

# BETSY ROSS HOUSE

Where Our Flag Was Made

THE historic incident of the origin of the flag is one of the dramatic stories of Revolutionary days, featuring one of the more colorful women of colonial history, the widow of John Ross, upholsterer, who fell early in the Revolution. A storehouse of munitions he was guarding exploded. Betsy Ross has been pictured as the Florence Nightingale of the Revolution.

To this brick house at 328 Arch street, Philadelphia, came one day in June, 1776, a committee of Gen. George Washington, Col. George Ross, uncle of Betsy's late husband, and the wealthy Robert Morris, chairman of the secret commission on supplies for the colonial forces. They requested Betsy Ross to make the flag according to a design given her by General Washington, and which was officially adopted by the congress the following year.

The old house is a two-and-a-half story structure, 37 feet wide, with but two rooms on the ground floor. At the front was the upholstery shop, and in the rear, connected by a hallway, was the sitting room, used as a dining room on gala occasions. Beneath this was the basement kitchen, reached by a winding stairs. Bedrooms were on the second and former floors. The living room still has the large fireplace with the white mantel framed with the original blue Dutch tile; the room was originally painted blue as shown by the removal of many coats of paint.

An inch-by-inch study of the building has revealed many changes since the flag incident. The front entrance had been shifted from one side of the building to the other; a chimney and three fireplaces had been closed up; four windows had been made into doors; the original floor of the basement kitchen was found ten inches beneath the present brick flooring.

All of the original building is being carefully preserved. Thus it was discovered that six doors with original L-shaped hinges of colonial make remain; two sets of colonial shutters, of spliced wood, paneled inside, with authentic hinges were discovered on the rear of the building. Two second-story front windows and a former window were originals even to the small panes of glass.

### Flag Code Provides for Reverence to the Emblem

THE following extract from the flag code, providing for reverence to the national emblem, adopted by the National Flag Conference held in Washington in 1923 and 1924, gives the form of the salute:

"During the ceremony of hoisting or lowering the flag or when the flag is passing in a parade or in a review, all persons present should face the flag, stand at attention and salute. Those present in uniform should render the right hand salute. When not in uniform, men should remove the head-dress with the right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Women should salute by placing the right hand over the heart. The salute to the flag in the moving column is rendered at the moment the flag passes."

Adams, Jefferson Died on Fourth  
John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, both died on July 4, 1826, the fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. They were the only two signers to become President.

### The American Flag



LET INDEPENDENCE be our boast,  
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Ever grateful for the prize,  
Let its altar reach the skies!  
—From "Hail, Columbia!"

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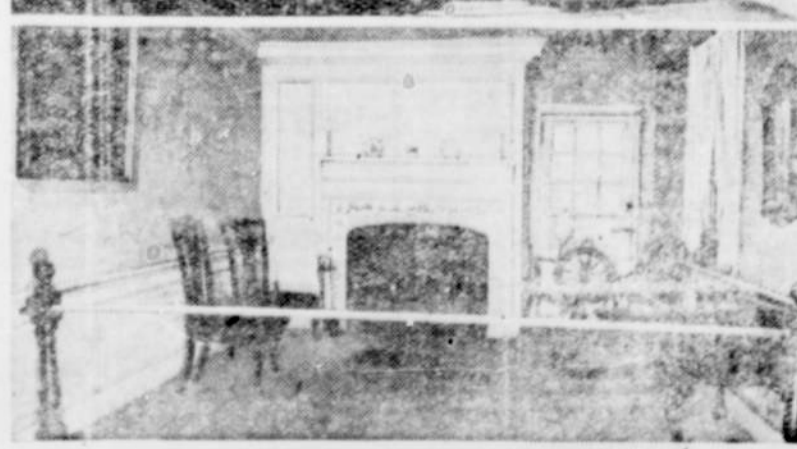
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## Where First American Flag Was Made

THE Betsy Ross House in Philadelphia, where the first American flag was made, is being restored to its colonial condition, through the generosity of A. Atwater Kent. For many years this house has been visited by thousands of tourists annually.

Falling rapidly into ruin, the dilapidated condition of the patriotic shrine was brought to Mr. Kent's attention through a newspaper article which pictured the falling plaster, the leaking roof, and general condition of disrepair.

The living room shown, still has the gorgeous fireplace with white mantel framed with the original blue Dutch tile. The room was originally decorated in blue.



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### ON THE WAY



Mr. Sport—I've just inherited another hundred thousand. Don't you think I'm a lucky dog?  
Mrs. Sharp—You'll grow to be one. You've started that way.

### OH MY!



Author—I do my best work at night.  
Editor—You must have written that poem after a heavy breakfast.

### AMERICAN LEGION AND AUXILIARY TO ELECT OFFICERS WEDNESDAY

Glenn Morrison Post No. 70 of the American Legion and the Ladies Auxiliary, will hold their annual election of officers at the next meeting, Wednesday, July 7th.

All members of both organizations are urged to be present as the officers elected will have a number of problems to handle the next year and need the support of every member.

Hartrand W. Hamilton, of Lincoln, Oregon, and Melba Anderson, of Jackson, were married at Madford and spent part of their honeymoon with Mr. Hamilton's mother, who operates the grill at the State-Line Rendezvous. The young couple will make their autumn home at Linvale.

Beulah Anderson and Frank Hedberg made a hurried business trip to Grants Pass Wednesday.

Alberta Hatley, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hatley of the Owl Cafe, went to Grants Pass Monday with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Cauble, for a few days visit, but was taken ill and was brought home with a high fever. She quickly recovered and is all right now.

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