



51a. *Fulton House, Germantown (where Fulton's Museum was established), [8500 ft., 20th St., at N.E. corner Clarkson Ave.]*

BIRTH PLACE OF ROBERT FULTON.

Robert Fulton, the improver of the steamboat, the utility of which was demonstrated in Philadelphia between 1796 and 1799, by John Fitch, was born in the township of Little Britain, (now called Fulton,) in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in 1765. His father was a native of Ireland, and a tailor; but, coming to Pennsylvania, he turned his attention to farming. Robert acquired the rudiments of a common English education, showed a talent for drawing and painting, and had some mechanical ingenuity. He came to Philadelphia at the age of seventeen, painted miniatures in the city, went to England, and was instructed by West, and there met Robert R. Livingston, under whose auspices his steamboat experiments were made. The house in Fulton Township, still standing, is a good specimen of a Pennsylvania country home before the Revolution.



51b. *Birthplace of Robert Fulton [1765-95], [Little Britain, Lancaster County.]*

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