beginning at a post
then extending by the
road leading from Phila.
towards State Island
N 31° E 60.3 perches
to a post then by land
of the heirs of Andrew
Hannis the three courses
and distances following:
N 76° W 34 perches to a post
N 16° E 19.8 perches to a post
N 87° W 96.7 perches to a post
then by land now or late of
Moses Coxe S 1-1/2° E 27.7 perches
to a post and N 88-1/2° W 49
perches to a post
then extending by land of John
Milsemer S 2-1/2° E 23.8 perches
to a post then by Marcus
Hornecker's land S 74-1/2° E
77 perches to a post and S
59° E 17.6 perches to a post
then extending partly by a
25' wide Lane (leading into the
aforesaid Road) and partly by
Land of Conrad Lentner N
31-1/2° E 31 perches to a post
then by said Lentner's land
S 59° E 38 perches to place
of beginning.
containing 54 acres 3 perches ±

(IC 24 627)

Also all that other message
and lot sit in Passyunk Township
beginning at a stake in
Shackhansons Creek then by
land of the heirs of Andrew
Hannis, deceased N 76° W
32 perches to a post then
extending by the road leading
from Phila. to State Island
S 31° W 60.3 perches to a post
then by Conrad Lentners land

S 59° E 43 perches to a stake
in the middle of said creek
then up along the middle of
said creek the several courses
thereof about 78 perches to
place of beginning
containing 16-1/2 acres 12 perches ±

Stephen Girard died on or about 12/26/1831
and owning the above premises, having first made
his LW&T 2/16/1830 and codicil dated 6/20/1831
(Will Book 10 Page 198) and devised the residue
of his estate, including the said premises, to
the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of Philadelphia
"in trust for, as his primary object, the
establishment and maintenance of a college for
poor, white male orphans."

(MLS 663 547)

5/10/1954 The City of Phila., The City of Phila.*
Tr. U/W of Stephen Girard

Beg. at intersection of N s Shunk St.
(60' wide) and W s of 21st St. (73' wide)
Then W 383.500' along N s Shunk St. to
intersection of N s of Shunk St. and E s of
22nd St. (60' wide)
Then in length N 400' to S s of Porter St.
(60' wide)
Then of that width in length or depth N at
W s of 21st St. and E s of 22nd St. 400'
to S s Porter St.
being known as Girard Park
bounded by 21st St. - Shunk St. -
22nd St. - Porter St.

*Information obtained from records of transfer, Registry
Unite, Department of Records. Plan 43 S 21, lot 164.

2. Date of erection: A detailed architectural investigation
by the Historic American Buildings Survey in the summer
of 1962, revealed that the earliest section of the
Girard Country House was the eastern end of the east
wing. Location of vertical butt joints in foundations
and analysis of window sash and molding profiles indi-
cate that the house was built in four main stages,
progressing westward (see HABS measured drawings, Sheet
#2). A mid-eighteenth century (or earlier) date for
the extreme eastern end seems certain; the central
block with the French details and casement windows indicates

a date of c. 1800, and very possibly it was erected by Stephen Girard shortly after his purchase of the farm; and the western section probably dates from the second quarter of the nineteenth century.

This investigation by National Park Service historical architects and architectural historians establishes a dating which is probably more accurate than the following chronology which Harold Donaldson Eberlein and Cortland Van Dyke Hubbard established for the structure in Portrait of a Colonial City (Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Company, 1939), p. 510:

"When Girard, 1797-98, bought the two parcels of land in Passyunk Township for his farm, it seems that what is now the central or brick part of the house was already standing, built somewhere about the middle of the eighteenth century. Girard apparently added the east and west ends, whose walls are stuccoed, at the same time making some changes in the exterior of the older structure to give the entire corporation uniformity."

3. Notes on alterations and additions: Stephen Girard's account book "Real Estate in Passyunk Township No. 1" contains the following:

1798		(dollars)
Dec 29	Blacksmith work	39.75
" "	To Sam Garden for Plastering done on the Place in the Neck pase [sic] dtd 12 Dec 1798	178.00
"	Bricks	660.25
"	For "turners work"	221.
" 31	Hardware	27.7.
" "	Paints	312.5.
Aug 24	Plastering	116—

Subaequent entries in Stephen Girard's "Real Estate in Passyunk Township No. 2" and other account book

entries, as well as "Sundry Memorandum," contain entries for plastering and brickwork at the "The Large Place" through September 1803.

An undated photostat in the Historical Society of Pennsylvania of a newspaper article from "The Press" (possibly The Philadelphia Press, c. 1890's) describes "A Trip in 'The Neck'" in which is related:

"Standing upon a slight rise in the ground, if there can be a rise in that flat country, is the old manor house of Philadelphia's foremost charitable citizen. Here it was in 1798, as the old tin plate beneath the eaves tells the passerby, that Stephen Girard built himself a home where he could breathe the free air of the meadows. Additions have been built to the square old structure in recent years, for a fire about twenty-five years ago burned most of it down. Girard was forethoughtful, too, for he insured his house in the Philadelphia Contributionship, that old insurance company whose sign manual is the clasped hands. The plate above the windows bears this sign and the in--" (end of photostat).

A brief search of the registers of the Philadelphia Contributionship have not revealed a policy for this house earlier than policy number 27,442 for "'Girard Mansion' on premises bounded by S. 21st., Shunk, S. 22nd & Porter Sts." started in 1932 and cancelled 1954.

Investigation by the Historic American Buildings Survey measuring team in the summer of 1962 has suggested the possibility that the eastern portion of the present house is the earliest part and succeeding portions were added to the west.

Photographs on file at the Library of Congress c. 1901 (HABS No. PA-140) show the remains of a two-story addition (possibly with shed roof) removed from the west end of the present structure and a small one-story addition removed from the eastern end of the north facade of the present structure.

Atlases of Philadelphia during the 1860's show the house as two separate structures (1860-A Complete Atlas of the City of Philadelphia, by R. L. Barnes). Atlases of the 1890's and early 1900's show the house as U-shaped (George W. and Walter S. Bromley, Atlas of the City of Philadelphia 1895; George W. and Walter S. Bromley,

Atlas of the City of Philadelphia 1901). The house is shown as a rectangular brick structure with two brick outbuildings in a formal park setting in the Atlas of the 26th & 36th Wards, by Elvino V. Smith, 1903, as shown in photographs c. 1901 noted above.

G. W. Baist's Baist's Atlas of the City of Philadelphia, 1888, plate 2, shows the older access road to the south-east off Penrose Avenue (formerly "Penrose's Ferry Road" and also called "State Island Road," no longer extending north of the Schuylkill Expressway) to a rectangular house surrounded by several outbuildings. Shunk, South Twenty-first, South Twenty-second and Porter Streets, while shown as proposed (in dashed lines) as early as the 1860's, were not cut through in the Girard Park area until after 1900.

4. Important old views:

D. J. Kennedy Watercolor, dated May 1891 (vol. 6-48 large, Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia), shows main house, carriage shed, two brick utility buildings as visualized by artist perhaps as it was in 1891 and when Girard was living.

Samuel Castnor Scrapbooks, volumes 25 (p.25) and 33 (p.82). Several photographs show exterior of house c. 1890's, including additions removed c. 1901.

"Photographs," (c. 1901) personal scrapbook by unknown author, owned by Historic American Buildings Survey, National Park Service, Philadelphia (reproductions included in photo-data book).

B. Historical Events Connected with the Structure: Much of the preliminary discussion of Stephen Girard with his advisors on his famous will probably took place at this country house. Russell Duane wrote that "for several months before sitting down to prepare the will, they never met without conversing upon this topic (endowing institutions) which was also the chief subject of discourse between them on Sunday afternoons, when Mr. (William John) Duane invariably dined at Mr. Girard's country house. . ."

C. Sources of Information:

Primary and unpublished sources: Stephen Girard Papers, Girard College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania:

"Real Estate in Passyunk Township No. 1" (1798-1801)

"Real Estate in Passyunk Township No. 2" (c.1801-c.1803)

"Sundry Memoranda, 1803"

(The "Stephen Girard Papers in the possession of the Board of Trustees of the Estate of Stephen Girard, Deceased, Girard College, Philadelphia" are in the process of being microfilmed by the American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania).

Secondary and published sources:

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McMaster, John Bach. The Life and Times of Stephen Girard. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Company, 1918.

Simpson, Stephen. Biography of Stephen Girard. 2nd ed. Philadelphia: Thomas L. Bonsal, 1832. pp. 84,195.

Wildes, Harry Emerson. Lonely Midas. New York: Farrar & Rinehart, Inc., 1943. pp. 200-206,341.

D. Likely Sources Not Yet Investigated:

Stephen Girard Papers (noted above).

Records of the Philadelphia Contributionship for the Insurance of Houses from Loss by Fire, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

E. Supplemental Material:

"Copy of the Inventory of The Personal Estate of the Stephen Girard, Deceased," c. 1831 (a copy in possession of The Athenaeum, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania). p. 7.

"INVENTORY and Appraisement of the Goods and Chattels, in Township of Passyunk and County of Philadelphia, which were of STEPHEN GIRARD at the time of his decease, and

which have become known to his Executors.

	Dolls.	C.
PARLOUR.		
Looking-glass, \$8 20; chairs, \$10; 3 tables, \$12;	30	00
Desk and contents, \$26; sideboard, \$12; 7 waiters, \$1;	39	00
China and glass in the cupboard, \$5; 2 baskets and a box, \$1;	6	00
2 Candlesticks, \$1; shovel and tongs, \$2; andirons, \$2;	5	00
Carpet, \$10; sundries in the closet, \$8;	18	00
NORTH WEST CHAMBER, OVER PARLOUR.		
Bedsteads, bed and bedding, \$8; table, \$1; looking- glass, \$1;	10	00
6 Chairs, \$3; 5 pitch forks, \$2 50; 3 guns, \$1;	6	50
Andirons, \$1 50; 3 wash basins and pitchers, \$1 50; plough lines, 50 cents.,	3	50
2 Bedsteads, beds, and bedding, \$16; 6 chairs, \$3;	19	00
Looking-glass, \$1; table, \$1; seeds, \$4;	6	00
GARRET.		
8 Bushels barley, \$4; kettle and bushel, \$2;	6	00
6 Rakes, 75 cts.; 20 baskets, \$4; 5 small baskets, 25 cts.;	5	00
2 Chair, \$1; feathers, \$8; side saddle, \$2;	11	00
Awnings, \$2; chamomile, \$1; 20 sickles, \$2 50;	5	50
Clock case, mats, and Spanish brown,	3	00
COMMON DINING ROOM.		
Stove, \$5; 2 tables, \$6; 5 chair, \$2 50;	13	50
3 Benches, \$1 50; 15 plates, \$1;	2	50
KITCHEN.		
4 Tin basins, \$2; 2 cullenders, 37-1/2 cts.; 12 tin cups, 40 cts.;	2	87-1/2
Table, 50 cts.; 6 iron pots, \$2 50; 1 doz. earthen dishes, 50 cts.;	3	50
2 Pewter basins, 50 cts.; 1 doz. pewter plates, \$1 50; pair bellows, 25 cts.;	2	25
Fire shovel, and tongs, and andirons,	3	00
Bench, 50 cts.; ladles, lamps, and grater, 50 cts.;	1	00
Coffee mill, 75 cts.; knives, and forks, and spoons, \$2;	2	75

ADJOINING THE KITCHEN.

4 Flat irons, 75 cts.; table \$1 50;	2 25
Auger, 50 cts.; sour krout knife, \$2;	2 50

WASH HOUSE LOFT.

Hand mill, \$5; bedstead, \$1; 2 cot bedsteads, \$2;	
2 churns, 50 cts.;	8 50
Kegs and Jug, 25 cts.; empty casks, 75 cts.; sash, \$2;	3 00

WASH HOUSE.

Churn, \$5; 14 tubs, \$7; 6 buckets, \$3; 5 half pecks, 75 cts.;	15 75
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SEED ROOM.

9 Sashes, \$18; 2 scythes, \$2; post axe, \$1 50;	21 50
Lot of old iron, nails, and spikes,	4 00

MILK HOUSE.

16 Milk pots,	2 00
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Amount carried forward,	264	37-1/2
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Amount brought forward,	264	37-1/2
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SMOKE HOUSE.

Hams, \$44; tongues, \$39;	83 00
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GREEN HOUSE KITCHEN.

652 Shin bones, \$6 50; lard \$ 15; andirons, shovel, and tongs, \$2;	23 50
Neats foot oil, \$25; iron kettle, \$1,	26 00
20 Bags, \$10; 2 chairs, bench, and table, \$1;	
2 tubs, \$1;	12 00
260 lbs. tallow, \$23; glazed sash, \$4; 500 bushels potatos, \$2 50;	277 00
6 Beds and bedding, \$18; 15 potato hooks, \$6; 6 dock bars, \$6;	30 00
2 Iron bars, \$2; 2 wood saws, 2 axes, and 2 hatchets, \$5 50;	7 50
2 Paving rammers, anvil, and sledge,	1 00

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural character: The plan of the center portion with its great room and fireplace with adjacent enclosed stairway is of particular interest - as are the casement windows with brass hardware.
2. Condition of fabric: Fair.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Over-all dimensions:

over-all length = 80' - 0"

width of eastern section = 24' - 4"

width of western section = 23' - 11-1/2"

2. Foundations:

center section: Red brick, common bond.

eastern section: Rubble stone.

western section: Rubble stone.

3. Wall construction:

center section: Solid red brick bearing walls; Flemish bond; molded red brick watertable running bond topped by single header course and molded cap; string course of three bricks projects 1-1/2".

eastern and western sections: Stucco on solid red brick bearing walls; painted white.

4. Porches: One on north of center section; a shed roof supported on four tapered Tuscan columns; red brick paving.

5. Bulkheads:

center section: Original cellar entrance on west closed when west wing added; brick cheek walls; wooden treads on brick steps. Entrance on south has granite surround with brick cheek walls; brick steps; double wooden doors.

eastern section: Entrance on east repaired in 1956; new steel lintel, brick cheek walls and steps, granite surround. Brick regimental arches form window openings.

western section: Single brick arched entrance on south; brick barrel vaulted ceiling. Granite framed opening with brick cheek walls; double, wooden doors.

6. Chimneys:

center section: one stuccoed brick chimney.

eastern section: two stuccoed brick chimneys with flat tops and side vents.

western section: one stuccoed brick chimney which projects from west facade.

7. Openings:

a. Doorways and doors:

center section: Original main entrance on north has raised four-panel wooden double doors; 3" wooden sill, simple non-projecting wooden trim; mortised and tenon pinned joints.

eastern section: East entrance has flush four-panel wooden door; simple wood architrave with wood plinth blocks (missing); stone sill.

south entrance - original door missing; simple wooden architrave.

western section: Single entrance on south; original trim removed and head lowered.

b. Windows and shutters:

center section: Square headed (French) casement windows (opening inward); tenon pinned (7/8" diam. pegs) and mortised joints; four vertical lights per sash on first floor; three lights per sash on second floor; projecting sill only on second floor; brick segmental arch over each first floor window; original window opening in west wall with stairway bricked in when west wing was added. Pediment contains circular wooden framed attic window ringed by brick header course.

Original wood shutters, painted dark green, mortised and tenon pinned joints; raised panel, three-panelled shutters on first floor; those on second floor have two louvered panels.

eastern section: Nine-over-nine double-hung wooden sash on first floor; six-over-six double-hung wooden sash on second floor. Wide muntins (1-1/4"); projecting sill; tenon pinned (1" diameter pegs) and mortised. Some original raised panel two-panelled shutters, painted dark green. (Beaded stiles and rails.)

western section: Six-over-six double hung wooden sash, thin muntins; sash thickness is 1-1/2"; two-panelled (raised) wooden shutters, tenon pinned and mortised, painted green.

8. Roof

a. Shape, covering:

center section: Gable roof with pedimented gable ends; ridge runs north-south. Metal standing seam roofing over wooden shingles.

eastern section: Hipped roof, ridge runs east-west. Metal standing seam roofing.

western section: Gable roof with ridge running east-west. Metal standing seam roofing.

b. Cornice, eaves:

west, center and east: Plaster cove cornice surmounted by wooden crown molding of two cymas (recta and reversa) with bed molding of a single cyma reversa.

c. Dormers, cupolas: None.

C. Interior

1. Floor plans:

center section: Two stories and attic; main entrance of house on north side. First floor has one great room with fireplace at west end and enclosed stairway beside; indication of subdivisions on second floor from traces of previous partitions.

eastern section: Two stories; original plan changed (three room plan).

western section: Two stories; central hall plan.

2. Stairways: Railings not original.

center section: Narrow, enclosed (two projecting treads), wooden stairway; 15 risers of 8"; no landing, windows at each of two turns; wood post and rail removed on first floor.

eastern section: Narrow, L-shaped, wooden stairway; no landing, winders at turn; enclosed (one projecting tread) on first floor, open on second floor; stairway to basement removed.

western section: Narrow, single run wood stairs, 14 risers of 8-1/8".

3. Flooring:

center section: Framing of first floor wooden joists 18" - 20" o.c.; western sector now strengthened; plaster on wooden lath between joists. Original brick floor in western section of "center" cellar, new concrete in eastern part. 5 1/2" - 11" T & G Pine board floor, butt end joints, surface nailing, natural finish on first floor, painted dark on second floor.

eastern section: STAGE "A" - Most of the original first floor framing replaced. 3" x 7" floor joists (spanning East-West) placed 20" o.c.; 2-1/2" - 5" random width tongue and groove flooring. STAGE "B" - 3" x 9" floor joists (spanning North-South) placed 17" - 20" o.c.; 2" - 5" random width tongue and groove flooring.

New concrete floor installed 1' - 0" below surface of earlier dirt cellar floor.

western section: 2' - 5" random width T & G pine flooring, butt end joints, painted dark.

Framing of floor not observed (obscured by barrel vaulted ceiling in cellar).

4. Wall and ceiling finish:

center section: Plaster on brick, painted. West wall (first floor) with enclosed stairway fireplace and recessed cupboard panelled (raised panel), painted medium blue, mortised and tenon pinned joints. Cupboard has a rounded head, wooden keystone breaks architrave, two pairs of double doors.

eastern section: Exterior walls and main (original division) wall of plaster on brick, elsewhere modern partitions. Ceilings of plaster on wooden lath. (Ceiling lowered in east room first floor.)

western section: Exterior walls of plaster on brick, ceilings plastered.

5. Doorways and doors:

center section: 2- & 6-panelled - ORIGINAL.

eastern section: 6-panelled - some original.

western section: 4-panelled.

6. Trim:

center section: original wooden trim; plaster cornice added on first floor, second floor has simple 3" chair rail (removed on first floor).

eastern section: Some original wooden trim replaced.

western section: Original.

7. Hardware:

center section: HL and L iron door hinges; entrance door has box lock with brass operating bolt; fine brass casement hardware (rotating lever and holding bar).

eastern section: Most of original hardware replaced. Some original shelter hardware still exists.

western section: Butt hinges - mortise locks.

8. Lighting: Modern electric fixtures.

9. Heating: Originally fireplaces; now hot water radiators.

center section: Two brick fireplaces, simple wood mantels (missing on first floor) with gray marble surround. Hearth has projecting perimeter stones of marble with brick fire area. Cellar fireplace of rubble stone with brick segmental arch, brick trimmer arch.

eastern section: Three brick fireplaces, one on first floor, two on second floor. New brick hearths. One of the second-floor fireplaces has been bricked in and

the hearth removed. A rubble stone fireplace in the cellar has a brick segmental arch and brick trimmer arch.

western section: None.

D. Site:

1. General setting and orientation: In city park grounds, 21st and Shunk Street, South Philadelphia. Main entrance of house faces north. Site area = 153,400 square feet.
2. Enclosures: Low hedges surround park; entrances flanked by stone posts.
3. Outbuildings: Two brick buildings (smokehouse and lavatory buildings). Located 27 feet northeast of house.
4. Walks, driveways: Modern, brick walks; concrete driveways.
5. Landscaping: Brick planters and retaining walls added in 1956. Well planted with shade trees.

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