

NOMINATION OF HISTORIC DISTRICT
PHILADELPHIA REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PHILADELPHIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

SUBMIT ALL ATTACHED MATERIALS ON PAPER AND IN ELECTRONIC FORM (CD, EMAIL, FLASH DRIVE)
ELECTRONIC FILES MUST BE WORD OR WORD COMPATIBLE

1. NAME OF HISTORIC DISTRICT (CURRENT/HISTORIC)

Central Mount Airy Commercial Historic District

2. LOCATION

Please attach a map of Philadelphia locating the historic district.

Councilmanic District(s): 8

3. BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please attach a written description and map of the district boundaries.

4. DESCRIPTION

Please attach a written description and photographs of the built and natural environments/ characteristic streetscape of the district.

5. INVENTORY

Please attach an inventory of the district with an entry for every property. All street addresses must coincide with official Office of Property Assessment addresses.

Total number of properties in district: 47

Count buildings with multiple units as one.

Number of properties already on Register/percentage of total: 2 / 4%

Number of significant properties/percentage of total: 5 / 10.5%

Number of contributing properties/percentage of total: 38 / 81%

Number of non-contributing properties/percentage of total: 4 / 8.5%

6. SIGNIFICANCE

Please attach a narrative Statement of Significance citing the Criteria for Designation the resource satisfies.

Period of Significance (from year to year): from 1885 to 1933

CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATION:

The historic district satisfies the following criteria for designation (check all that apply):

- ☒ (a) Has significant character, interest or value as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the City, Commonwealth or Nation or is associated with the life of a person significant in the past; or,
- ☐ (b) Is associated with an event of importance to the history of the City, Commonwealth or Nation; or,
- ☐ (c) Reflects the environment in an era characterized by a distinctive architectural style; or,
- ☒ (d) Embodies distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style or engineering specimen; or,
- ☐ (e) Is the work of a designer, architect, landscape architect or designer, or engineer whose work has significantly influenced the historical, architectural, economic, social, or cultural development of the City, Commonwealth or Nation; or,
- ☐ (f) Contains elements of design, detail, materials or craftsmanship which represent a significant innovation; or,
- ☐ (g) Is part of or related to a square, park or other distinctive area which should be preserved according to an historic, cultural or architectural motif; or,
- ☐ (h) Owing to its unique location or singular physical characteristic, represents an established and familiar visual feature of the neighborhood, community or City; or,
- ☐ (i) Has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in pre-history or history; or
- ☒ (j) Exemplifies the cultural, political, economic, social or historical heritage of the community.

7. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Please attach a bibliography.

8. NOMINATOR

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Nominator ☐ is ☒ is not the property owner.

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Date of Receipt: September 17, 2019

☒ Correct-Complete ☐ Incorrect-Incomplete Date: November 15, 2019

Date of Preliminary Eligibility: _____

Date of Notice Issuance: November 15, 2019

Date(s) Reviewed by the Committee on Historic Designation: June 2, 2021

Date(s) Reviewed by the Historical Commission: July 9, 2021

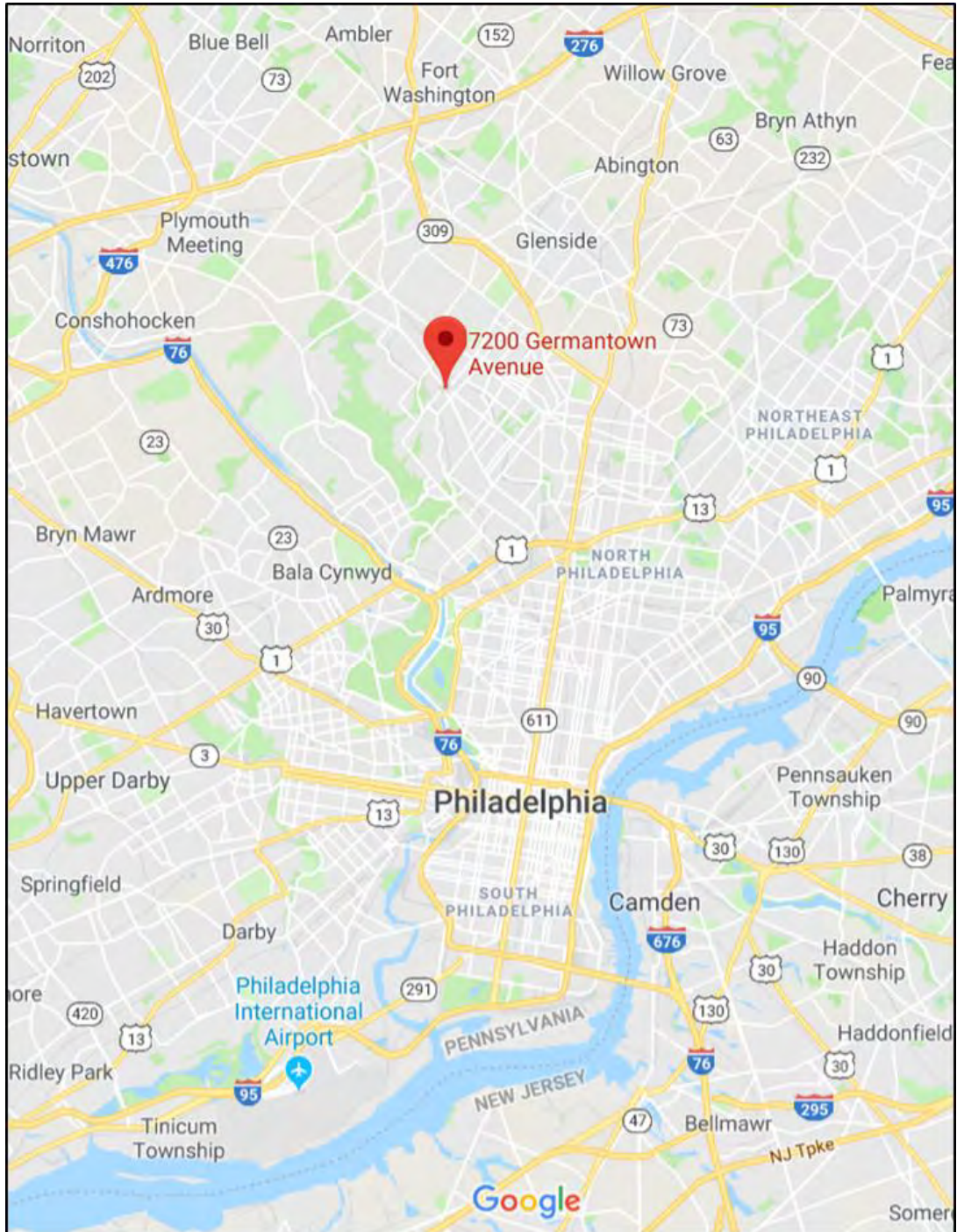
Date of Final Action: July 9, 2021 Criteria A, D, J; amendments to boundary and classifications

☒ Designated ☐ Rejected

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2. LOCATION

The proposed Central Mount Airy Commercial Historic District is in the Mount Airy section of Northwest Philadelphia. An overall map of Philadelphia is shown below. The location of the proposed historic district is shown by the red pointer at 7200 Germantown Avenue.



****BOUNDARY AS DESIGNATED BY PHC 7/9/2021****



**CENTRAL MOUNT AIRY COMMERCIAL
HISTORIC DISTRICT**

0 100 200 400 Feet



Beginning at a point at the intersection formed by the Northeast side of Germantown Avenue (Sixty feet wide) with the Northwest side of Mount Pleasant Avenue (fifty feet wide) (blue dot) being the southernmost point of the parcel containing the Mt. Airy Presbyterian Church, 7111-13 Germantown Avenue; thence extending northeasterly along E Mount Pleasant Avenue the distance of approximately 200 feet to a point; thence extending northwesterly along the rear lot line of 7111-13 Germantown Avenue approximately 165 feet to a point; thence extending southwesterly approximately 98 feet to a point; thence extending northwesterly approximately 86 feet, along the rear lot line of 7117 Germantown Avenue, crossing E Durham Street, to a point on the northwest side of East Durham Street; thence extending northeasterly approximately 35 feet to a point; thence extending northwesterly, along the rear lot line of 7127 Germantown Avenue, approximately 64 feet to a point; thence extending northeasterly approximately 40 feet to a point; thence extending northwesterly approximately 16 feet to a point; thence extending northeasterly approximately 206 feet along the southeast lot line of 7133-43 Germantown Avenue to a point; thence extending northwesterly, along the rear lot line of 7133-43 Germantown Avenue approximately 40 feet; thence extending southwesterly approximately 32 feet to a point; thence extending northwesterly approximately 69 feet; thence extending southwesterly along the northwest lot line of 7133-43 Germantown Avenue approximately 145 feet; thence extending northwesterly, along the rear lot line of 7145-47 Germantown Avenue, approximately 72 feet; thence extending northeasterly along the southeast lot line of 7149 Germantown Avenue approximately 21 feet; thence extending northwesterly along the rear lot line of 7149 Germantown Avenue approximately 21 feet; thence extending northwesterly across the rear of 7151 Germantown Avenue approximately 39 feet to a point at the northeast corner of 7157-59 Germantown Avenue; thence extending northwesterly along the rear lot line of 7157-59 Germantown Avenue, approximately 60 feet; thence extending northeasterly, along the southeast lot line of 7161 Germantown Avenue and the rear lot lines of 20 through 26 E Mount Airy Avenue, approximately 154 feet; thence extending northwesterly, along the northeast lot line of 26 E Mount Airy Avenue, approximately 95 feet; thence extending southwesterly, along southeast side of E Mount Airy Avenue, approximately 22 feet to a point; thence extending northwesterly, across East Mount Airy Avenue and along the rear lot lines of 7201 and 7205 Germantown Avenue, approximately 111 feet to a point; thence extending southwesterly the distance of approximately 156 feet to a point on the northeast side of Germantown Avenue; thence extending northwesterly along Germantown Avenue approximately 108 feet to a point; thence extending southwesterly approximately 229 feet across Germantown Avenue, following the northwest lot line of 7224 Germantown Avenue to a point; thence extending southeasterly of approximately 24 feet along the rear lot line of 7224 Germantown Avenue to a point; thence extending northeasterly of approximately 15 feet to a point; thence extending southeasterly along the rear lot line of 7222 Germantown approximately 16 feet to a point; thence extending northeasterly approximately 52 feet to a point; thence extending southeasterly along the rear lot line of 7220 Germantown Avenue approximately 16 feet to a point; thence extending southwesterly approximately 15 feet along the northwest side of Nippon Street to a point; thence extending southeasterly approximately 68 feet, crossing Nippon Street and along the rear lot lines of 7212 through 7216 Germantown Avenue, to a point; thence extending southwesterly, along the northwest lot line

of 7208-10 Germantown Avenue, approximately 130 feet to a point; thence extending southeasterly along the rear lot line of 7208-10 Germantown Avenue approximately 20 feet to a point; thence extending northeasterly approximately 95 feet along the southeast lot line of 7208-10 Germantown Avenue to a point; thence extending southeasterly along the rear lot line of 7200-06 Germantown Avenue approximately 105 feet; thence extending southwesterly approximately 53 feet along the northwest side of W Mount Airy Avenue to a point; thence extending southeasterly approximately 93 feet, crossing W Mount Airy Avenue and along the rear lot line of 7174 Germantown Avenue, to a point; thence extending northeasterly, along the southeast lot lines of 7170 and 7174 Germantown Avenue, approximately 94 feet to a point; thence extending southeasterly, along the southwest side of Germantown Avenue, approximately 25 feet to a point; thence extending southwesterly, along the northwest lot line of 7152 Germantown Avenue, approximately 107 feet to a point; thence extending southeasterly, approximately 29 feet to a point; thence extending southwesterly the distance of approximately 12 feet to a point; thence extending southeasterly, along the rear and lot line of 7146-50 Germantown Avenue, approximately 45 feet to a point; thence extending northeasterly approximately 25 feet to a point; thence extending southeasterly approximately 15 feet to a point; thence extending northeasterly approximately 64 feet to a point on Germantown Avenue; thence extending southeasterly, along Germantown Avenue, approximately 17 feet to a point; thence extending southwesterly, along the northwest lot line of 7140 Germantown Avenue, approximately 164 feet to a point; thence extending southeasterly, along the rear lot line of 7140 Germantown Avenue, approximately 75 feet to a point on W Durham Street; thence extending northeasterly along West Durham Street approximately 17 feet to a point; thence extending southeasterly across W Durham Street and along the rear lot lines of 2 W Durham Street and 7126 through 7132 Germantown Avenue, approximately 127 feet to a point; thence extending southwesterly, along the side lot line of 7112-14 Germantown Avenue , approximately 225 feet to a point; thence extending southeasterly along the rear lot line of 7112-14 Germantown Avenue, approximately 79 feet to a point; thence northeasterly approximately 88 feet to a point; thence southeasterly approximately 37 feet to a point; thence extending northeasterly approximately 100 feet to a point; thence extending southeasterly, along the rear lot lines of 7100 through 7110 Germantown Avenue, approximately 99 feet to a point on the northwest side of W Mount Pleasant Avenue; thence extending northeasterly along W Mount Pleasant Avenue, approximately 146 feet to the place of beginning.

4. DESCRIPTION

The Central Mount Airy Commercial Historic District is located in Northwest Philadelphia and covers approximately 10 acres along the 7100 and 7200-blocks of Germantown Avenue between Mt. Pleasant and Mt. Airy Avenues. The district is surrounded by residential developments generally built between 1880 and 1920. On the northeast side of Germantown Avenue these tend to be detached two and three-story houses and twins, often with a yard; on the southwestern side these tend to be smaller buildings on smaller lots and include some rowhouses. The District is centered between the Sedgwick stop of SEPTA's Chestnut Hill East line three blocks to the northeast and the Allen Lane stop of the Chestnut Hill West line two blocks to the southwest. The land generally slopes down from Mt. Pleasant to Mt. Airy and then slopes upward toward Allen's Lane. Landscaping along Germantown Avenue is limited to several young street trees planted along concrete sidewalks; some blocks have no trees at all. This portion of Germantown Avenue is part of the Historic Street Paving Thematic District (89.01 – 89.45 Germantown Avenue, 5500-7200 blocks, Germantown, Mt. Airy). It is a two-lane thoroughfare with tracks for the suspended SEPTA No. 23 trolley in the center, granite block from the trolley tracks to the curb, and concrete between the trolley tracks.¹ It is also part of the 1987 boundary increase of the Colonial Germantown National Historic Landmark District.²

This portion of Germantown Avenue has been a mixed-use commercial corridor serving surrounding residential neighborhoods since the 1880s. Many (38 out of 51) of the buildings included in district were built between 1890 and 1930. Most constructed before the 1880s were converted for commercial purposes during the period 1890 to 1930. Most of the buildings are of two or three stories, with commercial entities occupying the ground floor and residences occupying the floors above; most are attached buildings. The remainder are one-story buildings. Aside from one church (7111-13), all are commercial, or mixed-use commercial/residential. Most of the buildings were built independently of one another, although there are four blocks of rowhouses (7100 to 7110, 7116 to 2 West Durham, 7136 to 7138, 7220 to 7224), and the Sedgwick Theater (7133-43) includes two stores flanking a central storefront across its nine-bay frontage. Although the majority of buildings are Philadelphia rowhouses built between 1890 and 1915, the dominant architectural style of the District is Art Deco. This is a result the bold architectural statement and large size of the Sedgwick Theater, the Tourison Building (7200-06), and the Rogers Building (7145-47) overpowering the muted statements and patchwork of styles in the other buildings. Within the district, five of the buildings are significant, 45 are contributing and one is non-contributing. Additionally, two are individually listed on the Philadelphia Register of Historic Places (7127 and 7146-50).

¹ "Historic Street Paving Thematic District" nomination, Philadelphia Register of Historic Places, December 9, 1998, amended October 2016, p. 20. Accessed July 2, 2019. Available at:

<https://www.phila.gov/media/20190213131359/Thematic-District-Street-Paving.pdf>

² Jefferson M. Moak, National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form: Colonial Germantown Historic District – (Boundary Increase), National Park Service, January 11, 1987. Available at: http://www.dot7.state.pa.us/CRGIS_Attachments/SiteResource/H086981_01H.pdf.

The District boasts a wide variety of nineteenth and twentieth-century building materials. The most common are red and yellow brick, but two older buildings and one more recent Colonial Revival are made of Wissahickon schist (7127, 7146-50, 7208-10). The Art Deco Tourison and Rogers buildings are faced with limestone, while the Sedgwick Theater combines yellow brick and terra cotta. Many of the buildings have been stuccoed or painted, hiding the brick. Reflecting their commercial use, all the buildings have ground floor street front widows ranging in size from full-width plate glass on the former Woolworth store, to double hung 4x2 windows on the former Mt. Airy National Bank.

Lot sizes in the District vary, based on the original purpose of the building that occupies them. Most lots, such as those occupied by rowhouses between W. Mount Pleasant Avenue and West Durham Street, occupy quite small lots (approximately 1,500 sq ft) while a few such as the Sedgwick Theater (7133-43) (34,000 sq. ft.), or the former auto dealership (7140) (8,600 sq ft) are larger. The buildings in the district generally lack any setback, and are instead built to the front lot line. Overall, despite changes of owner and tenant over time, the district as a whole retains integrity and has not been significantly altered. The character-defining features of the contributing buildings in the Central Mount Airy Commercial Historic District include massing, scale, façade rhythm, proportions, and exterior cladding materials.

The five maps below indicate the location of each street address within the district.

East Mount Pleasant Ave. to East Durham St. (odd)



- B** 7111-13 Germantown Ave.
- C** 7117-19 Germantown Ave.

East Durham St. to East Mount Airy Ave. (odd)



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| D 7127 Germantown Ave. | I 7151 Germantown Ave. | M 7165 Germantown Ave. |
| E 7131 Germantown Ave. | J 7153-55 Germantown Ave. | N 7167-69 Germantown Ave. |
| F 7133-43 Germantown Ave. | K 7157-59 Germantown Ave. | O 7201-03 Germantown Ave. |
| G 7145-47 Germantown Ave. | L 7161-63 Germantown Ave. | P 7205 Germantown Ave. |
| H 7149 Germantown Ave. | | |

W. Mount Pleasant Ave. to W. Durham St. (even)



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| C 7100 Germantown Ave. | F 7106 Germantown Ave. | K 7118 Germantown Ave. | P 7128 Germantown Ave. |
| D 7102 Germantown Ave. | G 7108 Germantown Ave. | L 7120 Germantown Ave. | Q 7130 Germantown Ave. |
| E 7104 Germantown Ave. | H 7110 Germantown Ave. | M 7122 Germantown Ave. | R 7132 Germantown Ave. |
| | I 7112-14 Germantown Ave. | N 7124 Germantown Ave. | S 2 West Durham St. |
| | J 7116 Germantown Ave. | O 7126 Germantown Ave. | |

W. Durham St. to West Mount Airy Ave. (even)



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| T 7136 Germantown Ave. | W 7146-50 Germantown Ave. | Y 7170 Germantown Ave. |
| U 7138 Germantown Ave. | X 7152 Germantown Ave. | Z 7174 Germantown Ave. |
| V 7140 Germantown Ave. | | |

W. Mount Airy Ave. to Nippon St. (even)



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| AA 7200-06 Germantown Ave. | DD 7214 Germantown Ave. | GG 7222 Germantown Ave. |
| BB 7208-10 Germantown Ave. | EE 7216 Germantown Ave. | HH 7224 Germantown Ave. |
| CC 7212 Germantown Ave. | FF 7220 Germantown Ave. | |

5. INVENTORY

See Inventory file

6. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Period of Significance: 1885-1933

The Central Mount Airy Commercial Historic District is an important architectural and historical landmark in Philadelphia and is eligible for inclusion on the Philadelphia Register of Historic Places. The District fulfills Designation Criteria A, D, and J, which are defined in the City's Historic Buildings ordinance, section 14-1004(1) of the Philadelphia Code. The District:

- (a) Has significant character, interest or value as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the City, Commonwealth or Nation or is associated with the life of a person significant in the past;
- (d) Embodies distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style or engineering specimen;
- (j) Exemplifies the cultural, political, economic, social or historical heritage of the community.

Mt. Airy³ retained its rural character longer than many other parts of Philadelphia, only becoming residential in the last quarter of the nineteenth century. Because of this, the Central Mt. Airy Commercial Historic District has few buildings dating before 1880. Most date from either the turn of the century, when population growth and mass transit expansion led to the initial residential development of Mt. Airy's farms, or the 1920s, when local businessmen made a concerted effort to modernize the District by hiring architects to design commercial buildings. There has been little change to the built fabric since then, leaving the District as a living history of the Avenue's commercial and architectural development.

Early Development Along Germantown Avenue

Mt. Airy had a long rural history before becoming suburban at the end of the nineteenth century. At the time of the founding of Philadelphia, the area that is now Germantown Avenue was hunting grounds for the Lenni Lenape. The Avenue follows the path of a Lenni Lenape trail, and originally connected Philadelphia to lands to the northwest.

On March 4, 1681, Charles II appointed William Penn and his heirs "true and absolute Proprietaries" of a large tract of land extending five longitudinal degrees west of the Delaware River, between Maryland to the south and New York to the north. Penn purchased land in that tract from the Lenni Lenape before selling it to European settlers. Acting as agent for a group of Dutch and German Pietists, Daniel Pastorius purchased 15,000 acres of land on a navigable stream from Penn in 1683 while still in Europe. Upon his arrival at Philadelphia, Pastorius learned that only 6,000 acres were available. When the first members of the group arrived, the first fourteen lots were surveyed and distributed to them in October 1683. Subsequent groups joined the first fourteen, and by 1690 approximately 175 people lived in the new town, called Germantown. Property owners received equal amounts of land, split between town lots and

³ For purposes of this document "Mt. Airy" is used to refer to the neighborhood between Germantown to the Southeast and Chestnut Hill to the northwest, as described on page 3 of the Upper Northwest District Plan 2018.

“sideland” lots outside of it. Property surrounding what is now Mt. Airy’s portion of Germantown Avenue were “sideland” lots, with the Avenue being the principal means of reaching them from town.⁴

Population Growth and Mass Transportation

By 1790 the population of Philadelphia County had reached 55,000, and Germantown Avenue had become a major traffic artery connecting the city of Philadelphia to the countryside to the northwest. Many feeder roads connected to Germantown Avenue, bringing wagons filled with goods of all types from outlying mills, farms, and industries to Philadelphia. A stagecoach connecting Philadelphia and Bethlehem via the Avenue had begun passing through Mt. Airy in 1763. In 1801 the Germantown & Perkiomen Turnpike was formed to improve and pave the road, leading to even greater use of it than before. In 1812, 500 wagons were counted on the turnpike on a typical day.⁵ In 1854, the Philadelphia, Germantown, and Norristown Railroad which had connected Germantown to Philadelphia in 1832, extended its service to Chestnut Hill. Also in this year, Germantown, Mt. Airy, and Chestnut Hill were consolidated into the City of Philadelphia. In 1859, the Germantown Passenger Railroad Company began offering horse-drawn trolleys along Germantown Avenue to Phil-Elena Street, just south of the proposed District; daily usage soon reached 2,500 passengers.⁶ While Germantown and Chestnut Hill became more urban, however, Mt. Airy remained predominantly rural (Figure 1).⁷

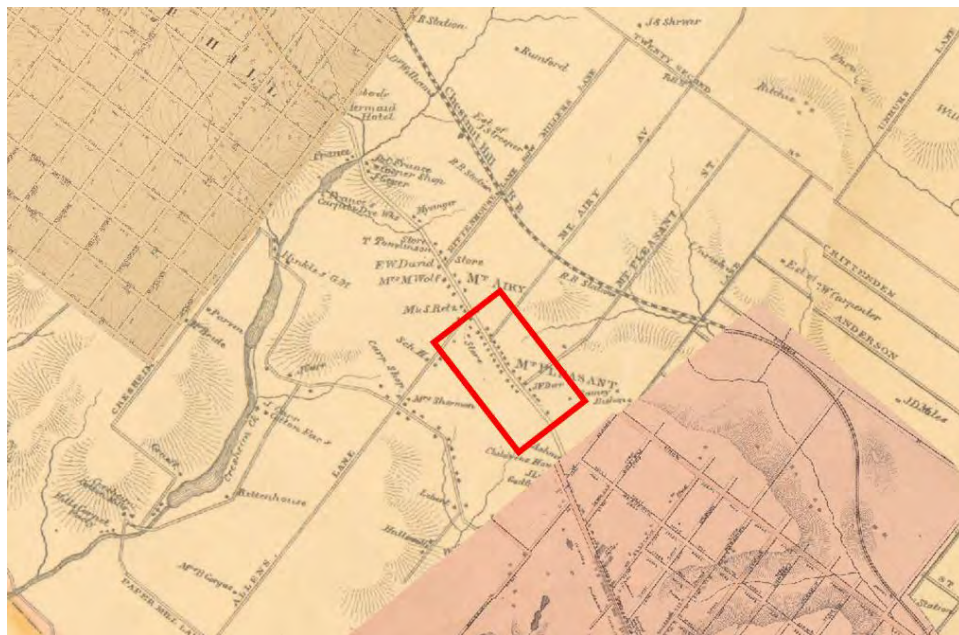


Figure 1. Mt. Airy, 1862 (Smedley 1862)

⁴ Joseph E. Illick. *Colonial Pennsylvania: A History*, Charles Scribner's Sons, New York, 1976. pp. 1-30.

⁵ Judith Callard. *Images of America: Germantown, Mount Airy, and Chestnut Hill*, Arcadia Publishing, Charleston, 2000. p. 77.

⁶ Callard. p. 74.

⁷ Carolyn T. Adams, "Montgomery County," *Encyclopedia of Greater Philadelphia*, Mid-Atlantic Regional Center for the Humanities (MARCH) at Rutgers-Camden, 2019. Available at: <https://philadelphiaencyclopedia.org/archive/montgomery-county-essay/>



Figure 2. Mt. Airy, 1895 (Bromley 1895)

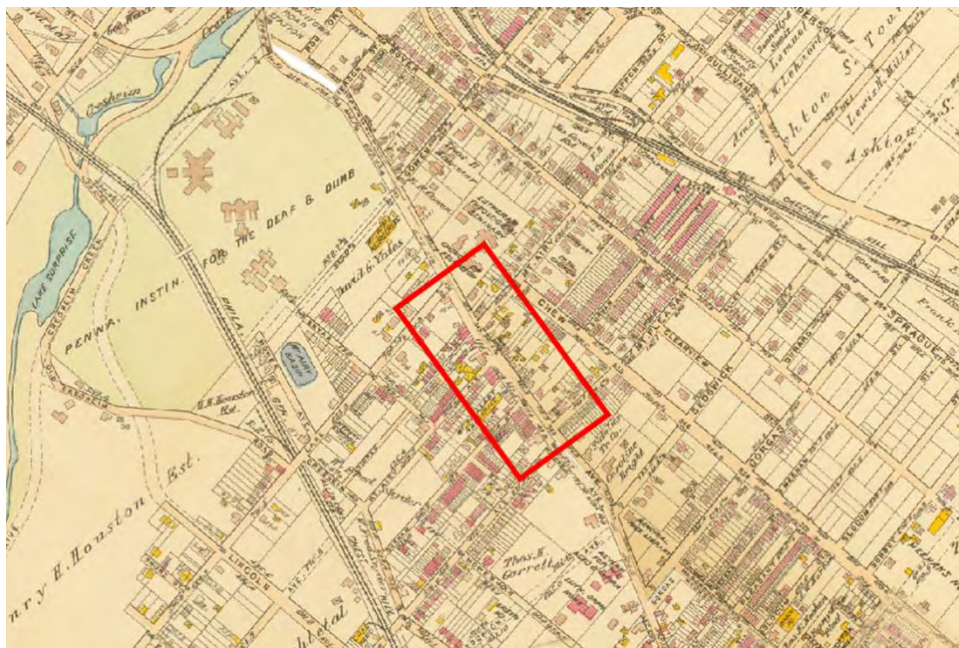


Figure 3. Mt. Airy, 1910 (Bromley 1910)

As the century progressed, population growth and mass transit expansion changed the character of the area. The turnpike company was abolished in 1874 and the City assumed the responsibility for the street, removing the toll gates. In 1884, a rail line to the west of Germantown Avenue opened, and in 1895 horse-drawn trolleys along Germantown Avenue were replaced by electric trolleys (twice as fast and with three times the capacity) and extended to Chestnut Hill.⁸ Philadelphia's population, which had continued to enjoy 20-30% growth per decade, exceeded one million (Table 1). The rail lines and the trolley made it practical to live in

⁸ Chester H. Liebs, *Main Street to Miracle Mile*, Little, Brown and Company, Boston, 1985. p. 11.

Mt. Airy and commute daily to work in other parts of Philadelphia, such as the business district in Center City.

In the early 1840s, George Carpenter had built a house he called Pelham on a 350-acre estate called Phil-Ellena west of Germantown Avenue in Mt. Airy. After his untimely death in 1860, his wife began to gradually sell off portions of the estate, as well as tracts within an additional 150 acres that he owned in Mt. Airy. In the 1870s, 1880s and 1890s, attracted by the area's rural character and relatively easy access to Center City, wealthy business owners bought land from Mrs. Carpenter and others to build large houses on five or ten acre lots, such as Thomas Drake's Montebello, Cornelius Weygandt's Uwchllan, and Harlan Page's Saracinesca. These were often used as summer houses with the family staying in the country and the father commuting to Center City for work during the week. Between 1880 and 1920, property developers such as

Table 1: Philadelphia Population

Year	Population	Percentage Growth
1790	54,388	
1800	81,009	49%
1810	111,210	37%
1820	137,097	23%
1830	188,797	38%
1840	258,037	37%
1850	408,762	58%
1860	565,529	38%
1870	674,022	19%
1880	847,170	26%
1890	1,046,964	24%
1900	1,293,697	24%
1910	1,549,008	20%
1920	1,823,779	18%
1930	1,950,961	7%
1940	1,931,334	-1%
1950	2,071,605	7%
1960	2,002,512	-3%
1970	1,948,609	-3%
1980	1,688,210	-13%
1990	1,585,577	-6%

Note: 1790-1850 are Philadelphia County

Henry Houston, Ashton Tourison and Frank Mauran built and sold developments in Mt. Airy of more modest year-round house ranging from large houses for the upper middle class to twins and rowhouses for those with lower incomes.⁹ A trust established upon George Carpenter's death gradually sold off the remainder of his estate during this time.¹⁰ As Philadelphia's population continued to grow after World War I, builders continued to construct houses in Mt. Airy, soon filling the remaining open land (Figures 2, 3, 4).

North of the Central Mt. Airy Commercial Historic District, in 1847 James Gowen had purchased and demolished the house which gave the area its name. He combined this parcel with others to create a 130-acre development fronting Germantown Avenue and running northeast along the newly created Gowen Avenue. Gowen twice served as President of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad (currently SEPTA's Chestnut Hill East line), and in 1875 arranged for a station to be built at the end of Gowen Avenue, designed by Frank Furness. In 1885, his descendants formed a company to develop the property. They divided it into half-acre lots, building rental houses on some while offering others as construction sites. Between that year and 1906, more

than 200 houses and twins were built.¹¹

⁹ Elizabeth Farmer Jarvis, ed, *Images of America: Mount Airy*, Charleston: Arcadia Publishing, 2008, pp. 48, 50, 52.

¹⁰ Sheryl Farber Mikelberg, *A Decorative Analysis of Phil-Ellena, A Greek Revival, Philadelphia Mansion*, (Master's Thesis). University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, 1992. p 93-94

¹¹ Joel Levinson, "The Historic Gowen Estate House Tour," October 9, 1993. Available at: <https://joellevinson.info/>. Bromley 1895. Bromley 1910.

Farther south, near the Stenton Station of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, developer Frank Mauran began to develop an area called Stenton around 1909. He had bought about 220 acres in 1905, and had leased about 150 of them to the newly created Stenton Country Club. He developed Stenton on the remaining 70 acres, taking advantage of their proximity to the station. An advertisement for the development boasts of a “Station on property” with 61 trains daily and a 24-minute run to Center City¹² (Figure 5).

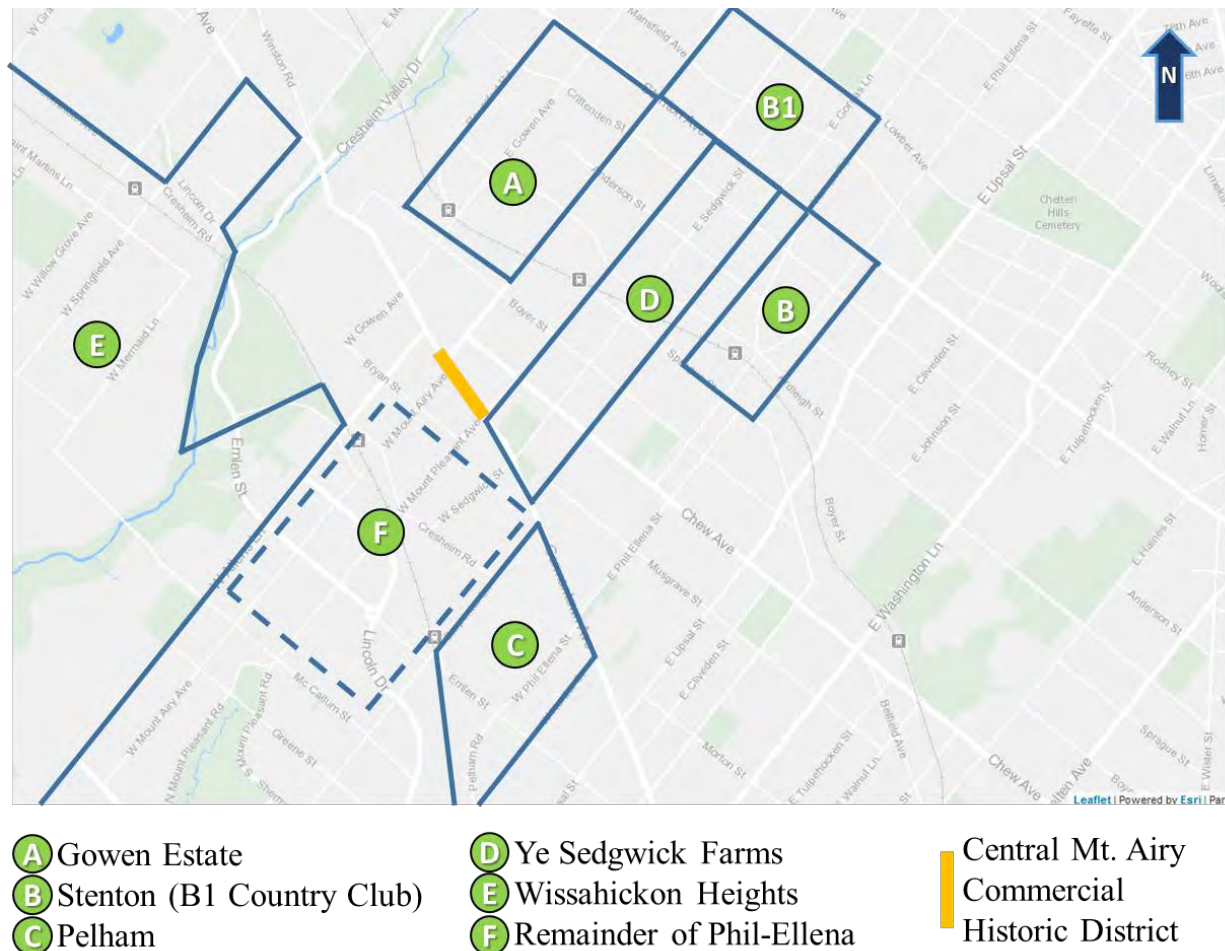


Figure 4. Approximate Locations of Mt. Airy Housing Developments, ca. 1880-1920

¹² Jarvis, p. 117. “Stenton Country Club Property to be Auctioned,” Philadelphia Inquirer March 23, 1924, p. 5. Available at: https://www.newspapers.com/clip/19515795/philadelphia_inquirer_march_23/. Bromley 1895. Bromley 1910.

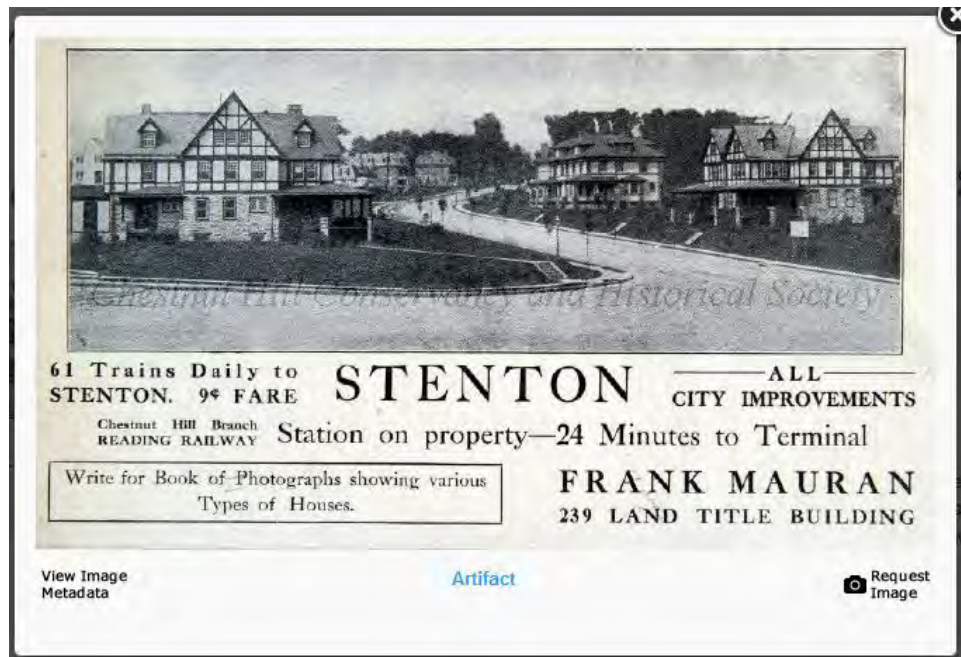


Figure 5. Stenton Advertisement (Chestnut Hill Conservancy)

Railroad executive Henry H. Houston became involved in real estate development when he purchased property in Germantown in 1853. He continued to purchase and develop property in Germantown until parcels of open land were exhausted. Since Phil-Ellena, immediately north of Germantown, blocked purchase of parcels adjacent to Germantown, he turned his attention to vacant land north of Phil-Ellena, west of Chestnut Hill. Beginning in 1873 he began to acquire what turned into more than 3,000 acres (4.5 square miles) of land in this area. One of the factors which made it affordable was the lack of access to railroads. Houston persuaded the directors of the Philadelphia, Germantown and Chestnut Hill Railroad to construct a line to the area, donating \$500,000 worth of land for a right-of-way and possibly additional capital to make the project more attractive. He began to develop this land, called Wissahickon Heights, building and renting houses rather than selling them.¹³

After Houston's death in 1895, his son-in-law George Woodward, renamed the area St. Martin's and continued the development. Woodward built and sold houses, and developed what he called quadruple houses, "a logical development of the semi-detached or twin house"¹⁴ (Figure 6). After successfully developing the first set of quadruple houses in Chestnut Hill, Woodward built three more sets in Mt. Airy on a parcel of land between the 200 block of W. Nippon Street and Mount Airy Avenue, just west of the District.¹⁵

¹³ David R. Contosta, *Suburb in the City*, Ohio State University Press, Columbus, 1992. p. 79-85. David R. Contosta, *A Philadelphia Family/The Houstons and Woodward's of Chestnut Hill*, University of Pennsylvania Press, Philadelphia, 1988. p. 24-34 .Bromley 1895. Bromley 1910.

¹⁴ Contosta, *A Philadelphia Family*, p. 66.

¹⁵ Contosta, *A Philadelphia Family*, p. 66-67.

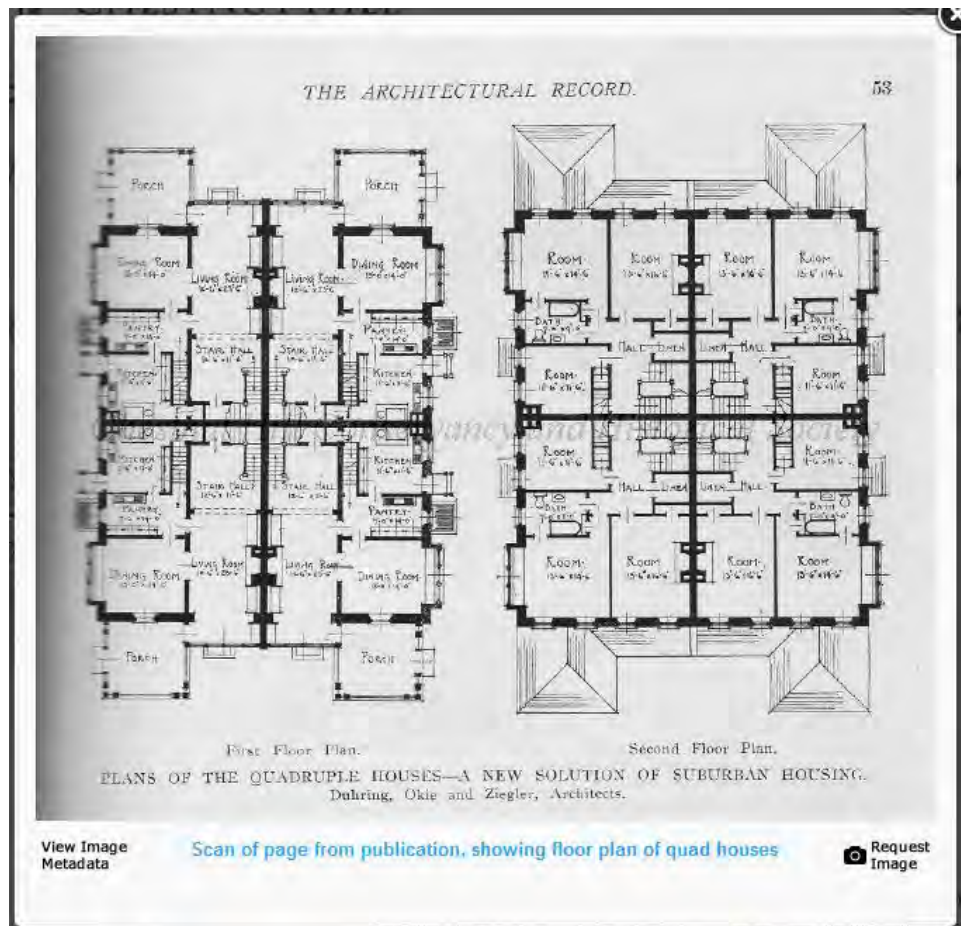


Figure 6. Plans for Woodward's Quad Houses (*The Architectural Record*, July 1913, New York)

In 1893 a syndicate purchased George Carpenter's house and 100 acres surrounding it bounded by Carpenter Lane, Germantown Avenue, Hortter Street and the Philadelphia, Germantown and Chestnut Hill Railroad for a development it called Pelham. This tract, south of the Central Mt. Airy Commercial Historic District, eventually contained 300 houses of varying styles and prices. The financial backers of the syndicate, Anthony Drexel and Edward Stotesbury, hired Herman Wendell and Willard Smith as developers, and they engaged numerous architects to design Pelham's houses.¹⁶

One of Houston's builders, Ashton S. Tourison (1851-1944), expanded into property development. As his company grew, he included his four sons, Ashton S. Tourison Jr. (1879-1969), George Bartle ("Bart") Tourison (1880-1960), Sedgwick C. Tourison (c. 1887 - ?),¹⁷ and

¹⁶ Jarvis, p. 119-123. Bromley 1895. Bromley 1910.

¹⁷ The February 1961 Cornell Alumni News Issue noting George Tourison's death, lists the four brothers' graduation dates (1901, 1903, 1909, 1913). Birth and death years for Sedgwick have not yet been found, but his birth year can be estimated from his graduation year. Cornell Alumni News, Vol 63, No. 10, February 1961, p. 379. Available at: https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=20&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=2ahUKewjSpuOm2-biAhULpFkKHxW0AxYQFjATegQIBRAC&url=https%3A%2F%2Fcommons.cornell.edu%2Fbitstream%2F1813%2F27751%2F1%2F063_10.pdf&usg=AOvVaw11aakhWXIVXkdoiLaXyGkr

William H. Tourison (1889 - 1985),¹⁸ all graduates from Cornell University. A biographical note in a May 1920 article by Ashton Tourison Sr., states, “The company of which he is the head consists of himself and his four sons. One is a master mechanical engineer, one an architect, and one a lawyer, all of which professions are useful in the real estate and building business.”¹⁹ At Cornell, Ashton Jr. studied engineering, Bart studied architecture, and William studied law.²⁰ It is not clear what Sedgwick studied, or what role he had in the company. The Tourisons developed much of the residential property in Mt. Airy, first in individual houses in various locations on both sides of Germantown Avenue, and then in a 125-acre development east of the Historic District bounded by Chew Avenue, East Mt. Pleasant Avenue, Stenton Avenue and Gorgas Lane called “Ye Sedgwick Farms Company”. Under Ashton Sr.’s direction, Bart designed Tudor Revival, Colonial Revival, Neo-Georgian and Victorian “stone-built homes, planned on an architectural idea that makes each different from the other, yet in perfect harmony with all.”²¹



Figure 7. This 1909 photo looks west under the tracks of the Mount Pleasant Station to the still sparsely developed east Mount Airy. The newly built Tudor-style houses at 224 and 222 East Sedgwick sit alone in a field. (Chestnut Hill Conservancy)

¹⁸ Find A Grave, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 18 June 2019), memorial page for William H. Tourison (1889–1985), Find A Grave Memorial no. 32556887, citing Ivy Hill Cemetery, Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, USA ; Maintained by GettysBern (contributor 1478862)

¹⁹ Tourison, Ashton S. “What People Want When They Come to Buy a Home.” *The American Magazine*, May 1920, p. 43. Available at: https://books.google.com/books?id=2l8wAQAAIAAJ&pg=RA1-PA184&lpg=RA1-PA184&dq=%22what+people+want+when+they+come+to+buy+a+home%22&source=bl&ots=tHWjhFBPeg&sig=ACfU3U3khV2sBiV9onNbZJyySCM5vGVQeQ&hl=en&sa=X&ved=2ahUKewiDxtiL_aziAhWMUt8KHWS5CjkQ6AEwAHoECAUQAQ#v=onepage&q=%22what%20people%20want%20when%20they%20come%20to%20buy%20a%20home%22&f=false

²⁰ George is listed as “’03, ’05 BArch”. Ashton wrote two articles “Test of fast passenger engine on the D.L. & W.R.R. Co.” and “The design and equipment of a modern roundhouse” (available at <https://www.researchgate.net/scientific-contributions/25419549-Ashton-Stephen-Tourison>). The June 8, 1922 issue of the Cornell Alumni News contains an “Alumni Note” stating, “’13 LLB—William H. Tourison has recently been transferred for the operating department of the New River and Pocahontas Coal Company, a subsidiary of the Berwind-White Coal Company, Layland W. Va., to the insurance department the company, with headquarters in Philadelphia. His residence address is East Mount Pleasant and Ardleigh Avenues, Mount Airy Post Office, Philadelphia.” Available at:

https://ecommons.cornell.edu/bitstream/handle/1813/26647/024_35.pdf?sequence=1

²¹ “Take a Tour of Tourison,” Chestnut Hill Conservancy, <https://nextdoor.com/events/pa/philadelphia/take-a-tour-of-tourison-2480418>. Bromley 1895. Bromley 1910.

In addition to these large-scale projects, other developers built and sold individual houses and smaller tracts. The 12 three-story brick and stone twins and six three-story brick and stone detached houses stretching along East Mount Pleasant Avenue from its intersection with Germantown Avenue built by A. B. and C. F. Millet are examples of this.²²

Historic population data for Mt. Airy is difficult to determine, but each of these developments was inhabited by hundreds of people with everyday consumer needs, fueling demand for a nearby commercial district. Mt. Airy was mainly rural, so these shoppers brought their business to the Avenue, which grew and changed to accommodate their demand for goods and services. In this way Mt. Airy reflected the national trend where “the many households located along the car lines created a strong need for neighborhood stores to spare anyone wanting to buy groceries or have their hair cut from having to go all the way downtown.”²³

Development of the Commercial District

Early commercial activity in Mt. Airy reflected its rural character. Most businesses tended to be agricultural or industrial in nature, such as wheelwrights, saddlers, harness makers, carriage works, and quarries (Figure 12). Stores were often rooms within the proprietor’s house serving millers and farmers from the area. The few pre-Civil War buildings remaining along this portion of Germantown Avenue (the Allen House at 7127, the Unruh-Hergesheimer House at 7146-50, McFarland’s Barber Shop at 7149, the Shermer House at 7167-69, and the Solomon Unruh row at 7212, 7214, and 7216) are the only remnants of this period. Although modified to varying extents over the years, they can be seen to have been vernacular buildings, reflecting the modest financial resources and rural character of their owners.

²² “In the Real Estate Field,” *Public Ledger - Philadelphia*, April 3, 1907.

²³ Liebs. p. 12.



Figure 8. Germantown Avenue around 1900, looking north near the intersection with Mount Airy Avenue. The bell tower of the International Order of Odd Fellows Hall, is in the center behind the trees. The first house on the right is 7127 Germantown Avenue. The porches of the Mount Pleasant Inn are on the left. (Chestnut Hill Conservancy)



Figure 9. Germantown Ave. looking north toward East Mount Airy Avenue, ca. 1905. Taken from an upper window at Engard's Bakery. The porches of the White Swan Hotel are on the left. The Haas residence on the right is gone, replaced by 7165 Germantown Ave.



Figure 10. East side of Germantown Ave. looking south from the intersection of Mt. Airy Ave. The Shermer House (7169) is on the corner at the center, the Haas house at 7165 to its right, and then the three-story 7153-55. The photo is undated, but the presence of 7153-55 places it after 1915. (Chestnut Hill Conservancy)

As the farmland surrounding Mt. Airy became more residential, the commercial district along Germantown Avenue developed to serve it, with new buildings replacing old. Most were mixed-use buildings in a variety of architectural styles offering business space on the first story and residences above. A two-story stone house built sometime around the beginning of the nineteenth century at the corner of Nippon Street and Germantown Avenue (7212-7216), underwent alterations and additions in 1887, which created store space within it and gave it a Victorian character (Figure 11). While building three modest rowhouses on West Mt. Airy Avenue (just outside the District at 2 to 6) in 1895, Ashton Tourison Sr. also built a similarly styled two-unit mixed-use building at the corner of West Mt. Airy and Germantown Avenues (7170-7174), which was quickly filled by Abram Engard's Bakery. In 1898 architect/builder Frederick Fox built a row of ten, three-story brick buildings with commercial ground floors at 7116 to 7134 Germantown Avenue.

In 1903, Fred McFarland opened his barbershop at 7149, in a small building constructed in 1837, moving his family in upstairs. The building was enlarged several times and the barbershop still operates today under different ownership. In contrast to these vernacular buildings being adapted to commercial use, Margaret Gorgas engaged the architects Watson & Huckel in 1909 to design a shop for her at 7152 in the Georgian Revival style, then popular for residences and commercial structures.



Figure 11. The west side of Germantown Ave., looking south at Mt. Airy Ave. the ASCO building is 7212-7216 Germantown Ave. The photo is undated, but the presence of the Tourison Building (left) places it after 1929. (Chestnut Hill Conservancy)

As mentioned above, in 1906, Jacob Derr sold his carriage-making, wheel-wright and blacksmith shop at the corner of Mt. Pleasant and Germantown Avenues to A. B. and C. F. Millett. They replaced Derr's house (Figure 12) and large yard with two rows of twin houses in a mix of architectural styles noted above. Three-story rowhouses with mixed commercial and residential uses appeared on Germantown Avenue, (7116 to 7134 and 7220 to 7224), as did a three-story mixed-used apartment building (7205), between 1895 and 1910. These rowhouses had a ground floor storefront, and two windows on the second and third floors with a metal cornice above.

Two buildings were erected at opposite ends of the Avenue to cater to the neighborhood's growing social needs. To the south, John Huston designed the one church in the District, Mt. Airy Presbyterian, in the then-popular Gothic style in 1911. At the north end of the District the Mt. Airy Odd Fellows Lodge 235, which had built a meeting hall in 1868, remodeled it in Renaissance Revival style in 1890, adding a tower which still acts as a beacon for the District, despite what one architect described as a recent "grotesque" stuccoing of original masonry and mansard roof.²⁴

²⁴ C. Doebley, "Pennsylvania Historic Resource Survey Form – 7201 Germantown Ave," Office of Historic Preservation, PA Historical and Museum Commission, June 25, 1983. In Philadelphia Historical Commission files, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.



Figure 12. In 1824, Jacob Derr purchased this property at the southeast corner of Germantown and Mount Pleasant Avenues and ran a carriage-making, wheelwright, and blacksmith's shop in the rear. His sons George and Charles continued running the shop through most of the nineteenth century. The Mount Airy Presbyterian Church chapel can be seen to the left in this photo taken between 1894 and 1901. (Chestnut Hill Conservancy)

The 1920s continued to be a period of change on this section of Germantown Avenue. In a further sign that it had become a destination, rather than a way to get to a destination, the Mt. Pleasant Inn which had been erected to serve vacationers and travelers on the turnpike was demolished in about 1923 and replaced by a row of two-story townhouses (7100 to 7110) to provide retail and residential space (Figure 13). These rowhouses had a ground floor storefront, a three-window metal bay on the second floor, and a metal cornice above. The Tourisons were engaged to convert the ground floors of four buildings (7117-19, 7127, 7205, 7212 to 7216) to commercial purposes or modify existing commercial spaces within them.²⁵ In addition to these modifications, after buying the Job Haas house at 7145-47, the Tourisons demolished it to build a two-story, six-rank Art Moderne commercial building (7145-47).²⁶

²⁵ Germantown Historical Society, "Mt. Airy – Historic District" Pamphlet Box, "Germantown Avenue 7100 Block and 7200 Block" Folders

²⁶ Thomas G. Parris, "Mount Airy Enters a New Era," *The Beehive*, Vol. XV, No. 6, September 1929. p. 19.



Figure 13. Mt. Pleasant Inn. Demolished about 1923. (Chestnut Hill Conservancy)

By the middle of the 1920s, it was clear that this stretch of Germantown had become the business center for Mt. Airy's 25,000 inhabitants, and the community decided to accelerate that change. In the words of a 1929 publication:

The new era came to pass because men with the vision of Mt. Airy's future had lived there a generation and had invested to their limit on account of their faith in the fact that the section would come to have a big place in the life of Philadelphia. These men also saw the need for an up-to-date shopping center to meet the needs of the residents. The mere mention of the name of Ashton S. Tourison, Sr., Victor Paul, Johnsons, Barrs, Rothe, Rinker, Bockius and others, immediately brings to mind that the foundations of the present unprecedented strides are rooted firmly and deeply in the past. It is really remarkable that those men, after years of planning and striving, have built the solid foundation which now has caused Mt. Airy's business center to progress by leaps and bounds.²⁷

Recognizing that Mt. Airy was the only section of Philadelphia that did not have a local bank, these citizens banded together and obtained a charter for the National Bank of Mt. Airy. The bank constructed a small, temporary one-story building at 7161 Germantown Avenue, while a permanent building was erected across the street. The temporary building opened on August 19, 1927 with 158 individuals depositing \$66,938.74. Across the street, the bank purchased 7208-10 Germantown Avenue, and commissioned architect Norman Hulme to design a 3½ story, three-rank stone Colonial Revival building. The cornerstone was laid on November 7,

²⁷ Parris, p. 2.

1928 and doors of the permanent building opened five months later on April 27, 1929 with the bank holding deposits in excess of \$750,000 and assets of more than \$1.1 million.²⁸

While Colonial Revival was an appropriate style for a conservative organization such as a bank, Ashton Tourison Jr. and his brother Sedgwick had a different vision for the district—Art Deco. Art Deco was born in the 1925 Paris World Fair: the *Exposition Internationale des Arts Décoratifs et Industriels Modernes* (International Exposition of Decorative Arts and Modern Industries). Conceived in part as a rejection of the staid past and an effort to leave the gloom of the First World War behind, Art Deco sought to create drama from the sculptural use of rectilinear geometrical forms, using regularly spaced piers extending the full height of the façade to emphasize verticality. It was widely employed across the United States for commercial buildings in the 1920s reflecting the United States' new status as the most powerful country in the world, and in the eyes of the Tourisons would provide “the modern ‘pep’ and enterprising zeal, so necessary in these competitive days.”²⁹



Figure 14. 7137 Germantown Avenue, demolished for the Sedgwick Theatre. (Chestnut Hill Conservancy)

²⁸ Parris, p. 15-16.

²⁹ Parris p. 2, 20. Longstreth, p. 46.



Figure 15. 7141 Germantown Avenue, demolished for the Sedgwick Theatre. (Chestnut Hill Conservancy)

In 1928, the Tourisons engaged William H. Lee to design a grand theater complex which seated more than 1,600 patrons while also housing stores and offices (the Tourisons' office among them).³⁰ To make space for the Sedgwick Theatre (7133-7141), the Tourisons removed several older structures (Figures 14, 15). The next year, they engaged Tunis & Baker to design the Tourison Building (7200-7268), knocking down the White Swan Hotel to do so (Figure 16). Across the Avenue from the Sedgwick Theater, the Bates & Bender Construction Company engaged architect J. Ethan Fieldstein to design a more muted Art Deco building (7140) which they constructed at about the same time to house the Sedgwick Garage (Figure 17). Roger's Grocery moved into the Tourisons' Art Moderne building at 7145-47 in 1929 (Figure 18), and an American Services Company ("ASCO") grocery opened at the corner of Nippon and Germantown Avenue (7216) at approximately the same time, offering competition to the James Johnson's Sons grocery at 7169 which had opened in 1863.³¹ This restructuring of the central portion of the business district replaced eighteenth and nineteenth-century structures with modern buildings housing businesses catering to the needs of the neighborhood, radically changed its architectural character, and made the statement that Germantown Avenue would be the commercial center of the surrounding residential neighborhoods.

³⁰ Ben Leech, "Unlisted Philadelphia – Tourison Building," Extant, A Publication of the Greater Philadelphia Preservation Alliance, Philadelphia, Spring 2018. Available at: [https://mydigitalpublication.com/publication/?i=482786#{"issue_id":482786,"page":0}](https://mydigitalpublication.com/publication/?i=482786#{)

³¹ Parris p. 18-19.



Figure 16. The White Swan Hotel, demolished for the Tourison Building (7200-06). (Germantown Historical Society)



Figure 17. By 1939, 7140 Germantown Ave had become Thomas Berkeley Garrett's Chevrolet dealership. Note the gas pumps on the sidewalk, possibly dating to the building's previous life as the Sedgwick Garage. (Chestnut Hill Conservancy)



Figure 18. The Tourisons' Art Moderne building at 7145-7147 Germantown Ave. Photo from 1929, the opening of Roger's Grocery. (Chestnut Hill Conservancy)

Subsequent years brought change to some businesses on Germantown Avenue while others persevered. In another example of purpose-built commercial buildings replacing modified residences, John H. Johnson knocked down the Haas house and built a new one-story brick commercial building with two store entrances in the left and right center openings in 1933 (Figure 10). The mosaic floor in the entrances bears the F. W. Woolworth's Five and Dime store logo, but it is unclear if this was the original tenant. While the Rothe family had lived in the Unruh house portion of 7146-50 since 1908 while running their florist business from the addition at 7150, Herbert Rothe Sr. moved the family elsewhere in 1956 enabling the business to occupy the house. The 13 greenhouses on the large lot behind the property were demolished when the City purchased it for a parking lot in 1985, removing the last vestige of Mt. Airy's original rural character (Figures 19 and 20).³²

³² Jarvis, p. 68, 69.



Figure 19. Rothe & Son Florist. (Rothe Florist)



Figure 20. Rothe greenhouses in the 1940s or 1950s. The tower of the Odd Fellow Hall can be seen in the center. (Rothe Florist)

Conclusion

Owing to its geographical position north of Germantown and south of Chestnut Hill, the Central Mt. Airy Commercial Historic District was not fully developed until after those two areas had reached much of their potential. While earlier change had been gradual and piecemeal, wholesale commercial development in the 1920s changed Mt. Airy, transforming it from a nineteenth-century village of shops within buildings erected for residential uses to a retail center of purpose-built commercial buildings. Since most of the buildings within the proposed District were constructed or remodeled during the early twentieth century, the styles employed within this period characterize the overall appearance of the District. While the few remaining pre-1880 buildings are made of stone, later buildings are made of brick, with the Art Deco buildings using limestone and terracotta faces on brick.

Most of the District has remained intact since its heyday, maintaining much of its integrity over the years. The use of the buildings has changed more than their physical fabric. Reflecting national trends, restaurants now predominate, replacing much of the original retail: Margaret Gorgas's store and the ground floor of the Tourison building are eateries. The car dealership is now a health club with a swimming pool. Much of the Sedgwick Theater is being used for storage, while the Odd Fellows Hall holds a coffee shop. Upper floors of buildings are still occupied by residences and businesses. While the specific uses of the buildings have evolved, their mixed-use character continues.

CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATION:

The Central Mt. Airy Commercial Historic District satisfies the following criteria for designation:

- (a) Has significant character, interest or value as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the City, Commonwealth or Nation or is associated with the life of a person significant in the past; and,
- (d) Embodies distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style or engineering specimen; and,
- (j) Exemplifies the cultural, political, economic, social or historical heritage of the community.

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Figure 16: Chestnut Hill Conservancy Catalogue # 2008.190.1

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Figure 18: Germantown Historical Society Catalogue # 2010.327.1

CENTRAL MOUNT AIRY COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT INVENTORY

Address:

2 W DURHAM ST

Alternate Address:

OPA Number:

871022650

Individually Listed:

Base Reg. Number:

120N050122

Historical Data

Historic Name:

Year Built:

1898

Current Name:

Associated Individual:

DeLong & Wahl

Hist. Resource Type:

Rowhouse

Architect:

Frederick Fox

Historic Function:

Builder:

Frederick Fox

One of a block of ten rowhouses (7116-7134) shown on 1910 Bromley Philadelphia Atlas. Does not appear on the Baist 1895 Atlas.

References:

Germantown Historical Society, "Mt. Airy – Historic District" Pamphlet Box, "Germantown Avenue 7100 Block" Folder

Physical Description

Style:

Vernacular

Stories:

3

Bays:

2

Foundation:

Exterior Walls:

Brick

Roof:

Flat; tar paper

Windows:

Non-historic- metal

Doors:

Non-historic- metal

Other Materials:

Metal Cornice

Notes:

Storefront window on Germantown replaced with smaller window. Ceramic tile facing added.

Resource Type:

Mixed Use

Current Function:

Vacant

Subfunction:

Private Residence

Additions/Alterations:

one-story addition on rear;
door filled in on W. Durham

Ancillary:

Sidewalk Material:

Concrete

Site Features:



Classification:

Contributing



Survey Date:

5/23/2019

CENTRAL MOUNT AIRY COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT INVENTORY

Address: 7111-13 GERMANTOWN AV

Alternate Address:
Individually Listed:

OPA Number: 775165400
Base Reg. Number: 097N170011

Historical Data

Historic Name:	Mt. Airy Presbyterian Church	Year Built:	1901
Current Name:	Mt. Airy Presbyterian Church	Associated Individual:	
Hist. Resource Type:	Church	Architect:	Joseph Huston
Historic Function:		Builder:	

Social History:

Mt. Airy Presbyterian Church began as a Sunday School in 1838 and later formed as a Mission Church to the old Market Square Presbyterian Church (Germantown) beginning in 1879. In 1883, the church moved to the corner of Germantown & Mt. Pleasant Avenues with the purchase of land and the building of a chapel; a new building was erected in 1901. Church membership peaked in 1947 with 1,134 members. In 2017 there were 51 members

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<https://books.google.com/books?hl=en&lr=&id=QxYVAAAAYAAJ&oi=fnd&pg=PA148&dq=germantown+avenue+mount+airy&ots=vUAM>

Physical Description

Style:	Gothic Revival	Resource Type:	Church
Stories: 1	Bays:	Current Function:	
Foundation:	Wissahickon schist	Subfunction:	
Exterior Walls:	Schist	Additions/Alterations:	
Roof:	Gable; asphalt shingles		
Windows:	Historic- other		
Doors:	Historic- wood	Ancillary:	
Other Materials:	Leaded Glass	Sidewalk Material:	Concrete
		Site Features:	

Notes:

Church building contributing; rear building non-contributing per 7/9/2021 PHC designation.



Classification: Contributing

Survey Date: 5/23/2019

CENTRAL MOUNT AIRY COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT INVENTORY

Address: 7117-19 GERMANTOWN AV

Alternate Address:
Individually Listed:

OPA Number: 871022750
Base Reg. Number: 097N170057

Historical Data

Historic Name: house and store for James Johnson
Current Name: BellaNor Boutique
Hist. Resource Type: Mixed Use
Historic Function:

Year Built: 1898
Associated Individual: James Johnson
Architect: Thomas P. Lonsdale
Builder: William Fleming

Social History:

References:

Germantown Historical Society, "Mt. Airy – Historic District" Pamphlet Box, "Germantown Avenue 7100 Block" Folder
https://www.livingplaces.com/PA/Philadelphia_County/Philadelphia_City/Germantown.html

Physical Description

Style: Dutch Colonial
Stories: 3 **Bays:**
Foundation:
Exterior Walls: Brick
Roof: Side gable; slate
Windows: Historic- wood
Doors: Non-historic- wood
Other Materials:
Notes:

Resource Type: Mixed Use
Current Function: Commercial/Retail
Subfunction: Multi-unit Residential
Additions/Alterations: one story addition on side, series of additions to rear; store front has been altered
Ancillary:
Sidewalk Material: Concrete
Site Features:

The original curved glass remains in the corner windows of the second story bay. This building had work performed on it in 1911, 1907 and 1986. The one-story side addition was built in 1924 designed by Ashton Tourison Jr.

The original building appears to have been three stories high and one room deep. Additions have been made to the rear of the house, apparently in several phases, doubling or tripling the interior volume.



Classification: Contributing



Survey Date: 5/23/2019



CENTRAL MOUNT AIRY COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT INVENTORY

Address:

7127 GERMANTOWN AVE

Alternate Address:

OPA Number:

871022800

Individually Listed:

yes, 5/28/1957

Base Reg. Number:

097N170062

Historical Data

Historic Name:

Allen House

Year Built:

1778-1797

Current Name:

The Juiceroom

Associated Individual:

William Allen

Hist. Resource Type:

Mixed Use

Architect:

Historic Function:

Residential

Builder:

Social History:

Twentieth century alterations include interior renovation by Ashton Tourison Jr. in 1924, the installation of the commercial bulks in 1925 (also by Ashton Tourison Jr.), and a side porch erected by Tourison in 1935.

References:

Record of Construction, 7127 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia Historical Commission, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Germantown Historical Society, "Mt. Airy – Historic District" Pamphlet Box, "Germantown Avenue 7100 Block" Folder

Physical Description

Style:

Federal/Second Empire

Stories:

2

Bays:

5

Foundation:

Stone

Exterior Walls:

Stone

Roof:

Mansard; slate

Windows:

Non-historic- wood

Doors:

Non-historic- wood

Other Materials:

Resource Type:

Mixed Use

Current Function:

Mixed Use- Residential/Comm

Subfunction:

Additions/Alterations:

1860, 1890, 1985, 1993

Ancillary:

Sidewalk Material:

Concrete

Site Features:

Notes:

The alterations, including a mansard roof (c. 1860) and commercial windows on the ground floor (c. 1890) rest uneasily with the dressed stone front of the Georgian style house. In 1985 PHC approved the enclosure of a portion of the rear porch (c. 1900) which was not visible to the public. In 1993 the remainder of the porch was enclosed without PHC approval. PHC files indicate that the land was purchased in 1778 by William Allen and sold in 1797 by Andrew Allen, Jr.



Classification:

Significant



Survey Date:

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Germantown Historical Society Catalogue #2018.2.14.1-.143 Photo 85

CENTRAL MOUNT AIRY COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT INVENTORY

Address:

7131 GERMANTOWN AVE

Alternate Address:

OPA Number:

871022850

Individually Listed:

Base Reg. Number:

097N170026

Historical Data

Historic Name:

Current Name:

Trattoria Moma

Hist. Resource Type:

Detached Dwelling

Historic Function:

Year Built:

c. 1885

Associated Individual:

Samuel E. Graver

Architect:

Builder:

Social History:

References:

Germantown Historical Society, "Mt. Airy – Historic District" Pamphlet Box, "Germantown Avenue 7100 Block" Folder

Physical Description

Style:

vernacular

Stories: 2 1/2

Bays: 2

Foundation:

Exterior Walls:

Stucco

Roof:

Gable; other

Windows:

Non-historic- wood

Doors:

Non-historic- metal

Other Materials:

Notes:

Resource Type:

Detached Dwelling

Current Function:

Bar/ Restaurant

Subfunction:

Private Residence

Additions/Alterations:

one -story addition to front,
multiple additions to rear

Ancillary:

Sidewalk Material:

Concrete

Site Features:

The additions to the rear appear to have been added in three phases. This first is a full-width, two-story addition, probably consisting on one room per story. It is the most elaborate, having a cornice similar to that of the front addition (but not identical) and window frames with curved tops. The second is again one room deep, but narrower than the building. It is plainer, having a shed roof and a flat-top window. The third is narrower still, extends to the rear of the property and has no windows or doors.



Classification:

Contributing

Survey Date:

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CENTRAL MOUNT AIRY COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT INVENTORY

Address:

7133-43 GERMANTOWN AV

Alternate Address:

OPA Number:

882869800

Individually Listed:

Base Reg. Number:

097N170101

Historical Data

Historic Name: Sedgwick Theater

Year Built: 1928

Current Name:

Associated Individual: Ashton S. Tourison

Hist. Resource Type: Theater

Architect: William Harold Lee

Historic Function:

Builder: Ashton S. Tourison

Social History:

As of 2006 the Sedgwick Theater is one of the remaining 20 Philadelphia theaters that Lee designed; nine have been demolished.

Seating 1600, the theater confirmed Mt. Airy's change from rural to residential neighborhoods.

References:

<https://www.chestnuthilllocal.com/2013/08/23/85-years-of-drama-at-the-sedgwick-theater-in-mt-airy/>

https://www.philadelphiabuildings.org/pab/app/pj_display.cfm/6060

Physical Description

Style: Art Deco

Stories: 2

Bays: 9

Foundation:

Exterior Walls: Brick

Roof: Flat; tar paper

Windows: Historic- wood

Doors: Historic- wood

Other Materials:

Resource Type: Theater

Current Function: Commercial/Retail

Subfunction:

Additions/Alterations:

Ancillary:

Sidewalk Material: Concrete

Site Features:

Notes:

The original lobby is now used as a theater. The original theater is now used as a warehouse (below right). A 1945 photo (based on the release date of the movie shown on the marquee) shows terracotta facing similar to that on upper stories. A 1983 photo included in the PHRS Form shows ground floor store fronts replaced by red and white brick, wooden doors with broken pediment trim, and pent roofs with asphalt shingles. The current building shows efforts at restoration with doors and windows now resembling the 1945 versions, the pent roofs removed, and the red and white brick replaced by yellow brick. The second floor has remained original. The rear auditorium is considered non-contributing.



Classification: Significant

Survey Date: 5/23/2019





CENTRAL MOUNT AIRY COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT INVENTORY

Address:

7145-47 GERMANTOWN AV

Alternate Address:

OPA Number:

871022900

Individually Listed:

Base Reg. Number:

097N170119

Historical Data

Historic Name:

Roger's Grocey

Year Built:

1923-24

Current Name:

Uechi-Ryu Karate

Associated Individual:

Ashton S. Tourison

Hist. Resource Type:

Commercial

Architect:

George Bartle ("Bart")
Tourison

Historic Function:

Commerical

Builder:

Ashton S. Tourison

Social History:

References:

https://www.dot7.state.pa.us/CRGIS_Attachments/SiteResource/H054099_54005_D.pdf

Thomas G. Parris, "Mount Airy Enters a New Era," The Beehive, Vol. XV, No. 6, September 1929.

Physical Description

Style:

Art Deco

Stories:

2

Bays:

2

Foundation:

Exterior Walls:

Brick

Roof:

Flat; tar paper

Windows:

Historic- wood

Doors:

Non-historic- metal

Other Materials:

Granite

Resource Type:

Commercial

Current Function:

Commercial/Retail

Subfunction:

Additions/Alterations:

1935, 1951

Ancillary:

Sidewalk Material:

Concrete

Site Features:

Notes:

The 1935 and 1951 alterations were to ground floor, but are not further described. Current ground floor facing is tile; a 1983 PHRS form photo shows red brick below the display windows, the original was probably granite as on the second floor and right and left sides of first floor. The PHRS photos shows a large vertical sign on the second floor of 7145 advertising products for the appliance and computer stores in the building.



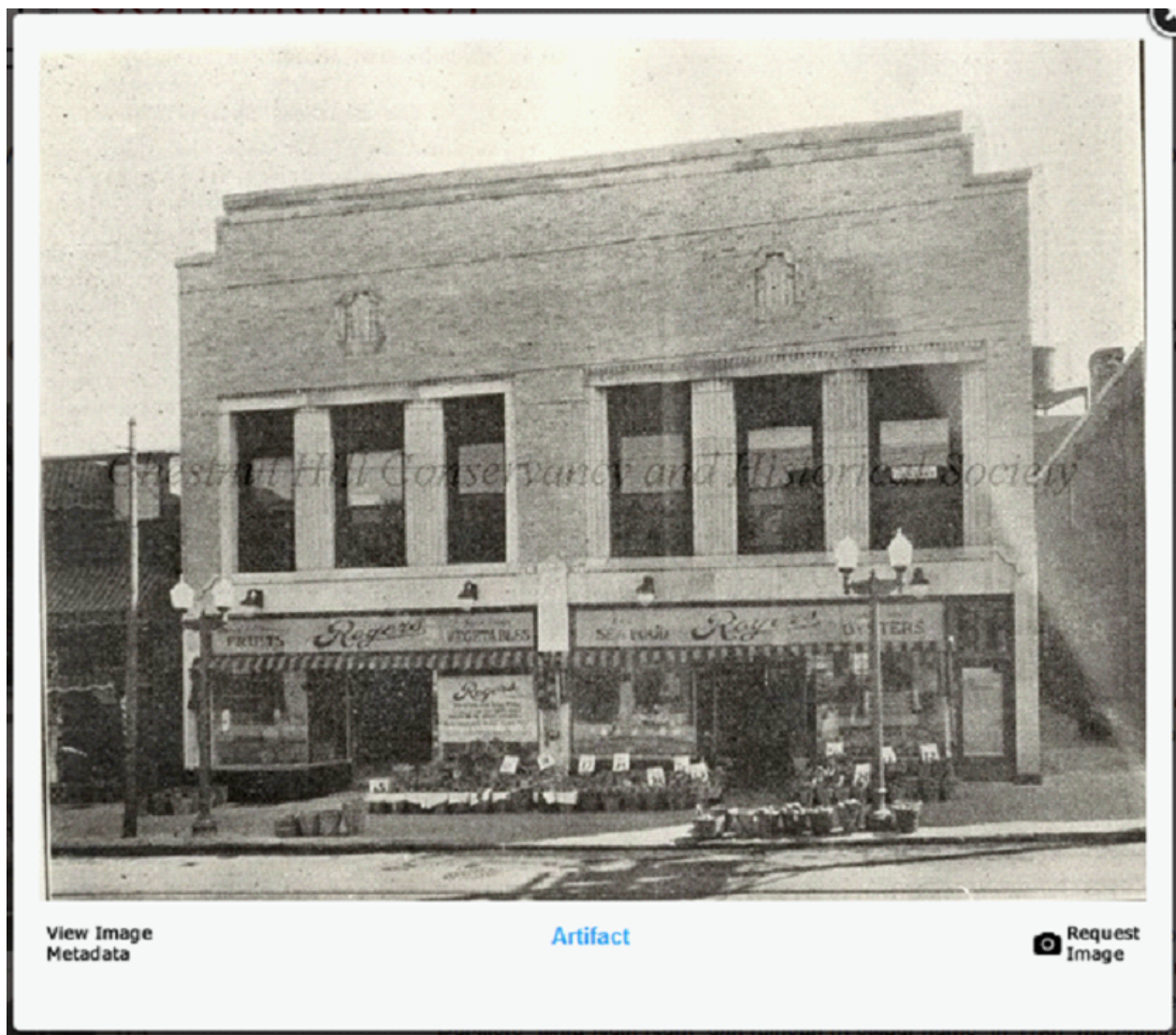
Classification:

Significant



Survey Date:

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CENTRAL MOUNT AIRY COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT INVENTORY

Address:

7149 GERMANTOWN AVE

Alternate Address:

OPA Number:

871400970

Individually Listed:

Base Reg. Number:

097N170122

Historical Data

Historic Name:

McFarland's Barber Shop

Year Built:

before 1837

Current Name:

The Shop on the Ave

Associated Individual:

Hist. Resource Type:

Commercial

Architect:

Historic Function:

Barbershop

Builder:

Social History:

Started in 1903 by McFarland. In 1954 Raymond McFarland (son) hired Donald Murphy as barber. Murphy purchased shop in 1986. Murphy died August 2, 2014. Current storefront dates from 1952.

References:

<https://www.chestnuthilllocal.com/2014/09/10/c-donald-murphy-longtime-mt-airy-barber/>
Germantown Historical Society, "Mt. Airy – Historic District" Pamphlet Box, "Germantown Avenue 7100 Block" Folder

Physical Description

Style:

Stories: 3

Bays:

Foundation:

Exterior Walls:

Brick

Roof:

Side-gable; asphalt shingles

Windows:

Non-historic- wood

Doors:

Non-historic- wood

Other Materials:

Notes:

Resource Type:

Commercial

Current Function:

Commercial/Retail

Subfunction:

Additions/Alterations:

Ancillary:

Sidewalk Material:

Concrete

Site Features:



Classification:

Contributing

Survey Date:

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CENTRAL MOUNT AIRY COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT INVENTORY

Address:

7151 GERMANTOWN AVE

Alternate Address:

OPA Number:

871022950

Individually Listed:

Base Reg. Number:

097N170042

Historical Data

Historic Name:

Current Name:

I Spy You Buy

Hist. Resource Type:

Mixed Use

Historic Function:

Year Built:

1906

Associated Individual:

William Fleming

Architect:

William Fleming/George S. Idell (renovations)

Builder:

William Fleming

Social History:

References:

Germantown Historical Society, "Mt. Airy – Historic District" Pamphlet Box, "Germantown Avenue 7100 Block" Folder

Physical Description

Style:

Stories: 2

Bays: 2

Foundation:

Exterior Walls:

Brick

Roof:

Flat; other

Windows:

Historic- wood

Doors:

Non-historic- metal

Other Materials:

Metal Cornice

Resource Type:

Commercial

Current Function:

Commercial/Retail

Subfunction:

Additions/Alterations:

1906, 1908, 1913, 1921, 1922, 1953

Ancillary:

Sidewalk Material:

Concrete

Site Features:

Notes:

Building permits and other documents are unclear as to the origins of the building. One 1906 permit is for the interior alterations. Five months later, William Fleming acquired a permit for a new 2-story brick building using the existing foundations. In 1908, a 2-story brick addition measuring 20' wide was added; this is probably the right side of the present front. A rear bay window was installed in 1908. George S. Idell, architect, designed a 2-story brick side addition measuring 11'6" x 36' in 1913. Another side addition, measuring 12' x 26', was built in 1921. Idell returned in 1922 to design a series of garages. A boiler house was added to the garages at the end of that year. Finally Idell designed interior alterations and partitions and the present store windows were added in 1953.



Classification:

Non-contributing

Survey Date:

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CENTRAL MOUNT AIRY COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT INVENTORY

Address:

7153-55 GERMANTOWN AV

Alternate Address:

OPA Number:

871023000

Individually Listed:

Base Reg. Number:

097N170045

Historical Data

Historic Name:

Horn & Hardart Retail Shop

Year Built:

1915

Current Name:

The Zergani Building/Golden Crust Pizz

Associated Individual:

Sophie Singman

Hist. Resource Type:

Commercial

Architect:

Ralph Bowden Bencker

Historic Function:

store

Builder:

S. Barnett & Sons

H. J. Karbach, architect and contractor designed and built interior alterations in 1925. In 1935, Horn & Hardart was a food services company in the United States noted for operating the first food service automats in Philadelphia and New York City, engaged Ralph Bowden Bencker to design a new front for their retail store selling food. This Bencker-designed front was replaced in 1966 with the present stone and fixed-light sash. The store is listed as a "Business Patron" in the 1952 La Salle College High School yearbook.

References:

Germantown Historical Society, "Mt. Airy – Historic District" Pamphlet Box, "Germantown Avenue 7100 Block" Folder
https://www.philadelphiabuildings.org/pab/app/pj_display.cfm/41848

Physical Description

Style:

Vernacular

Stories:

3

Bays:

2

Foundation:

Exterior Walls:

Brick

Roof:

Flat; tar paper

Windows:

Historic- wood

Doors:

Non-historic- wood

Other Materials:

Notes:

Resource Type:

Mixed Use

Current Function:

Mixed Use- Residential/Comm

Subfunction:

Bar/Restaurant

Additions/Alterations:

Ancillary:

Sidewalk Material:

Concrete

Site Features:



Classification:

Contributing



Survey Date:

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CENTRAL MOUNT AIRY COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT INVENTORY

Address:

7157-59 GERMANTOWN AV

Alternate Address:

OPA Number:

882870300

Individually Listed:

Base Reg. Number:

097N170108

Historical Data

Historic Name:

Year Built:

1911

Current Name:

Mi Puebla Restaurant & Bakery

Associated Individual:

J. J. Green and B. McGuire

Hist. Resource Type:

Architect:

Edward Fay and Son

Historic Function:

Builder:

Edward Fay and Son

Social History:

7159 received a new storefront in 1929. Both stores had exterior and interior alterations and an addition in 1933. The present storefronts were installed in 1970.

References:

Germantown Historical Society, "Mt. Airy – Historic District" Pamphlet Box, "Germantown Avenue 7100 Block" Folder

Physical Description

Style:

Vernacular

Stories:

1

Bays:

2

Foundation:

Exterior Walls:

Perma-stone

Roof:

Flat; tar paper

Windows:

Non-historic- metal

Doors:

Non-historic- metal

Other Materials:

Notes:

Resource Type:

Commercial

Current Function:

Bar/ Restaurant

Subfunction:

Additions/Alterations:

Ancillary:

Sidewalk Material:

Concrete

Site Features:



Classification:

Non-contributing

Survey Date:

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CENTRAL MOUNT AIRY COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT INVENTORY

Address:

7161-63 GERMANTOWN AV

Alternate Address:

OPA Number:

882870400

Individually Listed:

Base Reg. Number:

097N170130

Historical Data

Historic Name:

Ovens Inc.

Year Built:

1927

Current Name:

Blacqskirt

Associated Individual:

James Johnson & Sons

Hist. Resource Type:

Commercial

Architect:

Oscar Ernest Mertz, Sr.
(Interior Designer)

Historic Function:

Builder:

Robert Christy

Constructed as the original location of the Mt. Airy National Bank. The Mertz Collection (Athenaeum) contains undated "Alterations and additions to store/shop" drawings for Ovens Inc.

References:

Thomas G. Parris, "Mount Airy Enters a New Era," The Beehive, Vol. XV, No. 6, September 1929. p. 16
https://www.philadelphiabuildings.org/pab/app/pj_display.cfm/467657

Physical Description

Style:

Vernacular

Stories:

1

Bays:

Foundation:

Exterior Walls:

Roof:

Windows:

Non-historic- metal

Doors:

Non-historic- metal

Other Materials:

Notes:

Resource Type:

Commercial

Current Function:

Commercial/Retail

Subfunction:

Additions/Alterations:

Ancillary:

Sidewalk Material:

Concrete

Site Features:



Classification:

Non-contributing

Survey Date:

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CENTRAL MOUNT AIRY COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT INVENTORY

Address:

7165 GERMANTOWN AVE

Alternate Address:

OPA Number:

882870500

Individually Listed:

Base Reg. Number:

097N170107

Historical Data

Historic Name:

Year Built:

1933

Current Name:

The Big Fancy

Associated Individual:

John H. Johnson

Hist. Resource Type:

F.W. Woolworth's

Architect:

Historic Function:

Retail

Builder:

Haverstick-Borthwick Company

This building replaced a twin to 7167-7169 Germantown Avenue in 1933. Johnson caused an addition to be built in 1936.

References:

Germantown Historical Society, "Mt. Airy – Historic District" Pamphlet Box, "Germantown Avenue 7100 Block" Folder

Physical Description

Style:

vernacular

Stories:

1

Bays:

Foundation:

Exterior Walls:

Brick

Roof:

Flat; tar paper

Windows:

Non-historic- metal

Doors:

Other Materials:

Granite

Notes:

An example of Longstreth's Enframed Window Wall type of commercial building, which has been altered. A granite pediment spans the width of the façade, which also has limestone urns at the upper corners. Two additional bands of limestone run horizontally across the façade, divided by a wooden panel. Polished marble panels have been added to the lower part of the façade. White mosaics at entrances have red W within a diamond--the F.W. Woolworth's logo.

Rear parking lot is non-contributing, per 7/9/2021 PHC designation.



Classification:

Contributing

Survey Date:

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CENTRAL MOUNT AIRY COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT INVENTORY

Address: 7167-69 GERMANTOWN AV

Alternate Address:
Individually Listed:

OPA Number: 871280450
Base Reg. Number: 097N170105

Historical Data

Historic Name:	Shermer House/The Gorgas Corner	Year Built:	c. 1860
Current Name:	Bank of America/Cardonick Chiropracti	Associated Individual:	William Shermer
Hist. Resource Type:	<input type="text"/>	Architect:	<input type="text"/>
Historic Function:	<input type="text"/>	Builder:	possibly Charles Pastorius
Social History:			

"William Shermer, saddler" listed as resident in McElroy's Philadelphia Directory for 1863.

"This became defined early with buildings such as the Shermer House (7167-7169) and...which were built in the Civil War era."

References:

https://www.livingplaces.com/PA/Philadelphia_County/Philadelphia_City/Germantown.html
https://books.google.com/books?id=_J46AAAACAAJ&pg=PA683&lpg=PA683&dq=Shermer+%22mt.+airy%22&source=bl&ots=IshoRD0B

Physical Description

Style:	Vernacular	Resource Type:	Mixed Use
Stories: 3	Bays: 5	Current Function:	Mixed Use- Residential/Comm
Foundation:	<input type="text"/>	Subfunction:	<input type="text"/>
Exterior Walls:	Stucco	Additions/Alterations:	<input type="text"/>
Roof:	Side-gable; other	Ancillary:	<input type="text"/>
Windows:	Non-historic- wood	Sidewalk Material:	Concrete
Doors:	Non-historic- metal	Site Features:	<input type="text"/>
Other Materials:	<input type="text"/>		
Notes:			

A two-story side porch was built in 1909. Interior alterations to the structure to make it a multi-family dwelling and store occurred in 1921.

Rear parking lot is non-contributing, per 7/9/2021 PHC designation.



Classification: Contributing

Survey Date: 5/23/2019

CENTRAL MOUNT AIRY COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT INVENTORY

Address:

7100 GERMANTOWN AVE

Alternate Address:

OPA Number:

871022250

Individually Listed:

Base Reg. Number:

020N050210

Historical Data

Historic Name:

Year Built:

1923

Current Name:

Kenneth Stein Foot Specialist

Associated Individual:

Israel Barkan

Hist. Resource Type:

Rowhouse

Architect:

Israel Barkan

Historic Function:

Builder:

Israel Barkan

Social History:

One of a block of six rowhouses (7100-7110). The lot was occupied by the Mount Pleasant Hotel until it was demolished in about 1923.

References:

Germantown Historical Society, "Mt. Airy – Historic District" Pamphlet Box, "Germantown Avenue 7100 Block" Folder
Elizabeth Farmer Jarvis, ed, Images of America: Mount Airy, Charleston: Arcadia Publishing, 2008, p. 28.

Physical Description

Style:

Vernacular

Stories:

2

Bays:

2

Foundation:

Exterior Walls:

Brick

Roof:

Flat; tar paper

Windows:

Non-historic- metal

Doors:

Non-historic- wood

Other Materials:

Notes:

Resource Type:

Mixed Use

Current Function:

Health Care

Subfunction:

Multi-unit Residential

Additions/Alterations:

First floor commerical
windows replAced with brick
or glass bricks.

Ancillary:

Sidewalk Material:

Concrete

Site Features:



Classification:

Contributing

Survey Date:

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CENTRAL MOUNT AIRY COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT INVENTORY

Address:

7102 GERMANTOWN AVE

Alternate Address:

OPA Number:

871022300

Individually Listed:

Base Reg. Number:

020N050209

Historical Data

Historic Name:

Year Built:

1923

Current Name:

Kadillac Tattoo

Associated Individual:

Israel Barkan

Hist. Resource Type:

Rowhouse

Architect:

Israel Barkan

Historic Function:

Builder:

Israel Barkan

Social History:

One of a block of six rowhouses (7100-7110). The lot was occupied by the Mount Pleasant Hotel until it was demolished in about 1923.

References:

Germantown Historical Society, "Mt. Airy – Historic District" Pamphlet Box, "Germantown Avenue 7100 Block" Folder
Elizabeth Farmer Jarvis, ed, Images of America: Mount Airy, Charleston: Arcadia Publishing, 2008, p. 28.

Physical Description

Style:

Vernacular

Stories:

2

Bays:

Foundation:

Exterior Walls:

Brick

Roof:

Flat; tar paper

Windows:

Non-historic- metal

Doors:

Non-historic- metal

Other Materials:

Notes:

Resource Type:

Mixed Use

Current Function:

Mixed Use- Residential/Comm

Subfunction:

Additions/Alterations:

Ancillary:

Sidewalk Material:

Concrete

Site Features:



Classification:

Contributing

Survey Date:

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CENTRAL MOUNT AIRY COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT INVENTORY

Address:

7104 GERMANTOWN AVE

Alternate Address:

OPA Number:

871280100

Individually Listed:

Base Reg. Number:

120N050220

Historical Data

Historic Name:

Year Built:

1923

Current Name:

State Senator Art Haywood

Associated Individual:

Israel Barkan

Hist. Resource Type:

Rowhouse

Architect:

Israel Barkan

Historic Function:

Builder:

Israel Barkan

Social History:

One of a block of six rowhouses (7100-7110). The lot was occupied by the Mount Pleasant Hotel until it was demolished in about 1923.

References:

Germantown Historical Society, "Mt. Airy – Historic District" Pamphlet Box, "Germantown Avenue 7100 Block" Folder
Elizabeth Farmer Jarvis, ed, Images of America: Mount Airy, Charleston: Arcadia Publishing, 2008, p. 28.

Physical Description

Style:

Vernacular

Stories:

2

Bays:

Foundation:

Exterior Walls:

Brick

Roof:

Flat; tar paper

Windows:

Non-historic- metal

Doors:

Non-historic- metal

Other Materials:

Notes:

Resource Type:

Mixed Use

Current Function:

Mixed Use- Other

Subfunction:

Office/Professional

Additions/Alterations:

Ancillary:

Sidewalk Material:

Concrete

Site Features:



Classification:

Contributing

Survey Date:

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CENTRAL MOUNT AIRY COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT INVENTORY

Address:

7106 GERMANTOWN AVE

Alternate Address:

OPA Number:

871280150

Individually Listed:

Base Reg. Number:

020N050217

Historical Data

Historic Name:

Year Built:

1923

Current Name:

State Senator Art Haywood

Associated Individual:

Israel Barkan

Hist. Resource Type:

Rowhouse

Architect:

Israel Barkan

Historic Function:

Builder:

Israel Barkan

Social History:

One of a block of six rowhouses (7100-7110). The lot was occupied by the Mount Pleasant Hotel until it was demolished in about 1923.

References:

Germantown Historical Society, "Mt. Airy – Historic District" Pamphlet Box, "Germantown Avenue 7100 Block" Folder
Elizabeth Farmer Jarvis, ed, Images of America: Mount Airy, Charleston: Arcadia Publishing, 2008, p. 28.

Physical Description

Style:

Vernacular

Stories:

2

Bays:

Foundation:

Exterior Walls:

Brick

Roof:

Flat; tar paper

Windows:

Non-historic- metal

Doors:

Non-historic- metal

Other Materials:

Notes:

Resource Type:

Mixed Use

Current Function:

Mixed Use- Other

Subfunction:

Office/Professional

Additions/Alterations:

Ancillary:

Sidewalk Material:

Concrete

Site Features:



Classification:

Contributing

Survey Date:

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CENTRAL MOUNT AIRY COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT INVENTORY

Address:

7108 GERMANTOWN AVE

Alternate Address:

OPA Number:

871280200

Individually Listed:

Base Reg. Number:

120N050218

Historical Data

Historic Name:

Year Built:

1923

Current Name:

Polish

Associated Individual:

Israel Barkan

Hist. Resource Type:

Rowhouse

Architect:

Israel Barkan

Historic Function:

Builder:

Israel Barkan

Social History:

One of a block of six rowhouses (7100-7110). The lot was occupied by the Mount Pleasant Hotel until it was demolished in about 1923.

References:

Germantown Historical Society, "Mt. Airy – Historic District" Pamphlet Box, "Germantown Avenue 7100 Block" Folder
Elizabeth Farmer Jarvis, ed, Images of America: Mount Airy, Charleston: Arcadia Publishing, 2008, p. 28.

Physical Description

Style:

Vernacular

Stories:

2

Bays:

Foundation:

Exterior Walls:

Brick

Roof:

Flat; tar paper

Windows:

Non-historic- metal

Doors:

Non-historic- metal

Other Materials:

Notes:

Resource Type:

Mixed Use

Current Function:

Mixed Use- Residential/Comm

Subfunction:

Additions/Alterations:

Ancillary:

Sidewalk Material:

Concrete

Site Features:



Classification:

Contributing

Survey Date:

5/23/2019

CENTRAL MOUNT AIRY COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT INVENTORY

Address:

7110 GERMANTOWN AVE

Alternate Address:

OPA Number:

871280160

Individually Listed:

Base Reg. Number:

120N050219

Historical Data

Historic Name:

Year Built:

1923

Current Name:

Animediv Veterinary Clinic

Associated Individual:

Israel Barkan

Hist. Resource Type:

Rowhouse

Architect:

Israel Barkan

Historic Function:

Builder:

Israel Barkan

Social History:

One of a block of six rowhouses (7100-7110). The lot was occupied by the Mount Pleasant Hotel until it was demolished in about 1923.

References:

Germantown Historical Society, "Mt. Airy – Historic District" Pamphlet Box, "Germantown Avenue 7100 Block" Folder
Elizabeth Farmer Jarvis, ed, Images of America: Mount Airy, Charleston: Arcadia Publishing, 2008, p. 28.

Physical Description

Style:

Vernacular

Stories:

2

Bays:

Foundation:

Exterior Walls:

Brick

Roof:

Flat; tar paper

Windows:

Non-historic- metal

Doors:

Non-historic- metal

Other Materials:

Notes:

Resource Type:

Mixed Use

Current Function:

Office/Professional

Subfunction:

Additions/Alterations:

Ancillary:

Sidewalk Material:

Concrete

Site Features:



Classification:

Contributing

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CENTRAL MOUNT AIRY COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT INVENTORY

Address:

7112-14 GERMANTOWN AV

Alternate Address:

OPA Number:

882867900

Individually Listed:

Base Reg. Number:

120N050193

Historical Data

Historic Name:

Year Built:

1924

Current Name:

Elfant Pontz Properties

Associated Individual:

John Henry

Hist. Resource Type:

Commercial

Architect:

Historic Function:

Builder:

J. H. Sackriter

Social History:

This building was built in front of a large series of garages erected in 1920 for Charles Hemberger. The rear buildings are not within the historic district.

References:

Germantown Historical Society, "Mt. Airy – Historic District" Pamphlet Box, "Germantown Avenue 7100 Block" Folder

Physical Description

Style:

Vernacular

Stories:

1

Bays:

2

Foundation:

Exterior Walls:

Brick

Roof:

Flat; tar paper

Windows:

Non-historic- metal

Doors:

Non-historic- metal

Other Materials:

Notes:

Property includes two additional businesses in garage/sheds at rear of lot, with access via driveway to left of structure (below left).

Resource Type:

Office Building

Current Function:

Commercial/Retail

Subfunction:

Additions/Alterations:

Ancillary:

Detached Garage, Shed

Sidewalk Material:

Concrete

Site Features:

Asphalt driveway, Parking Lot



Classification:

Non-contributing

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CENTRAL MOUNT AIRY COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT INVENTORY

Address:

7116 GERMANTOWN AVE

Alternate Address:

OPA Number:

871022350

Individually Listed:

Base Reg. Number:

120N050137

Historical Data

Historic Name:

Year Built:

1898

Current Name:

Associated Individual:

DeLong & Wahl

Hist. Resource Type:

Rowhouse

Architect:

Frederick Fox

Historic Function:

Builder:

Frederick Fox

One of a block of ten rowhouses (7116-7134) shown on 1910 Bromley Philadelphia Atlas. Does not appear on the Baist 1895 Atlas.

References:

Germantown Historical Society, "Mt. Airy – Historic District" Pamphlet Box, "Germantown Avenue 7100 Block" Folder

Physical Description

Style:

vernacular

Stories:

3

Bays:

2

Foundation:

Exterior Walls:

Brick

Roof:

Flat; tar paper

Windows:

Non-historic- metal

Doors:

Non-historic- wood

Other Materials:

Metal Cornice

Notes:

Shutters are non-functioning and attached with screws.

Resource Type:

Rowhouse

Current Function:

Private Residence

Subfunction:

Additions/Alterations:

storefront windows removed
on first floor

Ancillary:

Sidewalk Material:

Concrete

Site Features:



Classification:

Contributing



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CENTRAL MOUNT AIRY COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT INVENTORY

Address:

7118 GERMANTOWN AVE

Alternate Address:

OPA Number:

871022400

Individually Listed:

Base Reg. Number:

120N050136

Historical Data

Historic Name:

Current Name:

Ryan Foster Inc.

Hist. Resource Type:

Rowhouse

Historic Function:

Year Built:

1898

Associated Individual:

DeLong & Wahl

Architect:

Frederick Fox

Builder:

Frederick Fox

One of a block of ten rowhouses (7116-7134) shown on 1910 Bromley Philadelphia Atlas. Does not appear on the Baist 1895 Atlas.

References:

Germantown Historical Society, "Mt. Airy – Historic District" Pamphlet Box, "Germantown Avenue 7100 Block" Folder

Physical Description

Style:

vernacular

Stories:

3

Bays:

2

Foundation:

Exterior Walls:

Brick

Roof:

Flat; tar paper

Windows:

Non-historic- wood

Doors:

Non-historic- wood

Other Materials:

Metal Cornice

Notes:

Resource Type:

Mixed Use

Current Function:

Office/Professional

Subfunction:

Private Residence

Additions/Alterations:

Ancillary:

Sidewalk Material:

Concrete

Site Features:



Classification:

Contributing



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CENTRAL MOUNT AIRY COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT INVENTORY

Address:

7120 GERMANTOWN AVE

Alternate Address:

OPA Number:

871280250

Individually Listed:

Base Reg. Number:

020N050129

Historical Data

Historic Name:

Year Built:

1898

Current Name:

Allstate Insurance

Associated Individual:

DeLong & Wahl

Hist. Resource Type:

Rowhouse

Architect:

Frederick Fox

Historic Function:

Builder:

Frederick Fox

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References:

Germantown Historical Society, "Mt. Airy – Historic District" Pamphlet Box, "Germantown Avenue 7100 Block" Folder

Physical Description

Style:

vernacular

Stories:

3

Bays:

2

Foundation:

Exterior Walls:

Brick

Roof:

Flat; tar paper

Windows:

Non-historic- metal

Doors:

Non-historic- metal

Other Materials:

Metal Cornice

Notes:

Resource Type:

Mixed Use

Current Function:

Office/Professional

Subfunction:

Private Residence

Additions/Alterations:

Ancillary:

Sidewalk Material:

Concrete

Site Features:



Classification:

Contributing



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CENTRAL MOUNT AIRY COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT INVENTORY

Address:

7122 GERMANTOWN AVE

Alternate Address:

OPA Number:

871280300

Individually Listed:

Base Reg. Number:

120N050134

Historical Data

Historic Name:

Current Name:

A.L.I.G.N. Home Health Care

Hist. Resource Type:

Rowhouse

Historic Function:

Year Built:

1898

Associated Individual:

DeLong & Wahl

Architect:

Frederick Fox

Builder:

Frederick Fox

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References:

Germantown Historical Society, "Mt. Airy – Historic District" Pamphlet Box, "Germantown Avenue 7100 Block" Folder

Physical Description

Style:

vernacular

Stories:

3

Bays:

2

Foundation:

Exterior Walls:

Brick

Roof:

Flat; tar paper

Windows:

Non-historic- metal

Doors:

Non-historic- wood

Other Materials:

Metal Cornice

Notes:

Resource Type:

Mixed Use

Current Function:

Office/Professional

Subfunction:

Private Residence

Additions/Alterations:

Ancillary:

Sidewalk Material:

Concrete

Site Features:



Classification:

Contributing



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CENTRAL MOUNT AIRY COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT INVENTORY

Address:

7124 GERMANTOWN AVE

Alternate Address:

OPA Number:

871022450

Individually Listed:

Base Reg. Number:

020N050130

Historical Data

Historic Name:

Year Built:

1898

Current Name:

Associated Individual:

DeLong & Wahl

Hist. Resource Type:

Rowhouse

Architect:

Frederick Fox

Historic Function:

Builder:

Frederick Fox

One of a block of ten rowhouses (7116-7134) shown on 1910 Bromley Philadelphia Atlas. Does not appear on the Baist 1895 Atlas.

References:

Germantown Historical Society, "Mt. Airy – Historic District" Pamphlet Box, "Germantown Avenue 7100 Block" Folder

Physical Description

Style:

vernacular

Stories:

3

Bays:

2

Foundation:

Exterior Walls:

Brick

Roof:

Flat; tar paper

Windows:

Non-historic- metal

Doors:

Non-historic- metal

Other Materials:

Metal Cornice

Notes:

Resource Type:

Mixed Use

Current Function:

Vacant

Subfunction:

Private Residence

Additions/Alterations:

Ancillary:

Sidewalk Material:

Concrete

Site Features:



Classification:

Contributing



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CENTRAL MOUNT AIRY COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT INVENTORY

Address:

7126 GERMANTOWN AVE

Alternate Address:

OPA Number:

871280350

Individually Listed:

Base Reg. Number:

120N050128

Historical Data

Historic Name:

Current Name:

New Untouchable Barbershop

Hist. Resource Type:

Rowhouse

Historic Function:

Year Built:

1898

Associated Individual:

DeLong & Wahl

Architect:

Frederick Fox

Builder:

Frederick Fox

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References:

Germantown Historical Society, "Mt. Airy – Historic District" Pamphlet Box, "Germantown Avenue 7100 Block" Folder

Physical Description

Style:

Vernacular

Stories:

3

Bays:

2

Foundation:

Exterior Walls:

Brick

Roof:

Flat; tar paper

Windows:

Non-historic- metal

Doors:

Non-historic- metal

Other Materials:

Metal Cornice

Notes:

Resource Type:

Mixed Use

Current Function:

Office/Professional

Subfunction:

Private Residence

Additions/Alterations:

Ancillary:

Sidewalk Material:

Concrete

Site Features:



Classification:

Contributing



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CENTRAL MOUNT AIRY COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT INVENTORY

Address:

7128 GERMANTOWN AVE

Alternate Address:

OPA Number:

871022500

Individually Listed:

Base Reg. Number:

120N050132

Historical Data

Historic Name:

Year Built:

1898

Current Name:

Madelyn Dominican Hair Salon

Associated Individual:

DeLong & Wahl

Hist. Resource Type:

Rowhouse

Architect:

Frederick Fox

Historic Function:

Builder:

Frederick Fox

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References:

Germantown Historical Society, "Mt. Airy – Historic District" Pamphlet Box, "Germantown Avenue 7100 Block" Folder

Physical Description

Style:

Vernacular

Stories:

3

Bays:

2

Foundation:

Exterior Walls:

Brick

Roof:

Flat; tar paper

Windows:

Non-historic- metal

Doors:

Non-historic- metal

Other Materials:

Metal Cornice

Notes:

Resource Type:

Mixed Use

Current Function:

Office/Professional

Subfunction:

Private Residence

Additions/Alterations:

Ancillary:

Sidewalk Material:

Concrete

Site Features:



Classification:

Contributing



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CENTRAL MOUNT AIRY COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT INVENTORY

Address:

7130 GERMANTOWN AVE

Alternate Address:

OPA Number:

871022550

Individually Listed:

Base Reg. Number:

120N050138

Historical Data

Historic Name:

Current Name:

Sandaga African Clothing, Art, Jewlery

Hist. Resource Type:

Rowhouse

Historic Function:

Year Built:

1898

Associated Individual:

DeLong & Wahl

Architect:

Frederick Fox

Builder:

Frederick Fox

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References:

Germantown Historical Society, "Mt. Airy – Historic District" Pamphlet Box, "Germantown Avenue 7100 Block" Folder

Physical Description

Style:

Vernacular

Stories:

3

Bays:

2

Foundation:

Exterior Walls:

Brick

Roof:

Flat; tar paper

Windows:

Non-historic- metal

Doors:

Non-historic- metal

Other Materials:

Metal Cornice

Notes:

Resource Type:

Mixed Use

Current Function:

Office/Professional

Subfunction:

Private Residence

Additions/Alterations:

Ancillary:

Sidewalk Material:

Concrete

Site Features:



Classification:

Contributing



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CENTRAL MOUNT AIRY COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT INVENTORY

Address:

7132 GERMANTOWN AVE

Alternate Address:

OPA Number:

871022600

Individually Listed:

Base Reg. Number:

120N050133

Historical Data

Historic Name:

Year Built:

1898

Current Name:

Owen's Antiques

Associated Individual:

DeLong & Wahl

Hist. Resource Type:

Rowhouse

Architect:

Frederick Fox

Historic Function:

Builder:

Frederick Fox

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References:

Germantown Historical Society, "Mt. Airy – Historic District" Pamphlet Box, "Germantown Avenue 7100 Block" Folder

Physical Description

Style:

Vernacular

Stories:

3

Bays:

2

Foundation:

Exterior Walls:

Brick

Roof:

Flat; tar paper

Windows:

Non-historic- metal

Doors:

Non-historic- metal

Other Materials:

Metal Cornice

Notes:

Resource Type:

Mixed Use

Current Function:

Commercial/Retail

Subfunction:

Private Residence

Additions/Alterations:

Ancillary:

Sidewalk Material:

Concrete

Site Features:



Classification:

Contributing



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CENTRAL MOUNT AIRY COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT INVENTORY

Address:

7136 GERMANTOWN AVE

Alternate Address:

OPA Number:

882868901

Individually Listed:

Base Reg. Number:

120N050226

Historical Data

Historic Name:

Year Built:

1926-27

Current Name:

EARTH Bread and Brewery

Associated Individual:

Bates & Bender Construction C

Hist. Resource Type:

Mixed Use

Architect:

J. Ethan Fieldstein

Historic Function:

Builder:

Bates & Bender Construction C

Social History:

References:

Germantown Historical Society, "Mt. Airy – Historic District" Pamphlet Box, "Germantown Avenue 7100 Block" Folder
https://www.livingplaces.com/PA/Philadelphia_County/Philadelphia_City/Germantown.html

Physical Description

Style:

Vernacular

Stories:

2

Bays:

Foundation:

Exterior Walls:

Stucco

Roof:

Flat; tar paper

Windows:

Non-historic- metal

Doors:

Non-historic- wood

Other Materials:

Metal Cornice

Notes:

Was an upholstery shop in 1925. Pressed metal cornice and second-floor bays.

Resource Type:

Mixed Use

Current Function:

Bar/ Restaurant

Subfunction:

Private Residence

Additions/Alterations:

Ancillary:

Sidewalk Material:

Concrete

Site Features:



Classification:

Contributing



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CENTRAL MOUNT AIRY COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT INVENTORY

Address:

7138 GERMANTOWN AVE

Alternate Address:

OPA Number:

882869000

Individually Listed:

Base Reg. Number:

120N050224

Historical Data

Historic Name:

Year Built:

1926-27

Current Name:

EARTH Bread and Brewery

Associated Individual:

Bates & Bender Construction C

Hist. Resource Type:

Mixed Use

Architect:

J. Ethan Fieldstein

Historic Function:

Builder:

Bates & Bender Construction C

Social History:

References:

Germantown Historical Society, "Mt. Airy – Historic District" Pamphlet Box, "Germantown Avenue 7100 Block" Folder
https://www.livingplaces.com/PA/Philadelphia_County/Philadelphia_City/Germantown.html

Physical Description

Style:

Vernacular

Stories:

2

Bays:

Foundation:

Exterior Walls:

Stucco

Roof:

Flat; tar paper

Windows:

Non-historic- metal

Doors:

Non-historic- wood

Other Materials:

Metal Cornice

Notes:

Cast iron cornice and second-floor bays.

Resource Type:

Mixed Use

Current Function:

Bar/ Restaurant

Subfunction:

Private Residence

Additions/Alterations:

Ancillary:

Sidewalk Material:

Concrete

Site Features:



Classification:

Contributing

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CENTRAL MOUNT AIRY COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT INVENTORY

Address:

7140 GERMANTOWN AVE

Alternate Address:

OPA Number:

882869010

Individually Listed:

Base Reg. Number:

120N050227

Historical Data

Historic Name: Sedgwick Chevrolet (1936)

Year Built: 1926-27

Current Name: FitLife

Associated Individual: Bates & Bender Construction C

Hist. Resource Type: Commercial

Architect: J. Ethan Fieldstein

Historic Function: garage

Social History:

Builder: Bates & Bender Construction C

Sedgwick Chevrolet occupied the building in 1936, replaced by J. M. Supper Studebaker from 1937 to 1950 (advertisements in the Philadelphia Inquirer).

References:

Germantown Historical Society, "Mt. Airy – Historic District" Pamphlet Box, "Germantown Avenue 7100 Block" Folder
https://www.livingplaces.com/PA/Philadelphia_County/Philadelphia_City/Germantown.html

Physical Description

Style: Art Deco

Stories: 2

Bays: 3

Foundation:

Exterior Walls: Brick

Roof: Flat; tar paper

Windows: Non-historic- metal

Doors: Non-historic- metal

Other Materials: Glass Block

Notes:

Resource Type:

Commercial

Current Function:

Office/Professional

Subfunction:

Additions/Alterations:

Ancillary:

Sidewalk Material:

Concrete

Site Features:

Front façade (below left) is on Germantown Ave, rear (below right) is on W. Durham St. The ground floor Germantown façade originally had two display windows centered between the left-most second story window, and a door for automobiles centered between the center and right-most second story windows. This was flanked by two sidewalk gas pumps. The second floor windows originally had one large pane below with three 2x3 light awning windows above (now one fixed pane each).



Classification:

Contributing

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CENTRAL MOUNT AIRY COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT INVENTORY

Address:

7146-50 GERMANTOWN AV

Alternate Address:

OPA Number:

882869100

Individually Listed:

Yes, 5/28/1957

Base Reg. Number:

120N050272

Historical Data

Historic Name:

Unruh-Hergesheimer House

Year Built:

c. 1838

Current Name:

Rothe Florist

Associated Individual:

Sebastian Unruh

Hist. Resource Type:

Commercial

Architect:

Historic Function:

Builder:

Rothe's florist shop was originally in the one-story addition to the right, with the family living in the Unruh House. Herbert Rothe Sr. moved the business into the house in 1956. Melvin H. Grebe, architect and contractor, built the north addition in 1927. The south addition, also built by Grebe, replaced a 1922 side porch in 1955.

References:

Tinkcom, Harry A and Margaret B. and Grant Miles Simon, Historic Germantown: From the Founding to the Early Part of the Nineteenth Century. Philadelphia: The American Philosophical Society, 1955., p. 117

Physical Description

Style:

Colonial

Stories:

3

Bays:

5

Foundation:

Exterior Walls:

Schist

Roof:

Side-gable; asphalt shingles

Windows:

Historic- wood

Doors:

Non-historic- wood

Other Materials:

Notes:

Resource Type:

Detached Dwelling

Current Function:

Multi-unit Residential

Subfunction:

Multi-unit Residential

Additions/Alterations:

one-story addition to right;
one-story addition to rear

Ancillary:

Sidewalk Material:

Concrete

Site Features:



Classification:

Contributing

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CENTRAL MOUNT AIRY COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT INVENTORY

Address:

7152 GERMANTOWN AVE

Alternate Address:

OPA Number:

882009240

Individually Listed:

Base Reg. Number:

120N050267

Historical Data

Historic Name:

Miss Gorgas's store

Year Built:

1909

Current Name:

American Food and Drink/Acupuncture

Associated Individual:

Miss Margaret Gorgas

Hist. Resource Type:

Mixed Use

Architect:

Watson & Huckel

Historic Function:

store

Builder:

E. A. Carroll

Social History:

Represents early 1900's change in taste from Queen Anne, Victorian, and Second Empire to Revival styles. Retail store for C. Schrack paint c. 1950.

References:

Germantown Historical Society, "Mt. Airy – Historic District" Pamphlet Box, "Germantown Avenue 7100 Block" Folder
https://www.livingplaces.com/PA/Philadelphia_County/Philadelphia_City/Germantown.html

Physical Description

Style:

Georgian Revival

Stories:

2

Bays:

Foundation:

Exterior Walls:

Brick

Roof:

Flat; tar paper

Windows:

Non-historic- wood

Doors:

Non-historic- wood

Other Materials:

Notes:

Resource Type:

Mixed Use

Current Function:

Bar/ Restaurant

Subfunction:

Health Care

Additions/Alterations:

Small addition, second story, rear

Ancillary:

Sidewalk Material:

Concrete

Site Features:



Classification:

Contributing



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CENTRAL MOUNT AIRY COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT INVENTORY

Address:

7170 GERMANTOWN AVE

Alternate Address:

OPA Number:

871400570

Individually Listed:

Base Reg. Number:

120N050063

Historical Data

Historic Name:

McMenamin's Tavern (from 1939)

Year Built:

1895

Current Name:

McMenamin's Tavern

Associated Individual:

Ashton S. Tourison

Hist. Resource Type:

Mixed Use

Architect:

Ashton S. Tourison

Historic Function:

Builder:

Ashton S. Tourison

Bridget and Patrick McMenamin bought a bar at 7222 Germantown Avenue in 1936 and relocated to this site in 1939. Bridget was a licensed bartender (unusual for women at that time). The family lived upstairs and still owns the bar.

References:

Germantown Historical Society, "Mt. Airy – Historic District" Pamphlet Box, "Germantown Avenue 7100 Block" Folder
Jarvis, Elizabeth Farmer, ed, Images of America: Mount Airy, Charleston: Arcadia Publishing, 2008, p. 70

Physical Description

Style:

Victorian

Stories:

3

Bays:

2

Foundation:

Exterior Walls:

Brick

Roof:

pent eave

Windows:

Non-historic- metal

Doors:

Non-historic- wood

Other Materials:

Metal Cornice

Notes:

Building was constructed wth 7174.

Resource Type:

Mixed Use

Current Function:

Bar/ Restaurant

Subfunction:

Multi-unit Residential

Additions/Alterations:

1908, 1913, and 1921. A 1-story side addition was constructed in 1950.

Ancillary:

Sidewalk Material:

Concrete

Site Features:



Classification:

Contributing



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CENTRAL MOUNT AIRY COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT INVENTORY

Address:

7174 GERMANTOWN AVE

Alternate Address:

OPA Number:

871298120

Individually Listed:

Base Reg. Number:

120N050062

Historical Data

Historic Name:

Abram Engard Bakery and Store

Year Built:

1895

Current Name:

Queenie's Pets

Associated Individual:

Ashton S. Tourison

Hist. Resource Type:

Mixed Use

Architect:

Ashton S. Tourison

Historic Function:

Bakery

Builder:

Ashton S. Tourison

Social History:

The first commercial building constructed by Ashton S. Tourison in the Mt. Airy commercial district. Abram Engard's Bakery moved to this location from the first floor of the Mount Pleasant Hotel in 1895. The bakery ovens are reportedly still in basement.

References:

Germantown Historical Society, "Mt. Airy – Historic District" Pamphlet Box, "Germantown Avenue 7100 Block" Folder
Jarvis, Elizabeth Farmer, ed, Images of America: Mount Airy, Charleston: Arcadia Publishing, 2008, p. 70

Physical Description

Style:

Victorian

Stories:

2 1/2

Bays:

2

Foundation:

Exterior Walls:

Brick

Roof:

Mansard; slate

Windows:

Non-historic- metal

Doors:

Non-historic- wood

Other Materials:

Resource Type:

Mixed Use

Current Function:

Commercial/Retail

Subfunction:

Multi-unit Residential

Additions/Alterations:

Alterations I 1917, 1955, 1957, and 1958

Ancillary:

Sidewalk Material:

Concrete

Site Features:

Notes:

A gabled dormer window pierced the mansard on the Germantown Ave elevation but has since been removed. Most of the façade is now stuccoed. Building was constructed with 7170 (attached) and 2-6 West Mt. Airy Ave (adjacent).



Classification:

Contributing

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CENTRAL MOUNT AIRY COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT INVENTORY

Address:

7201-03 GERMANTOWN AV

Alternate Address:

OPA Number:

881050700

Individually Listed:

Base Reg. Number:

097N180065

Historical Data

Historic Name:

Mt. Airy Odd Fellows Hall, Lodge 235

Year Built:

1868

Current Name:

Associated Individual:

Hist. Resource Type:

Club

Architect:

Historic Function:

club and commerical

Builder:

Social History:

The Odd Fellows were one the many fraternal organizations that proliferated in the late 19th century. This building originally contained rental commercial space on the ground floor and club rooms above. The feature of interest is the hexagonal corner tower, which rises two stories above the building to form a curved peak. The Germantown Guide of 1889 carried several notices about proposed work on this building including the addition of the bell tower.

References:

Germantown Avenue – 7200 Block Folder, Philadelphia Historical Commission, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Germantown Historical Society, "Mt. Airy – Historic District" Pamphlet Box, "Germantown Avenue 7200 Block" Folder

Physical Description

Style:

Renaissance Revival

Stories:

3

Bays:

Foundation:

Exterior Walls:

Stucco

Roof:

Windows:

Non-historic- wood

Doors:

Non-historic- wood

Other Materials:

Metal Cornice

Notes:

The lower three stories have been altered and the only original feature remaining is the pressed metal cornice and its wooden brackets. The building, including the mansard roof on the Germantown elevation has been stuccoed (c. 1980). There are no bells in the bell tower, and no visible bell mechanism.

Resource Type:

Mixed Use

Current Function:

Mixed Use- Residential/Comm

Subfunction:

Additions/Alterations:

Bell Tower (1889)

Ancillary:

Sidewalk Material:

Concrete

Site Features:



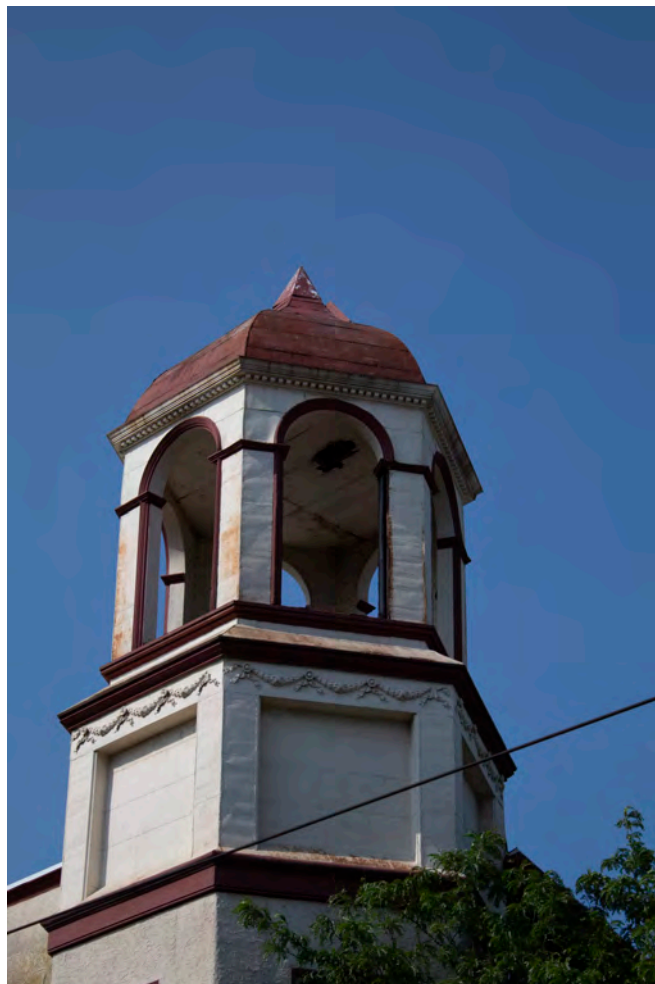
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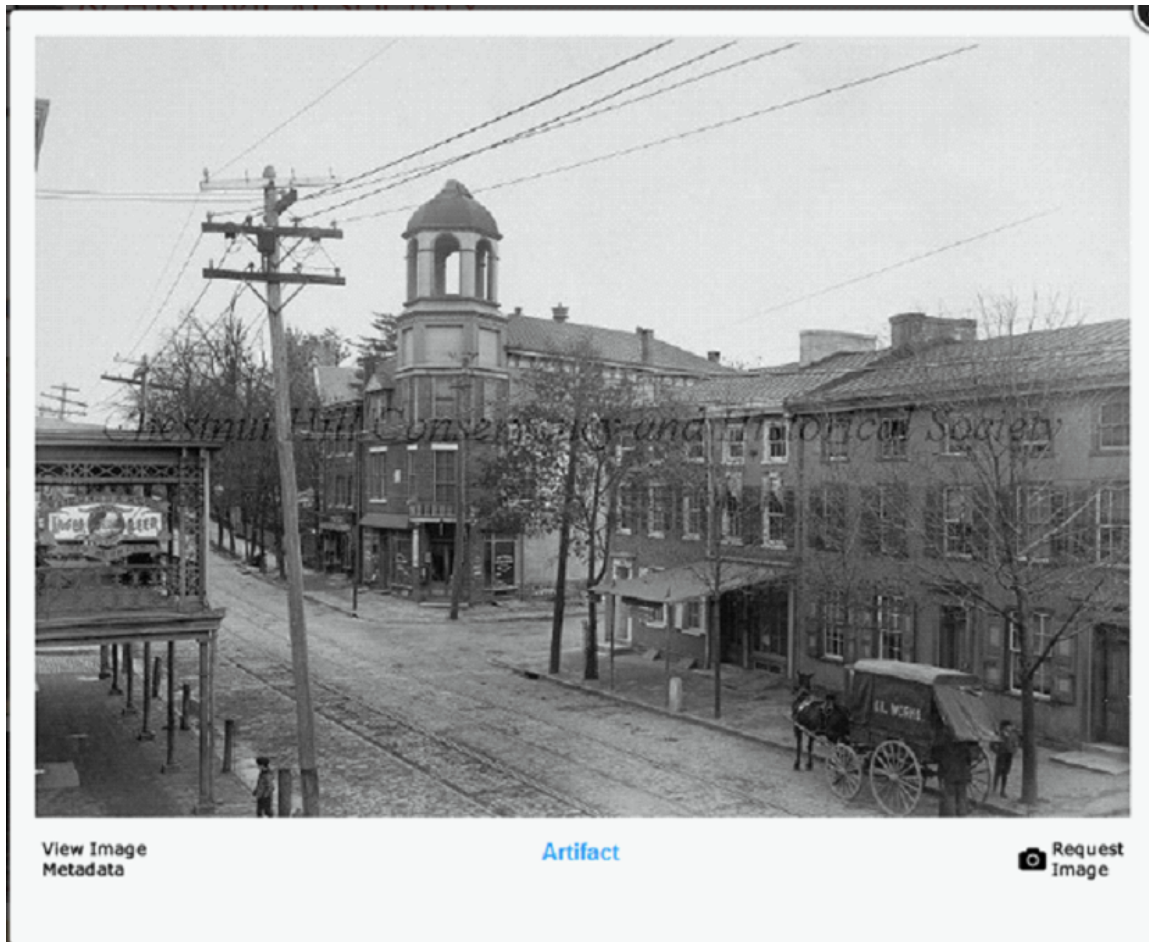
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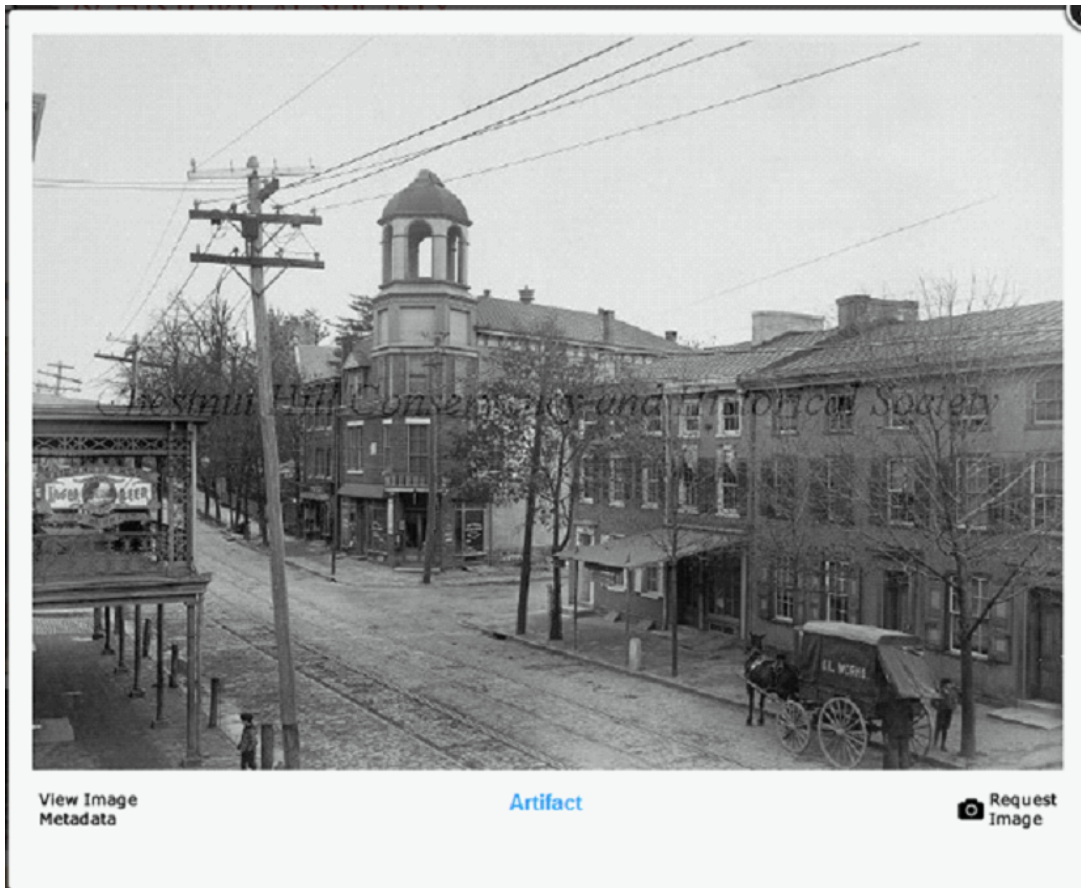




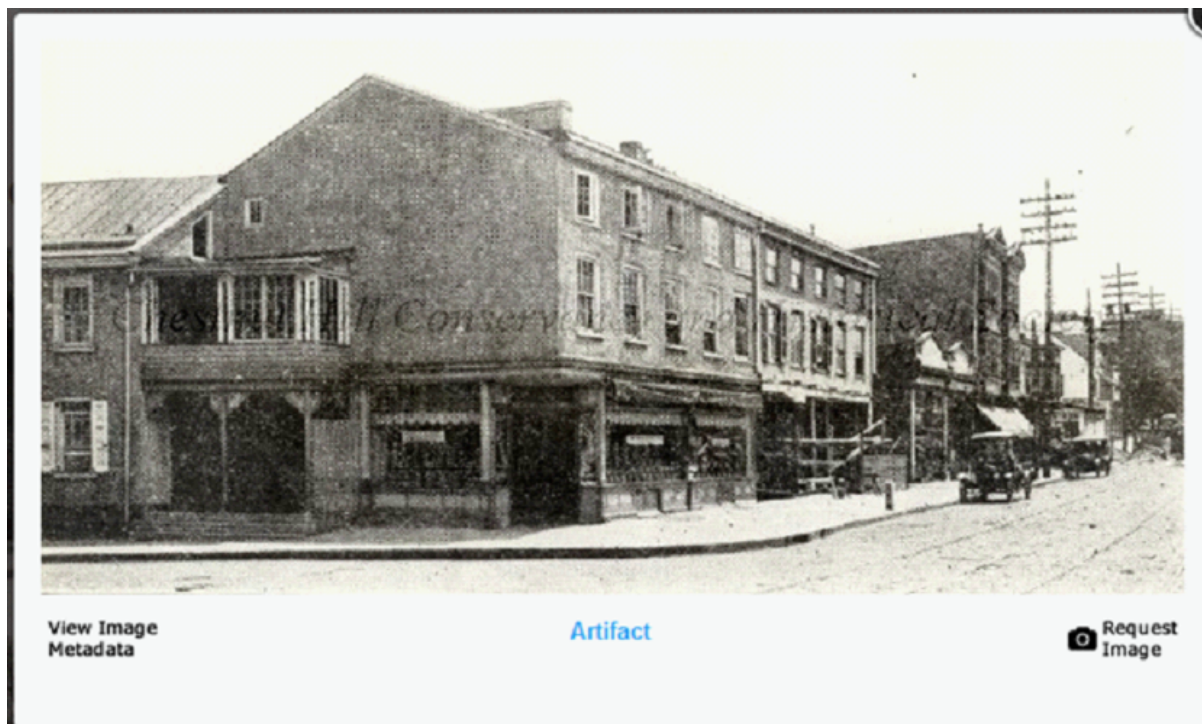
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"A photographer captured this scene from an upper window at Engard's Bakery, looking up Germantown Ave. toward East Mount Airy Avenue, about 1905."





Chestnut Hill Conservancy Catalog #2008.189.1-.7 photo 6
 "A photographer captured this scene from an upper window at Engard's Bakery, looking up Germantown Ave. toward East Mount Airy Avenue, about 1905."



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7169 Germantown Av.



S. E. Cor. Germantown and Mount Airy Avenues
Pho. by Mrs. Gadsby in 1904.

CENTRAL MOUNT AIRY COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT INVENTORY

Address:

7205 GERMANTOWN AVE

Alternate Address:

OPA Number:

871023300

Individually Listed:

Base Reg. Number:

097N180066

Historical Data

Historic Name:

Year Built:

1888

Current Name:

Associated Individual:

James A. Jeffries

Hist. Resource Type:

Apartment Building

Architect:

Historic Function:

Builder:

James A. Jeffries

Social History:

Ashton Tourison Jr. is listed as architect and contractor for alterations made in 1921.

References:

Germantown Historical Society, "Mt. Airy – Historic District" Pamphlet Box, "Germantown Avenue 7200 Block" Folder

Physical Description

Style:

Federal

Stories:

3

Bays:

5

Foundation:

Exterior Walls:

Stucco

Roof:

Flat; tar paper

Windows:

Non-historic- vinyl

Doors:

Non-historic- wood

Other Materials:

Metal Cornice

Notes:

A two-part commercial building with an unusual arrangement of windows on the second and third (residential) floors. The five windows are arranged with an internal side-by-side pair flanked by individual windows on each side. An additional window to the right above the street door to the upper floors gives light to the stairwell. The third floor side windows appeared to have been altered, with one closed in and one shortened.

Resource Type:

Apartment Building

Current Function:

Mixed Use- Residential/Comm

Subfunction:

Commercial/Retail

Additions/Alterations:

2-story addition on rear

Ancillary:

Sidewalk Material:

Concrete

Site Features:



Classification:

Contributing

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CENTRAL MOUNT AIRY COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT INVENTORY

Address:

7200-06 GERMANTOWN AV

Alternate Address:

OPA Number:

881050600

Individually Listed:

Base Reg. Number:

120N050155

Historical Data

Historic Name:

The Tourison Building

Year Built:

1929

Current Name:

The Tourison Building

Associated Individual:

Sedgwick Tourison

Hist. Resource Type:

Commercial

Architect:

Tunis & Baker

Historic Function:

Builder:

Sedgwick Tourison

Social History:

Site was formerly home to the White Swan Hotel until replaced with the current structure as part of the Tourison brothers' commercial revitalization effort.

References:

[https://mydigitalpublication.com/publication/?i=482786#{\"issue_id\":482786,\"page\":22}](https://mydigitalpublication.com/publication/?i=482786#{\)

Physical Description

Style:

Art Deco

Stories:

2

Bays:

4

Foundation:

Exterior Walls:

Granite

Roof:

Flat; tar paper

Windows:

Non-historic- metal

Doors:

Non-historic- metal

Other Materials:

Notes:

Entrance to second floor apartments is on W. Mt. Airy Ave.

Resource Type:

Mixed Use

Current Function:

Bar/ Restaurant

Subfunction:

Multi-unit Residential

Additions/Alterations:

Ancillary:

Sidewalk Material:

Concrete

Site Features:



Classification:

Significant

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CENTRAL MOUNT AIRY COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT INVENTORY

Address: 7208-10 GERMANTOWN AV

Alternate Address:
Individually Listed:

OPA Number: 883377200
Base Reg. Number: 020N050256

Historical Data

Historic Name:	Mt. Airy National Bank	Year Built:	1928
Current Name:	Silver Springs Social Services	Associated Individual:	John Rose
Hist. Resource Type:	Commercial	Architect:	Norman Hulme
Historic Function:	Bank	Builder:	
Social History:			

In response to the fact that Mt. Airy was the only section of Philadelphia that did not have a local bank, local citizens banded together and obtained a charter for the National Bank of Mt. Airy. They constructed a small one-story building at 7161, which opened on August 19, 1927 with 158 individuals depositing \$66,938.74. Business continued to be brisk and it soon became apparent that a larger building was needed. 7208-10 Germantown Avenue was purchased, and architect Norman Hulme designed a 3½ story, three-rank stone Colonial Revival building. The cornerstone was laid on November 7, 1928 and doors opened five months later on April 27, 1929 with

References:

Thomas G. Parris, "Mount Airy Enters a New Era," The Beehive, Vol. XV, No. 6, September 1929.
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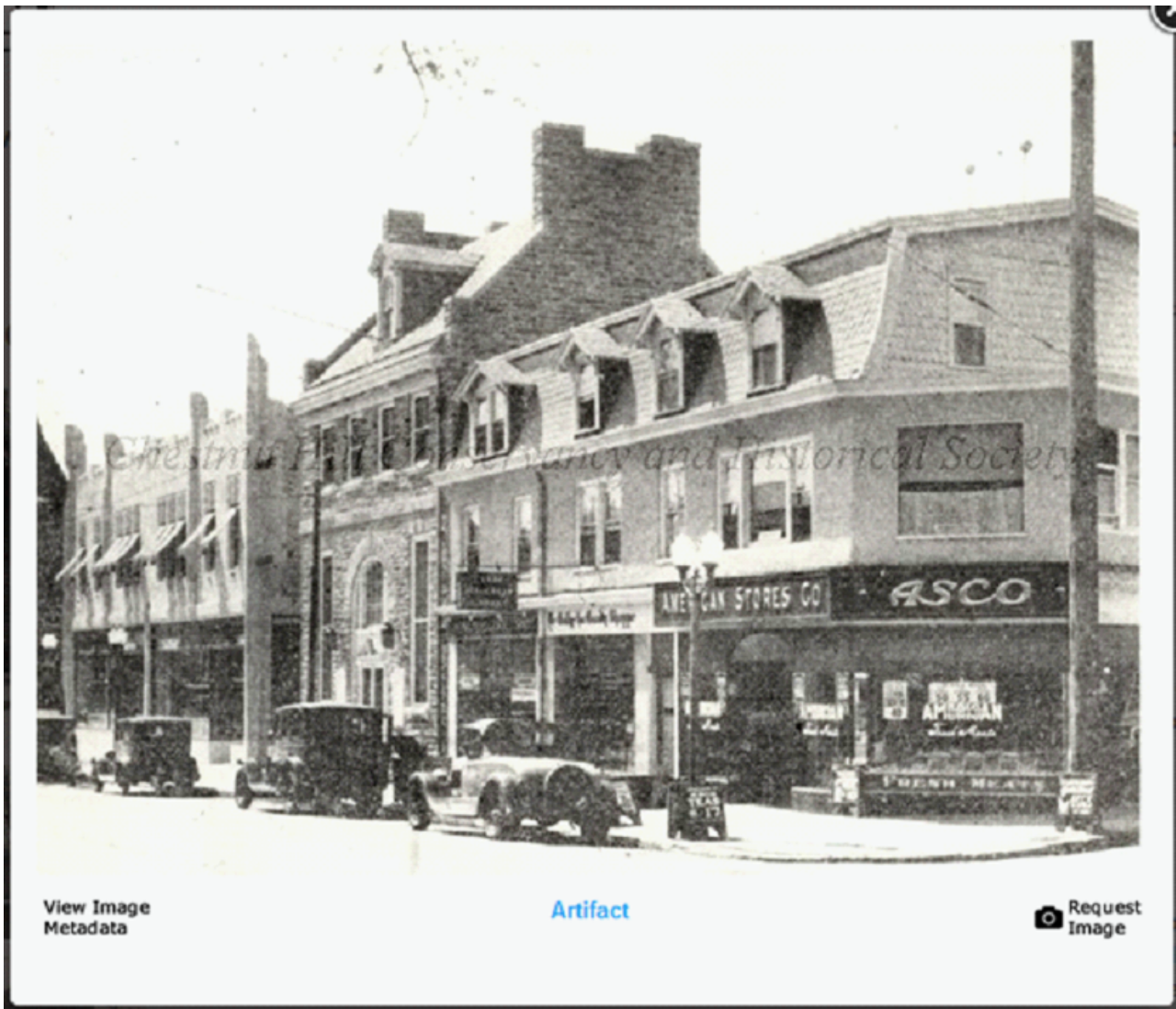
Style:	Colonial Revival	Resource Type:	Commercial
Stories: 3	Bays:	Current Function:	Education
Foundation:		Subfunction:	
Exterior Walls:	Stone	Additions/Alterations:	
Roof:	Side gable; slate		
Windows:	Historic- wood		
Doors:	Historic- wood	Ancillary:	
Other Materials:		Sidewalk Material:	Concrete
		Site Features:	
Notes:			

Construction drawings held at the Athenaeum of Philadelphia.



Classification: Contributing

Survey Date: 5/23/2019



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CENTRAL MOUNT AIRY COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT INVENTORY

Address:

7212 GERMANTOWN AVE

Alternate Address:

OPA Number:

871023050

Individually Listed:

Base Reg. Number:

120N050223

Historical Data

Historic Name:

Solomon Unruh House

Year Built:

ca. 1800

Current Name:

Majeki's Stained Glass Works

Associated Individual:

Hist. Resource Type:

Rowhouse

Architect:

Historic Function:

Builder:

Robert Christy

One of a block of three rowhouses (7212-7216). This building was erected as a 2-story stone house sometime around the beginning of the 19th century. In 1887, Robert Christy, contractor, undertook alterations and additions which created store space within the structure and added its Victorian character. Ashton Tourison Jr. performed extensive on the storefronts of all three stores in 1922. August 14, 1911: Alexander Graham Bell writes to his former student George Sanders (residing at 7212), upon hearing of the death of Sanders' father Thomas, one of Bell's earliest investors.

References:

Germantown Historical Society, "Mt. Airy – Historic District" Pamphlet Box, "Germantown Avenue 7200 Block" Folder
https://www.philadelphiabuildings.org/pab/app/pj_display.cfm/443301

Physical Description

Style:

Queen Anne

Stories:

3

Bays:

Foundation:

Exterior Walls:

Stucco

Roof:

Mansard; other

Windows:

Non-historic- wood

Doors:

Non-historic- wood

Other Materials:

Stained Glass

Notes:

Resource Type:

Rowhouse

Current Function:

Mixed Use- Residential/Comm

Subfunction:

Additions/Alterations:

stained glass windows added

Ancillary:

Sidewalk Material:

Concrete

Site Features:

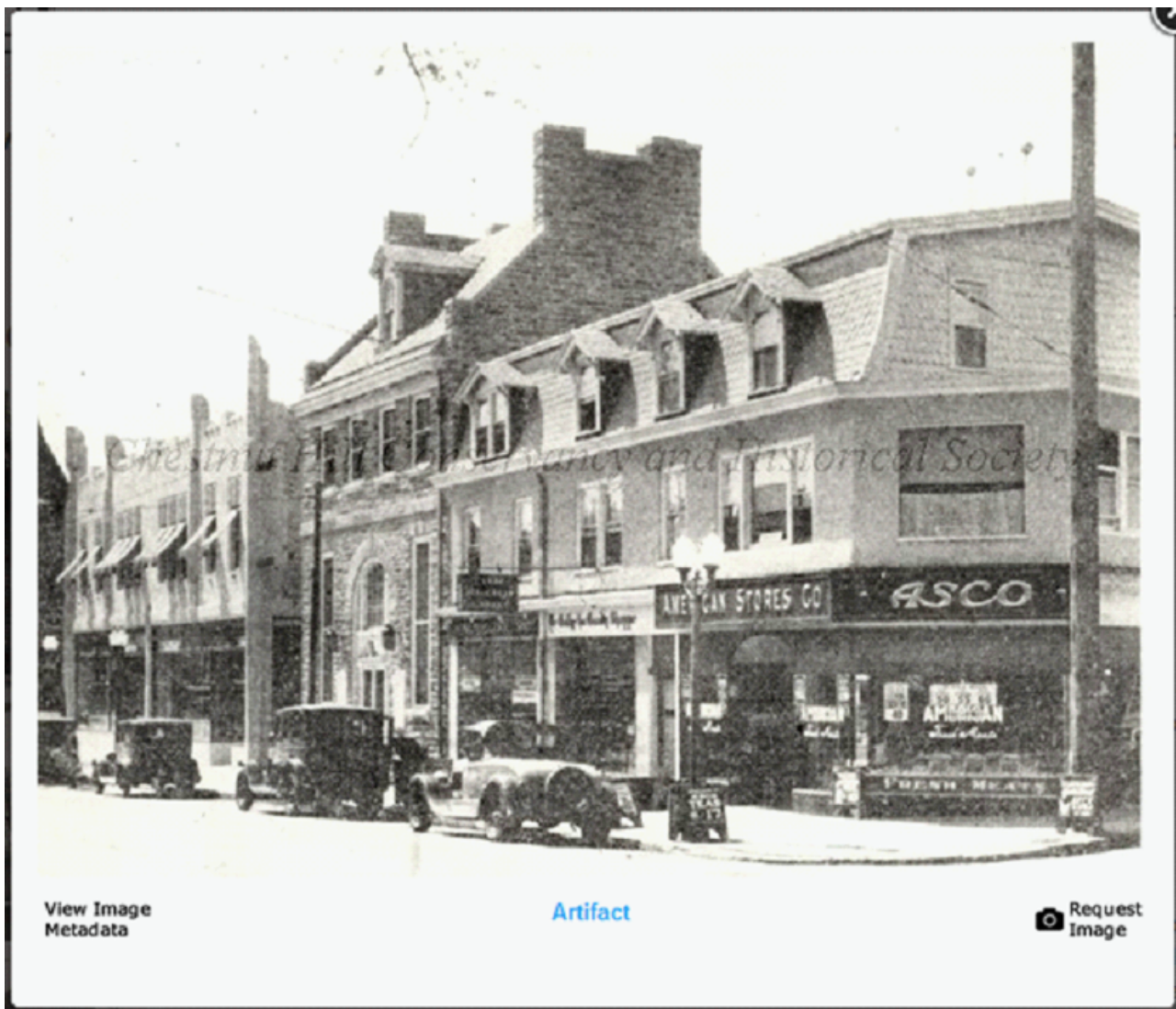


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CENTRAL MOUNT AIRY COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT INVENTORY

Address:

7214 GERMANTOWN AVE

Alternate Address:

OPA Number:

871023100

Individually Listed:

Base Reg. Number:

120N050222

Historical Data

Historic Name:

Solomon Unruh House

Year Built:

ca. 1800

Current Name:

New King's Deli

Associated Individual:

Hist. Resource Type:

Rowhouse

Architect:

Historic Function:

Builder:

Robert Christy

One of a block of three rowhouses (7212-7216). This building was erected as a 2-story stone house sometime around the beginning of the 19th century. In 1887, Robert Christy, contractor, undertook alterations and additions which created store space within the structure and added its Victorian character. Ashton Tourison Jr. performed extensive on the storefronts of all three stores in 1922.

References:

Germantown Historical Society, "Mt. Airy – Historic District" Pamphlet Box, "Germantown Avenue 7200 Block" Folder
https://www.philadelphiabuildings.org/pab/app/pj_display.cfm/443301

Physical Description

Style:

Queen Anne

Stories:

3

Bays:

Foundation:

Exterior Walls:

Stucco

Roof:

Mansard; other

Windows:

Non-historic- metal

Doors:

Non-historic- metal

Other Materials:

Notes:

Resource Type:

Mixed Use

Current Function:

Commercial/Retail

Subfunction:

Private Residence

Additions/Alterations:

Ancillary:

Sidewalk Material:

Concrete

Site Features:



Classification:

Contributing

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CENTRAL MOUNT AIRY COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT INVENTORY

Address:

7216 GERMANTOWN AVE

Alternate Address:

OPA Number:

871400975

Individually Listed:

Base Reg. Number:

120N050221

Historical Data

Historic Name:

Solomon Unruh House

Year Built:

ca. 1800

Current Name:

State Representative Christopher M. R

Associated Individual:

Hist. Resource Type:

Rowhouse

Architect:

Historic Function:

Builder:

Robert Christy

One of a block of three rowhouses (7212-7216). This building was erected as a 2-story stone house sometime around the beginning of the 19th century. In 1887, Robert Christy, contractor, undertook alterations and additions which created store space within the structure and added its Victorian character. Ashton Tourison Jr. performed extensive on the storefronts of all three stores in 1922.

References:

Germantown Historical Society, "Mt. Airy – Historic District" Pamphlet Box, "Germantown Avenue 7200 Block" Folder
https://www.philadelphiabuildings.org/pab/app/pj_display.cfm/443301

Physical Description

Style:

Stories: 3

Bays:

Foundation:

Exterior Walls:

Stucco

Roof:

Windows:

Non-historic- metal

Doors:

Non-historic- wood

Other Materials:

Brick

Notes:

Resource Type:

Mixed Use

Current Function:

Mixed Use- Other

Subfunction:

Private Residence

Additions/Alterations:

Ancillary:

Sidewalk Material:

Concrete

Site Features:



Classification:

Contributing

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CENTRAL MOUNT AIRY COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT INVENTORY

Address:

7220 GERMANTOWN AVE

Alternate Address:

OPA Number:

871280500

Individually Listed:

Base Reg. Number:

120N050274

Historical Data

Historic Name:

Charles Bockius & Son's Hardware Stor

Year Built:

ca. 1885

Current Name:

Jyoti Indian Bistro

Associated Individual:

John Levering

Hist. Resource Type:

Rowhouse

Architect:

Historic Function:

Builder:

Social History:

One of a block of three rowhouses (7220-7224). Charles Bockius (1874-1963), owned and operated Charles Bockius & Son's Hardware Store at this location.

References:

Germantown Historical Society, "Mt. Airy – Historic District" Pamphlet Box, "Germantown Avenue 7200 Block" Folder
https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/37121449/charles-h_-bockius

Physical Description

Style:

Queen Anne

Stories:

3

Bays:

2

Foundation:

Exterior Walls:

Brick

Roof:

Mansard; other

Windows:

Non-historic- metal

Doors:

Non-historic- wood

Other Materials:

Cast Iron

Notes:

Resource Type:

Mixed Use

Current Function:

Bar/ Restaurant

Subfunction:

Private Residence

Additions/Alterations:

Ancillary:

Sidewalk Material:

Concrete

Site Features:



Classification:

Contributing

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CENTRAL MOUNT AIRY COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT INVENTORY

Address:

7222 GERMANTOWN AVE

Alternate Address:

OPA Number:

871023200

Individually Listed:

Base Reg. Number:

120N050033

Historical Data

Historic Name:

Year Built:

ca. 1885

Current Name:

Church of Christ

Associated Individual:

John Levering

Hist. Resource Type:

Rowhouse

Architect:

Historic Function:

Builder:

Social History:

One of a block of three rowhouses (7220-7224).

References:

Germantown Historical Society, "Mt. Airy – Historic District" Pamphlet Box, "Germantown Avenue 7200 Block" Folder

Physical Description

Style:

Queen Anne

Stories:

3

Bays:

2

Foundation:

Exterior Walls:

Brick

Roof:

Mansard; other

Windows:

Non-historic- metal

Doors:

Non-historic- wood

Other Materials:

Resource Type:

Mixed Use

Current Function:

Church/Religious

Subfunction:

Private Residence

Additions/Alterations:

Ancillary:

Sidewalk Material:

Concrete

Site Features:

Notes:

In the back of the lot containing 7222 Germantown Avenue, there is a two-story brick out-building. This structure is non-contributing and is not included in this nomination.



Classification:

Contributing

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CENTRAL MOUNT AIRY COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT INVENTORY

Address:

7224 GERMANTOWN AVE

Alternate Address:

OPA Number:

871023250

Individually Listed:

Base Reg. Number:

120N050093

Historical Data

Historic Name:

Year Built:

ca. 1885

Current Name:

Associated Individual:

John Levering

Hist. Resource Type:

Rowhouse

Architect:

Historic Function:

Builder:

Social History:

One of a block of three rowhouses (7220-7224).

References:

Germantown Historical Society, "Mt. Airy – Historic District" Pamphlet Box, "Germantown Avenue 7200 Block" Folder

Physical Description

Style:

Queen Anne

Stories:

3

Bays:

3

Foundation:

Exterior Walls:

Brick

Roof:

Mansard; other

Windows:

Non-historic- wood

Doors:

Non-historic- metal

Other Materials:

Notes:

In the back of the lot containing 7224 Germantown Avenue, there is a one-story masonry out-building. This structure is non-contributing and is not included in this nomination.

Resource Type:

Mixed Use

Current Function:

Vacant

Subfunction:

Private Residence

Additions/Alterations:

Ancillary:

Sidewalk Material:

Concrete

Site Features:



Classification:

Contributing



Survey Date:

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