

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Pennsylvania	
COUNTY: Philadelphia	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
JUN 19 1972	

1. NAME

COMMON:
Head House Square

AND/OR HISTORIC:
400 block of South Second Street

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
400 block of S. Second St. east and west sides between Pine and
CITY OR TOWN:
Philadelphia Stamper

STATE Pennsylvania	CODE 42	COUNTY: Philadelphia	CODE 101
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
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4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Various Owners

STREET AND NUMBER:
CITY OR TOWN:
STATE:
CODE

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Dept. of Records

STREET AND NUMBER:
City Hall

CITY OR TOWN:
Philadelphia

STATE:
Pennsylvania

CODE:
101

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY:
 Federal State County Local

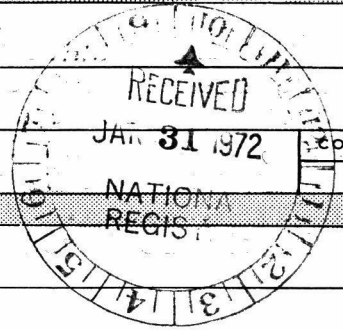
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:
801 19th St. NW

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE:
D.C.

CODE:
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STATE: Penna.	ENTRY NUMBER: JUN 19 1972	DATE: 11
COUNTY: Phila.	FOR NPS USE ONLY	

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The houses comprising the Head House Square area all date from the late eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Individually they are, with one exception, rather typical of a middle class commercial-residential area two and a half to three and a half stories, brick with shops on the first floor and living areas above.

The exception is the John Ross House, 401 S. Second St., which is a large three and a half story brick town house, furnished "sumptuously" in its day and visited at least once by George Washington.

The Ross house is a corner property, refaced in the early nineteenth century with pressed brick and butter joints. John Haviland was the architect for this renovation, when the house was converted into legal offices.

It is a large imposing building with double chimneys and a curtain wall. The fine interiors are said to be intact.

The Head House Square area was rehabilitated in 1965-1966 by the development firm of Van Arkel and Moss. The attached photographs attest to its character as a completely integrated residential-commercial neighborhood. Nineteenth century store fronts were restored on many buildings, with the upper stories rented out as apartments.

The Ross house and its appendages on the east side of the Square are yet to be completed in restoration, but further renovations are planned. In 1957-1958 the Head House and New Market, located in the center of Second Street, which is quite wide at this point, was restored under the direction of G. Edwin Brumbaugh, A.I.A. Thus this small neighborhood has been almost completely restored to its earlier appearance and use.

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6. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Head House Square area has been since the eighteenth century a market area for the city. The buildings facing the Head House and New Market have always served a dual residential-commercial life. The John Ross House at 401 S. Second Street is a notable example of a Philadelphia town house and is certainly one of the largest in the city. It was used in the nineteenth century as a tavern, law offices and later as a hotel. Other commercial interests in the Head House area included bakeries, dry goods shops, glass and china stores, doctors offices, tailor shop, and a druggist.

Today's commercial uses include a tavern, antique shop, candle shop, restaurant and ice cream parlor and gourmet food shop. A restaurant and quality inn is planned for the Ross house.

Certified by the Philadelphia Historical Commission.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Philadelphia Historical Commission files containing photographs, copies of inventories, insurance survies, title briefs, measured drawings, restoration work etc.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Keeper, Pennsylvania Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks

ORGANIZATION: Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission DATE: 10/19/70

STREET AND NUMBER: Box 1026

CITY OR TOWN: Harrisburg STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: S. K. Stover
State Liaison Officer

Title: Executive Director, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

Date: 1/24/72

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert M. Utley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 6/19/72

ATTEST:

William H. Huntly
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: _____

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Head House Square Pa.

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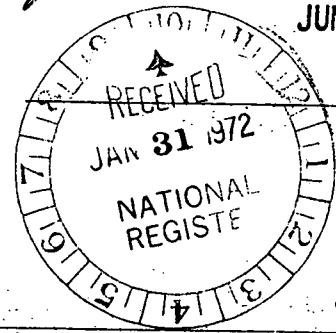
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JUN 19 1972

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KEEPER Map makes clear above verbalized account.

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HEAD HOUSE SQUARE

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CITY OF PHILA.
RECORDS DEPT.
OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH
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PHILA., PA. 19107

5/22/59

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NPS Number

6/19/72

Title:

Head House Square

Phila.

Loc.

Second Street east side of

Head House Square

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OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH
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PHILA., PA. 19107

2/12/59

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SOUTH SECOND ST., W. SIDE
HEAD HOUSE SQUARE

1959

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6/19/72

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Head House Square
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Loc.

South Second St. west
side Head House Square

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NPS Number

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Head House Square

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PHILA., PA. 19107

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S. SECOND ST, ^W SIDE
HEAD HOUSE SQUARE

1966

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6/19/72

Title:

Head House Square

Loc.

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South Second Street
west side of Head House
Square

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JOHN ROSS HOUSE
HEAD HOUSE SQ.

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CITY OF PHILA.
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ROOM 629 CITY HALL
PHILA., PA. 19107

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Title:

Head House Square
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Loc.

Corner view of John Ross
House (Head House Square)

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PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Form 10-301
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM

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Phila.

STATE: Penna. CODE 42 COUNTY: Phila. CODE 101

3. MAP REFERENCE

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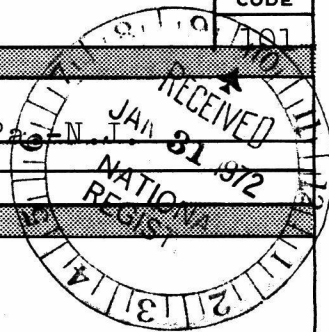
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4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.

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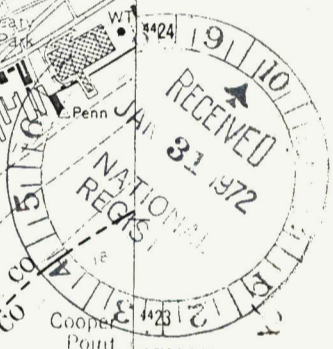
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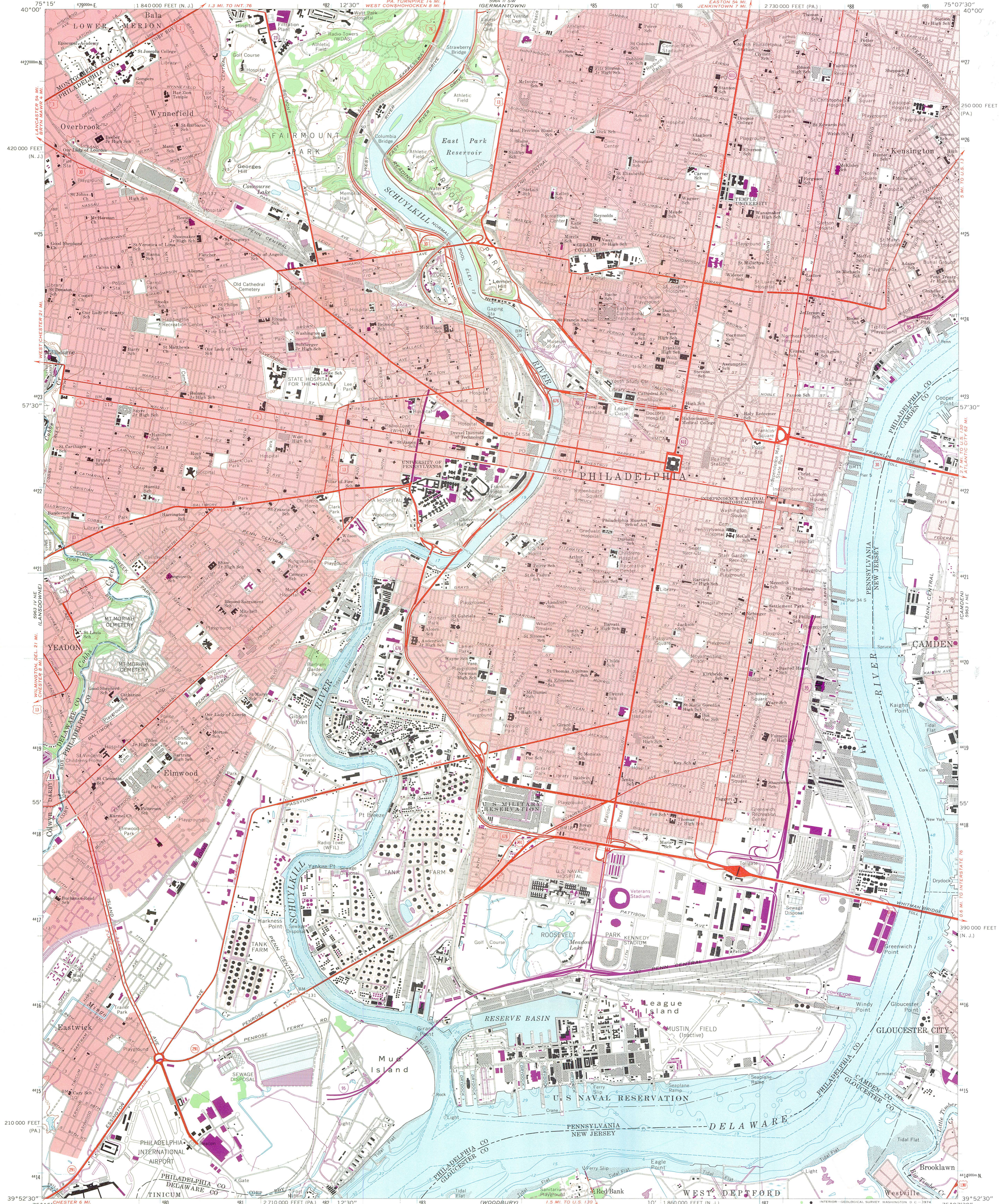
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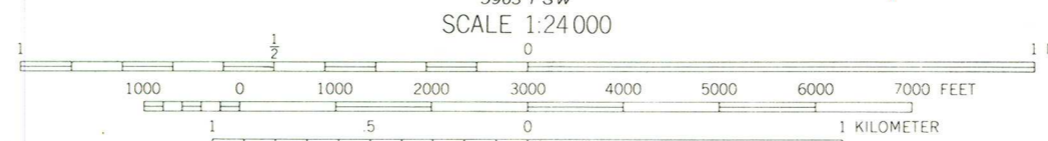
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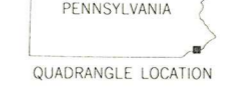


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Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown



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PHILADELPHIA, PA. - N. J.
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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE PENNSYLVANIA

Date Entered JUN 19 1972

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Evansburg District	Evansburg (P. O. Collegoville) Montgomery County
Historic Fallsington	Fallsington Bucks County
Head House Square	Philadelphia Philadelphia County
The Tannery	Bethlehem Northampton County
Cambria Public Library Building	Johnstown Cambria County
The Old Water Works	Bethlehem Northampton County
Erie Railroad Station	Susquehanna Susquehanna County
Tripp Family Homestead	Scranton Lackawanna County
Grumblethorpe Tenant House	Philadelphia Philadelphia County

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