

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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TACONY

HABS No. PA-6692

Neighborhood is roughly bounded by the Delaware River,
Cottman and Frankford Avenues, and Magee street
Philadelphia
Pennsylvania

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NOTE: Tacony's street grid does not lie true to the compass. For the purpose of locating buildings in this report, the roads running NE to SW (ex. Keystone Street and Torresdale Avenue) will be the N-S axes and those running SE to NW (ex. Longshore Avenue and Disston Street) will be E-W axes.

- PA-6692-1 GENERAL VIEW, 4900 BLOCK OF KNORR STREET, NORTH SIDE BETWEEN TULIP AND KEYSTONE STREETS.
- PA-6692-2 DETAIL VIEW, 4909/4911 KNORR STREET, SOUTH ELEVATION.
- PA-6692-3 JONATHAN MARSDEN HOUSE, 4921 LONGSHORE AVENUE, NORTHWEST CORNER OF LONGSHORE AVENUE AND KEYSTONE STREET.
- PA-6692-4 GENERAL VIEW, 6700 BLOCK OF MARSDEN STREET, WEST SIDE BETWEEN UNRUH AVENUE AND KNORR STREET, "BATTLESHIP ROW."
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- PA-6692-6 6600 BLOCK OF TULIP STREET, WEST SIDE BETWEEN MAGEE AND UNRUH AVENUES, "CASTLE ROW," CENTER ROW.
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- PA-6692-9 DETAIL VIEW, NORTHROW, EAST ELEVATION.
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- PA-6692-12 6940/6942 KEYSTONE STREET, WEST SIDE BETWEEN KNORR
AND DISSTON STREETS, EAST ELEVATION.
- PA-6692-13 GENERAL VIEW, 6700 BLOCK OF HEGERMAN STREET, WEST
SIDE BETWEEN RAWLE AND KNORR STREETS.
- PA-6692-14 GENERAL VIEW, 6600 BLOCK OF VANDIKE STREET, WEST SIDE
BETWEEN MAGEE AND UNRUH AVENUES.
- PA-6692-15 GENERAL VIEW, LONGSHORE AVENUE TO THE WEST FROM
TULIP STREET. LONGSHORE AVENUE BECAME TACONY'S
MAIN COMMERCIAL THOROUGHFARE IN THE 1870s AND 1880s.
THE MUSIC HALL BUILDING, AT CENTER, ANCHORED BOTH
COMMERCIAL AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES ALONG THE STREET.
- PA-6692-16 GENERAL VIEW, 6900 BLOCK OF TORRESDALE AVENUE, WEST
SIDE BETWEEN LONGSHORE AVENUE AND DISSTON STREET.
WITH THE ARRIVAL OF THE STREETCAR IN 1894, TACONY'S
COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY BEGAN TO REORIENT ITSELF ALONG
TORRESDALE AVENUE. THIS VIEW HIGHLIGHTS BOTH A ROW
OF APARTMENT-STORES COMMON ALONG THE AVENUE AS
WELL AS A SINGLE-STORY COMMERCIAL STRUCTURE.
- PA-6692-17 DETAIL VIEW, 6900 BLOCK OF TORRESDALE AVENUE, WEST
SIDE (NOTE THE BUTLER'S BAKERY SIGN).
- PA-6692-18 DETAIL VIEW, BUTLER'S BAKERY, 6900 BLOCK OF TORRESDALE
AVENUE, WEST SIDE. THE OWNER AND AN ASSISTANT STAND
IN FRONT OF THE BAKERY. MANY OF THE STOREFRONTS
ALONG TORRESDALE AVENUE IN TACONY CONTINUE TO
HOUSE LOCALLY-OWNED ESTABLISHMENTS.
- PA-6692-19 GENERAL VIEW, RUBINO'S PHARMACY AND THE 7100 BLOCK
OF TORRESDALE AVENUE, NORTHWEST CORNER OF
TORRESDALE AND PRINCETON AVENUES. RUBINO'S
PHARMACY HAS OCCUPIED THIS CORNER IN TACONY FOR
DECADES. THE BUILDING IS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT ALONG TORRESDALE AVENUE
IN THE 1920s.

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PA-6692-20 PERSPECTIVE VIEW, HARBOT'S HOTEL, 6900 BLOCK OF STATE ROAD, NORTHWEST CORNER OF STATE ROAD AND LONGSHORE AVENUE, FROM THE SOUTHEAST. PRESENT ON THE SITE SINCE AT LEAST 1906, THIS TURN-OF-THE-CENTURY STRUCTURE EXHIBITS THE PERIOD POPULARITY FOR COLONIAL REVIVAL DETAIL. LOCATED AT WHAT HAD BEEN A CENTRAL INTERSECTION IN TACONY'S NINETEENTH-CENTURY AND EARLY-TWENTIETH-CENTURY HISTORY, THE HARBOT HOTEL'S SURVIVAL IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT GIVEN THE CHANGES MADE IN THIS AREA OF TACONY WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF INTERSTATE 95.