

James S. Mason and Company Store
138-40 N. Front Street
Philadelphia
Philadelphia County
Pennsylvania

HABS No. PA-1442

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE PENNSYLVANIA		COUNTY PHILADELPHIA	TOWN OR VICINITY PHILADELPHIA
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) MASON, JAMES S. AND COMPANY, STORE			HABS NO. PA-1442
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 139-40 N. Front Street, at SW corner of Quarry Street			
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1850-51.		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Good example of mid-19th century wholesale store. James S. Mason and Company, a prominent manufacturer of blacking and inks, occupied the building until 1919.			
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick with granite ashlar front; interior iron columns and wooden girders supporting floors.			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Approx. 28' (four-bay front) X 95'; five stories; rectangular plan.			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Simple front first floor openings, divided by original piers; large Tudor-arch windows with engaged clustered columns on second story front; flat-arch window lintels with "pendants" on upper stories.			
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Simple in appearance.			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Demolished in 1973.			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE			
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Webster, Richard J. <u>Philadelphia Preserved</u> . Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1976.			
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