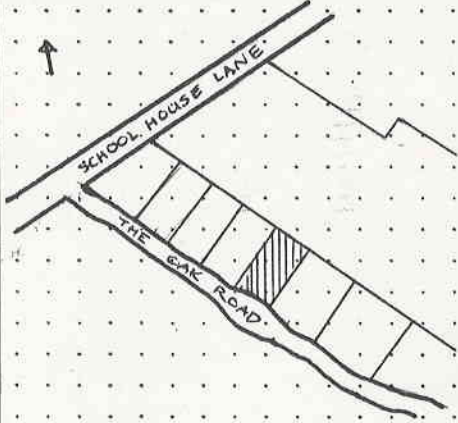


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8. property owners name and address E. Gemille 3819 Oak Road Philadelphia PA 19129		9. tax parcel number / other number 383141900		10. U.T.M. zone 18 easting 484260 northing 44301810 usgs sheet: Germantown Quad
12. classification site () structure () object () building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in N.R. district yes () no ()		11. status (other surveys, lists etc.) Philadelphia Register		
13. date(s) (how determined) c.1850; c.1900 alts		14. period 1840-1859		19. original use residential 20. present use residential
15. style, design or folk type Gothic		16. architect or engineer		
17. contractor or builder		18. primary building mat./construction stucco with wood trim		21. condition above average 22. integrity average
23. site plan with north arrow 		24. photo notation GT-NWP(G)-2-6		
25. file/location				
26. brief description (note unusual features, integrity, environment, threats and associated buildings) <p>This symmetrical 2½-story Gothic villa presents a wealth of Gothic detailing. Two gabled dormers with diamond paned glass light the attic. A cross gable rises from the second story into the attic containing a diamond-shaped window. Decorated with a verge board featuring saw-cut floral ornament, the cross gable is visually defined by the pair of chimneys on the roof ridge behind it. A pointed basket-arch, headed by a Norman label, contains a second story window divided by a mullion defining two inscribed arches. The flanking second story windows have been altered. Three low arches carry the porch roof which is outlined by a decorative wooden frieze which echoes the verge board above it. Construction is of stuccoed masonry.</p>				
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27. history, significance and/or background <p>This mid-19th century country house was renovated sometime around the turn of the century when it was stuccoed and its porch altered. Prior to 1906 the property was in the possession of Lindley Johnson, Philadelphia architect, which suggests him as the likely author of the changes in the building. Lindley left the upper stories of this house largely intact, preserving a document of a symmetrical Gothic Villa as inspired by A.J. Downing. Not only did Downing's writings idealize suburban life and (continued)</p>				
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28. sources of information Philadelphia Deeds: 85 N 2, 11; 85 N 2, 12				29. prepared by: M. Lewis
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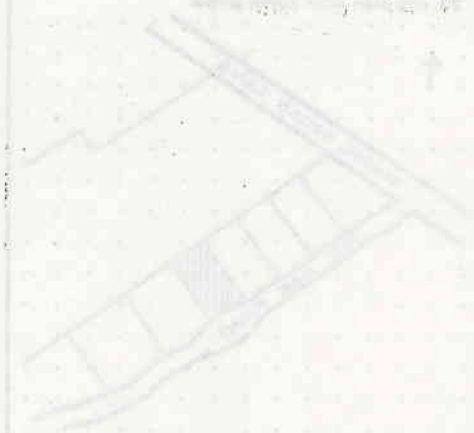
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4. survey code
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27. Continued:

directly encourage the development of Germantown, but the first buildings of this Philadelphia railroad suburb used the picturesque Gothic architecture which was advocated by Downing, and is so well represented in this building.



This is a photograph of the building shown in the sketch. It is a large, light-colored building with a prominent central gable and multiple windows. The building is situated on a street corner. The sketch shows a street layout with a diagonal road intersecting a horizontal one, and several rectangular blocks along the streets.

EVALUATION

Would contribute to a district.

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