

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:
Head House Square

AND/OR HISTORIC:
400 block of South Second Street

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
400 block of S. Second St. east and west sides between Pine and

CITY OR TOWN:
Philadelphia Stampertown

STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42 COUNTY: Philadelphia CODE: 101

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" 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:
Various Owners

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:
City Hall

CITY OR TOWN: Philadelphia STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 101

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:
801 19th St. NW

CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: D.C. CODE: 11

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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

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

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES							
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			LATITUDE			LONGITUDE	
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	39	56	46	75	08	48
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	39	56	46	75	08	44
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	39	56	38	75	08	44
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	39	56	39	75	08	48

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: ^{LESS THAN} 10 ACRES 39 56 39 75 08 48

LESS THAN 10 ACRES

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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E E I N S T R U C T I O N S

11. FORM PREPARED BY

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

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

STREET AND NUMBER: Box 1026

CITY OR TOWN: Harrisburg STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

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

Name S. K. Steyer
State Liaison Officer

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Title Executive Director, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

Date _____

ATTEST:

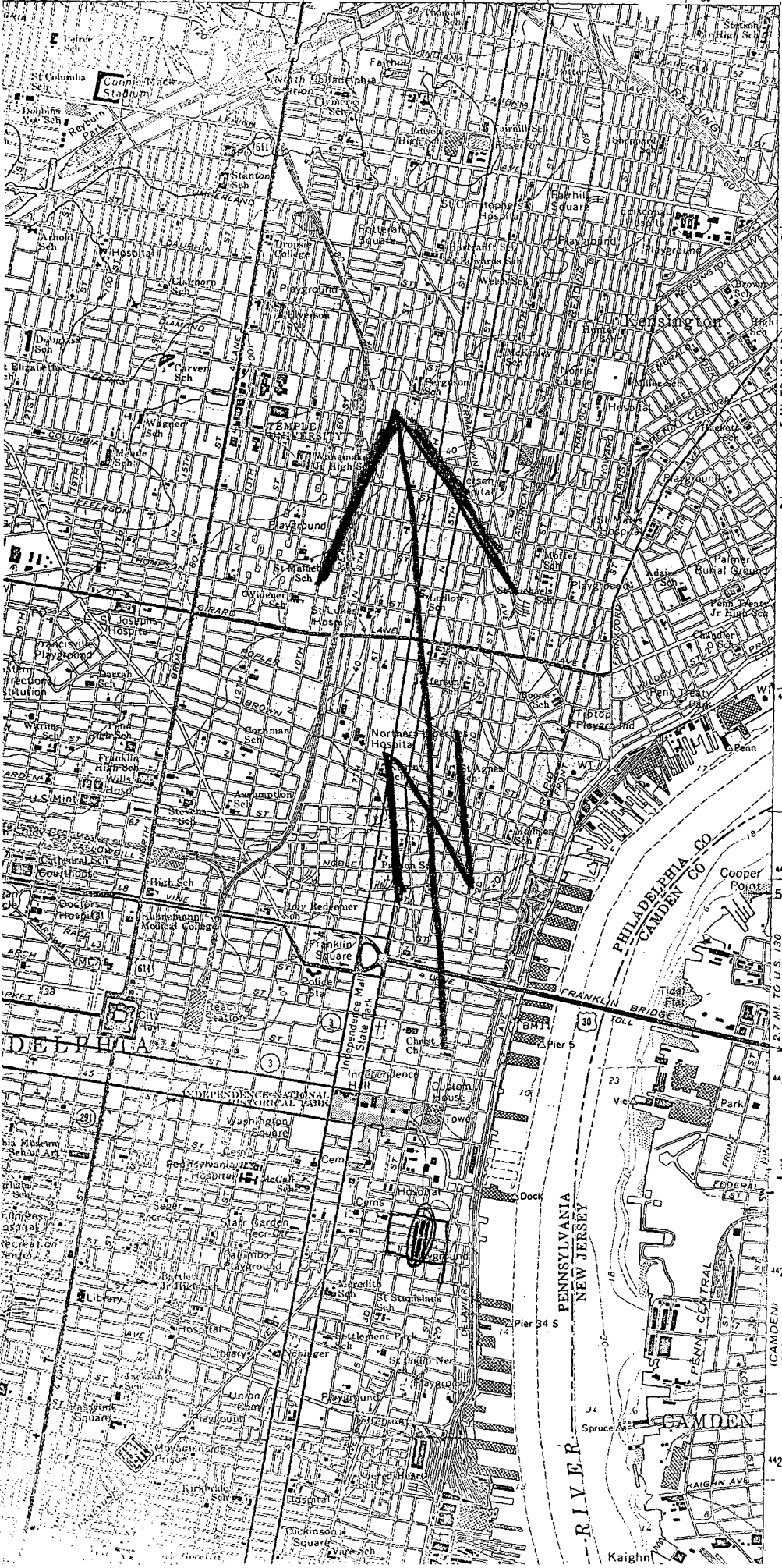
Keeper of The National Register

Date 1/24/72

Date _____

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39°56'30"

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250 000 FEET (PA.)

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423

57'30"

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420

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HEAD
HOUSE
SQ.

15

5 MI. TO U.S. 13
2.7 MI. TO U.S. 130
ATLANTIC CITY 62 MI.

FRANKLIN BRIDGE

COOPER POINT

FEDERAL ST

PENN. CENTRAL

CAMDEN

KAIGHN AVE

KAIGHN