

(In)Visible Architects of Freedom



1

N 6th St

N 5th St

National Constitution Center

United States Mint

Arch St

2

Icons: wheelchair, fork and knife, gift

Free Quaker Meeting House

Benjamin Franklin's Grave

CHRIST CHURCH BURIAL GROUND

Mikveh Israel Congregation

Independence Visitor Center

Icons: wheelchair, fork and knife, gift

Market St

N 7th St

Federal Reserve Bank

Arch St

William J. Green Federal Building

N 7th St

James A. Byrne Federal Courthouse

Market St

3

Declaration House (Closed)

President's House Site

People's Plaza

4

Liberty Bell Center

5

Icons: wheelchair, fork and knife, gift

Market St

Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History

Ludlow St

S 5th St

Ranstead St

Fragments of Franklin Court (Closed)

B. Free Franklin Post Office

Franklin Court Printing Office

Franklin Court

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Benjamin Franklin Museum

Icons: wheelchair, fork and knife, gift

National Liberty Museum

Science History Institute

Market St

S 4th St

S 3rd St

S 7th St

Ranstead St

Chestnut St

S 7th St

Sansom St

Walnut St

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WASHINGTON SQUARE

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the American Revolution

West Wing

East Wing

Old City Hall

Signers Garden

Independence Hall

Security Perimeter

Commodore John Barry Statue

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INDEPENDENCE SQUARE

Library of the American Philosophical Society

Robert Morris Statue

Second Bank of the United States

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Market St

Chestnut St

Walnut St

New Hall Military Museum (Closed)

Museum of the American Revolution

First Bank of the United States (Closed)

Carpenters Hall

18th Century Garden

Bishop White House (Closed)

Merchants' Exchange Building

Market St

S 4th St

S 3rd St

Dock St

Athenaeum of Philadelphia

St James St

ROSE GARDEN

Market St

Walnut St

Polish American Cultural Center

Old St. Joseph's Church

↓ To Thaddeus Kosciuszko National Memorial
3rd and Pine Streets

1

6th Street between Arch and Race Streets

This block holds the stories of Hannah and Isaac Till—as well as the burning of Pennsylvania Hall.

Find: “Burning of Pennsylvania Hall” historical marker, west side of 6th St. near Race St.

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Liberty Bell Center viewing window Chestnut Street, east of 6th Street

Named the “Liberty Bell” by abolitionists, the story of this symbol is intertwined with the ongoing struggle for civil rights.

Find: Liberty Bell, viewed through the glass window

2

5th Street between Arch and Race Streets

Now gone from this landscape are the stories of the General Vigilance Committee and Black families like that of James Oronoco Dexter.

Find: “Philadelphia Female Anti-Slavery Society” historical marker, east side of 5th St. Near Arch St.

6

Independence Square between 5th and 6th Streets and Chestnut and Walnut Streets

You are standing where generations of Americans have gathered to celebrate and protest, including Black Philadelphians who awaited verdicts of fugitive slave hearings.

Find: Independence Hall (view from exterior)

3

Declaration House exterior 7th and Market Streets

Fourteen-year-old enslaved servant Robert Hemmings lived and worked in a home on this site while attending to Thomas Jefferson.

Find: Look up at the windows on the second and third floors and imagine Hemmings peering out at city life in 1776.

7

Washington Square enter at 6th and Walnut Streets

Free and enslaved Africans rest beneath your feet in this former burial ground that also served as a gathering place for the living to celebrate traditional African culture.

Find: “Sorrow and Joy,” and “Congregation of the Dead” historical markers, on diagonal path from 6th St. towards fountain

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President’s House Site 6th and Market Streets

Explore the stories of the enslaved servants who lived and worked here in President Washington’s household.

Find: Footprints representing a woman’s escape from slavery, located near the foundations of the home

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Franklin Court Chestnut Street between 3rd and 4th Streets

Benjamin Franklin’s household once included enslaved people yet Franklin’s last public act was signing a petition against slavery.

Find: Franklin and Slavery interactive in the Benjamin Franklin Museum (*fee applies to enter museum)