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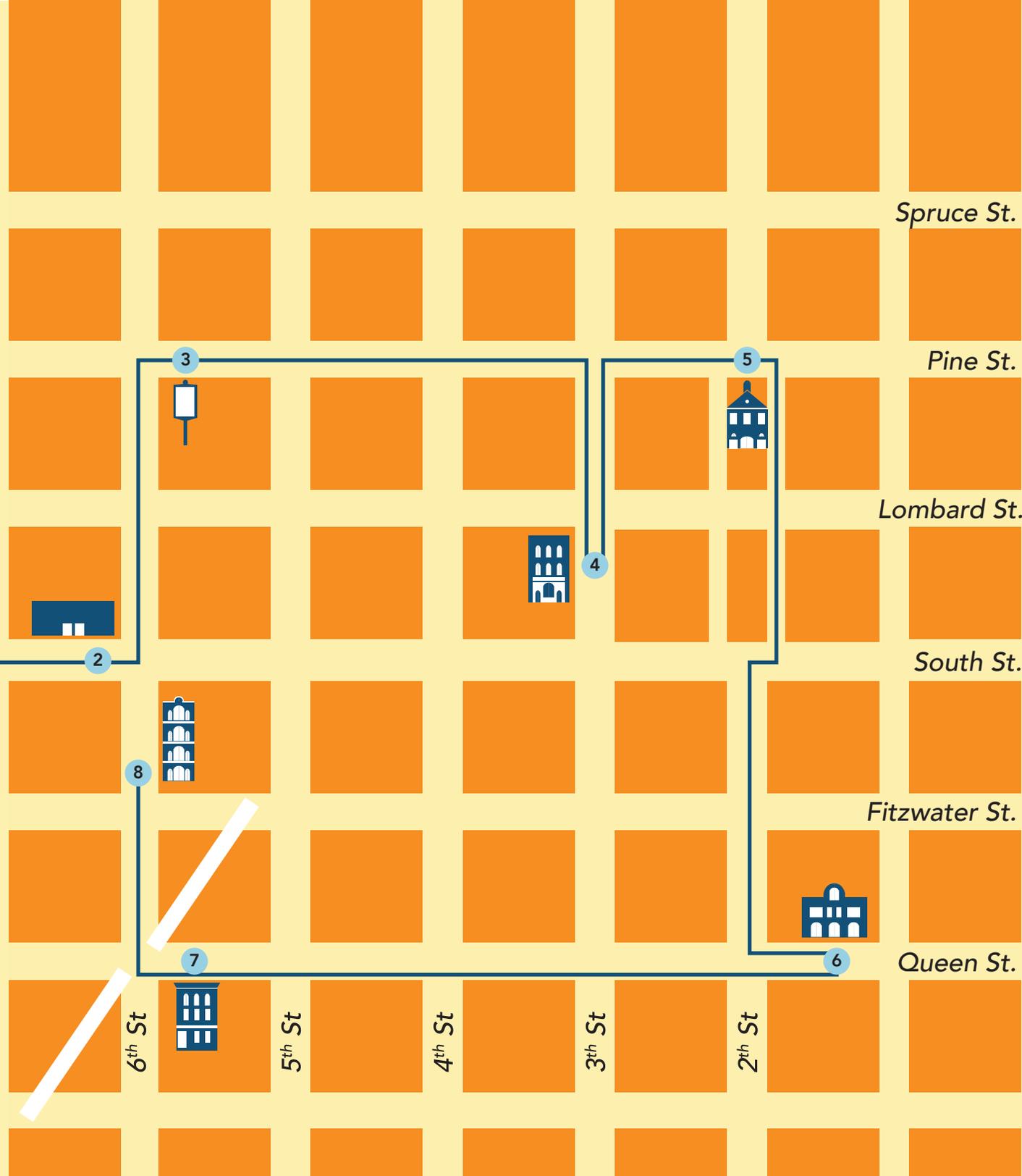
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Stephen Presco, the second black member of the Fire department, became the city's first black firefighter who died in the line of duty in 1907.



1 Old Engine 11

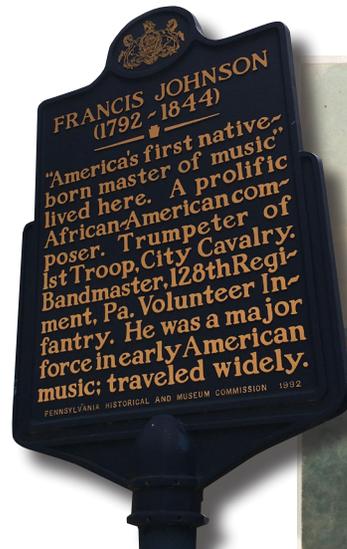
Engine 11 moved to this station in 1902, and stayed here until it moved again to its current location. Beginning around October 1918, Engine 11 became a segregated company, **the only place African-American firemen were stationed.** This lasted until February 19, 1949 when 11 African-American members were transferred to stations located throughout the city. Engine 11 remained a segregated company until 1952.

2 Engine 11

Engine 11 moved here in 1976 and remains at this location up until today. The history of the company and segregation is reflected in the beautiful **mural art** on the side of the building depicting African-American firefighters.

3 Francis Johnson

Francis Johnson (1792-1844) was an **African-American bandleader, musician, and composer.** He directed military bands and society dance orchestras, taught music, and introduced the promenade concert style to America.



Francis Johnson also wrote **music for several of the city's volunteer fire companies.**

4 Southwark Hose Company

In April 1856, the *Southwark Hose Company* bought property on this site. This hose house was built by the company and completed on September 13, 1858. The building was built to **accommodate a steam fire engine**, which was delivered in early July of 1859. The company remained at this location until placed out of service on March 15, 1871, when the paid department commenced service.

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5 Head House

In 1804, *Joseph Wetherill*, a wealthy merchant and master builder, encouraged the City of Philadelphia to erect the Head House at the north end of New Market. The Head House is a Georgian-style brick firehouse which was occupied by the *Hope Hose Company*. The building's cupola once housed a **fire bell**. This firehouse is now used as a **community center**.



What did the New Market look like, when it was all the way to South Street?



6 Engine 3

Look for the firefighter statue in front of the building. This station was built for Engine 3 in 1898 at 115-17 Queen St. The company would remain here until June 29, 1960 when they moved to their present station at Moyamensing and Washington Avenues.

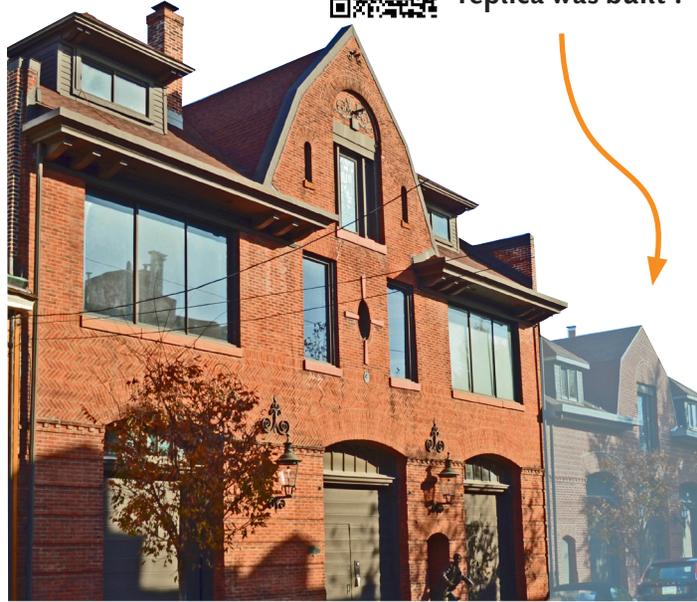
This property was bought by a private citizen who also bought the building next door, and replaced it with a smaller replica of the original building.



Prior to this location, Engine 3 was located right next door at the Weccacoe Fire Company's house at 117-19 Queen St. from 1871.



How it looked like in 1898, **before the replica was built?**



7 Marion Hose Company

This hose house was built about late 1833 to 1834, and remained in active service until the paid fire department commenced service on March 15, 1871. The hose house previously had a **steeple** which **was the tallest in the Southwark area of Philadelphia County** until *St. Peter's Church* built its steeple in 1842.

8 Hope Fire Company

This was the quarters of the *Hope Fire Company of Philadelphia* and was built in 1852. The company was instituted on November 11, 1796 and remained in active service until March 15, 1871 at this address when the paid department commenced service.

