

Historic Structures Report
on
Fling House
319-321 Walnut Street
Independence National Historical Park

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Prepared by
Staff

Independence National Historical Park
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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June 1960

SIGNATURE SHEET

RECOMMENDED

Superintendent _____ Date _____

Regional Director _____ Date _____

Chief, Eastern Office, Div. of Design & Construction _____ Date _____

APPROVED

Director _____ Date _____

Region Five
143 South Third Street
Philadelphia 6, Pa.

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March 22, 1961

Valley
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Bill
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Memorandum

To: Chief, EODC

From: Regional Director

Subject: Historic Structures Report, Part I, Fling House,
Independence

In reply to your memorandum of March 1, this is to advise that no new information on the Fling House, or modification of its original proposal to demolish it, has been received from the park.

Therefore, I see no grounds on which the Washington Office might be requested to reconsider its decision. In view of your memorandum which does not indicate that EODC has any information that would justify reconsideration, I consider this question settled. We will plan on demolition of the Fling House at an appropriate stage in the treatment of the Walnut Street group of structures.

(Sgd.) Ronald F. Lee

Regional Director

In duplicate

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Region Five
143 South Third Street
Philadelphia 6, Pa.

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February 15, 1961

Kelly
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Baker
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Memorandum

To: Chief, EODC

From: Regional Director

Subject: Historic Structures Report, Part I, Fling House,
Independence

In anticipation that development of Independence National Historical Park may be accelerated in the near future, it is desirable that the retention or non-retention of the Fling House on Walnut Street be determined.

You may recall that a Historic Structures Report, Part I, was prepared by the Park in June 1960, recommending demolition of the structure; this recommendation was approved by the Washington Office by memorandum dated July 8, 1960. However, your office, by memorandum dated July 13, 1960, requested deferral of a decision in order to allow time to submit new data on the structure; accordingly, this office agreed to defer its comments. By memorandum dated December 5, 1960, this office inquired as to the status of the data to be submitted by your office, but to date have not received a reply. In order to resolve the question of the Fling House, a reply at your earliest convenience will be appreciated.

(Sgd.) Ronald F. Lee

Regional Director

In duplicate

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March 1, 1961

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Memorandum

To: Regional Director, Region Five

From: Chief, EODC

Subject: Historic Structures Report, Part I, Fling House,
Independence

This is in response to your memorandum of February 15 on the above subject. We wish to thank you for your courtesy and patience in deferring action on this matter since last July. The Park has recommended the demolition of the structure, which action was approved by Washington July 8, 1960. I now feel that any further action that might be taken is entirely of an administrative nature.

If further information has been made available to you by the Park that would in any way modify or change their original recommendation, or which might modify Washington's prior approval, I would be glad to have the opportunity to reconsider. If this is not the case, it would seem to me that the decision as to a future course of action could be made on the basis of the Washington approval.

Edward S. Zimmer
Edward S. Zimmer
Chief

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INTERPRETIVE PLANS

Historic Structures Report, Part 1
Fling House (319-321 Walnut St.)
Bldg. No. B61

- 6/17/60 Memo from Supt., Ind. trans. 4 copies of Admin. & Hist. Data Sections. Architectural Data Section to be submitted.
- 6/23/60 Admin. & Hist. Data Sections distributed. Comments due July 5.
- 7/8/60 Memo from WASO. Rpt. recommended for approval.
- 7/13/60 Memo from EODC. Comments have been withheld because their current investigations have been yielding important new info. Sketch att. by Arch. Hartshorne. Investigations are continuing. They understand further discussions w/be held before Region takes action on Rpt. EODC withholding action on rpt.
- 7/15/60 Memo to Supt. We have delayed comments in expectation of mtg. on entire block along Walnut St. WASO has concurred in rec. to demolish Hse. We wish to defer comments until after general discussion on Wal.St. Hses.
- 12/5/60 Follow up memo to EODC re Architectural Data Section.
- 2/15/61 Follow up memo to EODC. In order to settle question re retention or non-retention of Fling Hse, a reply will be appreciated.

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Region Five
143 South Third Street
Philadelphia 6, Pa.

July 15, 1960

Nelligan
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Palmer
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Memorandum

To: Superintendent, Independence
From: Regional Director
Subject: Historic Structures Report, Part I, Fling House,
Independence

We have delayed commenting on the subject report in the expectation that there would be a meeting in the near future on the entire block along Walnut Street.

However, in the meantime your recommendation to demolish the Fling House has been concurred in by the Washington Office, and EODC has requested further time to study the matter.

Accordingly, this office wishes to defer its comments until after the general discussion on the Walnut Street Houses mentioned in paragraph 1 has been held; we hope that it will be possible to arrange such a meeting by the end of the month, by which time, too, we trust that EODC will have had sufficient time to complete its study.

(Sgd.) Ronald F. Lee

Regional Director

In duplicate

Copy to: Director
Chief, EODC

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July 13, 1960

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Memorandum

To: Regional Director, Region Five

From: Chief, RDC

Subject: Historic Structures Report, Part I, Fling House, Independence

We have withheld comments on the Fling House report sent with Mr. Palmer's memorandum of June 23 because our current investigations (carried on with the help of summer personnel) have been yielding important new information.

Attached is a print of a sketch by Architect Hartshorne showing what the Walnut Street Houses in general would look like if restored to their former appearances. Our investigations are continuing.

We understand that further discussions of the problem will be held before the Region takes action on the Fling House report. In the meantime, we are withholding action on the report.

Edward S. Zimmer
Edward S. Zimmer
Chief

Attachment

Copy to: Supt., Independence w/attachment
Chief Architect 2 w/one copy of attachment

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July 8, 1960

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Memorandum

To: Regional Director, Region Five

From: Acting Chief Architect

Subject: Historic Structures Report, Part I, Fling House,
Independence

The Historic Structures Report, Part I, Fling House, Independence

National Historical Park, has been reviewed by the interested

Divisions in the Washington Office and is recommended for
approval.

Charles W. Lessig
Charles W. Lessig
Acting Chief Architect

Copy to: Chief, EODC (2)
Supt., Independence

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Memorandum

To: ~~Superintendent, Independence~~ Regional Director

From: Regional ~~Director~~ Chief of Interpretation

Subject: Historic Structures Report, Part I - Fling House

The subject report has been reviewed by this office. Its approval is recommended for four reasons:

1. It dates outside the approved historic period for the park.
2. The row-house impression it gives to the Walnut Street frontage is misleading, in that as late as 1800 there was no such row, or row affect.
3. It preempts land that was used ~~at least in part~~ for a garden in the historic period, which might possibly be sponsored by a cooperating society such as the Horticultural Society.
4. It is not needed for structural support of the adjoining buildings.

Regional ~~Director~~ Chief of Interp.

Copy to: ~~XXXXXXXX~~
~~Director~~
~~CHIEF OF INTERP.~~

Historic Structures Report, Part I - Fling House, Independence NHP

COMMENTS DUE JULY 5, 1960

INTERPRETATION

6/27 ✓
7/1 ✓
LAST ✓

✓	History
✓	Nat. His.
	Pub.
	Museum
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✓	~~Interpretation~~

obs - no hist'l grounds for retention

Since the Fling house was the first known to be erected on this lot (1825), an effort should be made to determine just what the lot was used for previously - a garden? Trees? What? J.C.

OPERATIONS

6/29 6/30
Sense. to the public to tear down an "old" house and rebuild two "old" houses in the same blocks. see 6/30/60

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	Architect		
	Land Archt Programs		

Agree that house should be demolished. MP

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Region Five
143 South Third Street
Philadelphia 6, Pa.

June 23, 1960

Passarelli
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Nelly
6/23

Memorandum

To: Director

From: Assistant Regional Director

**Subject: Historic Structures Report, Part I, Fling House,
Independence NHP**

Attached for review and comment are two copies of Administrative and Historical Data Sections of the subject report. An Architectural Data Section will be submitted later.

All offices should submit comments by July 5, 1960.

(Sgd.) George A. Palmer

Assistant Regional Director

In duplicate

Attachments

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Supt., Independence**

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Independence National Historical Park
Old Custom House
420 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia 6, Pa.

June 17, 1960

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Memorandum

To: Regional Director, Region V
From: Superintendent, Independence
Subject: Historic Structures Report on Fling House

Enclosed in quadruplicate for your review and distribution is the
Historic Structures Report on the Fling House.

M. O. Anderson
M. O. Anderson
Superintendent

Enclosures (4)

Independence National Historical Park
Old Custom House
420 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia 6, Pa.

June 17, 1960

Memorandum

To: Regional Director, Region V
From: Superintendent, Independence
Subject: Historic Structures Report on Fling House

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M. O. Anderson
Superintendent

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CHAPTER I

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

Prepared by Superintendent M. O. Anderson

Chapter I
Section 1
Page 1

NAME AND NUMBER OF BUILDING

Fling House, 319-321 Walnut Street, Building No. B61.

PROPOSED USE OF STRUCTURE
AND JUSTIFICATION

While tentative agreement reached during the March 9-10 conference was to rehabilitate the Fling House for administrative use, it is now felt that the structure should not be retained. As is shown in Chapter II of this report, no historical justification exists for its retention. The Park's administrative needs offer no more justification, as the McIlvaine House combined with the remodelled Yoh Building, complete with the kitchen wings as recently recommended, will provide sufficient space for the permanent Park Office. Accordingly, it is recommended that the Fling House be demolished, that any purpose which it was intended to serve in providing structural support for the adjoining McIlvaine and Kid Houses be accomplished through interior support built into these houses, and that typical period rear wing structures be added to the Yoh Building to not only provide the needed space for the Park Office but also to more adequately supply a better period character to the north facade of the Walnut Street building complex.

PROVISION FOR OPERATING THE HOUSE

In view of the recommendations contained in section 2, no provisions for operating the building are required.

PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE OF COST FOR
REHABILITATING THE STRUCTURE AND
GROUNDS

In view of the recommendations contained in section 2, no
funds will be required for rehabilitation or restoration.

CHAPTER II

HISTORICAL DATA

Prepared by Historian Martin I. Yoelson

STRUCTURAL EVIDENCE
FROM DOCUMENTARY SOURCES

The Fling House (Illustration No. 1), Nos. 319-321 Walnut Street, is a nineteenth century three and one half story brick building. It is located on the north side of Walnut Street between Third and Fourth Streets, the McIlvaine House, a vintage federal period residence of 1793, on one side and the Kid Houses, two residences of the 1810-1812 period, on the other. The Fling House is situated on a lot fronting 20 feet on Walnut Street and extending in depth 108 feet to Harmony Court.

About 1825 a one story brick structure with a garret was erected on this lot. It was the first building known to have been constructed on this lot and fronted 20 feet on Walnut Street and in depth was 45 feet. An insurance survey for 1826 describes the building as an "office."

The lower floor included two rooms and a narrow passageway. Each room had a fireplace. Two doorways, on the east, led directly into the adjoining building, the McIlvaine House. The garret, in one room, was plastered and included two dormer windows. (See Appendix A for complete details of the 1826 survey.)

By 1840 a three and a half story brick building was situated on the lot. This was the Fling House. Although there is no evidence to establish the relationship of the earlier building to the later building, it is believed that two stories were added to the original structure

sometime between 1826 and 1840. The dimensions of the three and one half story building, 20 by 45 feet, being the same as the one story structure support this belief. Also, since three and one half story brick buildings were located on either side, it would have been advantageous to raise the office structure two stories.

By 1845 the Fling and McIlvaine Houses had been joined as one structure. The entry way to the Fling House (on the east) served the combined structures (see Illustration No. 1). The interior passageway and staircase, also on the east side of the Fling House, separated the two interiors. Doorways were opened up for each of the three stories and garret through the west wall of the McIlvaine House.

A survey of that year provides the first detailed description of the premises. Each story and garret included two rooms; the cellar was in one room. The walls in the rooms on the lower and second floors were papered. In the rear was a two story brick building, 13-1/2 by 39 feet with three rooms in the lower story and two rooms in the upper (see Illustrations Nos. 2 and 3). Appendix B which contains the 1845 Philadelphia Contributionship insurance survey of the two properties provides other details about the structure.

More definite information regarding the Fling House is found in the form of a Mutual Assurance Company survey for 1854. This survey describes both the Fling and McIlvaine buildings as well as the rear structures in greater detail than the earlier survey. Included with the survey is a plan of the buildings.

The survey describes the Fling House as "...the Western 3 story brick house, on Walnut Street...including the passage[way]... front 19 [feet] x 9 [inches] Depth 45 feet...." The lower story included two rooms in use for offices. An iron staircase led to the second story. The latter contained two rooms and a washroom. A stairway with a mahogany handrail with square ballusters extended to a landing and doorway on the third floor. This upper story had three rooms and a water closet. A plain handrail and staircase led to the garret which was in one room with two dormer windows and a skylight in the roof "to light [the] stairs." The basement story was also in one room but it extended the width of the two main structures.

The facade included a brick cornice; the rear was shingled. (See Appendix C, the 1854 insurance survey, for complete details of the Fling House.)

Thus, from 1840 until 1854 it appears on the limited evidence of the 1845 and 1854 surveys that the Fling House was not altered to any considerable degree. The changes included addition of a vestibule and doors at the entry way, an iron stairway from the lower story to the second floor, the probable repartitioning of the rooms on the third floor, and the installation of plumbing and its accessories on the second and third stories.

Through 1874 little additional change was made to the Fling House. A resurvey of the property in that year by the Philadelphia Contributionship indicates that the Fling House had been re-roofed with tin.

Seven years later "...The transverse partition and a chimney breast...[had]...been removed from the 1st Story. A Vestibule with a single light 25 x 42 [inches] in door...[had]...been built next the front door, [the] walls and ceilings [had been] papered."

No evidence has been uncovered to indicate further alteration of the Fling House interior since 1861. However, certain changes were made to the facade. These include the installation of the plate glass store window on the lower story, the large second floor window, the substitution of a smaller window between the second and third stories for the larger windows on each floor, and addition of a dormer and doorway on the west side of the structure (see Illustrations Nos. 1 and 4).

The evidence is all but conclusive that there was no structure on this site prior to 1825. In addition, it suggests that the building known today as the Fling House started as a one story structure and garret erected about 1825 by James Brown and raised sometime after 1826 to three and one half stories by William B. Fling.

HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

The Fling House property was originally part of a larger lot. It fronted 198 feet on Walnut Street and had a depth along Fourth Street of 255 feet. This larger lot was granted in the 1680's to Charles Lee by William Penn as an original patent.

In 1702 the property was purchased by Thomas Asson, a brick-layer. He retained it until his death in 1712. The property was bequeathed to his widow, Mary, and son, John.

In 1735 the heirs of Thomas Asson sold the easternmost part of the property to James Hamilton (1735-1783), lawyer and governor of Pennsylvania. This newly established lot fronted 42 feet on Walnut Street and had a depth of 255 feet. This property and adjoining parcels of Asson's original purchase which Hamilton acquired from time to time appear in the records after his death as the "gardens of the James Hamilton Estate" on Walnut Street.

In 1809 the heirs of James Hamilton sold the southeastern part of the property to Charles Willing Hare, a lawyer. The section then alienated was 20 feet by 106 feet, extending northward to Harmony Court. This lot is the piece of ground on which is situated the Fling House.

At the time of his purchase, Hare lived next door in the McIlvaine House. Six years earlier Hare had leased the McIlvaine House and in 1805 purchased the property. He continued to live there until

1818. In that year a lawyer named James M. Brown acquired both the lot and the McIlvaine property.

About 1825 he erected the one story brick office discussed in section 1 above. Since Brown occupied the McIlvaine House, he no doubt used the newly erected structure for business purposes.

In 1826 the one and one half story building and the McIlvaine House were occupied by William B. Fling, a cabinet-maker.

Information concerning use of the Fling House during the earlier years is not available. From 1828 to about 1855 Fling resided at the McIlvaine House. In the earlier years he conducted a cabinet-maker's business in the buildings on Harmony Court located to the rear of the Fling and McIlvaine Houses. Presumably the Fling House in this period was part of the furniture establishment.

By 1840, as indicated in the city directories, Fling readjusted both his business and residential status. No longer in the cabinet making business but engaged in real estate, he retained his office in the McIlvaine House and moved to a residence on Broad Street.

From the 1840's until 1860 the building was leased to brokers, insurance agents, and railroad companies. In 1860 William B. Fling moved his offices onto the premises.

Fling retained ownership of the properties until his death in 1873. They were bequeathed to his sons who resold them in 1881 to Henry

L. Gaw, Jr., a broker. His descendants owned the combined properties until 1945. Five years later these were purchased by the Federal Government as part of Independence National Historical Park Project.

EVALUATION OF HISTORICAL
IMPORTANCE

No figure of historical importance is associated with the Fling House and no significant event has taken place there. The structure itself was not erected until the second quarter of the nineteenth century and its appearance if restored faithfully would be that of a distinctly nineteenth century building. Its very presence has the effect of creating a row where none existed until long after the historic period. Together with the associated long building to the rear, it would occupy much of the ground on which during and after the Revolution was located the "James Hamilton Estate Garden." Consequently, it cannot be recommended that the Fling House be retained for reason of historic meaning or interpretive value.

APPENDIX

APPENDIX A

Contributionship Survey Book, 1824-1837, Survey No. 4490

I have Surveyed an Office belonging to William B. Fling Situate on the North Side of Walnut Street between Third and Fourth Streets adjoining to the West of his dwelling Being 20 feet front 45 feet one Story high - 14 & 9 in walls - The lower story is divided in two rooms & Short passage, the floor of comⁿ yellow pine, base round, pilaster [next word illegible] one wooden Mantle with open pilasters, ornamented, Marble breast & Jambs - one plain Marble Mantle recess closets - Glass 12 by 20ⁱⁿ outside Shutters front & back Garret plastered two plain dormer wd^s [windows] in the roof Eave front & back, tin gutter & pipes two doors communicating with the dwelling to the East.

10 Mo. 27. 1826

John C. Evans

No. 4490 - November 4 1826 D^{os} 1000 @ 2%

Wm. B. Fling

APPENDIX B

Contributionship Survey No. 6119 dated February 20, 1845.

I have surveyed a House (formerly two houses) belonging to William B. Fling, Situate on the North side of Walnut Street between Third & Fourth Streets No. 93 1/2, 95. 97 Being 45 feet front. 45 feet deep - three Stories high, 14 & 9 in walls. - The lower story is divided into a wide passage, running through - two rooms on the west side, & four rooms on the east side. the floor of the latter is 5/4" yellow pine, moulded base round, single mouldings to the doors & windows, two fire proof closets - two doors in front, each opening into a box entry or vestibule, the inner doors have each two lights of glass in the upper pannel - two pair of folding doors dividing the rooms north & South - there being two offices separated by a plastered partition - the glass in front are 12 by 21 in with panneld inside shutters. Glass back 13 by 20 in with outside shutters. - On the west side of the passage are two rooms - the floor of clear, narrow yellow pine, moulded base round, single mouldings - folding door between them, & a fire proof closet - Glass 12 by 20 in inside shutters front & outside do. back. - The 2d Story is divided into five rooms & passage. the floor, partly of clear yellow pine, & partly of clear white pine. moulded base round, double architraves & single mouldings on the East side of the passage - & single mouldings on the west side. - two pair of folding doors. & two fire proof closets on this Story - Glass in front of the Eastern part 14 by 20 in panneld inside Shutters. Glass back 9 by 11 in outside Shutters. - & in front & back of the western part 12 by 20 in outside Shutters to both, the front venetians in both each - All the sash are double hung. - The 3d Story in Six rooms & passages, the floor in the Eastern part. of Comm[on] yellow pine - & in the Western white pine. - plain base, single Architraves Mouldings - three breast closets. Glass in front 10 by 13 in back 9 by 11 & 11 by 13 in - The Garret in four rooms, all plastered, plain base, Single Architrave & Mouldings - three Circular dormer windows front. & two plain do. back. Glass 11 by 13 & 8 by 10 in. Straight Stairs with turn'd ballusters & mahogany rail. leading from the lower passage to the 2d Story. & an open newel Stairs with plain String [?] & ballusters, poplar rail. painted, from the 2d to the garret. - In the cellar are two rooms divided by a Stone wall, the floors of Comm 5/4 in yellow pine, plain base & single mouldings, two Sash doors front Glass 4 & 10 by 20 in Sliders to ea. - Glass back on the Area. 8 by 10 in Outside Shutters. - This building is divided by a brick wall running North & South from the lower floor to the roof - Modillion Eave front & plain Cornice back of the Eastern part, & brick Eave front & back to the Western part. tin gutter & pipes to both. The rooms in the lower & 2d Stories are papered - A Building in the rear, on the East Side of an Avenue leading through to Harmony Court -

Being 23 feet front 16 feet deep & Stair way 3 feet by 10 feet two Stories high. And one on the West Side of 3d Avenue 39 feet front 13 1/2 feet deep two Stories high 9 in walls - & a privy on the North End of the first mentioned 8 feet by 14 feet - one Story high 4 1/2 in walls - The first mentioned has two rooms in the lower Story, the floor of Comm[on] yellow pine, plain base round, Single mouldings, Glass 11 by 17 in outside Shutters - Straight Stairs from the yard to the 2d Story which is in one room the floor of Comm[on] yellow pine, plain base & single mouldings, Glass 1 by 10 in venetian Shutters. - brick eave, shed roof, trap door, tin gutters & pipes - Building on the West Side, the lower Story in three rooms. the Floor 5/4 in comm[on] yellow pine, plain base, single mouldings. Glass 12 by 16 in outside Shutters. the 2d Story in two rooms floor same - plain base, beads to windows, one closet - Glass 10 by 12 in - Straight Stairs at South End leading to the 2d Story. - The cellar is divided into rough coal boxes. & a passage on one side to Harmony Court. - Brick Eave, shed roof tin gutter & pipe.-

2d Mo 20th 1845

John C. Evans
Surveyor

The lower & 2d Stories of the offices on both sides of the Avenue are papered.

Policy No. 6119. Drs 7000 at 2 1/2 per cent

Drs 175-

of the whole acent insured - it is declared and agreed that the Present Building on 1t [lot] about Street is separately insured in the sum of Drs 5500 the Building on the West Side of the Avenue separately insured in the sum of Drs 800 the Building on the East Side of the Avenue including the Privies for the sum Drs 700 [total] Drs 7000

It is agreed that the foregoing Statement and Survey are correct

Wm. B. Fling

APPENDIX C

Mutual Assurance Policy No. 643, Survey No. 4909, October 19, 1854

Survey of William B. Flings Two & Three Story Brick Buildings Situate on the North side of Walnut Street between Third and Fourth streets, and extending through to Harmony Court for Dimensions of each see small plan.

No. 1 - Is the Eastern 3 Story Brick house on Walnut Street. Nos. 93 & 93 1/2

FIRST STORY. in 2 Rooms. as offices, wash boards & windows cases. Stucco cornice. 2 windows front 16 lights each. Glass 12 x 18. Inside shutters 2 windows back 12 lights. each Glass 13 x 20. paneled shutters outside [and] paneled sash door with slide 4 lights 10 x 17 with 4 light Transom. [torn parchment] Glass 13 x 17. three round Iron bars outside. one pair of folding doors. to each room. one neat square head front door to each. One inside vestibule door 2 lights Glass 12 1/2 x 16. one brick fireproof. Iron doors. Marble head and sills. Yellow pine floor in this story both offices finished alike.

SECOND STORY. in 3 room. washboards & windows cased. Yellow pine floor. Neat Stucco Cornice. 3 windows front 12 lights each. Glass 13 1/2 x 20 Inside shutters folding in boxes. pannels under do. Venetian shutters outside. Inside finish around do. Neat architraves. 3 windows back 24 lights each. Glass 9x11. one window with Inside Shutters 2 folds. One brick fireproof as below. One Marble basin Top &c Urinal &c partly enclosed by board partition.

THIRD STORY in 2 Rooms, closets, wash boards. & windows cased. 3 Windows front 16 Lights each. Glass 10 x 13 1/2. plain inside Shutters 3 do back 16 Lights each glass 9 x 11 --inside shutters as front. Yellow pine floor. one fire proof as below. occupied as printing office.

GARRETT in 3 Rooms, wash boards & Windows cases. 2 Circular head Double pitched Dormar Windows 12 Square lights each Glass 10x13 1/2 and 6 fancy shaped do in each. one square head double pitched do back 16 lights. 8x10. [?] work inside and out. Wood cornice front and back, Shingle Roof. Tin Gutters and Iron Conductors built [built] in Wall.

No. 2 To the Western 3 story brick house, on Walnut Street Nos. 95 1/2 & 97. including the passage leading through into the Yard. front 19 x 9 Depth 45 feet

FIRST STORY occupied as office in 2 Rooms. yellow pine floor. Wash boards and windows cased. one window front 16 lights. Glass 13 x 18 inside shutters on do back 12 lights Glass 13 x 20. & 4 Side do 17 x 20. Inside shutters. Stucco Cornice. brick fire proof. Iron doors &c In passage to yard is one flight mahogany hand rail stairs to second Story. turned ballaisters. Yellow pine Steps & Risers, In Office one pair of folding doors.

SECOND STORY. in 2 rooms, yellow pine floor, washboards & windows cased. Two Windows front 12 lights each. Glass 12 by 20. Venetial shutters. outside 2 do back 12 lights each. Glass 12 by 20. Inside shutters. one pair large folding doors. One brick fire proof. as below. one 6 and one 4 light Transom over doors to Entry doors & Windows finished around with 3 Inch Moulding. one Marble Top wash basin sides lined with Marble. Urinal and Water Closet. one flight Mahogany ramp hand rail Stairs. square ballusters to Third Story in [torn manuscript] part close boarded. door on landing.

THIRD STORY. in 3 Rooms one brick fire proof as below closets. wash boards. and windows cased. 4 [torn manuscript] 12 lights. each Glass 12 x 13. white pine floor. One Water closet & one light [torn manuscript]

GARRETT. in one. wash boards & Windows cased. 2 Dormer Windows [torn manuscript] each Glass 8 x 10. white pine floor. Brick cornice front & back Shingles in [side - torn manuscript] Sky light in roof to light stairs. Glass 18 x 30. heavy. Tin Gutters & Conductors.

BASEMENT. STORY. under the 2 buildings. occupied as a Liquor Store. yellow pine floor, all plastered, one window front 16 lights. Glass 10 x 16, inside shutters 3 pair folding sash doors front with slides, with 6 lights Glass 11 x 18, and 12 small do 3 1/2 x 18 in each pair. 3 wood steps inside do each. 2 large square cased posts to support floor above. one 18 light & one 12 light window back Glass 9 x 11 paneled shutters outside. 2 doors leading to Area. 3 large closets under fire proofs.

Back at the distance of 7 feet. is no. 3 - a 2 story-Brick Building [next word illegible]

FIRST STORY in two Rooms as Offices. wash boards & Windows cased. 3 Windows 12 lights each. Glass 11 x 17. paneled shutters outside. 3 square head front doors, 3 light Transom over each yellow pine floor. One flight close stairs leading to second Story. one window with inside shutters.

SECOND STORY. in one room finished as below. one Window 12 lights Glass 11 x 17. inside shutters. 2 do. 20 lights each 9 x 11. Brick cornice. Shingle Roof. Tin Gutters & Conductor. Back of this building is 11 privies, seats, liks, & Risers. No. 4. Back of Western building No. 2, at the distance of 7 feet is No. 5 a Two Story brick building 13 feet 9 inches by 39 feet.

FIRST STORY. in 3 Rooms as offices. wash boards & windows cased. Yellow pine floor. 3 windows 12 lights each. Glass 12 x 16, paneled shutters outside. 4 square head door with 3 light Transom over each, one pair of folding doors. one flight straight stairs to second Story.

SECOND STORY in Room. finished as below. 4 windows. 12 lights each Glass 11 x 14. brick cornice. Tin gutter & Conductor.

No. 6 is a three story brick building fronting on Harmony Court and directly in rear of No. 1. 3 & 4 - First Story in 2 Rooms, wash boards, and windows cased. 2 windows front 12 lights each Glass 13 x 20. paneled shutters outside. 2 do 12 lights each. Glass 12 by 16 1/2 Inside shutters. Marble Top wash Stands &c.

One Square head side door. one square head front sash door with slide. 9 lights Glass 9 1/2 x 13 1/2. one flight straight & winding partly close stairs to second Story. Second Story. in 2 Rooms by brick Wall. (Note of these rooms, is the second Story of the building No. 7 which will be described hereafter) and communicated by doorway in brick wall. walls not plastered. ceilings only between Joice. yellow pine floor. one rough Girder extending across No. 6. one square post under, one flight close straight & winding stairs to Third story. 180 lights. Glass 8 1/2 x 12. door at bottom of stairs. Stereotype Foundry. Third Story in 2 Rooms as below not plastered one girder as below 178 lights of Glass 9 x 11. one flight of close stairs to Garrett of No. 6. floor as below in the 3d Story of No. 6 is a large Melting pan & Oven. built around with brick. brick hearth appears safe. the ceiling of this story of No. 7 is formed by the roof. not plastered. covered with cedar shingles. Tin Gutter & Conductor occupied as Stereotype Foundry. Garrett of No. 6 in one, not plastered yellow pine floor. 3 Windows 12 lights each. Glass 8 x 10. one 8 light sky light in Roof. Glass 8 x 10. broken pitched Shed roof. covered with Cedar shingles. one small Girder as below. Tin Gutter & Conductor. brick cornice & blind Screens for the back windows of No. 6 to 2nd & 3d Stories & Garrett.

No. 7 [a three story brick building fronting on Harmony Court and directly in rear of Nos. 2 & 5. front 19 x 9 including a 6 feet passage depth 17 x 9.

FIRST STORY in one room, as office. wash boards. & windows cased. yellow pine floor, 3 windows front 18 lights each. Glass 9 x 11, paneled shutters outside, one square head side door, one communicating do to one room of the 2 Story Building. The other stories of this building is described in connection with the stories of No. 6. One large slot [or stoat] Gate to passage

Note. the shingles on Roof of No. 7 is covered with Tin, Gutters & Conductor same---

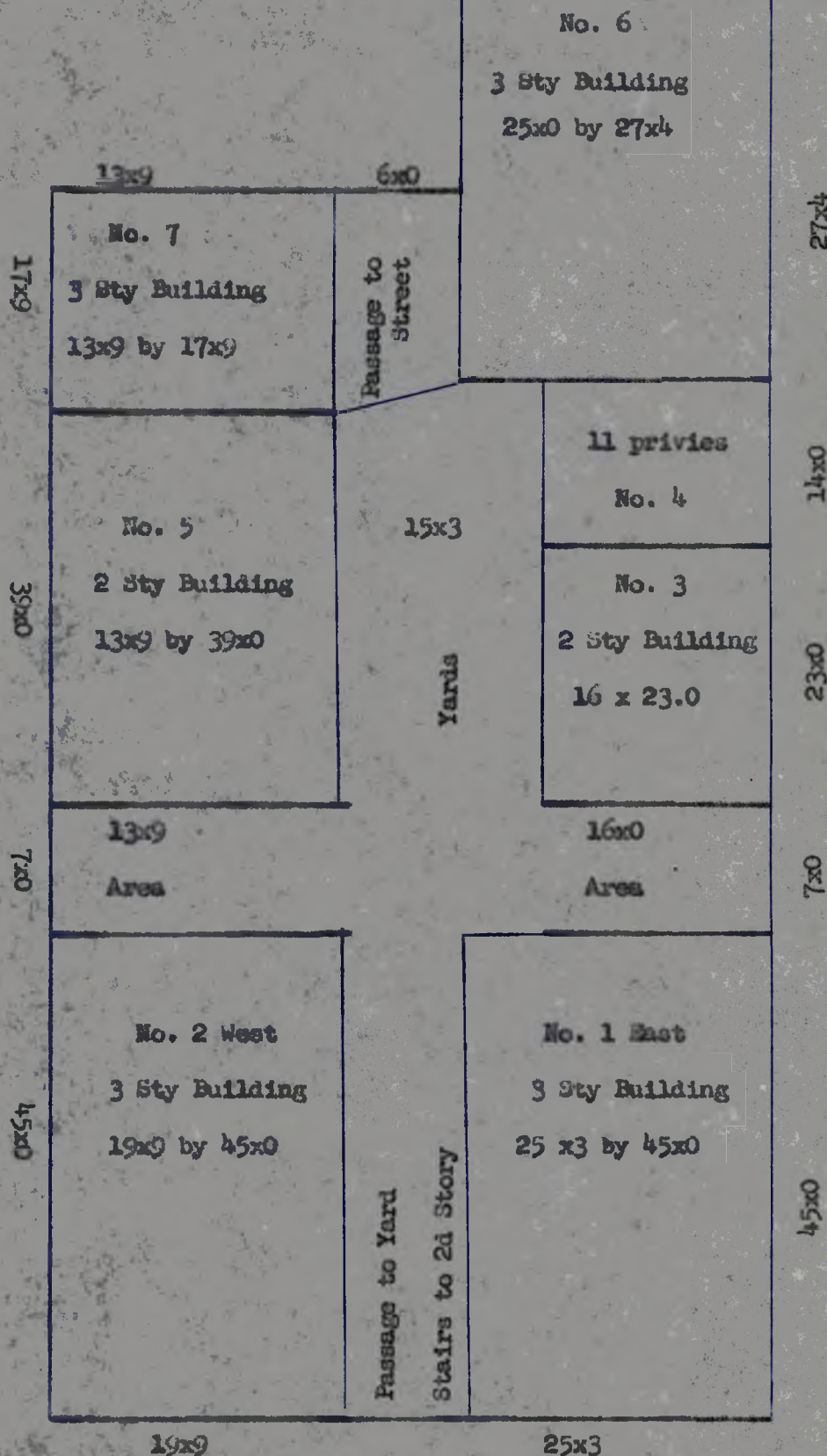
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ILLUSTRATIONS



The McIlvaine and Fling Houses (315 & 317 Walnut Street), c. 1845-1850, Kennedy Collection, Historical Society of Pennsylvania. Note double doors to entry and character of windows on second and third floors of the latter.



View of the rear of the McIlvaine and Fling Houses, taken in 1952. Rear building of Fling House can be seen to the right. This structure was removed in September 1959. National Park Service photo.



The McIlvaine and Fling Houses, looking north, in 1952. In left center is rear building of the Fling House. Further in the background are factory structures erected by Fling to house his furniture operation. These buildings were taken down in September 1959. National Park Service photo.

Chapter II
Illustration No. 4



View of Walnut Street buildings taken in 1951.
The Fling House is located in the center. Note
difference in facade as shown in Illustration
No. 1. National Park Service photo.



View taken during demolition of buildings
to the rear of Fling House, September 1959,
shows interior wall of lower stories before
patching. National Park Service photo.



View of Walnut Street Houses, looking east,
following demolition of back buildings and
adjacent non-historic structures in Septem-
ber 1959. National Park Service photo.

CHAPTER III

ARCHITECTURAL DATA

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