

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:
Upsala

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Upsala

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
6430 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	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
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
The Upsala Foundation

STREET AND NUMBER:
6430 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

STREET AND NUMBER:
City Hall

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

TITLE OF SURVEY:
HABS

DATE OF SURVEY: **1957** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:
801 19th Street N. W.

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

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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 type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Upsala is one of the finest examples of Federal architecture. The main part of the house, added in 1798, sits well back from Germantown avenue. It is two and one half stories high and built of stone with brick interior partitions. Although the facade is of fine ashlar, all other exterior walls are rubble stone. There is an attic and a cellar. The rear wing, which includes the early house, is of rubble masonry. The central arched doorway is at the head of four moulded, marble steps and is protected by a portico with dark Doric columns supporting a cornice and pediment of wood. The main cornice is elaborately detailed with a denticulation and modillions similar to that of the portico. The windows are double-hung with stone sills and marble voussoirs. The dormers are unusually fine, the sash are arched and flanked by small pilasters. A modern clay tile now covers the roof which was destroyed by fire in 1942. A center hall leads through a fine arch to the main stairs. A library is on the right of the entrance and on the left is a front parlor. In the rear is the back parlor. The dining room is to the rear of the library or living room. Each room has a beautiful fireplace in the transverse walls. The walls are plastered with plaster cornices and wood wainscoting. The old part of the house has three rooms which now serve as a caretaker's quarters. Their original use is not definitely known. The second floor of the main house has four corner bedrooms equal in size to the rooms below. The third floor bedrooms are similar in arrangement and size. Much of the interior is original and has been excellently preserved. The fireplace have Pennsylvania marble facings surrounded by pilasters and mantles of beautiful detail. The old conservatory was removed, the rear interiors renovated, and portions of the interior of the main house have also been restored.

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8. 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 type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input 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

Upsala, which sits directly opposite the Chew House, is one of the finest examples of Federal architecture. Dirck Jansen owned the land on which it was built prior to 1755, and the original house may date from that period. Inheriting the property in 1797, John Johnson built the front part of Upsala 1798-1801. It is said that Mrs. Johnson, an admirer of Frederika Bremer, the Swedish author, named the place Upsala in her honor. Upsala remained with the Johnson family except for a short time in the 19th century, until 1941. It was purchased by the Upsala Foundation in 1944, and has since served as this society's headquarters.

Upsala is located along Germantown Avenue which was declared a National Historic Landmark.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Historic Germantown, Tinkcom, Tinkcom, and Simon
Old Germantown, Pullinger Herbert
History of Old Germantown, Keyser, Kain, Garber, and McCann
 Philadelphia Historical Commission - Brief of title, photos, insurance reports, etc.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **0.5 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: **1/8/71**

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

Name S. K. S. [Signature]
 State Liaison Officer
 Title Executive Director, Pa. Historical and Museum Commission
 Date August 30, 1971

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

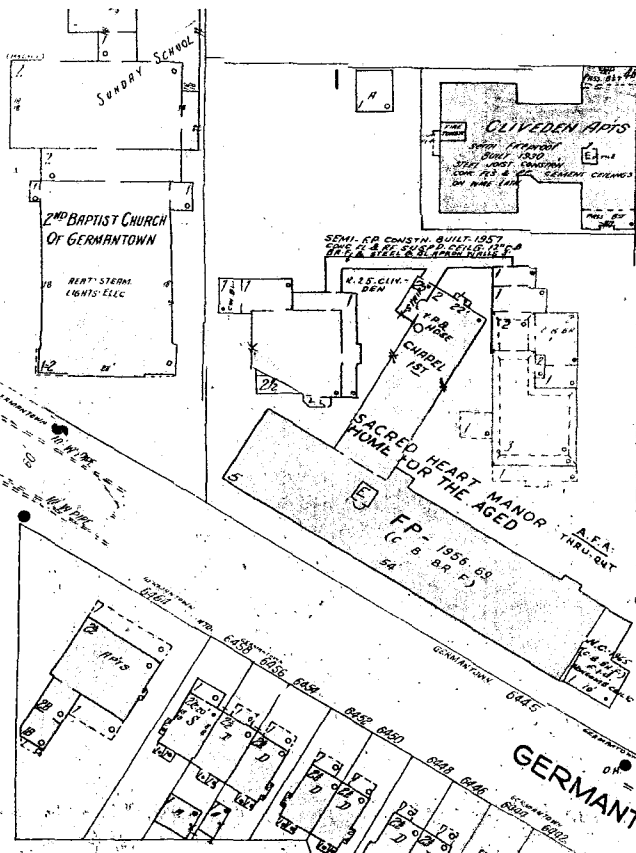
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Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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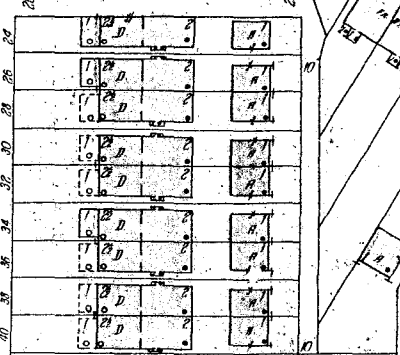
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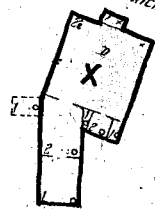


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UPSALA MANSION (HISTORICAL)

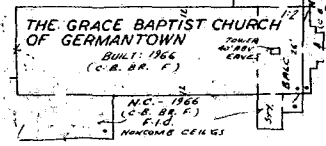
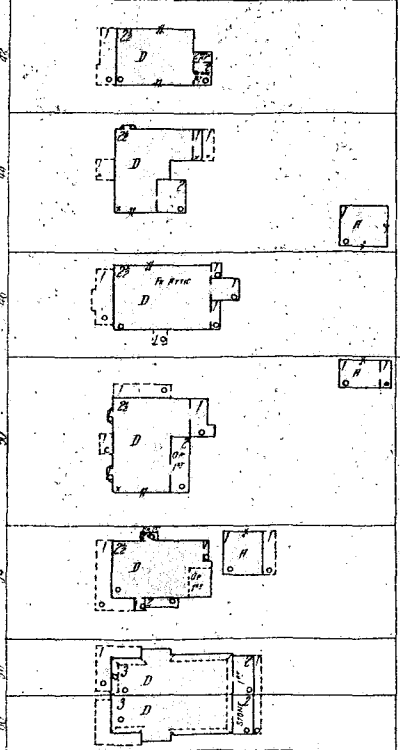


UPSALA

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THE GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH OF GERMANTOWN

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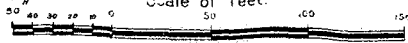
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