

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE OF THE PHILA DELPHIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

27 October 1980

Herbert W. Levy, A.I.A., Chairman

Present: Herbert W. Levy, A.I.A., Chairman, Architectural Advisor to the Commission
Theodore T. Bartley, Jr., A.I.A., Preservation Committee, American Institute
of Architects, Philadelphia Chapter
Penelope H. Batcheler, Architect for the Independence National Historical Park
Richard Tyler, Historian
Patricia Siemionkowski, Architectural Historian

Also: D. Ives Grossman, Draftsman, to present his elevation drawing for the
restoration of the ground floor of 115 North 3rd Street.
Russell K. Thomson, Jr., Architect, to present his plans for the restoration
of 117 Pierce Street.

SUBMISSIONS FOR ALTERATIONS

115 North 3rd Street, Lanny Leibowitz, Architect. Mr. Grossman, Draftsman,
presented to the Committee for consideration his elevation drawing for
the restoration of the ground floor front of 115 North 3rd Street, a
mid-nineteenth century commercial loft building.

The proposal, as submitted, called for the conversion of the window within
the south bay into a door to match the existing entrance within the
north bay. One doorway will serve as a commercial entrance, the other
will provide access to the upper floor apartments.

The Committee recommended that the Commission approve the renovations
as presented to the Committee by Mr. Grossman.

Lemon Hill, Samuel E. Farrington, Consulting Engineer. The Committee reviewed
the revised plans for renovations to Lemon Hill and found them to be
acceptable. All the required changes, as outlined in the Commission's
letter of 8 August 1980, were included in the new proposal.

The Committee recommended that the resubmission be approved.

117 Pierce Street, Russell K. Thomson, Jr., Architect. The Committee
reviewed the architect's plans for the restoration of this small, two-story
frame house and made several recommendations.

Although not a certified building, Mr. Thomson presented his plans for
the Committee's review since he intends to request certification of the
house at a future date. Because little information on the building
was available, the staff agreed to visit the site and examine the
structure with the architect to determine the building's eligibility
for certification and to answer some questions regarding its restoration.
A revised set of drawings will be submitted to the Committee based
on the results of that examination.

SUBMISSIONS (Cont'd)

The Committee recommended that no action be taken on this submission at this time.

PLAQUES

- 417 Fulton Street. The Committee recommended that a plaque not be issued to 417 Fulton Street until the transom light and cellar window have been corrected to conform with the approved plans on file in the Commission office.
- 320 South 4th Street. The Committee recommended that the Commission approve the replacement of stolen plaque No. 339 for 320 South 4th Street.
- 2223 Green Street. The Committee recommended that a plaque not be issued to 2223 Green Street until the bay windows on the side of the house have been restored.
- 521 Delancey Street. Mr. Bartley, who agreed to inspect the building, reported subsequently that the house did indeed merit a plaque. It is recommended that a Certified Restored Plaque be issued to 521 Delancey Street.
- 626 S. American Street. The Committee recommended that a plaque not be issued to 626 S. American Street until the restoration is complete. The Committee noted specifically the unfinished cellar bulkhead.
- 710 Pine Street. The Committee recommended that a plaque not be issued to 710 Pine Street. The completed work does not agree with the approved drawing on file in the Commission office.
- 312-314 Gaskill Street. The Committee reviewed again the owner's request for a plaque for 312-314 Gaskill Street. While the members agreed to accept paneled shutters on the second floor, the dormer window must be correctly restored with six-over-six light sash before a plaque can be issued.
- 1221-1223 Locust Street. Mr. Levy agreed to inspect the buildings and report his findings to the staff. The Committee recommended that no action be taken pending the receipt of Mr. Levy's report.
- 124 North 3rd Street. The Committee recommended that no action be taken on this request at this time. Mrs. Batcheler agreed to inspect the building and make a report to the staff.

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There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:45 A. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Siemiontkowski
Architectural Historian