

Musical Fund Hall
(Musical Fund Society Hall)
808 Locust Street
Philadelphia
Philadelphia County
Pennsylvania

HABS No. PA-1447

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HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE	COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY
PENNSYLVANIA	PHILADELPHIA	PHILADELPHIA
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME)		HABS NO.
MUSICAL FUND HALL		PA-1447
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
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COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES)		
808 Locust Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
1824	William Strickland, architect (1787-1854)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE)		
Oldest surviving music hall in the United States, noted for its acoustics. The building was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1974.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
Classical Revival		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS)		
Brick with buff brick front and copper and terra-cotta trim.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)		
Measures approx. 76' (three-bay front) X 94'; three stories (originally two)		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE		
Front facade: large fanlight on second floor; large Corinthian pilasters; festoon on center of band above third floor; foliate and floral motif on front frieze; pediment with a lyre on its tympanum.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
1847: Enlarged new front, stage moved to rear, by architect Napoleon LeBrun. 1891: another new front; interior remodeled, by architect Addison Hutton. 1946: entrance altered; interior converted to warehouse, by architect Howard Carter Hill		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING IN NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.)		
Webster, Richard. <u>Philadelphia Preserved</u> . Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1976.		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION	DATE	
Susan McCown, Historic American Buildings Survey	May 9, 1984	

ADDENDUM TO:
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