

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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

1. NAME

COMMON:
Billmeyer (Daniel) House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
6504 Germantown Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Philadelphia

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

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Manning Smith

STREET AND NUMBER:
6504 Germantown Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Philadelphia	STATE: Pennsylvania	CODE: 42
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Department of Records
City Hall

CITY OR TOWN: Philadelphia	STATE: Pennsylvania	CODE: 42
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Germantown Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: **1952-53** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
5214 Germantown Avenue (Germantown Historical Society)

STREET AND NUMBER:
5214 Germantown Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Philadelphia	STATE: Pennsylvania	CODE: 42
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

 Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

 Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

 Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The original part of the Daniel Billmeyer House, now the rear wing, was one and a half stories high and consisted of a first floor dining room, a second floor living room, and a full cellar. This section was built c. 1730. The two and a half story front addition was constructed during the 1793 yellow fever epidemic in Philadelphia. There is a "breezeway" between the front and back parts of the house, originally intended as a firebreak. There is no cellar under this section. The brick kitchen wing and rear wood shed are later additions. The front roof is metal, while the rear is asbestos shingles.

The original elements of the front addition are the first floor shutters, all doors, staircases, window sashes and frames, mouldings, nearly all the floors, fireplaces and mantels. An interesting detail is the use of wooden dowels instead of nails in all of the woodwork.

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1793**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Daniel Billmeyer House, was built by Michael Billmeyer for his son, Daniel. It is an excellent example of federal architecture. The original house was occupied by the British in the 1777 Battle of Germantown and served as a fort against the American attack under George Washington. During the latter part of the 19th century noted Philadelphia architect Walter Cope occupied the house.

Located along Germantown Avenue a National Historic Landmark.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Historic Germantown, Tinkcom, Tinkcom, and Simon
 History of Old Germantown, Keyser, Kain, Garber, McCann
 Germantown: 1683-1933, Hocker, Edward

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES							
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE							
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NE	°	'	"	°	'	"						
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"						
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"						

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **Less than one acre**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Pennsylvania Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks

ORGANIZATION: **Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission** DATE: **1/6/71**

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box 1026

CITY OR TOWN: **Harrisburg** STATE: **Pennsylvania** CODE: **42**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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

National State Local

Name J. K. Steyer
 State Liaison Officer

Title Executive Director, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

Date August 30, 1971

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

22ND & 59TH WARDS

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E. SHARNACK

LUMBER & MILLWORK

E. UPSAL

MONTANA

MONTANA ST

GERMANTOWN

AV

W. SHARNACK

40° 02' 56"
75° 10' 56"

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WEAVER

BERDAN

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W. HUKRIEK

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