

The Blair House  
8105 Germantown Avenue  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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Germantown, Philadelphia  
Pennsylvania

Owner: Estate of Dr. Harry Deaver.

Date of Erection: 1806.

Architect and Builder: No record.

Present Condition: Poor.

Number of Stories: Two, and cellar.

Materials of Construction: Stone and stucco.

Other Existing Records: See text.<sup>1</sup>

Additional Data: See following pages.

<sup>1</sup> Wallace, P.B. and Dunn, W.A., Colonial Ironwork in Old Philadelphia, 25-27.

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This house was built in 1806 by the Rev. Samuel Blair, for his son Samuel Blair, Jr.

The Rev. Samuel Blair was a son-in-law of Dr. William Shippen, famous in his day and at one time "Director General of all the Military Hospitals in the United States". Dr. Shippen lived on the opposite corner of Walnut Lane, 6043 Germantown Avenue. With him lived Dr. Blair - the latter was instrumental in establishing the first Presbyterian Church in Germantown. He was elected President of Princeton College, but voluntarily made way for the famous Dr. Witherspoon. Dr. Blair was also a chaplain in the American Army.

The Blair House has had many occupants. The most recent was Dr. Harry Deaver. Since his death a few years ago the house has remained vacant and is fast falling to ruin. The property is now for sale.

The wood finish both inside and out is noteworthy and has the elegance, delicacy and lightness that give distinction to the later portion of its neighbor, "Vernon". Four very handsome fireplace mantels have been removed and preserved and are now the property of Mrs. John B. Deaver.

Reference, "Guide Book to Historic Germantown" - by Charles F. Jenkins, 1904.

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District Officer.