

American Fire Insurance Company Building
308-10 Walnut Street
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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE PENNSYLVANIA	COUNTY PHILADELPHIA	TOWN OR VICINITY PHILADELPHIA
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE <i>(INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME)</i> AMERICAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY BUILDING		HABS NO. PA-1386
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS <i>(DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES)</i> 308-10 Walnut Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION <i>(INCLUDE SOURCE)</i> 1840	ARCHITECT(S) <i>(INCLUDE SOURCE)</i>	
SIGNIFICANCE <i>(ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE)</i> Incorporated in 1810, the American Fire Insurance Company was the first company in the State of Pennsylvania to conduct a general fire insurance business.		
STYLE <i>(IF APPROPRIATE)</i> Typical 19th century office building. Classical decorative elements are used.		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION <i>(INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS)</i> Brick with stone and terra cotta trim.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE <i>(SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)</i> Dimensions: approx. 46' (five-bay front) X 60'; five stories in height (originally four). Rectangular floor plan.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The roof was originally gable.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE <i>(DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)</i>		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Building altered and enlarged 1880s from plans by Furness, Evans and Company, architects in Philadelphia.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION <i>(INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.)</i> Public Ledger. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, June 17, 1886.		
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