

ADDRESS: 413 S PERTH ST

Proposed Action: Amend entry historic district inventory

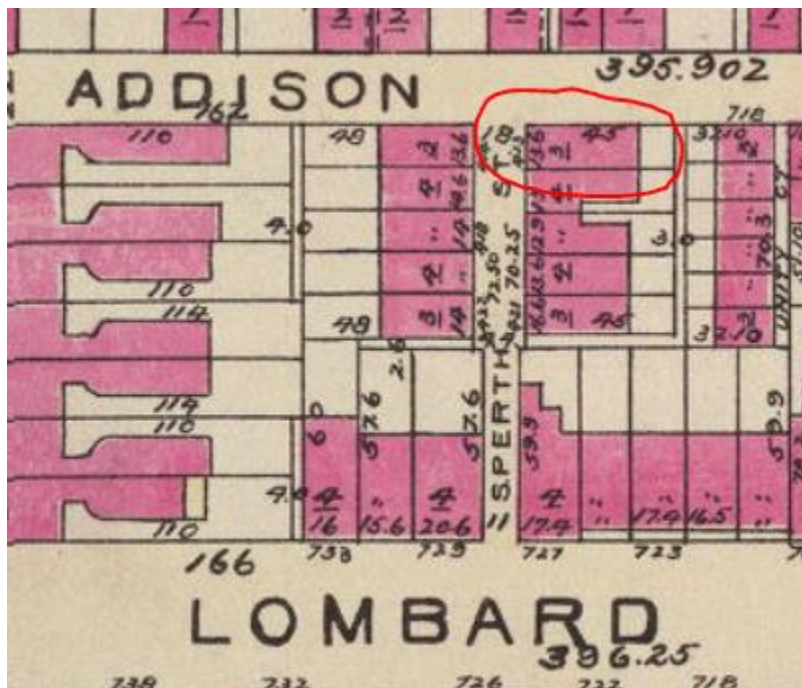
Property Owner: Matthew Dering and Caroline Price

Initiator: Historical Commission staff

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OVERVIEW: The Historical Commission designated the Society Hill Historic District on 10 March 1999. At the time it created the historic district, the Historical Commission adopted an inventory for the district, which lists every property in the district, provides a description and brief history of it, and a classification for it. Each property in a historic district is classified as Significant, Contributing, or Non-contributing, and then subsequently regulated based on that classification. Owing to an apparent error, the property at 413 S. Perth Street was included in the inventory, but not described or classified. To correct this error, the staff of the Historical Commission has initiated a proposal to amend the district inventory and provide a complete entry for 413 S. Perth Street.

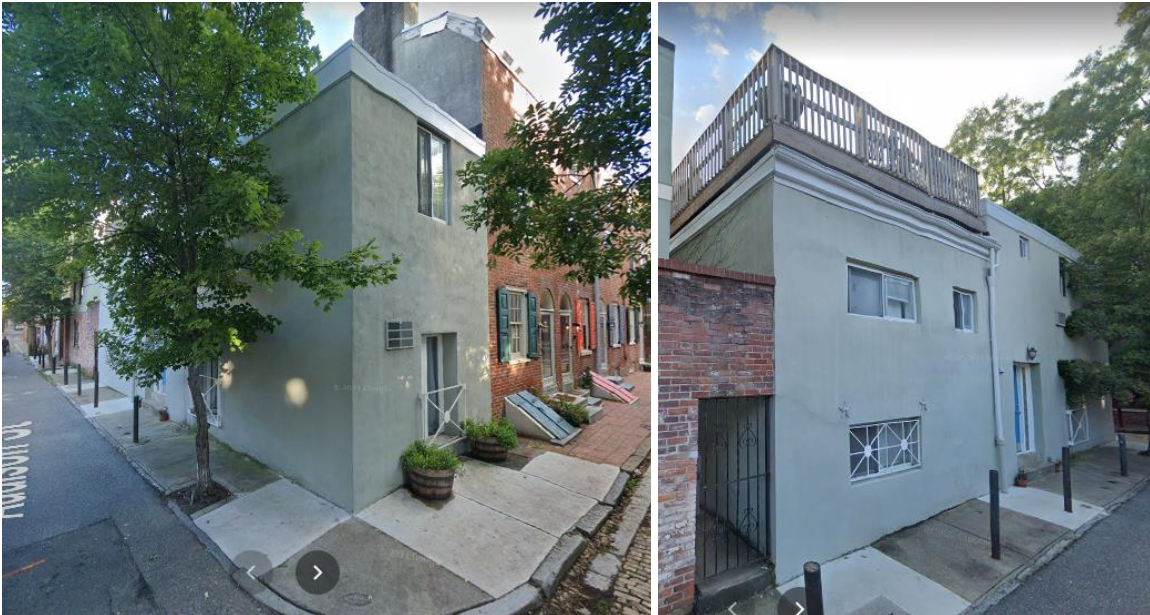
The property is located at the southeast corner of Perth and Addison Streets. A three-story building stood on the property as late as 1931. In 1939, a one-story building then standing on the property was demolished. The building that currently stands on the property was constructed by Bernard Shapiro in 1940 as a one-story hardware storage building, which supported his hardware business, B. Shapiro Inc., at 728-30 Lombard Street. The property is categorized as commercial on the 1952 and 1962 Philadelphia Land Use Maps. The building was converted to a residence in 1964. The extant building is two stories in height and clad in stucco.



Atlas of the 5th to 10th Wards of the City of Philadelphia, 1927, revised 1931.



Photograph of 413 S. Perth Street in 1968. Philadelphia City Archives.



Photographs of 413 S. Perth Street, 2018. Google Streetview.

The entry for 413 S. Perth Street in inventory for the Society Hill Historic District adopted in 1999 appears as follows:

PERTH STREET - 400 Block

Paving: granite and yellow brick
Sidewalks: brick

Curbs and gutters: granite, concrete
Light fixtures: Franklin

413 (See 720-22 Addison Street)

It directs the reader to an entry for 720-22 Addison Street, an alternate address, but there is no such entry.

718 A-F (a.k.a. Unity Court) Six, 3-story, 2-bay, contemporary/Greek Revival houses. Red brick on ground floor, smooth stucco above; 6/6 double-hung sash with brick sills; 2-story brick and stucco addition with an arched brick gateway and wood door that opens to a courtyard with six court houses; each 3-story, 2-bay with brick and stucco façades; 1/1 double-hung sash; storm sash; brick sills; molded wood cornices; front building has a brick cornice; brick coping; flat roof; security grate on 1st floor window; square-head alleyway entrance with wrought iron gate; storm doors.

East elevation: single bay; tripartite window on all floors; separated by bands of cast stone; 7-foot high brick wall with stone coping and two wood gates, one with ornate pedimented hood.

Built c. 1830. Façade built c. 1960. Contributing.

724-28 (a.k.a. 400-08 S. Perth Street) Community park surrounded by a brick wall; brick paving; extensive plantings. Archaeological potential. Contributing.

The staff proposes the following entry for 413 S. Perth Street as an amendment to the Society Hill Historic District inventory:

413 Two-story, stucco-clad, vernacular house with roof deck.

Built: 1940 for hardware storage. Alteration: Converted to dwelling in 1964. Non-contributing.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Amend the Society Hill Historic District inventory entry for 413 S. Perth Street as proposed above.