

Edward Drinker Cope Houses
2100-2102 Pine Streets
Philadelphia
Philadelphia County
Pennsylvania

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE PENNSYLVANIA		COUNTY PHILADELPHIA	TOWN OR VICINITY PHILADELPHIA
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) COPE, EDWARD DRINKER, HOUSES (National Historic Landmark)			HABS NO. PA-1500
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 2100-2102 Pine Street			
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) Circa 1876.		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Edward Drinker Cope (1840-1897) was an extremely important 19th century natural scientist whose work helped to create specialization and professionalization of American science. He held teaching posts at Haverford and Penn, did zoological studies at the Smithsonian, (con't. c			
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) page 2			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick with green serpentine ashlar front (Green stone native to Philadelphia and vicinity)			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Approximately 39' (eight-bay front) X 37' with three-story rear brick addition; three-and-a-half stories on raised basements.			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Full-height semi-hexagonal bays; mansard roofs with pointed-arch dormers and "heavy" cornices; segmental arch windows with keystones; round-arch entrances.			
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES The bay window on the east side of 2100 (corner house) is probably an addition (see HABS photo PA-1500-3); interior altered to apartments in this century.			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE			
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Webster, Richard. <u>Philadelphia Preserved</u> . Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1976. National Register of Historic Places. Nomination form for Edward Drinker Cope Houses, March, 1975.			
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Susan McCown, HABS Architectural Historian			DATE December 6, 1984

SIGNIFICANCE (continued from page 2):

and published approximately 1,300 works. The houses are a typical example of 1870s Philadelphia townhouses located in a once fashionable area near the Center City.

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