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REV. EDW. RITCHIE IS FETED ON HIS EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY

Former Rector of St. James the Less P. E. Church, Is Congratulated by Huge Crowd of Friends, Upon Reaching Four-Score Mark in Life.—Will Be Honored by Stained Glass Window, as Thank Offering

Three hundred, or more, friends of Rev. Edward Ritchie, assembled in the church house of St. James the Less P. E. Church, 33rd and Clearfield street, last Saturday evening to offer their congratulations to the rector emeritus of the parish, who was observing his eightieth birth anniversary.

Included among the great crowd of well-wishers were Episcopal clergymen from all parts of the city and its environs. Rev. Charles Jarvis Harriman, Father Ritchie's successor at the Falls of Schuylkill church, presided at the affair and introduced the various speakers, all of whom lauded the elderly churchman, who despite his four score years retains all the vitality of a man very much his junior.

Samuel T. Wagner read aloud letters from church leaders in different parts of the country, who because of the distance, or other engagements were unable to be present, all of which praised Father Ritchie for the splendid contribution he has made for the good of mankind in the service of the church. A message, along the same lines, from Mrs. Mary A. Dobson, was also among those which were read by Mr. Wagner.

Clinton Rogers Woodruff, rector's warden of St. Clement's Church,

paid a fine tribute to the aged clergyman, with whose family the speaker was quite intimate, and spoke of the late Rev. Robert Ritchie, a brother of the man being feted, who also served as rector of St. James the Less Church.

Mr. Woodruff, who closed his little talk with a hope that the clergyman will live to see many more such birthday parties.

John Wagner, chairman of the church property committee, told of the affection that the members of the parish felt for Father Ritchie, and on their behalf presented the priest with a photograph of a large stained glass window, which is to be erected at the Church of St. James the Less, as a thank offering for the services Father Ritchie has rendered to the parishoners.

The gift was accepted by the recipient with words—according to his own phrase—that he "found difficulty in expressing". He uttered his gratitude to "those whom I have known so long," and also for the opportunity of living eighty years. Before he was able to resume his seat, little Miss Kathryn Harriman, tiny daughter of the rector of the church, walked up to Father Ritchie and handed him a huge birthday cake, bearing a single candle, which this humble scribe could not help but think, was symbolical of "one life, devoted to one purpose—the service of God."

Father Harriman voiced the appreciation of Father Ritchie and himself, for the work of the committee who had arranged the natal day fete and also to the large group of clergymen who were in attendance.

Refreshments were served and then Joseph Smith, director of the Falls Male Chorus rendered a vocal solo, which was followed by the entire assemblage singing old fashioned "rounds", as only Mr. Smith can invoke such a congregation to do, all to the great delight of everyone.

Rev. Edward Ritchie, is the son of Arthur Ritchie and Mary R. B. (Hopkins) Ritchie, and was born on May 9th, 1851, in Philadelphia.

He had three brothers, Rev. Robert Ritchie, who was for 37 years the rector of St. James the Less Church; Rev. Arthur Ritchie, the most noted of the family, who served as rector of the Church of the Ascension in Chicago, and at St. Ignatius Church in New York, and Samuel Ritchie, a layman who was a vestryman of St. Ignatius Church, New York.

Father Edward Ritchie graduated with a B. A. from the University of Pennsylvania, in 1869, and received his M. A. degree in 1872,

from the same institution. He later completed a course of studies at the General Theological Seminary, in New York, with the degree of S. T. B.

He was ordained a deacon in 1880, and as priest on June 12th, 1881, by Bishop McLaren. The golden jubilee of his ordination will take place on June 12th of this year.

In 1880 Father Ritchie served St. Stephen's Church, in Chicago; from 1881 to 1883 he was rector of St. James Church, Dundee, Illinois, and of St. John's Church, Algonquin, Illinois, serving both churches at the same time. From 1883 until 1887, and again from 1891 until 1892 he was in charge at St. Stephen's Church, Florence, N. J. The years between 1887 and 1891 he was assistant rector at the Church of the Holy Comforter in Philadelphia, and from 1892 until 1907 he was rector of St. Luke's Church, Newtown, Pa.

In 1907 he succeeded his brother, Robert, as rector of St. James the Less Church, and as such served until 1924, when he became rector emeritus, being succeeded by Rev. Charles Jarvis Harriman.

"II TROVATORE"

With silence reigning o'er the
 throng,
 The chorus swings into the song,
 Obedient to the baton's time,
 With harmony that is sublime;
 Above the sounds from virile
 throats
 Are heard full, rich, soprano
 notes,
 Which lend a beauty-tone so
 gay,
 And yet so tender, they convey
 Peace to the souls of hearers,
 mute
 As though some magic, gold-
 stringed lute
 Was being strummed within
 the hall,
 To make of each a loving thrall.
 Then slowly, to the ear, there
 comes,
 O'er all the deeper hums and
 thrums,
 A tenor strain; sweet silvery
 chord;
 To make a round, complete
 accord.
 Urged on by melody divine,
 The leader, with a skill that's
 fine,
 Brings every voice to swell the
 song—
 Draws out each note—the low,
 the strong;
 Until the glorious end's attained,
 To leave a stillness, unexplained,
 Before applause, prolonged and
 loud
 Makes all the smiling singers
 proud.

A. C. C.

Dedicated to the Falls of Schuyl-
 kill Male Chorus, Joseph Smith,
 Director.

April 9, 1932

10/24/1929

Civil War Vet To Mark 86th Birthday

Roxborough Man Has Led
Particularly Active
Life

BORN IN FALLS

Graduated From Girard Col-
lege and Enlisted in
Civil War

One of Roxborough's grandest old men will celebrate his 86th birthday on Monday of next week, and inasmuch as he is one of those who have "made history" hereabouts, we think that the readers of The Suburban Press will be pleased to learn a few facts concerning his most interesting life.

We refer to Daniel Weimer Bussinger, Sr., who makes his residence with his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Bussinger, Jr., at 478 Leverington avenue.

Mr. Bussinger was born at the Falls of Schuylkill, on Saturday, October 28th, 1843, being the youngest son of John Bussinger and Mary (Weimer) Bussinger. The family originated in Switzerland.

His father having died in his early infancy, he was admitted to Girard College, on April 1st, 1850, and remained there until November 1858, when he was apprenticed to a farmer in Washington County, Pennsylvania. He worked on the farm for nearly three years until August 1861, his patriotic fervor having become excited, he left his guardian suddenly, without any permission, and enlisted in the army. His employer caused him to be brought back, but it being found that his determination to be a soldier was unalterable, he was finally permitted to go to war, and in December of the same year, when a little more than eighteen years of age, he again enlisted at Rochester, Beaver County, Pa., and was sent to join Company "K" of the 10th Regiment of the 3rd Brigade, Pennsylvania Reserve Volunteer Corps. He continued to serve as a private soldier in this regiment until the spring of 1864, when the term of service having expired, and he himself having served two years, he re-enlisted at Manassas Junction, Va., as a veteran for the remainder of the war.

At Spottsylvania Court House, Va., on May 21st 1864, he was taken a prisoner by the Confederate troops, and sent to Libby Prison, at Richmond. Among the other prisoners he was transferred to Andersonville

FOUR SCORE AND SIX



DANIEL WEIMER BUSSINGER, Sr.

Roxborough's grand old man, who will next Monday observe his 86th birthday. Mr. Bussinger, previous to his retirement, was one of this section's most active men, having been on the Borough School and Poor Boards. In addition to being a Civil War veteran, he served as chief clerk and warden of the Eastern Penitentiary for more than 23 years.

Prison, in Georgia, arriving there on June 7th, 1864. He was confined to this military prison for some three months, and then transferred to various other prison camps in the south, until November 21st, 1864, when he was paroled and sent to Annapolis, Maryland.

It is here worthy of remark that when Henry Wirz, keeper of Andersonville prison, was tried by the Government for his cruelties to Union prisoners, Mr. Bussinger was called before the court as a witness, and his testimony was considered so important that it was re-published at the time in "Hesper's Weekly."

Upon his return from the war he settled in Germantown, and secured employment in a carpet mill, subsequently learning carpet weaving at the mills of McCallum, Grease and Sloan.

During President Grant's administration, Mr. Bussinger received an appointment at the Philadelphia Custom House, and two years later became a clerk in the Comptroller's office, under S. P. Hancock. There he remained for six years, disbursing millions of dollars, and discharging his duties with such carefulness and faithfulness as to receive the highest recommendation.

On July the fifth, 1877, he was appointed to the clerkship of the Eastern Penitentiary, which position he held until March 17th, 1900 when he was made warden of the institution, a capacity in which he served until October 3rd, 1903, when he was succeeded by Warden Robert J. McKenty.

For some twenty years, or more, he was a member of the 31st Section School Board, much of his time having been spent as its presiding officer. More than a score of years he served the poor of this district as a member of the Board of Overseers of the Poor of Roxborough. Besides being a G. A. R. man, he is a member of several fraternal orders, such as the Masons, the American Mechanics, Knights of the Golden Eagle, Knights of Pythias, representing the last named order in the Grand Lodge for several decades.

For eleven years he was a member of the choir of St. Peter's Church, in Germantown, and also served as its Sunday School superintendent.

Mr. Bussinger was married on June 23rd, 1865, to Miss Mary Upton, a daughter of Cornelius and Sarah Upton, of Germantown.

Mrs. Bussinger died on August 30th, 1911, being survived by her husband, and three sons, Daniel W. Bussinger, Jr., who is employed in the headquarters of the Philadelphia Fire Bureau at City Hall, residing at the Leverington avenue address; John R. Bussinger, of Philadelphia, and George Bussinger, of Germantown.

Mr. Bussinger enjoys the best of health and The Suburban Press, with all of his many friends extends to him the best of wishes on the observance of his natal day.

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OBSERVATIONS

Those who remember the steamboats which ran on the Schuylkill may possibly recall the names of two of the steamers, the Frederick Graff, commanded by Captain Cline, and the Washington, under the direction of Captain Green.

These boats were at all times ready to take aboard passengers on what was termed "delightfully romantic excursions." The captains were exceedingly proud of the speed and comfortable appointments of their craft.

The boats ran from Fairmount to Manayunk, the fare being 12½ cents, which—quotes the printed matter of the Company—was considerate, inasmuch as "you have a great variety of handsome and interesting scenery, a part of which is seven splendid bridges, crossing the Schuylkill and one the beautiful Wissahickon, four railroads, the Inclined Plane—this at Belmont—two extensive waterworks, one canal with its numerous boats, etc., trains of over 100 cars attached to a single engine, constantly crossing the river upon the Reading bridge."

The people of today, may not be able to observe anything beautiful or interesting in the bridges, railroads, trains of cars or waterworks, but those to whom these things were an innovation must have been fully repaid for a sightseeing trip up the Schuylkill on the steamers.

There were other boats which at a later period ran up and down the river, one, the Undine, being in commission until about 1895, after which smaller boats continued for a while, and then the service was finally disposed of.

When the coal bunker of the Queen Lane pumping station was erected, in 1916, a little yellow frame house was torn down to make room for the railroad siding.

The house stood on the east side of Ridge avenue, just below School lane, and was originally a farm house on the property of Peter Robeson.

There is a story concerning one George Miller, who once occupied the house. His physical prowess made him the terror of all evil doers. It is said that his grip was so strong that he could place an apple in each hand, hold his arms at full length and crush the apples to a pulp. He was also said to have been strong enough to lift a barrel of cider by its chimes and drink from the bung-hole.

Miller was given the credit of being the first farmer to raise sweet potatoes in the County of Philadelphia.

Jesse Evans later dwelt in the house, while he conducted a very extensive dairy on the farm.

It was the uppermost dwelling in North Penn township until 1854, when, with the consolidation, the township became a part of Philadelphia.

The meadow of the farm, which ex-

tended from the house to the Schuylkill, was deeded to Fairmount Park, by William Weightman—who had purchased the property—with the understanding that he was to be permitted to have wharfage on the river, at his lower plant.

A splendid view of the Schuylkill Valley, both up and down, can be obtained from the top of Chamounix Hill. It is impossible to convey in words appreciation of the beauty which can be seen for miles in any direction.

Across the upper Chamounix Lake is a sloping hill on which, about fifty years ago, stood a large house, occupied by a family named Pretty. The master of the house, Harry Pretty, was manager of the Washington Print Works.

The dam breast of Chamounix Lake was built about 1852 or 1853 by William Simpson, proprietor of the Print Works, which stood on the west bank of the Schuylkill, until the property was added to Fairmount Park.

During a lull in the business Mr. Simpson, instead of "laying off" his men, kept them employed building the dam breast. It is about ten feet wide at the top and spreads out to some thirty feet at the bottom, and curves toward the dam buttress style. It was built to stand forever.

It was known as Simpson's big dam, there being two smaller ones between it and the railroad. The one nearest the river has long since been destroyed by the Park Commission, to make room for a foot-path up the hill.

The dams were built to supply water for the wash and dye houses of the Print Works and also to furnish water in case of fire.

There have been many cloudbursts, which have tested the strength of the dam breast, the water sometimes pouring over the breast to a depth of six feet, but not a stone has moved. It is a wonderful piece of masonry, of which even engineers of today could feel justly proud.

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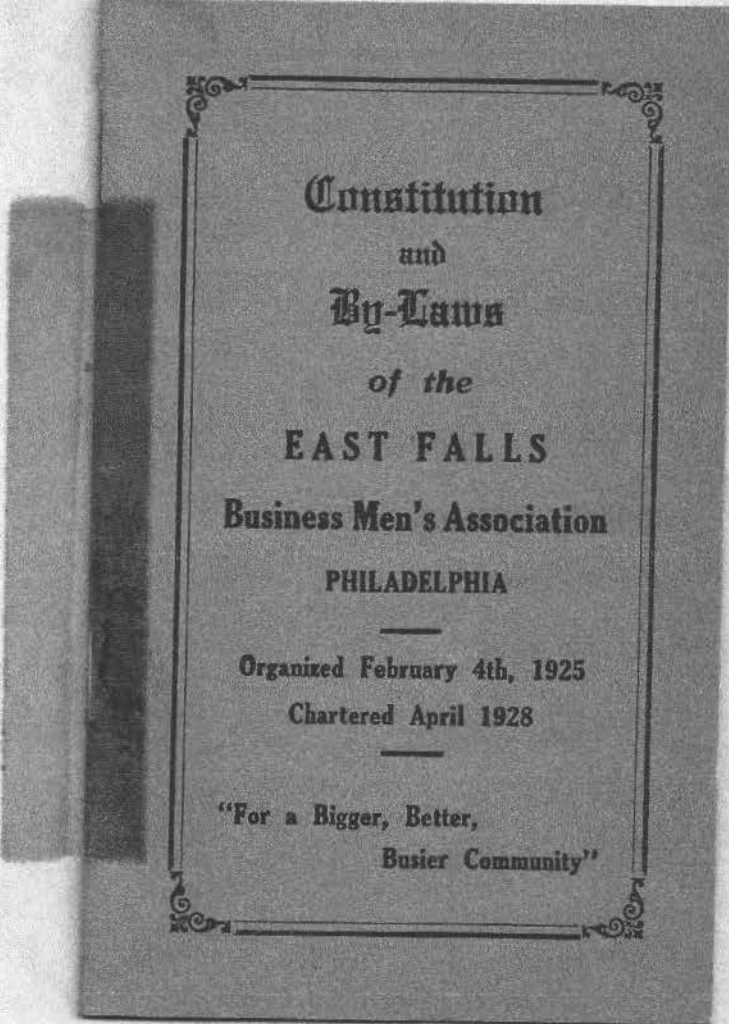
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**Constitution
and
By-Laws**

of the

EAST FALLS

Business Men's Association

PHILADELPHIA

—
Organized February 4th, 1925

Chartered April 1928
—

**"For a Bigger, Better,
Busier Community"**

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ARTICLE I.

Section 1. This Association shall be known as the EAST FALLS BUSINESS MEN'S ASSOCIATION, Inc. The term "East Falls" shall mean the territory within the district bounded by Wissahickon Avenue on the east, the Schuylkill River on the west, School House Lane on the north and having Hunting Park Avenue as its irregular southern border.

Sec. 2. Object: The purpose for which this corporation is formed is the protection and encouragement of trade and commerce among the merchants, artisans and professional men of that section of Philadelphia known as "East Falls;" the fostering of a spirit of friendship between the merchants, artisans and professional men of East Falls and the residents of East Falls, and the promotion and encouragement of civic and social affairs in the said community of East Falls.

Sec. 3. Limitation of Scope: This Association shall be non-political and non-sectarian in all of its actions, and shall take no part in, or lend its influence to, further controversies between any political or religious groups.

ARTICLE II.

Section 1. Membership: The membership shall be composed of Active and Honorary members.

(a) The active membership shall be composed of business and professional men, firms and corporations of good business standing and reputation, having a place of business in East Falls, or being a resident of East Falls and having a business elsewhere.

The dues for active members shall be \$6.00 per year, payable in advance, on a

calendar year basis. Upon the election of new members the dues shall be paid at last three (3) months in advance.

(b) **Honorary Members:** The Honorary membership shall be composed of either those who have meritoriously served the Association, or any person whose name shall bring prestige to the Association, or is actively interested in the business and social welfare of East Falls.

Honorary members will not be charged with dues, and can only be elected upon a vote at a regular meeting of the Association.

Sec. 2. Honorary members shall have the right to attend all meetings and entertainments of the Association, but shall not be entitled to vote.

Sec. 3. Applications for membership shall be on the regular form of the Association and must be presented to the Chairman of the Membership Committee, with three months' dues, so that the Committee may properly present the application to the Association for action.

Sec. 4. Proposals for memberships must be signed by one member of the Association who is in good standing; all candidates shall be elected by a vote of the Association, the majority ruling, and no proposal of the same applicant can be presented within six months.

Sec. 5. Any member who shall become in arrears one year for dues, after having received one month's notice by the Financial Secretary, may be declared suspended by a vote of the Board of Directors.

Sec. 6. A suspended member may be reinstated by a vote of the Board of Direc-

tors, on payment of all arrearages.

ARTICLE III.

Subsidiary Groups.

Section 1. Any number of members who may desire to be associated together for the purpose of promoting more effectively the special trade, industry, business or profession in which they are interested, may form a group whose rules and regulations shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of the Association, and providing that any expense shall not be at the cost of the Association.

ARTICLE IV.

Government of the Association.

Section 1. The direction of its work and the control of its property shall be vested in a Board of Directors, consisting of ten members who will be elected to serve one year each.

Sec. 2. No person shall be eligible for the office of President, Vice-president, Treasurer, Financial Secretary or Recording Secretary who at the same time holds an office or is employed by the City, County, State or Federal Government, or any elective office of the Association whose dues are not paid in full.

ARTICLE V.

Powers and Duties of Officers.

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Association and of the Board of Directors; enforce the provisions of laws and decide all questions of order (subject to appeal); cast the deciding vote in case of tie and appoint all committees and delegates not otherwise

provided for, and preserve such decorum as will facilitate the business of the meeting; sign all authorized orders drawn upon the Treasurer and checks of the Association. He may call special meetings of the Association and Board of Directors and shall do so upon the request of three members in good standing, and perform such other duties as pertain to the office.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-president to exercise all functions of the office of President during the absence or disability of the President, and such other duties as may be assigned.

Sec. 3. The Treasurer shall account for all moneys received by him and receipt therefor, and deposit in a depository selected by the Board of Directors; pay all orders drawn on the Treasury when signed by the Recording Secretary and approved by the President. He shall have custody of all moneys, securities, and documents of value to the Association. His accounts shall be audited and all moneys and securities in his custody shall be examined by a committee appointed by the President, at least once each year. His signature with that of the President or Vice-president shall be required on all checks of the Association.

Sec. 4. The Financial Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the members, their date of admission and notify them of arrearages. He will also keep an account between the Association and its members and present a written report whenever requested. He shall attest all orders drawn on the Treasurer, collect all moneys due and turn same over to the Treasurer, and perform such other financial duties as may be required by

the Board of Directors.

Sec. 5. The Recording Secretary shall keep an accurate minute of the proceedings of the Association and of the Board of Directors; issue all notices and bulletins to the members (except matters of a financial nature), and keep a correct list of the members and their addresses.

Sec. 6. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to have general supervision of the affairs of the Association. They shall meet at least once a year, upon a date and time by them appointed, or at the call of the President, to transact such business as may be brought before them. Five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. They shall fill vacancies which may occur among their number, the same to serve for the balance of the unexpired term, and shall render a report of their meeting at the next regular meeting of the Association. They shall have power to make By-Laws for their government, provided the same be not inconsistent with the provisions of the Constitution. They shall have power to change the date of meeting. They shall have power to employ such assistance to the Secretary and other officers as they deem necessary.

ARTICLE VI.

Removal of Officers.

Any officer may be removed from his office for conduct unbecoming to his station; for absenting himself from three consecutive meetings, unless his absence is satisfactorily accounted for, or inattention to the duties appertaining to his office, or acceptance of any public office. He shall in all cases be entitled to a fair trial and a majority vote

of members present shall be necessary for his removal; provided, however, that such officer has been notified at least two weeks prior to the time his case is acted upon.

ARTICLE VII.

Nominations.

Section 1. Nominations for officers shall be made at the regular stated meeting in December, and the election shall take place at the regular stated meeting in January thereafter. Immediately following the election, the retiring officers will be permitted to address the members, the retiring president introducing the incoming officer, who will immediately take charge of the meeting.

No nominations shall be made on the night of the election, except to fill the ticket to the required number to be voted for.

Sec. 2. All elections shall be conducted by ballot. Active members, whose dues are paid in full to the night of the election, only, are permitted to vote.

Sec. 3. The election of officers shall be conducted in the following manner:

(a) President shall appoint a judge, two tellers and a clerk, who shall have sole charge of the election.

(b) At the regular election of officers, the Secretary shall furnish the judge and tellers a correct list of all members entitled to vote.

(c) Each firm and corporation holding a membership shall be entitled to one vote which may be voted by any member thereof.

(d) The clerk shall make out a true statement of the vote cast and give the names to the judge, who shall declare aloud the result of the ballot.

ARTICLE VIII.

Meetings of the Association.

Section 1. The regular stated meetings of the Association shall be held on the first Tuesday evening of each month, except August. The time of the regular stated meeting shall be according to the judgment of the officers and Board of Directors.

Sec. 2. Special meetings of the Association may be called by the President, and must be called upon the request of three members in good standing. The business transacted at special meetings shall be confined to the subject stated in the call.

Sec. 3. No proxies shall be allowed at any election or meetings of the Association.

Sec. 4. Ten members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE IX.

Committees.

The President shall, as soon as convenient after his election, appoint the standing committees, which shall consist of not more than twenty-five, nor less than three members each, and the duties shall be prescribed in the By-Laws. The members of all standing committees shall serve for one year or until their successors are appointed unless otherwise removed.

ARTICLE X.

Expulsion.

If any member is charged by another, in writing addressed to the President, Secretary, or Board of Governors, with conduct injurious to the objects and purposes of the Association, or at variance with its Charter, By-Laws, or Rules, the Board of Directors

shall inform him in writing, enclosing a copy of the charges, and set apart a time for examination, at which time the accuser and the accused shall be requested to be present; and if the Board of Directors shall be satisfied of the truth of the charges and that the same demands such action, he shall be suspended or expelled by a majority vote. All rights and interests of said member in the property of the Association shall cease when membership is terminated.

ARTICLE XI.

Resignations.

The resignation of a member may be accepted, when submitted in writing, accompanied by a certificate from Financial Secretary of non-indebtedness to the Association.

ARTICLE XII.

Amendments to the Constitution.

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any stated meeting, but no amendment shall be voted upon unless it shall have been submitted in writing, signed by at least three members, one month before being considered, and written notification of same sent to each member.

Sec. 2. The same amendment, either in form or substance, to this Constitution shall not be twice proposed within three months.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I.

At the regular stated meetings of the Association the order of business shall be as follows:

1. Reading of minutes of last regular meeting and of any special meeting.
2. Report of Treasurer, and Financial Secretary.
3. Bills and communications.
4. Election of new members.
5. Unfinished business.
6. Report of Standing Committees.
7. Report of Special Committees.
8. New business.
10. Adjournment.

ARTICLE II.

Meetings.

The regular monthly meeting of the Association shall be held on the first Tuesday evening of each month, at 8.30 o'clock, except the month of August.

ARTICLE III.

Section 1. The Standing Committees shall be Municipal, Public Entertainment, Membership, Regatta and Sports, Law, Finance, Transportation, Business Building, Publicity, Audit, Advertising, Health, Business Education, and a Board of Stewards.

Municipal.

Sec. 2. The Municipal Committee shall take action on all matters where municipal co-operation is required.

Public Entertainment.

The Public Entertainment Committee will have charge of all social events which are staged by the Association for public or private participation.

Membership.

The Membership Committee shall devise methods and make special efforts to increase the membership of the Association and shall

pass on all applications prior to the same being submitted to the Association.

Regatta and Sports Committee.

This committee shall be composed of a chairman, a treasurer and a secretary and as many members as are deemed necessary. It shall have complete charge of the Annual East Falls Regatta, and all events of an athletic nature which are staged by the Association.

Law Committee.

All legal matters pertaining to the Association will be in the hands of this committee.

Finance Committee.

The action to be taken on arrearages of dues and on all matters of a financial nature which the President, Treasurer and Financial Secretary deem necessary will be conducted by this committee.

Transportation.

Any matter concerning transportation or transportation lines in East Falls shall be considered and acted upon by this committee.

Business Building Committee.

Special efforts will be made by this committee to encourage a spirit of "shop at home" and to bring more and better business to the members of the Association.

Publicity.

The duty of this committee shall be to disseminate such information as seems expedient to the general public, so that the benefits to the community which are brought about by the Association may be publicly known.

Audit Committee.

Once each year it will be the duty of the members of this committee to examine and audit the books of the Treasurer and the Financial Secretary.

Advertising Committee.

This committee shall consist of four members, and whenever possible shall live in different sections of East Falls. Their duty shall consist of issuing letters to worthy individuals or organizations canvassing advertisements of any nature, so that the members of the Association may not be imposed upon by spurious canvassers for publications which are valueless as advertising mediums. Applicants for letters should be questioned regarding the purpose of the publication and at the discretion of the committee shall be judged for the value of the advertisement.

Members of the Association are requested not to advertise in a publication which has not been passed upon by this committee.

Health Committee.

Whenever possible this committee should be composed of physicians who are members of the Association, and will act on all matters relative to the health of the community.

Business Education.

It shall be the duty of this committee to arrange to have a speaker, or speakers, of prominence at each meeting, so that the members of the Association may receive education along other lines of business than that in which they are personally interested.

Board of Stewards.

This board shall provide a luncheon for the members who attend each meeting, the expenses to be borne by the Association.

Sec. 3. No expense shall be incurred by any of the above committees, except in the case of the Board of Stewards, which has special authority, without first having the approval of the Board of Directors and the Finance Committee.

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ARTICLE V.

Special Committees.

All committees appointed for special purposes shall report their proceedings verbally at each meeting, except when a definite time has been named for making a report, and then final report shall be made in writing and given to the Association with all papers. No expenses shall be incurred without first having the approval of the Board of Directors and the Finance Committee.

ARTICLE VI.

Change of Address.

Members shall notify the Recording Secretary of any change of address; otherwise notices sent to the last address shall be deemed sufficient.

ARTICLE VII.

These By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of the Association at any stated meeting, but no amendment shall be voted upon until it shall have been submitted in writing, signed by at least three members, one month before being considered, and notification sent to each member.

Respectfully submitted by,

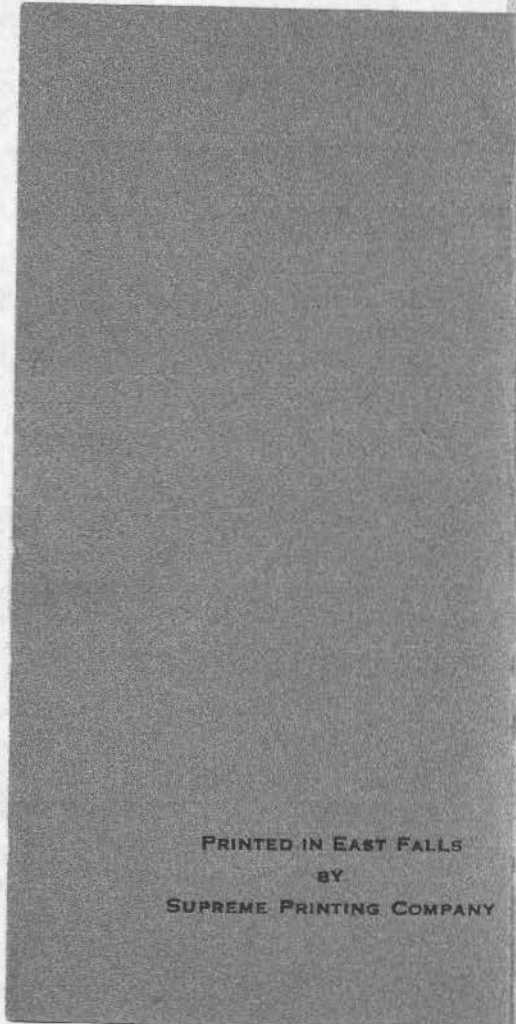
1928 Law Committee, instructed to prepare a Constitution and set of By-Laws.

- JOSEPH J. DOYLE, Chairman
- CLARENCE E. BLACKBURN
- A. C. CHADWICK, JR.
- DR. BERNARD KLEBANOFF
- WESLEY FOSTER
- DR. WILLIAM B. RUBIN
- P. J. KELLEY

Final reading and adoption, January 8th, 1929.

A. C. Chadwick, Jr., Secy.

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Business Men Organize

Bright Outlook for the Falls.

About forty prominent business men and property owners of the Falls of Schuylkill, met in Odd Fellows' Hall, on last evening, and with an enthusiasm which bodes a bright future for the business interests and general improvement of the Falls of Schuylkill, organized a "Business Men's Improvement Association." Councilman Chas. L. Dykes in response to whose call the meeting took place, called the meeting to order. A temporary organization with P. M. Dollard, as chairman, and J. W. Flanagan, secretary, was followed by affecting a permanent organization with Alexander Humphreys as president, John H. Costello vice-president, J. W. Flanagan secretary, and John R. Scott treasurer. A committee consisting of Edwin I. Stearn, Dr. C. K. Rowe, P. M. Dollard, C. L. Dykes and B. E. Dowdall was appointed on organization. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday evening April 16.

4/9/1930

McFarland Elected For Third Time

East Falls Business Men's Association Holds Annual Election

FIRSCHING, SECRETARY

Skrobanek Will Represent Falls in All-Philadelphia Council

William B. McFarland was elected president of the East Falls Business Men's Association for the third consecutive time at a meeting held at the Commercial National Bank and Trust Company, Ridge and Midvale avenues, on Tuesday evening.

Other officers who were named were P. J. Kelley, vice president; Alfred E. Sowden, treasurer; Frederick Strenger, financial secretary, and Henry C. Firsching, recording secretary.

Mr. Kelley is also entering his third term; Mr. Sowden holds the record for continuous service, in starting his fifth year. Strenger is another hold over officer, he having already completed two terms. Mr. Firsching, the recording secretary, succeeds A. C. Chadwick, Jr., who served for four years.

The directors, who were elected are: A. F. Skrobanek, David Borland, Bernard Klebanoff, Thomas Hurley, Frederick Eisbrenner, Walter A. Costello, Martin A. O'Rourke, A. C. Chadwick, Jr., Wesley Foster and James T. Fiedler.

The delegates and alternates to the United Business Men's Association will be Martin A. O'Rourke, George Magill, Melvin Perlish, Alfred E. Sowden, Morris Adelman, Wesley Foster, Charles J. McCusker, P. J. Kelley, Max Kersun and Thomas Hurley.

A. F. Skrobanek and William B. McFarland, were named to represent the Association on the All-Philadelphia Council of the Chamber of Commerce.

The treasurer was authorized to send the Greater Women's Medical College Hospital, a check for \$300, thus completing the Association's first \$500 payment on the \$1500 it subscribed to the hospital fund.

David Borland, chairman of the auditing committee submitted a noteworthy report on the financial condition of the Association and the Annual New Year's Entertainment, which was held at Pelestine Hall, last night, constituted the greater part of the discussion of the evening.

4/12/1928

FALLS ASSOCIATION TO BE CORPORATION

Application for Charter Indicative of Progressive Spirit of Organization

TEXT OF APPLICATION

But another evidence of the progressive and forceful spirit of the East Falls Business Men's Association is the determination of that body to incorporate and to assure the proportions of an honest-to-goodness, full grown businessmen's organization. The incorporation of such an association is always a wise move. It breeds confidence, indicates permanency and gives itself a respectable tangibility. Following is a legal notice concerning the contemplated step. It is self explanatory, and is printed herewith in full:

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
NUMBER 4,
COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA.

MARCH TERM, 1928, NO. 7229
Notice is hereby given that an Application be made to the above Court, on Monday, April 30, 1928, at 10 o'clock A. M., under the "Corporation Act of 1874" of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the supplements thereto, for the charter of an intended corporation to be called the East Falls Business Men's Association. The purpose and objects for which the Association is organized are the protection and encouragement of trade and commerce among the merchants, artisans and professional men of that section of Philadelphia known as "East Falls;" the fostering of a spirit of friendship between the merchants, artisans and professional men of East Falls and the residents of East Falls; and the promotion and encouragement of civic and social affairs in the said Community of East Falls, and for these purposes to have and possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of the said Act of Assembly and its supplements.

The proposed charter is now on file in the Prothonotary's office.

JOSEPH J. DOYLE
SOLICITOR

1328 CHESTNUT STREET

Suburban Press 11/27/1930

The Dobson School

Shades of Oliver P. Ely!

The spirit of the late principal of the old Forest School—now the Samuel Breck—in East Falls, we imagine, will be stalking around the new Dobson School, at Umbria and Wright streets, when the dedication exercises take place there, on Friday evening of next week, prepared to give a loud guffaw, as the name of East Falls' great opponent of child labor is bestowed on a Manayunk educational centre.

However, if the East Falls' taxpayer who has children attending the antiquated and dangerous Breck School, who claims to be interested in obtaining the facilities his or her offspring is entitled to, wants to learn something of what a modern public school looks like, and would hear first-hand figures as to the cost of the same, from William Rowen, president of the Board of Public Education, they will be present at the Dobson School, on the evening of December 5th.

Suburban Press
12/11/1930

Dobson School Dedicated by Educators

Child-Training Authorities
Present at Formal
Opening

PORTRAIT UNVEILED

Rowen Tells Why School
Was Named For Textile Man

With its beautiful auditorium crowded to capacity, by residents of the 21st Ward and the Falls of Schuylkill, the new James Dobson Public School, at Umbria and Hermitage streets, Manayunk, was formally dedicated by the Board of Public Education, on Friday night of last week.

Howard A. Lukens, a member of the 21st Ward School Visitors' Association, presided at the exercises, which were arranged by Principal Howard B. Gladfelter, and the city's school leaders. The music was furnished by the Everett Trio, and several delightful vocal selections were rendered by the Falls Male Chorus, under the direction of Joseph Smith and contralto numbers sung by Miss Grace F. Wolfenden, a pupil of the Schuylkill School, which formerly occupied the site on which the new building has been erected. The pupils of the school, conducted by Miss Lor-

etta McCosker, also had a part on the program by singing several songs. They were accompanied on the piano by Miss Elizabeth Hardman.

Rev. Elias B. Baker, pastor of the Ebenezer Methodist Episcopal church, of Manayunk, asked the invocation, at the opening of the ceremonies.

Milton C. Cooper, superintendent of School District No. 8, cited a few facts concerning the previous history of the school at Umbria and Hermitage streets, and introduced Mr. Lukens, as the presiding officer of the evening, who always enacts that sort of a role with a grace that is pleasing to everyone.

Mr. Lukens lost no time in presenting William Rowen, president of the Board of Education, who, getting his cue from Mr. Cooper, gave out some statistics, gleaned from the Board's files, pertaining to the beginning of public education in North Manayunk. He also

gave out his usual report of the costs of the building, which for the Dobson School, were as follows:

Building Costs	
General Contract	\$385,283.00
Plumbing	7,000.00
Heating	39,900.00
Ventilation	1,332.00
Electrical Equipment ..	15,784.00

Total Building Costs ..	449,299.00
Add. Ground Bought ..	65,000.00
School Equipment	11,000.00

Total Cost of School \$525,299.00
To these figures the president of the Board added the payroll of the principal and his staff, at \$44,500 per annum, and that of the engineering and janitorial force, at \$5,412.

The building, which contains 28 rooms, is of vitrified brick and conforms in architec-

ture to the Shawmont Public School, which was dedicated about one year ago.

Mr. Rowen emphasized the fact that the name of James Dobson had not been bestowed upon the new school, before it was apparent that the entire membership of the Board of Education had agreed on the matter. He told of his personal memories of the late textile manufacturer, and his activities, and of the beliefs, of the school authorities, who have erected the monument in perpetuation of his name.

Several members of the Dobson family occupied seats near the stage of the auditorium.

Presiding officer Lukens announced that the two large silk flags, gracing the platform of the auditorium—one an American national emblem, and the other the Dobson School flag—were the gifts of Mrs. James Dobson, the widow of the man for whom the school has been named. A large Bible, was also presented to the school by the deceased manufacturer's wife, who last March celebrated her ninety-ninth birthday.

James Dobson Altemus, a grandson of James Dobson, expressed the pleasure he experienced in the Board's action in having given his ancestor's name to the school, as he unveiled a remarkably well-executed oil painting of Mr. Dobson. The likeness, which hangs in a conspicuous place in the school auditorium, has beneath it a bronze marker, which reads as follows:

JAMES DOBSON
1837—1926

Falls of Schuylkill, Phila.

Presented in Loving Memory
By His Grandchildren and
Great Grandchildren.

"We Learn by Experience"

Charles A. Flanagan, president of the 21st Ward Parents Public School Association, captivated the entire audience when he started off his address with a couple of humorous stories, that placed his hearers in a good mood to listen intently to his remarks, concerning his own schooldays in the neighborhood; the public school system, which has wrought wonders in breaking down racial prejudices; and the same institution's great strides in creating Americanism to the nth degree.

Past Commander Thomas H. A. Turner, of Hattal Taylor Post, No. 333 Veterans of Foreign Wars, on behalf of the 21st Ward veterans, presented a large American flag to the school. In his brief, but pointed talk, the ex-service man told of his organization's interest in the youth of the Nation, and that its purpose was to continually strive to place a love of home and country in the hearts of the younger generation. In closing he offered the flag, as a symbol that the children could gaze on and remember, as they advanced in life.

The banner was received by the Board of Education, represented by Principal Gladfelter, who expressed the appreciation of the Board, the pupils of Dobson School, and himself for the gifts with the promise to always endeavor to inculcate into the hearts of the scholars a fervent love of country.

Following the closing number by the Falls Male Chorus, Mr. Lukens declared the exercises had come to a close.

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RE-ELECT OFFICERS FOR ANOTHER TERM

Members of the Breck Home and School Association, held a fine meeting at the Samuel Breck Public School, Krall and Crawford streets, last Thursday evening, when addresses were made by Mrs. Bessie Dobson Altemus Eastman, William B. McFarland and Wayne Hawk.

Old pictures and papers of the Falls of Schuylkill were shown, adding to the entertainment and pleasure of the evening.

At the election of officers the following members were again chosen to lead the organization: President Harry Blinkh; vice president, Mrs. William Ferguson; secretary, Mrs. Charles Wilcox, and treasurer, Mrs. Lynnford Neely.

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Inquirer 1/25/1930



GEORGE DAVIS

Writer of the valedictory to be delivered at the graduation exercises of the January class of Roxborough High School.

Dedication Exercises at Shawmont

Building to Be Formally Opened on December
Seventeenth

ROWEN WILL SPEAK

Miss Heidinger, Principal,
Invites Entire Ward's
People to Attend

After having been completed for almost a year, the formal dedication exercises of the new Shawmont School at Shawmont avenue and Eva street, will be held on Tuesday evening, December 17th, with an elaborate program arranged by Miss Blanche L. Heidinger, the principal and the officers of the Board of Education.

Although the school serves only the upper portion of the 21st Ward, Miss Heidinger is anxious to have as many residents as possible of Roxborough, Manayunk and Wissahickon attended the opening service.

The building which is of magnificent proportions, has architectural lines which are a delight to those who behold them, and contains the very last word in equipment and convenient and healthful facilities for the training of the children of the elementary grades.

Milton C. Cooper, District Superintendent of Schools, will preside at the dedication exercises, with music being provided by the Shawmont Glee Club, Mrs. Florence Brehm, Miss Edith Williams, Benjamin R. and William E. Marley, and the Sons of Veterans' Bugle and Drum Corps.

Dr. J. Foster Wilcox, of the Roxborough Baptist church, will ask the invocation; addresses will be made by William Rowen, President of the Board of Public Education; Dr. Edwin C. Broome, Superintendent of Public Schools, and Charles A. Flanagan, of the 21st Ward Parents Public School Association. Rev. Frank G. Bossert of the Roxborough Presbyterian church will pronounce the benediction.

—There is said to be but six or seven men living at the Falls who attended day school in the Old Academy, before the Public School was erected; they are Joseph Johnson, Peter Shronk, Hugh Scott, Charles K. Sorber, Adam Mettinger, Jacob Hess and Joseph B. Walker. Of the large majority a few survive in other places and fill high positions of trust and honor. The others have long since gone to their reward.

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MOMENT MUSICAL CLUB ENJOYS MASQUERADE



Snapped by Godfrey Hundredmark, the above picture shows the amateur actors at the height of the evening's pleasure. From left to right, on the top row are: James Lawson, Theodore Pfiaumer, Walter Hall, Anna Kuklick, Grace Smith, Mrs. Evelyn Myers. Spark Plug conceals Gladys Smith and Lena Briggs, who appeared in this joint costume. On the second row are: Marie Holton, Teresa Schofield, Mrs. Norman Woolley, Elizabeth Towers, Mrs. Albert Lightower, Mr. Lightower, John Coyle, Lottie Tregga and Emily Mainwaring. In the foreground are Norman Woolley, Alice Mainwaring, Frank Benham and Director Charles Call. In the background are the judges, Theodore Mackenzie, Mrs. William Costello and A. C. Chadwick, Jr.

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1/9/1930

RECALLS OLD DRAMATIC COMPANY

An old Wissahickon resident was reminiscing the other day and asked one of The Press representatives if he remembered the old Ionic Dramatic Company which existed in that section back in 1904.

It was at that time being re-organized, with the well-known veteran manager and actor, William E. Stewart as its guiding star. The company was made up principally of members of St. Stephen's P. E. church, with its headquarters being in the Parish House.

The officers of the club were: President, Charles B. Palmer; vice president, Robert Hams; secretary, Miss Alma Jean Thomas; treasurer, Miss Nellie Watson; stage manager and director, William E. Stewart; assistant manager and director, Charles B. Palmer; property manager, John Marriott, and costumer, Mrs. Robert Hams.

The Ionic Dramatic Company was patronized by quite a following of influential townspeople, many of whom acted as honorary members, and the group presented none but drama and comedy of the highest type.

9/25/1913

Permit Granted for Film Picture Theatre

A permit was granted for the erection of a moving picture theatre, 86x76 feet, at the northwest corner of Midvale avenue and Frederick street, for Helen Collier, at a cost of \$10,000. The building will be of brick, with galvanized iron trimmings, and will have a seating capacity of 499. Joseph Seim and Co., contractors.

01/25/1913

Vaudeville Theatre for Manayunk

A vaudeville theatre, to be called "The Empress," will be erected on the site of the old Hotel Liebert at 4439-41 Main street, Manayunk. The playhouse will cost \$100,000 and will seat about 2000 persons.

The Manayunk Realty Company will own and operate the theatre. Charles O. Kruger is president of the company and James J. Springer is secretary and treasurer.

Janet Gaynor was born on Wister st., Germantown, twenty-two years ago. At the age of eight she moved to Chicago with her mother, Mrs. Harry C. Jones, and her stepfather. Miss Gaynor came to Philadelphia in June, 1928, to visit scenes of her childhood and relatives.

Miss Gaynor had the leading feminine roles in the motion pictures, "The Return of Peter Grimm," "Seventh Heaven," "Sunrise," "Street Angel," "The Four Devils," and "Lucky Star."

3/20/1930

ANNOUNCES ENGAGEMENT

Mr. Bernard Solomon, 1642 North Marshall street, last Sunday, announced the engagement of his daughter, Miss Selma Solomon, to Max Kersun, son of Mr. and Mrs. Myer Kersun, of Indian Queen lane, East Falls. Miss Solomon is employed as assistant booker of the Warner-Equity Theatres and Mr. Kersun, is associated with his father in the hardware business at Ridge and Midvale avenues.

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Will Mark 41st Anniversary

Forty one years ago in March of 1890 the business now conducted as the East Falls Lumber Company was founded by the late Dr. Max Wiehle, John Martin, Joseph Bender and William C. Loffelhardt in what was then known as the "Old Brewery" located on the site now occupied by the East Falls Station of the Reading Railroad.

William Loffelhardt, of Queen lane is the sole survivor of the founders.

When the new East Falls Station of the Reading Railroad was erected the East Falls Lumber Company moved its coal yard to Queen lane and Wiehle street where it is still located, under the management of Mr. Loffelhardt.

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WED AT MEDIA

William J. McKeon, 5604 Baynton street, Germantown, obtained a license to marry Mary A. Tresman 3626 Fisk avenue, at the Delaware County Court House, on Monday of this week.

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BEING CONGRATULATED

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Smith, of 3449 Cresson street, East Falls, are being congratulated on the birth of a daughter, last Thursday. The little lady, who will hereafter be known as Mary Eileen, was born in the Memorial Hospital. Both the babe and its mother are progressing nicely.

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Catholic See Has 124th Birthday

Philadelphia Diocese Is Second Oldest Bishopric in America

REV. EGAN, 1st BISHOP

See Had But Four Churches When First Established

The Catholic diocese of Philadelphia will be 124 years old next Tuesday. It is the second oldest bishopric in America, that of Baltimore, which celebrates its one hundred and twenty-sixth anniversary this spring, being slightly its senior. In 1805 a Catholic bishop was appointed at Baltimore, whose diocese then embraced the entire country, but in two years the Catholic population had grown so large that it was decided to divide the country into separate sees. That of Philadelphia, including Pennsylvania and New Jersey, was the first to be established and Rev. Michael Egan was made the first bishop.

Since then there have been one cardinal, three bishops and two archbishops of Philadelphia. Bishop Egan was prelate from 1808 to 1814; Bishop Henry Cromwell from 1814 to 1862, and Bishop John N. Neumann from then until 1860, when he died. Bishop James Frederick Wood, who succeeded him, was made an Archbishop, and his see was raised to an archdiocese. After Archbishop Wood's death in 1883 the venerable prelate Archbishop, Patrick John Ryan, succeeded to the office and after his demise Cardinal Dougherty became leader of the diocese.

In 1808 there were in Philadelphia four churches, St. Joseph's, St. Mary's Holy Trinity and St. Augustine's and one orphan asylum, St. Joseph's so that one may have a good idea of the growth of the Catholic faith in this section of the country.

4/30/1931

Lived Half Century In One Dwelling

A celebration was held at the Drobble homestead, at Leverington avenue and Mitchell street, last week, by the two surviving members of the family, in honor of the 50th year that the family has been enscensed in the same dwelling.

The sisters, Misses Gertrude and Catherine Drobble, are the only residents of Leverington avenue, who can claim the honor of residing so long in the one house. Since 1881 they have been observing this section of Roxborough growing from farmland into the residential neighborhood which it is at present.

"It seems but yesterday, when Bernard's meadow was a grazing ground for a herd of cows. The Allison farm, on the site of the Bennett Plush Mills, was another familiar place," said the women. "We had a large family, but time and illness laid a heavy hand on us, Death claiming many of our kin, in the last few years.

"We are ardent readers of THE SUBURBAN PRESS and greatly enjoy the "Do You Remember" column and the stories which flow from the pen of John M. Sickinger. The latter often brings back to our memories times that we knew in our girlhood. He recalls the names of many one-time leading citizens, who have "Gone On," who would be seldom mentioned otherwise."

6/16/1904

A PRETTY JUNE WEDDING.

Father Breen Performs the Ceremony.

A very pretty wedding took place in St. Bridget's Church, June the 8th, the bride being Miss Hattie Gabel and the groom, Mr. Louis Buck, of Roxborough. Miss Clara Gabel, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, and Mr. William O'Donnell acted as best man. The bride looked beautiful in a gown of white silk with a long tulle veil and carried a large bouquet of bridal roses. The bridesmaid wore a white Paris muslin and carried a bouquet of roses. The ceremony was performed by Rev. John Breen, it being his first marriage ceremony. There was a reception tendered the happy couple in the evening at the home of the bride where they received many beautiful presents.

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HISTORIAN TELLS OF WISSAHICKON

Text of Paper Read Before
Wissahickon Valley His-
torical Society

ON LOWER WISSAHICKON

Prepared and read to the members
of the Wissahickon Historical Society,
February 24, 1928.

By A. C. Chadwick, Jr.

Historians have, as yet, been unable to disclose the name of the first white discoverer of the Wissahickon, which flows through what Baedeker has so appropriately termed "a miniature Alpine gorge." It is quite possible that it was visited by some inquisitive Swede of the 17th century, perhaps by Peter Lindstrom, who when he was twenty-two years of age, obtained permission to visit America to collect all the information that he could concerning the land of New Sweden on the Delaware river.

Lindstrom explored both banks of the Delaware, from Trenton Falls to the Capes, and entered into every little stream that flowed into the river and its tributaries, making soundings and charting courses for coming navigators and noting the possibilities for agricultural and commercial development. It is an established fact that the Swedish pioneer reported that the land along the Schuylkill river, in the vicinity of the mouth of the Wissahickon, was very fine, and "occupied by the most intelligent savages."

There were comparatively few Swedes here, at the time, but that there was an abundance of Nature's gifts for their comfort and sustenance was set forth by Lindstrom when his reports were sent home.

The rocky formation which prevented commercial navigation on the

gomery County line. The Wissahickon Turnpike Company owned the road and collected toll, until with the rest of the valley it became a part of Fairmount Park in 1869.

The earliest industrial plants to utilize the power of the creek were two. One known at different times as "The Bolting Mill," "the Roxborough Mill," "The Wissahickon Mill," and finally "The Robeson Mill," and the other the familiar Rittenhouse mill, which was located farther up the stream. An old deed, recorded in 1686, stated that John Townsend, a millwright, and Robert Turner became the owners of three and one half acres of land, close to the mouth of the creek. This, on July 11, 1691, together with "the house, saw and grist mill, thereon" they sold to Andrew Robeson. Therefore the lower mill was built some time within the five years which elapsed between 1686 and 1691. The upper mill, that of Rittenhouse, is supposed to have been erected in 1690, but some historians advance the date 1698. And so it is still a moot question as to which of the plants came into existence first.

Andrew Robeson subsequently acquired about 500 acres of land, in the vicinity, becoming the owner of a tract known as Sumach Park, which extended from the Schuylkill river to what is now Wissahickon avenue, and from School House lane on the southeast, to a boundary a short distance northwest of the creek. A great part of Robeson's old holding is now included in the property under control of the Park Commission.

The walls of the building, now a part of Barnes Garden, which is located at the junction of Ridge avenue and the Wissahickon Drive, are the original ones which Andrew Robeson built for his home in the early part of the 18th century. The form of the old hip roof which was originally shingled, can still be seen, but the recently added porches and other enclosures conceal the beauty of outline which the structure once possessed.

At one time the Robeson Mill came under the ownership of John Vandaren, for it is known that at the

1850, when it was occupied by William Mintzer.

A narrow stone bridge gave access to the property. It had a narrow arch and pointed walls, to keep the traveler from falling into the creek. Sometimes it became damaged by the rise of the water in the stream, and once or twice was nearly washed away. The old dam under the railroad bridge, over which the water splashed in wild confusion, formed a log-storage pond for a saw mill which stood at the confluence of the Wissahickon creek and the Schuylkill river, on the northwest bank of the creek. On the other side of the turnpike were a wheelwright and blacksmith shop, which have been recently torn down to make way for a modern automobile service station.

The Robeson saw mill, Amos Jones' rolling mill, the State in Schuylkill Fishing Club and the Philadelphia Canoe Club have all used the old building which is known as Colony Castle, at the mouth of the creek. It was the first cut nail factory in America, and with all the other old mills was operated by water power. In 1869 the city purchased it and added the ground and building to the Fairmount Park property.

But to get back to the original Robeson Grist Mill. In 1795, when the property had come back into the Robeson family, Peter Robeson entertained the Duke de la Rochefoucault, Liencourt, a Frenchman who visited this region and subsequently recorded his observations in book form. This gentleman's narrative pictures living conditions and farming and business methods of the late 18th century.

One of the Duke's notations reads: "On the 20th of April, 1795, Caleb Downes and myself set out on horseback from Philadelphia, through Ridge road, on our way to Norristown. This road, like all other roads in Pennsylvania, is very bad, for provision is brought to that city from all parts, on large and heavily laden wagons. The constant passing of these wagons destroys the roads, especially near the town, when several of them meet. The road is almost impassable. Two miles from the city Ridge road inter-

the wagons into the granary, which is very small and the corn lies in heaps, the several rooms being low, dark and dirty. Roberson grinds yearly 45,000 to 50,000 bushels of corn, which he procures from Virginia and New York, and some is even brought from the upper parts of Pennsylvania. There are, however, so many mills along the Schuylkill that he receives but little from that part of the country. The grain from the other side of the bay comes by Philadelphia, from which it is brought to the mill which is large enough to contain about 10,000 bushels. Six horses are constantly employed in carrying the meal to Philadelphia and bringing back corn in return. The journey is often performed twice each day.

"The water of the Wissahickon is never frozen, nor does the mill cease working except in the utmost necessity. Mr. Robertson employs about the mill, five men, three of whom he pays. He gives \$100 to the first and \$80 to each of the other two. The rest are apprentices who receive nothing but victuals, clothes, etc."

As the territory became settled the mills increased and by 1770 there were eight in existence along the Wissahickon. By 1793 the number had trebled. As stated before the grain was brought from all sections of the surrounding country. The millers had warehouses along the Schuylkill where grain was unloaded from boats and stored until it was needed.

A large part of the traffic of these mills consisted of shipments of wheat, rye and corn, enroute to the Wissahickon Mills and it had been recorded that at times the long line of wagons on Ridge Road extended for more than half a mile.

We can readily picture the scenes of mirth and excitement that prevailed when the farmers and teamsters arrived with their load at the Robeson and other Wissahickon Mills.

In addition to grist and paper mills, there were other establishments along the creek, in which was manufactured, at different times, powder, linseed oil, yarn, and cotton goods. One of these was a grist mill which stood at the

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stream also cast forbidding glances from its precipitous banks and discouraged pedomic exploration.

The first white men, of record, to master the Wissahickon valley were those who made the survey for William Penn, in 1681 and 1682. These hardy men, more than likely, came into the valley from its Germantown entrance and made conveyances of land to twelve patentees, among whom were Robert and Richard Vicaris and Robert Turner, who held them for speculation and eventually sold portions of their grants to the settlers who came later. It takes no vivid imagination to picture these early surveyors battling their way through the laurel bushes and other dense underbrush to open a way to the Schuylkill River.

The waters close to the mouth of the stream were very naturally exploited by the early Swedes and by members of Penn's Colony, who followed them.

Through one of the Quaker colonists, John Whitpain, who settled farther up the Wissahickon, in Montgomery county, the little river almost lost its Indian appellation, for in Holmes' map and old deeds, dated 1690, the stream was written "Whitpain's Creek." Lovers of the region however, fought strenuously and successfully for the preservation of the more romantic name, which has become known throughout the world. Wissahickon it is said, is derived from the blending of two words, that are supposed to have been used variously by the Lenni-Lenape Indians; "Wissauksickan" meaning yellow colored stream and "Wisamickan" or catfish creek.

The Schuylkill provided the early means of access to the Wissahickon region, for no road was laid out until 1706. This, the Ridge road, was rebuilt in 1718 and again in 1786. In 1811 it was again improved and opened as a turnpike. Various private lanes were used to reach the Wissahickon mills. In 1826, the road which follows the creek was constructed from Ridge avenue to the Rittenhouse mill. From time to time the road was extended until in 1856 it was completed from the mouth of the creek to the Mont-

time when the Colonists were struggling for their freedom, he operated the establishment. In old writings it is sometimes spoken as Vanderling's Mill. And incidentally, the name of Robeson is often incorrectly called Robinson or Robertson.

The mill, however, came back into the Robeson family when in 1786, Peter and Jonathan Robeson purchased it from Vandaren.

Jonathan Robeson was the last of the family to occupy the old dwelling beside the mill. He was succeeded by Jonathan Moore, a relative, who in 1864 sold the property to James Dobson, who had the house remodeled and dwelt in it until he erected his mansion at the Falls. Shortly after obtaining possession the Dobsons built a new mill, on the site of the original Robeson Mill, which stood in the middle of the present Wissahickon Drive. The Dobson Mill with the original wooden railroad bridge was destroyed by fire in 1864.

The old dwelling house subsequently belonged to William Iowa, who converted it into a hotel, which he called "Highbridge" after the bridge close by. It was vacant for two years before its present owner, H. M. Barnett, came into possession.

It might be well to insert here a little note concerning the Railroad bridge which forms an appropriate gate to the Wissahickon. A wooden bridge, which was built by James Steel, in 1834, first carried the horse-drawn trains of the Philadelphia, Germantown and Norristown Railroad across the ravine. The first steam engine crossed this structure in 1835. The fire of 1864, which destroyed the old bridge, made it necessary to construct the present beautiful series of arches. The bridge is 492 feet long, with five arches that support the railroad tracks 70 feet above the water.

Within the memory of most of my listeners, there once stood, where the American Bridge Company now has its baseball field, a roadside hotel known as "Riverside." The building with its many outhouses was once the stately mansion of the Robeson's, who erected it sometime during the 18th century. It was a private residence as late as

the intrenchments which the British constructed during the last war for the purpose of covering Philadelphia, after they had penetrated Pennsylvania through the Chesapeake. The remains of these works are still visible, but the presence of the English is more strongly testified by the ruins of many half-burned and half-demolished houses, some of them expensive monuments to that inveterate animosity with which the war was carried on. The whole road from Philadelphia to Roxborough is full of granite and covered with a sort of mica, which is reducible to the finest dust.

About half a mile from Mr. Nicholson's buildings, (which were at the Falls), on the banks of the Schuylkill, is the house of one Robertson, where we intended to stop. Robertson, a Quaker, and brother of Caleb Downe's wife, is a miller and farmer on his own account. He possesses an estate of 250 acres (the original property having been reduced by half) of which thirty only are covered with woods. The land is, on the whole, of inferior quality in this district. There is but little wheat cultivated here, the common grain being maize, called here in America, Indian corn; also some rye and oats."

In other paragraphs, the Duke continues: "He appears to me more skillful as a miller. His mill which is said to be the first built in America, is worked by a rivulet called Wissahickon, which turns twenty-five other mills before it reaches Robertson's. It has three separate water courses and three separate mills, two of which are for the manufactory, as they call it, and one for the public. The latter grinds all the corn which is brought thither, without the least alteration of the millstones in its passage from the grain to the flour, which naturally renders the meal very indifferent. The miller's due is one-tenth, according to the law of the land. Robertson does not grind any Indian corn on his own account, nor has he any kiln to dry it. Meal from this corn is not bad if speedily used, but it is not for being kept long, and yields but little.

"The corn is brought thither in wagons and the cranes instead of turning it out of the vessel, lift it up from

foot of Gypsy Lane. The mill was established by Nicholas Rittenhouse and Matthias Hogemoed, about 1745. Martin Rittenhouse and John Vandaren were later owners.

Another was the Greenwood Mill, a yarn factory, which was located farther up the creek, across from Lover's Leap. The manufacturer's homestead was close by and the famous Greenwood Boys were born and raised here. They became expert fishermen and boatmen from living so close to the Wissahickon, where they spent a great deal of time in outdoor sports. The old mill was burned down in 1872, but some of the ruins may still be seen up on the hills above the creek.

Edward H. Ammidown's blanket mill was quite an extensive one, and furnished employment for a large number of people. During the Civil War blankets were made for the Union Army in huge quantities. Lincoln Drive covers the site of these almost forgotten mills. The land in this section came into the Park's possession in the '70's.

Wissahickon Hall, at the end of Gypsy Lane, which is now used as a Park Guard station is the only one of the several hotels that formerly stood on the Lower Wissahickon. The Maples Springs Hotel was erected in the first cleared space east of Gypsy Lane on the Drive side of the creek, shortly after the Civil War, by Harry Young. The ground in back of the site of this old roadhouse, is now known to Park employes as "The Everglades," on account of the extremely dense vegetation. The timber that went into the building of the Maples Springs hotel was taken from the Cuyler Hospital, which stood on the Town Hall grounds in Germantown. Joseph Smith, a one-time proprietor of the Inn, was nicknamed "Rooty" Smith. This name he acquired from his fad of collecting queer-shaped laurel roots, which he fashioned into unique representations of animals and other subjects. Smith became an adept in this line and the porches of the old hotel were decorated with specimens of his art, and attracted visitors from great distances, who came to see his curios and to partake of the catfish and

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waffle dinners which were the epicurean vogue of the day.

A little farther along, where the William Leonidas Springs Memorial stands, was the famous old "Log Cabin." The grounds once belonged to Nicholas Rittenhouse, Sr., of Roxborough. Five Rittenhouse boys, Martin, James, Nicholas Jr., Charles and George and a cousin, William Umstead, built the cabin. It was originally intended as headquarters of a political club, when in 1840 William Henry Harrison was running for President. In after years the old cabin was enlarged and became a popular resort for picnic and boating parties. It was conducted by Thomas Lewellyn. The proprietor owned two or three tame bears and several monkeys, which served to attract people to his establishment. This small collection of animals, it is said, was the forerunner of our present Zoological Gardens.

"The Hermitage," a resort established in 1844, by "Pop" Benson, on the northwest side of the creek at the foot of Hermit Lane, was one of the most popular picnic places along the stream. It was reached by a frame truss bridge.

It is not generally known that Benjamin Franklin once suggested that the Wissahickon was a logical place for Philadelphia to obtain its water supply. In his will he left a legacy to aid young mechanics, directing that the accumulation of interest upon his bequest, in 100 years, be used to provide the city with Wissahickon water. This same object was one of the reasons for the Act of Legislature, of 1867, which made the Wissahickon Valley a part of Fairmount Park. But we are still drinking from the Schuylkill.

In reference to the Legislative Act of 1867, which authorized the Park Commissioners to acquire the Wissahickon region, it stipulated that the commission was to appropriate the shore on both sides of the creek from its mouth to Paul's Mill road, the boundaries to follow the crests of the heights at such distance from the stream as to insure the preservation of the beauty of scenery. In 1869 the Park Commission complied with the provisions of the act.

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"We have two accounts of what the militia actually did—one the report of their commander, and the other, by Captain Ewald, of the Hessian forces, whom the Pennsylvanians encountered. The orders of Armstrong's men were to march down the Ridge road, and cross the Wissahickon creek at the head of John Vandearing's mill dam, to attack their left wing.

"Ewald says that the alarm of Washington's approach having been given, a battalion of the German Jagers, was hurried to the bridge over the Wissahickon, and he continues: "The Jager Corps was attacked by 4000 men with four 6-pounders. So the corps was forced to leave the bridge, but took position on the hill opposite and defended this post with its rifles against the repeated attempts of the enemy to force it. The enemy's four cannon played constantly on the Jagers, while our 3-pounders could not reach the enemy. Meanwhile the firing became general and very strong on the right wing; until about nine o'clock, when Lieutenant General Knyphausen sent us word that the enemy's left wing was beaten. Hereupon, Lieutenant Colonel Von Wurmb attacked the bridge again, and drove the enemy both from there and from the opposite height, under a heavy fire. As the attack had to be made through a long defile, the enemy had time to retire."

"Thus it appears from the Hessian account that the Pennsylvania Militia did not stop a mile or so above the bridge and fire their muskets across the ravine, but reached the bridge, and drove the Jagers from it, who only numbered 300, according to Ewald, and held the bridge for several hours, during which they made repeated efforts to drive them from the high ground on the east side, and did not retire until the Americans gave way along the Germantown road. Armstrong says his men were the last to leave the field. Instead of 4000 of them, as Ewald says, there were about 1500, and instead of four field pieces there were only two. That kept the battalion of Jager from operating against the main part of the American Army, and they stayed at the bridge as long as it was any use

brought off everything but a wounded man or two—lost not quite twenty men on the whole and hope we killed at least the number besides diverting the Hessian strength from the General in the morning. I have neither time, nor light to add, but that I am respectfully yours,

JOHN ARMSTRONG"

I have not mentioned Kelplus and his Hermits, or detailed the history of the Rittenhouse Mill, which are in themselves subjects worthy of lengthy stories; on account of the time the telling would consume.

Many volumes have been written of the Wissahickon and many more pages could be filled with recitals of the valley's natural, civil, commercial and military history, without ever touching on its beauty of scenery, its rocky formations, its vegetation, animal life or the hundreds of fables, the backgrounds of which are laid in the Lower Wissahickon.

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Wissahickon
John Armstrong
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The width of the Park territory along the Wissahickon averages 500 to 600 feet. At its narrowest point it is but 300 feet while elsewhere it is more than 3000 feet wide. Six miles of the creek are in the Park.

And now let us turn our thoughts to things military. At the time of the Battle of Germantown, the main body of the British Army was located in the centre of our neighboring community, with its left wing extending from Market Square, along School House lane, to the bluffs overlooking the Wissahickon, near Ridge road. Lieutenant General Baron Wilhelm von Knyphausen, in command of the Hessians, had charge of this wing. At the extreme left of the wing, near Robeson's Mill, were three battalions of the British Allies, under Lieutenant Colonel Ludwig J. Adolph von Wurmb.

In planning his attack on the British, Washington instructed General John Armstrong to march from the American army's Skippack camp, down Ridge road to engage the Hessians on the lower Wissahickon.

The bronze tablet, erected by the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the Revolution, at the Great Bend of the Wissahickon has been attacked as belittling the part played by Armstrong and his men, with the following inscription:

"On the morning of the Battle of Germantown, October 4, 1777, the Pennsylvania Militia, under General John Armstrong, occupying the high ground on the west side of the creek, opposite this point, engaged in a skirmish, the left wing of the British forces, in command of Lieutenant General Knyphausen, who occupied the high ground on the east side, along School House lane."

General F. V. Greene, in a volume concerning the Revolutionary War, says, "If that is all the Pennsylvania Militia did, they fell very far short of their orders and wasted their ammunition. With the 'firelocks' of that day, firing from the high ground on one side of the Wissahickon to the high ground on the other side would have been about as effective as making

them to stay, and they deserve something better than the bronze tablet that seems to have been erected to commemorate their incompetence and the futility of their part of the battle."

In a letter which he wrote to Thomas Wharton, president of the Supreme Council of Pennsylvania, on October 5, 1777, which was the day after the battle, Armstrong, detailed the actions of his troops.

He wrote that his men did not arrive at the Wissahickon until after the main part of the Continental Army had reached Germantown. The heavy fog and the mistake of spending too much time attempting to dislodge a small force of the enemy from the Chew House, are the reasons given by Armstrong for the loss of the battle. Of the Wissahickon part of the affair he stated:

"My destiny was against the various corps of Germans encamped at Mr. Vandurings or near the Falls. Their Light Horse discovered our approach a little before sunrise; we cannonaded from the heights on each side of the Wissahickon, whilst the Riflemen on opposite sides acted on the lower ground. About nine o'clock, I was called to join the General, but left a party with the Colls, Evers and Dunlap, and one field piece and afterwards reinforced them, which reinforcements by the way, however, did not join them, until after a brave resistance they were obliged to retreat, but carried off the field piece, the other I was obliged to leave in the Horrendous Hills of the Wissahickon, but ordered her on a safe rout to join Eyres if he should retreat, as was done accordingly. We proceeded to the left, and above Germantown some three miles, directed by a slow fire of canon, until we fell into the front of a superior body of the enemy, with whom we engaged about three-quarters of an hour, but their grape shot and ball soon intimidated and obliged us to retreat or rather file off. Until then I thought we had a victory, but to my great disappointment, soon found our army were gone an hour or two before, and we the last on the ground. We

*It's James F. Magee, Jr.
with the camp
H. O. P. the camp*

To James F. Magee, Jr.
With the compliments
of the compiler:
H. C. Chadwick, Jr.

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Purchase Of School Site Made Public

Board of Education Acquires
Title to Midvale Ave-
nue Land

TOTAL COST \$30,000

Lower End of Tract Is Steep
Hillside Near Rail-
road

Officials of the Board of Education have made settlement for the block of ground on the south side of Midvale avenue, extending from Conrad to Cresson street, containing close to 3½ acres, as a site for an elementary school in place of the old Breck School at Crawford and Krail streets. The purchase price was approximately \$31,000.

The plot and dwelling at the southwest corner of Midvale and Conrad street, 110 feet by irregular, and the adjoining plot, 110 feet by irregular, were acquired from the Brotherhood Building & Loan Association for \$16,000, plus \$3,000 in back taxes. An adjoining plot extending to Cresson street was purchased from John H. McClatchy for \$11,000.

The new building will have three stories and basement, and will contain an auditorium. It will accommodate 800 to 900 children, as compared with capacity for 700 children at the old school. A large playground will be provided. The plans, which are now being prepared by the Board are expected to be completed about October 1. The structure will cost about \$550,000.

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OLD LANDMARK DISAPPEARS

A force of workmen has started to wreck the three old properties on Umbria street from the Schuylkill School to Wright street. Some time ago the Board of Education took over these properties for the purpose of building an annex to the present school building, which is also used for continuation classes. Last Thursday the workmen began to demolish these old landmarks formerly owned by the Sheldrake Estate.

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9/27/1928

COMPLETES 25 YRS. AS PRINCIPAL HERE

Miss Blanche L. Heidinger
Head of Wissahickon School
for Quarter Century

RECEPTION PLANNED

In completing twenty-five years of superintending the education of Wissahickon's children Miss Blanche L. Heidinger principal of the Wissahickon Public School, has established another record for that community.

Miss Heidinger served as a teacher in the Schuylkill and Fairview Schools, before being selected as principal of the school at Ridge avenue and Kalos street.

A reception will be tendered her at Washington's Crossing, Pa., on Saturday, October 13th when the teachers of the local school who now serve under her and those with whom she has been associated will be in attendance.

As a criterion of the esteem in which Miss Heidinger is held, one of her former pupils, who is now one of Wissahickon's promising young business men, had the following to say:

"She has always been a conscientious and faithful leader; imbued with a full sense of the importance and responsibilities of her high calling.

"To the scholars, I always found her, just and impartial, without distinction to persons. She was, and is still, unassuming and never exalts herself at the expense of others. She glories in the success of her former pupils and her fellow teachers; yielding her own advantage whenever she sees that the cause of education will be benefitted.

"Her mildness toward the offending, when I attended school, was admirably blended with firmness; gentleness without weakness, and she possessed the happy gift of communicating to her associates the enthusiasm for whatever was good.

"Those of us, who have grown up under her tutelage, will always cherish the teachings we received from Miss Heidinger."

One Hundred Years Ago

(From Poulson's Advertiser of Sept. 4, 1829)

THE vacation terminated on the 31st ult., and the Public Schools throughout the first district of Pennsylvania are resumed. On giving this information to our fellow citizens another opportunity is furnished most earnestly to commend the system of free instruction to their special notice and patronage. Upwards of 81,000 children, including both sexes, between the ages of five and fourteen years, have been instructed at the Public Schools since their establishment in 1818. It would be difficult to estimate the immediate benefits thus conferred upon the subjects of this kindness, or calculate the happy influence exerted upon society by the wholesome nurture and admonition of so many individuals, nearly all of whom otherwise would have grown up destitute of education.

Application for admission to the Public Schools is to be made to the respective committees of the Boards of Directors who attend on stated days for that purpose. The School Houses are located as follows:

Model School, Chester street—Teachers, John L. Rheese, Susan M. Ustick.
Locust Street School, corner of Locust and Twelfth streets—Teachers, William S. Cleavinger, Eliza R. Eastburn.

Southwestern School, Spruce street near Schuylkill—Fourth street—Teacher, John D. Bird.

Northwestern School, Race, corner of Schuylkill—Seventh street—Teacher, Hiram Ayres.

Lombard Street School for colored children, near the corner of Lombard and Sixth street—Teachers, James M. Bird, Maria C. Hutton.

Southwark School, Catharine near Third street—Teachers, Samuel F. Watson, Eliza McLeod.

Moyamensing School, west of Sixth street—Teachers, Peter McGowen, Ann Dolby.

Northern Liberties School, Third above Brown street—Teacher, John M. Coleman.

Kensington School, Marlborough street, Kensington—Teachers, Henry W. Chadwick, Eliza W. Beechy.

Penn Township School, corner of Eighth and Buttonwood street—Teacher, Isaac Shallcross.

Germantown School—Teacher, F. W. Bockius.

Some Real News About the New School

At last we have it - some definite real information - a letter from Mr. Add B Anderson, Secty. of the Board of Education, under date of June 14th, as follows:-

"The members of the Board at a meeting on Tuesday June 11th, 1935, approved a resolution authorizing the purchase of ^{the} property at Conrad St. and Midvale Ave."

Yours very truly,

Add B. Anderson

As soon as the sale is consummated plans now under way for the new School, including a playground for the children, will be completed and ground broken in September.

The area of the proposed purchase extends from the Southwest Corner of Midvale Ave and Courzad St. along Midvale Ave. to the Reading Railway and thence backward irregularly.

The School Committee wishes to thank the Board of Education and Mr. Add Anderson for their co-operation and looks forward to receiving further definite and interesting facts concerning the new School.

The School Committee has stated many times how much in need of a new school the East Falls - Green Lane Manor Section is with its rapidly increasing school population and new residences being built, even tho residence building has slackened in other sections of the City.

It is of interest also to note that several factories have moved from other locations to the section bounded by Abbottsford Road and Stunting Park Avenue which indicates that the population in our section of the City will tend to increase.

The School Committee as a body wishes to thank Mr. John B Kelly for his efforts and assistance in securing the new School. We know of no single citizen who has worked so untiringly and persistently to bring this about.

We will keep the readers advised of interesting developments.

Alma Winkler Secty
School Committee

Chronicle 7/6/1894

—The schools closed on Friday for the summer vacation. The scholars promoted from this 25th section are: Boys' High School.—Kenderton School—Walter Cooper, Howard Dox, Frank Shaner, Clair Vandyke, Lawrence Hass, Wm. Heckerth, Floyd Harkinson. Forest School—James Swartz. M. Hall Stanton School—Robert S. Pancoast, John Galbraith. Manual Training School—Kenderton School—Jonathan Ring, Wm. West, Fred. Myers, Ralph Tygert, Walter Rhenier, Chas. Miller. M. Hall Stanton School—Lee Moore, John Floyd, Alvin Warren, Moses Blumenthal, Hugo Billeter. Glenwood School—George Wilson, David Kneidler. Forest School—Wm. Sayre Ely, George W. Pyrah. Girls' High School—M. Hall Stanton School—Anna Nice, Emma Price, Clara Wolf, Bessie Caskey. Forest School—Louisa R. Backeker, Nellie Smithers. Glenwood School—Clara Price, Florence Tyson, Virginia Smith, Ida McMoran, Sadie Denham, Ella Denham, Eva Randolph, Manie Wood, Geo. H. Boker School—Bessie Singer, Elsie Arney, May Paul, Nellie Aldrich, Emma Ke., Florence Prickett, Sallie Martin, Ethel Pelley. Kenderton School—Laura Crowley, formerly of Roxborough; Edith Pallatt, Lizzie Whiting, Edith Eastburn, Effie Wilt, Marie Stewart, Addie Evans, Florence Delaney, Julie Hodges.

Chronicle 6/23/1893

A Correction.
Manayunk, June 19, 1893.
MR. MILEGAN:—Will you kindly correct an error in your last paper? Bertha Doyle's average was not 81.6 but 94.6.
The brother of the young lady in question, William Doyle, Falls of Schuylkill, received the first prize for woodwork at the closing entertainment of the Catholic High School, on Friday last. The prize was a fine set of drawing instruments in a handsome case.
As it was the first honor awarded to a Falls of Schuylkill boy I think the fact may be of interest to your readers.
Very truly yours,
P. S.—Miss Doyle was promoted from Fairview School.

Chronicle 9/15/1882

EXAMINING LOTS.—The Committee on Property of the Board of Education visited Wissahickon on Friday last, and, in company with Messrs. Ferdinand Davis and Wm. P. Hill, of the local School Board, examined a number of vacant lots with a view of selecting a site for the new building of the Wissahickon Primary School. Some time was spent, and the result will probably be that a lot will be selected and a building put up. The sum of \$4000 is at present available for this purpose, and the committee will have to see that the greater part of it is not swallowed up in the price of the lot. A building of that character would have no small effect in stimulating building improvements in the neighborhood.

Chronicle 9/7/1894

—The School janitors have swept and garnished the school houses; the teachers have all arrived home and the scholars need but a little fixing up for next Monday morning's fresh start in the battle for education. During the vacation the Old Academy building on Queen street, in which the primary school is held, has been given a thorough renovation, which did away with the antiquity of the old building.

Chronicle 6/16/1893

Promotion Averages.
The following girls (with one exception) from this ward, were promoted at the recent examination of the Girls' Normal School, the annual Commencement of which took place yesterday, with the following averages:

Jennie E. Foulkrod, Rox.....	96.9
Blanche L. Heidinger, Rox.....	95.4
Alice M. Hammer, Wiss.....	94.9
Sadie Missimer, Wissa.....	91.9
Leonora Cassel, Rox.....	87.6
Blanche Miller, Rox.....	84.3
Emilie L. Davis, Rox.....	84.3
Jessie Jones, Rox.....	84.0
Emily McBride, Wiss.....	81.4
Bertha Doyle, Falls.....	84.6

Chronicle 10/6/1896 Chronicle 4/28/1882 Chronicle 7/7/1893

—The public and parochial schools threw open their doors on Monday morning to pupils who had the longest vacation on record. I heard a couple talking about the "snap" the teachers have had and for which they will be paid in full. I wondered if either of the the two had any real knowledge of a school teacher's work. It is true that they did not have to resume work until last Monday. Even then the work of teaching did not begin. They simply had to report at their respective schools, hold faculty conferences till noon, then journey to the city to listen to lectures. The average teacher puts in from two to four hours at home every night in marking papers, making out papers, etc. It seems as though the chief object of the Board of Education or subordinates appointed by them, is to add to the teachers work. Another error many people labor under is that the teacher get pay for the summer vacation. The fact is they are paid monthly ten months each year.

R. R. S.

—The School Board has arranged matters so that, on and after Monday May 1, the Forest School, with its 12 divisions, will be under the Superintendency of Mr. Oliver P. Ely, who has been principal of the School. Miss Keech, of Roxborough, will be promoted to that office, and all the other teachers one step higher, leaving a vacancy for the lowest division. This is probably a beginning of the much talked of school Superintendents, a question which alone should be settled by those who will have to bear the burden of expense,—the tax and rent payers.

R. R. S.

List of Promotions.
As the result of the recent examinations the following have been admitted to the schools named below:
GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL.
Fairview.—Antoinette C. Janney, Eliza J. Levering, Jessie C. Keely, Sallie Eckhardt, Catharine Charlton, Lizzie Kern, Lulu Miller, Sallie Rementer, Anna Schofield, Sallie Boyard, Lydia Scotland, Rena Longbine, Sallie J. Keenan.
Levering.—Anne A. Snyder, Agnes Johnson, Sarah S. Batty, Nellie Ashworth, Arnita Giles.
BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL.
Manayunk.—T. Rawlins Adams, Samuel Moyer, George W. Davis, Sidney S. Gallagher.
MANUAL TRAINING SCHOOL.
Levering.—W. Hyatt Snyder, J. Webb Jones.
Manayunk.—Paul D. Murphy, Clarence E. Keim, Wilbur P. Schofield, Joseph K. Rose, George T. Welsh, Harold D. Campbell.
As the result of recent examinations in the Parochial Schools of this city, the following pupils of St. John the Baptist School have been admitted to the Catholic High School—Hugh McGill, James McCarron, Samuel Fisher.
From St. Bridget's, Falls,—Richard O' Connor, James O'Brien, Michael J. Brown.

Chronicle 8/18/1882

WISSAHICKON PRIMARY.—The changes needed to adapt the Wissahickon Baptist Mission Chapel for Primary School purposes are now in progress, and the building and grounds will be ready for occupation at the close of the summer recess. Miss Kate Conway, the new principal, and Mr. Wm. P. Hill, the visiting director, will see that it compares well with any other of our Primary Schools in point of efficiency, and this will furnish the best argument for putting up a new School building there, which must come sooner or later.

9/26/1926

East Falls Honor Roll Moves Again

East Falls Herald,
3362 Frederick St., East Falls.

Dear Mr. Coe:

In answer to a query printed in last week's issue of the East Falls Herald, it might be timely to publish the following information:

On Tuesday, August 17th, it became necessary for the workmen who are erecting a gas-service station in the rear of Palestine Hall, at Ridge and Midvale Avenues, to remove the Honor Roll of men who served in the military forces of the Government in the late war.

The superintendent called upon the officers of this Association to inquire what disposal was to be made of the Roll. We immediately communicated with Mr. Ernest Carwardine, who, as one of those responsible for its erection, retains the same lively interest in the Roll's perpetuation.

Mr. Carwardine laid the situation before Mr. Eugene J. Morris, Vice-President of the Manayunk National Bank, whose office is located at the local branch of that institution. Mr. Morris, without hesitation, very generously offered to have the Honor Roll placed on the bank property, and in addition volunteered to care for the Roll indefinitely.

Therefore, the Honor Roll will be slightly altered, painted and located on a plot of ground in the rear of the bank, facing the East River Drive.

It is this Associations wish that you give publicity to these facts so that the people of East Falls will appreciate the actions of the Manayunk National Bank and Mr. Morris in particular.

Yours truly,

The East Falls Bus. Mens Assn.

A. C. Chadwick, Sec'y.

5/8/1919

The banqueters representing Falls of Schuylkill at the United Business Men's affair in Scottish Rite Hall, Philadelphia, on Wednesday evening, April 30, were John Hohenadel, John E. Smithies (Common Councilman), Ches. W. Bothwell, John W. Flanagan, A. Flanagan, E. E. Carwardine, Charles Suddell, Mr. Kamp, H. B. Cole, George Seddon, L. Roseman, Dr. L. Reese, Charles L. Dykes and E. Delahunty.

Persons alighting from Midvale avenue trolley cars are warned to be cautious as the automobile fool-drivers are on the increase rather than the contrary.

4/24/1913

Falls Business Men's Association Hold Monthly Business Meeting

John W. Flanagan, president of the local association, called the meeting to order on Tuesday evening. The reports from the chairman of the different committees were heard. Dr. Boon, of the Post Office and Academy Committee, reported that the trustees needed \$400 to put the building in shape, and after the question had been debated pro and con it was voted that the committee call upon the trustees and see what can be done. The committee on sports reported that the Ups and Downs were ready to enter teams in the field as soon as the weather opened up.

The question of donating money to the Y. W. C. A. campaign was brought up, and it being stated that all the members were contributing as individuals it was thought wise at this time not to make any donation. After a lengthy speech by Dr. Boon on the necessity for using the complaint cards now hung up in the different stores, the meeting adjourned.

5/19/1904

MANAYUNK BUSINESS

MEN ORGANIZE.

Largely Attended Meeting for That Purpose Held at the Pencoyd Club on Last Thursday Evening.

A largely attended meeting, in which the various business houses in Manayunk and other parts of the Twenty-first ward were represented, was held at Woodvale at the home of the Pencoyd Club, Wissahickon, on Thursday evening of last week. M. W. Kerkeslager presided and H. Reeves Lukens was secretary. Councilman Morris called the meeting to order, and said it had been called for the purpose of forming a business men's club or board of trade.

Addresses were made by John J. Foran, Maurice F. Wilhere, O. S. Keely, Alfred Holden, Isaac Wilde, William H. Bovard, William Kneeshaw, F. G. H. Woerner and others. A Committee on Permanent Organization and By-laws was appointed, and will report at a meeting to be held at the call of the chairman.

10/4/1895

—The Falls of Schuylkill Choral Society met for rehearsal on Tuesday evening in Grace Reformed Episcopal Church. Leader A. L. Phillips, of Roxborough, who is also choir-master of St. Matthias' Protestant Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, is very proud of the choral. Why shouldn't he when he has the combined choirs of the Baptist, Grace Reformed, Presbyterian, Methodist and St. James the Less Churches to merely wave his baton at. When the Choral did so surprisingly well last week, at the Academy opening, in America Hall, after but two rehearsals, what won't they be able to do before the season is well on? Should the Roxborough Choral need any assistance this coming winter a postal card to the leader will answer all purposes. If leader Phillips is proud of his talents, he only feels and expresses the sentiments of the community. The Falls has always had a good deal of vocal ability, but the Choral Society forms the first organization that I am aware of by which the abundance of music will be trained into one grand and evenly pulling team of melody.

5/25/1933

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Community Music

AN EDITORIAL

The excellence and variety of the music dramas presented in operas throughout the world have been widely acclaimed and no small measure of this success can be credited to American artists. And artists, born and raised in our own beloved country have been accorded recognition in the concert halls, in the theatres, and newspapers of the world. We point with pride to the work of Lawrence Tibbett, Richard Crooks, who made his debut this season, Elizabeth Rethberg and Rose Hampton, beautiful young soprano. And the Metropolitan Opera season this year demonstrated more than ever that the United States is growing in musical stature and that its artists and composers are gradually coming into their own.

And it is with a great deal of what we term justified self-exaltation that we observed the reception given to Henri Scott, bass-baritone contemporary to that great tenor, the late lamented Enrico Caruso, at Monday night's concert of the Roxborough Symphony Orchestra. Those who heard him are not apt to soon forget the richness of the tone of his voice, nor the artistry with which he offered his selections. His songs were great in every way. And the superb notes came from the throat of a man, who as a lad, grew up almost in our very midst, at 20th and Diamond streets, in Philadelphia, and spent his

leisure as a rowing enthusiast, and championship winner at that, on our humble Schuylkill.

Coupled with our admiration of Scott's singing was the work of the Roxborough Symphony Orchestra. To Julius F. Sachse, German-American historian, we are indebted for the information that it was hermits of the Wissahickon—local residents—who formed the first orchestra in Philadelphia when they played at an ordination service in old Gloria Dei. That group of religious enthusiasts could not have created a more profound impression, when they played centuries ago, than did the present men and women of this section, when they offered their third concert. As a group under the name of the Roxborough Symphony Orchestra on Monday night, Sharing in their glory, was Dr. William E. Bland, who when he was attached in Philadelphia as a surgeon with the United States Veterans' Bureau organized the local orchestra. Coming from Alabama, for the occasion, he conducted the group in several numbers. And to Stanley Hart Cauffman, too, goes even a greater measure of praise, for in him the musicians found a man, fully trained as an artist of the first water, with a great sense of humor, patience and instructive ability, who has drawn out the best talents in them, and continuously added a variety of instruments and players which has made the organization the great one that it is. And to Mr. Cauffman is owing a debt of thanks for the calibre of visiting artists he has brought to Roxborough.

First among these has been Dr. Philip H. Goepf, known throughout the city, and elsewhere, as the most finished of pianists. Then at the second concert, local music lovers thrilled to the strains of the violin, as played by Louis Angeloty, and at this most recent recital by the presence of Mr. Scott.

Surely those who love music and reside in this vicinity have had a full season, and should boast loud and long of the esthetic development which has been brought about in the 21st Ward and its environs, through the formation of the Roxborough Symphony Orchestra; its being launched under the kindly wing of the Parents Public School Association; and its continued growth in the number and ability of its members.

It has provided the means for the community to make its greatest stride forward, and this in a time of depression when the cares and worries of the era made many people immune to the beauties imparted by stringed and reed instruments and vocal chords.

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Bank's Phenomenal Success

Deposits Aggregate Nearly \$102,000; Larger Safe

The new local bank, since its opening on March 6, has had extraordinary success. At the close of business on June 10 the statement indicated deposits aggregating nearly one hundred and two thousand dollars, a sum which exceeded all expectations for so short a time, it really being thought that a year would have to elapse before deposits to such a large amount would be made.

That such good business has been done is explained by the fact of the energy of the officers of the banking institution, each of whom has had unusual success in his individual business career.

The capital stock paid in is \$41,566, while the surplus and profit yield is \$15,508.04. The assets of the institution consist of loans and investments, \$102,824.77; furniture and fixtures, \$1,822.95; due from banks, \$5,621.61; cash and reserve, \$48,004.21, making the total \$158,273.54.

Because of the great increase of business the bank was compelled to install one of the largest safes which has ever been delivered in the Falls. It is a vault safe weighing eight tons.

Riggers were busy Friday and Saturday, first doing certain preliminary work and then putting the huge safe into position.

BANK OF EAST FALLS NOT WRECKED; MERELY ENLARGED

Passersby at Ridge and Midvale avenues on Thursday and Friday last, who thought that the local bank was being looted, gained a distinctly wrong impression. What they did see was not a bunch of yeggs, but a lot of perfectly honest and horny-handed sons of toil, employed by such reputable concerns as Gottlob Steink Vermont Marble Company, Stiffel & Freeman, Midland Metal Company, Walter Clarke, Jesse Riggall, etc., industriously engaged in tearing out the front of the building and the interior likewise, to the great discomfort of Cashier Rothwell, for the purpose of installing a new safe of the super-dreadnought class, replacing the safe with which the bank started, and which outgrew its usefulness and capacity inside of two months, due to the phenomenal growth of the bank's business, which has to date far surpassed all the expectations of its originators.

During last week the deposits reached the high-water mark of \$102,000, and the officers and directors confidently expect that amount to be doubled during the coming month.

The new safe installed by the Stiffel & Freeman Company weighs 15,000 pounds, is of fire and burglar-proof construction, with double doors, and an inner currency chest of Harveyized steel, with combination lock, the whole being as nearly perfect a safeguard as is made. It is eight feet six inches high, six feet wide and four feet deep, and to get it in necessitated taking out the entire entrance of the bank and part of the marble and bronze screen, all of which was torn down without a moment's interruption of business. This shows a most gratifying condition of affairs and reflects great credit on the management.

BY A SUBSCRIBER.

3/21/1918

Erwin G. Stein, cashier of the Broad Street Bank, has been elected secretary and treasurer of the new Roxborough Trust Company, which will open for business shortly after March 1.

3/21/1918

A number of prominent Roxborough capitalists are organizing the Roxborough Trust Company, whose bank building is to be located on Ridge avenue in Roxborough.

3/27/13

The Associated Players

Wish to announce that on Thursday evening April 3, they will produce a comedy drama, "A Southern Romance," in St. Columba's Hall, Twenty-third and Lehigh avenue. The cast includes members of the original Creston Stock Company and the new Creston Stock Company, both of which were organized and directed by the late Bernard E. Dowall whose productions were enjoyed by all who were lucky enough to have seen them. The following are the cast: The Misses Anna Costello, Jane B. Costello and Mrs. Neil (Costello), Hogan; Messrs J. F. Furlong, E. Kennedy; Horatio Denby, Thomas Byrne; James J. Murphy (of St. Columba's Dramatic); David Lawson and Walter A. Costello. The play is produced under the direction of Walter A. Costello.

11/17/1929

Holds Mirror to Nature



GEORGE KELLY,

Philadelphia dramatist and searching delineator of American types. His latest comedy, "Maggie, the Magnificent," comes to the Walnut Street Theater tomorrow night.

10/9/1913

ORPHEUM THEATRE

HAS OPENING

Brilliant Bill Presented

The Orpheum Theatre on West Cheltenham avenue, near Germantown avenue, Germantown, opened its doors to the public on Monday night.

The beautiful playhouse, which is conceded to be the finest of its kind in the city, presented a brilliant scene with its beauty of decorations and gorgeously gowned women who occupied boxes. An appreciation of the opening of the new house was the presence of a number of Germantown's leading social satellites, who, prior to the performance, inspected the building with General Manager M. W. Taylor.

The opening bill presented was an excellent one. The thousands who attended were kept in a delightful humor all during the evening. The week's bill is headed by McDevitt, Kelly and Lucy in a laughable comedy, "The Piano Movers." The dancing and piano playing of the trio was delightfully received. "The Lightning Boys," a singing and talking act, by O'Neill and Walmsley, who recently made their first appearance here, was warmly greeted. Baby Helen gave her usual clever performance of songs, stories and impersonations. Other acts to be received much to the pleasure of the big audience, were La Graciosa, in "Visions of Fairyland;" the Eight Berlin Madcaps, in acrobatic dancing, and Les Kelios, in "A Day at the Circus."

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A Letter About the Concert

To the editor of The Forecast:

The concert of the Falls Male Chorus, united by the Keystone Male Quartet, and Mrs. Wetzell's humorous readings, was enjoyed by a good house on Wednesday evening last in America Hall.

Master Harold Entwistle so cleverly accompanied the soloists that his work on the piano was pronounced excellent and many were the compliments paid by the audience. It is expected this 15-year-old son of Albert Entwistle will achieve rare distinction as he advances in his studies.

Respectfully,
W.

10/15/31

Association Is Sixty-Four Years Old

Falls of Schuylkill Loan Association Has Weathered Other Depressions

FOUNDED IN 1867

Affairs Conducted by Men Who Understand Local Conditions

For the past month the Falls of Schuylkill Building, Saving Fund and Loan Association has been publishing advertisements in The Suburban Press.

This old association was incorporated on March 14, 1867, with the following officers:

President, J. F. Wilson; Vice President, Dennis Nolan; Secretary, Jacob Cruice, and Attorney, Edward C. Quin.

Directors: Joseph Drennan, Robert MacFarland, Thomas Nolan, John McNeil, John Kelly, Maurice A. White, Loughlin McNeil, H. W. Sommers, Andrew J. Dayman.

The present officers and the length of their service which is worthy of special mention are: President, Joseph C. Bergin, elected September 15, 1899; Vice President, Samuel J. Wyatt, elected February 19, 1889; Secretary, John J. Bergin, elected September 16, 1923; Treasurer, Edward A. Carroll, elected October 27, 1885, and the conveyancer, John A. Stroebele, elected July 17, 1928.

The Board of Directors are: Michael L. Daly, since January 13, 1895; John C. Adams, since December 15, 1896; John McKenna, since November 16, 1897; Harry M. Brown since November 18, 1899; C. J. C. Verbeck, since January 16, 1909;

William H. Hurley, since July 21, 1908; Charles A. Golden, since March 16, 1909; Charles Cain, since July 18, 1916; Joseph B. Carroll, since September 19, 1922; Thomas H. Carroll, since September 17, 1929; Patrick J. Kelley, since November 15, 1929, and William J. Brooks, since August 19, 1930.

The president, vice president and all members of the Board of Directors give their time and efforts without any compensation whatsoever.

The success of the association is due to the care and foresight of the officers, past and present, who have guided it through wars, panics and depressions since the Civil War. The present conditions are no dif-

ferent than what has been experienced in the past leaving the association better and stronger because of the confidence of its stockholders.

It is managed by local men who know local conditions and problems.

Home buyers and savers are the people to whom the association caters, because it is realized that the man who buys his home and the man who saves regularly probably to get enough together to make a purchase of a home are the most responsible and the ones who make up the list of stockholders.

9/19/1929

Will Open 113 Series Next Week

Wissahickon Building Association, One of Local-ity's Oldest

INSTITUTED IN 1873

Thomas Dehabunty Was One of Organizers of Thrift Society

On September 6th. of this year, The Laurel Hill Building Association issued its 94th series of shares and on Friday night of next week, the Wissahickon Building Association will open its 113th series, in order to enable the people of this vicinity to practice thrift.

These two old associations, both of which meet at the northeast corner of Indian Queen lane and Cresson streets, have interesting histories that are well worth recounting in these columns.

Chief among the organizers was one Thomas Delahunty, Sr., who for many years dwelt at 3505 W. Clearfield street, in East Falls.

Mr. Delahunty enjoyed the distinction of being the founder of the largest and most widely known marble and granite monumental works in the United States, which is still conducted by his sons, opposite the entrance to North Laurel Hill Cemetery. The yard was established in 1855.

Its founder was distinguished among the few old school Democrats of the State, and in addition to having been a delegate to National and State Conventions for years, was once nominated for the City Treasurership.

He was a native of Queens County, Ireland, where he was born in

1831, coming to this country when he was about 16 years of age. With the exception of a few months, the remainder of his life was spent in the Falls of Schuylkill, where he was held in high esteem and respect by the entire community.

As has been stated, he was one of the pioneers in the building and loan idea, having been one of the organizers of the Laurel Hill, the Wissahickon and of the Indian Queen Lane Association. He was treasurer of each up until two years ago before his death on February 2nd, 1904.

The Wissahickon Building Association of the Falls of Schuylkill was instituted September 1873, and according to Given's Manayunk, Roxborough and Falls of Schuylkill Directory of 1883 was officered by the following men:

President, James A. Mills; vice-president, Richard P. Reed; treasurer, Thomas Delahunty; secretary, F. W. Morison; solicitor, E. C. Quinn, and the following directors: Frederick F. Collier, Michael Murphy, William H. Bromley, Joseph Woffindin, Martin F. Farrell, William I. Crooks, Smith Walker, Harrison Deardon and Henry Turrier. That year—1883—saw the Association issue its 179th series.

The present officers of the old Wissahickon Association are: President, Charles H. Sudell; vice president, Timothy Lowery; treasurer, John B. Groves; secretary, Walter J. Binkin; conveyancer, William J. Benham; solicitor Clarence E. Blackburn, and the directors, John Hobenadel Clifton Tasker, Jacob Brehm, George Kyle, Gottlob Steimle, R. Ashton Ford, Herbert Boocock, Francis J. Lawler, and William F. Stevenson.

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Falls Resident Celebrates 77th Anniversary Of Her Birth

A very pleasant birthday celebration was held at the home of Mrs. Frances J. MacIndoe on Saturday evening, March 18, this being the seventy-seventh anniversary of the birth of Mrs. MacIndoe. It was wholly a family affair, there being present all her living children and four granddaughters and six grandsons. The evening was very pleasantly spent with vocal and instrumental music, games and recalling old memories. Mrs. MacIndoe is one of the oldest living residents of the Falls. Having lived her sixty-nine years and having seen what is known as East Falls develop from a wilderness into its present day proportions, she has a wonderful store of memories of the events that transpired in this vicinity during this long period of time. She received many gifts and cards of congratulation from her many friends who greatly esteem her for her kindly disposition and her charity. There are many people in the Falls who can testify to her kindness to them in time of adversity. Those present were Mrs. Frances J. MacIndoe, Misses Margaret, Anna and Jeannette MacIndoe, J. Franklin MacIndoe, Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. MacIndoe and their children, Ethel W. and Franklin H. MacIndoe, Mr. and Mrs. Walter MacIndoe and their children, Dorothy M., Laurence H. and Walter H. MacIndoe, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Hunt and their children, Charles W., Jr., Russell P. and Margaret F. Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hollingsworth and their children, Walter and Elsie F. Hollingsworth.

As the Bible has said about a good mother, "Her children shall rise up and call her blessed."—Contributed.

12/31/1918

WEDDED 50 YEARS

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Palmer, of 3569 Queen Lane, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding on Friday evening, December 20, at their home. On account of death in the family it was of a very quiet nature, only members of the family being present. Many letters and cards of congratulation were received, also many beautiful gifts, as well as many pieces of gold.

Mr. and Mrs. Palmer were married by the Rev. Theodore Stevens, pastor of the Central M. E. Church, at the parsonage, 1331 Vine street.

COUPLE CELEBRATE 20TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. William R. Stagner, of Warrington, Pa., celebrated their twentieth wedding anniversary on Monday evening, April 3. A large number of guests attended the affair and an enjoyable evening was spent. Mr. and Mrs. Stagner were the recipients of many beautiful gifts.

Mrs. Stagner was formerly Miss Sarah Scott, daughter of John R. Scott, of the Falls.

6/5/1930

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Ethel Serberlich, 525 Jamestown street, and Joseph A. McFadden, Conohocken, Pa.

Anna E. Kirkpatrick, 4616 Pechin street, and John F. Nygren, 4626 Pechin street.

Eleanor Trotter, 156 Salaigmac street, and William Price, 135 Dawson street.

Helen M. Pinter, 4710 Smick street, and Joseph J. Marshall, 2747 North Fifth street.

Catherine M. Rafter, 327 Roxborough avenue, and James A. McMahon, 4698 Wilde street.

Thelma Walker, 240 Rochelle avenue, and Charles A. Carson, 326 Pennsdale street.

Margaret Geary, 638 Hermitage street, and Reinhold Eisbrenner, Sellersville, Pa.

Stella Danfield, Sellersville, Pa., and Stephen J. Opicla, 102 Pennsdale street.

Margaret M. Kenny, 113 N. Lambert street, and Leon V. Stummler, Roxborough.

7/3/1913

Celebrate Twenty-Fifth Wedding Anniversary at Reunion

In celebration of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. William Riddiough, of Cresson street, attended a reunion at the home of Rev. Ralph Finley, of Old Chatham, New York.

Mrs. Rev. Finley is a sister of Mr. Riddiough.

6-11-1915

COUPLE CELEBRATE SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Tasker, of 3515 North Thirty-fifth street, celebrated their silver wedding anniversary Sunday at their home. They were married June 12, 1890, by the late Rev. Robert Ritchie in St. James the Less Church. Mrs. Tasker was Miss Ellen Brammar, who was born and raised in the Falls.

The couple received many felicitations from relatives and friends upon the anniversary of the happy day. They also were the recipients of beautiful gifts of cut glass and silverware.

Last evening they were tendered a surprise party by the Falls Pinochle Club.

HAS NINTIETH BIRTHDAY PARTY

Almost two hundred guests from all sections of the East, were present at the Park Lane Hotel, in New York City, last Friday evening, to do honor to James Simmons Swartz, who reached his ninetieth milestone in life, on March 21st of this year.

Dr. Swartz, who lived for many years at the Falls of Schuylkill was for twenty-five years the superintendent of the Baptist Sunday School there. Since leaving "the Falls," Dr. Swartz has served many large transportation companies in executive capacities. He is the president of the board of trustees of Bucknell University, at Lewisburg,

Pa., and holds the degree of A. M. and L. D.

Among the guests, which included Dr. Emory W. Hunt, president of Bucknell University, and Dr. Milton G. Evans, president of the Crozer Theological Seminary, were scores of the students, alumnus and members of the faculties of these colleges and personal friends of the nonegenarian.

Falls of Schuylkill residents who attended the affair were: Rev. and Mrs. William J. Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. William Diehm and A. C. Chadwick, Jr.

10/4/1928

PROPPERS' CELEBRATE SILVER ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Sigmund I. Propper, of East Walnut Lane, entertained their employees at a theatre party at Shuberts and a luncheon at the Arcadia, on Tuesday evening, the occasion marking the celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Propper's silver wedding anniversary.

Among the party were Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Propper, Misses Anna Belz, Elizabeth Brooks, Madeline Propper, Goldie Goldberg, Mary McNabb, Mrs. Amelia Weisenberg, Mrs. Regina Steckfuss, Mrs. Adele Sargent, Mrs. Catherine Palmer, Messrs. William Egan, Clinton Miller, Jack Cohen, Barney Rosenberg, Albert, Milton and Walter Propper.

Even Catfish Have Deserted Fort St. David

Olden Time Philadelphia Village Scene of Early Use of Anthracite

BY HARRISON W. FRY

Godfrey Schronk dropped his dipnet into the Schuylkill river one night and hauled out 3,000 catfish. This was some haul.

But the members of the Fort St. David, a fishing club, took it in their stride.

"Three thousand catfish in a night?" they would say. "Humph. We cook 40 dozen at a time at our club house. A lot of folks in the village about here catch enough shad during the three months' fishing season to support their families for a year."

Out of the past come these stirring reminders of the days when one of Philadelphia's olden time villages—Fort St. David—was the scene of a pastoral life that has been engulfed by the hurry of a city.

Old Fort St. David was a village of hewn log houses gathered about a fishing club of that name erected in pre-Revolutionary days. During the Revolution the Hessians tore down much of the club house to build their huts. The club had been formed by a group of prominent Welshmen and named for their patron saint. Preceding it was the Indian village of Metoprum or place of the chief.

Some Joined Other Club

After the Revolution when the second club house had been destroyed by fire, some of the members joined the old State in Schuylkill, a fishing club down the river, which still maintains a club house on the Delaware and is the oldest fishing club in the United States.

Migrating fish in the Schuylkill at this point in 1869 were so thick as to blacken the waters, according to the reminiscences of Charles V. Hagner. Thousands of persons went to the hotels at the Falls of Schuylkill, as the section was later known, for catfish dinners.

One of the most famous of these hotels the old Falls Hotel still stands at Ridge av. and Indian Queen Lane.

The Wissahickon, a tributary of the Schuylkill at this point, gets its name from the Indian word for cat-

fish stream. Here the Indian made his last stand in this area.

In the old village of Fort St. David and the Falls of Schuylkill, there was once a mill for spinning candle wick, a glass factory and powder mill.

Anthracite Experiment

On the site of old Fort St. David took place one of the first successful experiments in the industrial use of anthracite coal. Here was erected a rolling mill that had used bituminous coal. Teams brought an experimental load of anthracite down from head of the Schuylkill at a cost of a dollar a bushel. The workers in the mill poked at the fire as they had poked and raked the fire of bituminous and finally in disgust slammed the furnace doors shut on the "blackstones" and went home.

Later, one of the workers remembered he had left his jacket at the mill and returned to find a tremendous fire in the furnace. He immediately called back the other workers and they ran three separate heats of iron through the furnace with that one fire.

Hagner believes the first use of wire in bridge building was that used in a suspension bridge from the windows of the mill to large trees on the other side.

Protest on Aqueduct

When it was first proposed that water from this section should be pumped into Philadelphia, a committee of City Councilmen reported that it was impractical to bring water such a long distance through an aqueduct.

Gone are the great shoals of fish, the fishing club, the old wire bridges and the name of the old village itself, and the city of Philadelphia has engulfed this once distinctive little village. But the residents of that section still cling to the name, Fall of Schuylkill. A railroad station and churches still perpetuate the name. Fall of Schuylkill is bounded on the north by School House Lane, on the west by the Schuylkill River, on the south by Hunting Park av., and on the east by Wissahickon av.

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My dear Mr. Chadwick:

On behalf of the Corporation of the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania, I wish to thank you for your interest and kindness in obtaining for us the original deed to Abbotsford and also for the very interesting pamphlet which you have written about Abbotsford.

The deed will be framed and hung in a suitable place. The pamphlet with its delightful illustrations will, I am sure, be read with much interest by everyone connected with this institution.

Very sincerely yours

Olga Tattersfield
Secretary

Robin Hood Dell Presented To Phila. as 10,000 Attend First Concert in Open Air

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Difficult Program After Colorful Ceremony Dedi-
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By ELSIE FINN.

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Fairmount Park at Thirty-third and Dauphin streets presented a brilliant scene as the eager, colorful mob jostled each other to gain entrance to the Dell. They came from every walk of life—from every corner of the city—the music lover and the curious, neighborhood folk, hatless and coatless, with their youngsters on the arms—mischievous boys, eager to interrupt the ceremonies with some mimicry and prank, society folk who are present at every formal opening—but for the most part enthusiastic Philadelphians eager to hear their orchestra.

It is for this last group that Robin Hood Dell has been built and to them it will appeal.

Location Is Perfect.

The Dell is ideally situated in a natural hollow which has been graded to make an auditorium. The walls are banked with a natural growth of foliage and tall trees spot the clearing. The shell, built according to improved methods, is deep and resembles a dirigible hangar. The music which emerges from this hollow can be heard for a great distance.

Every one of the 7500 seats was filled. Outside the rails groups were camped on folding chairs and boxes, while the rails were crowded with boys and girls perched above the stadium.

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Beethoven's popular Symphony No. 7 concluded the program. The gentle pianissimos were entirely lost, but on the whole, the beautiful symphony was thoroughly acceptable.

The audience, free from the rigid discipline of the Academy of Music, sat quietly in their seats, some smoking and others easily relaxed, as they drank in the music to which only 1 per cent. of Philadelphia's population has been privileged, heretofore, to hear.

In appreciation, Smallens was presented with a floral tribute amid much cheering and a lusty round of applause.

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Nature made the opening last night an auspicious one. The windless, starry night was perfect. And the strong arc lights, fixed high in the trees, lighted a happy throng during the intermission.

The orchestra opened its program with the fanfare of the Star-Spangled Banner. The program chosen for the opening was a trifle heavy for the tremendous gathering and taxed the acoustics in no small degree.

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Few Philadelphia music-lovers, who proudly boast of the concerts at Robin Hood Dell, give little, if any, thought to the ~~romantic~~ name which is applied to the locale of their favorite summer evening haunt in the Strawberry Mansion region of Fairmount Park.

It is interesting to know that the appellation, "Robin Hood Dell", was given to the site long before the officials of the Philadelphia Orchestra ever conceived the idea of providing musical delights in the little vale. Some romanticist of a long gone era first applied the name to a ford in the Schuylkill River, no doubt inspired by the deeds of roguish robber of Sherwood Forest, in "Merrie England".

For the local historian Robin Hood Dell brings to mind the manner in which the name was bestowed and ~~and~~ the family

which was first connected with the old Robin Hood Hotel, which once stood at the upper end of the dell on the west side of Ridge avenue below Huntingdon street.

The Robin Hood Hotel was maintained for many years by Joseph and Mary Lake, who^{se} descendants still own property in that section.

Wagoners, on their way from Philadelphia to western Pennsylvania, traveled by way of old Ridge road to the Robin Hood Hotel, from whence a lane ran down the dell to the Schuylkill river and a ford across the stream, known as "the Robin Hood ford". The river was crossed at what is now the foot of Nicetown lane, and the road leading to it can still be traced down over the hill beside the band shell. The thoroughfare is marked by the southern wall of Laurel Hill Cemetery.

Attaining the western shore of the Schuylkill the teamsters used the old Ford road up the hill near Chamounix and back to the present Woodside park, and thence out to the Lancaster Road.

Another route to western Pennsylvania passed the Robin Hood Hotel, continued up Ridge road to Domino lane, in Roxborough.

Robin Hood Bell No 3.

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down Domino lane to the Schuylkill, over the stream at that
point and up the western side of the river.

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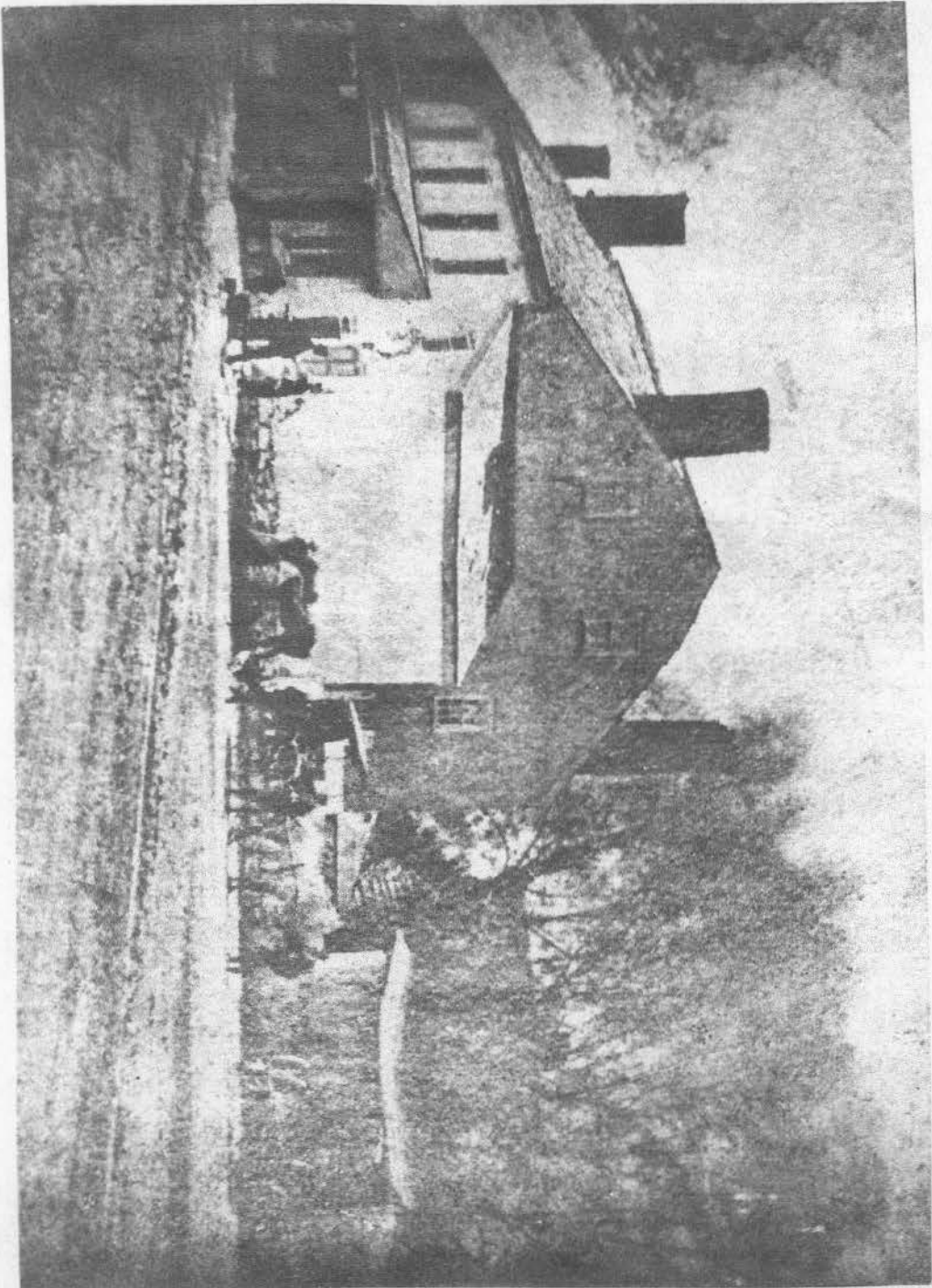


Bluff and ravine at south end of South Laurel Hill cemetery showing the location of Robin Hood ford road east side of the river.

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The Robin Hood, which formerly stood on the west side of Ridge road just south of South Laurel Hill Cemetery. This tavern was a very old landmark dating back to a period before the Revolution.

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Lodge Has A Birthday

Sarah Dobson Lodge, Daughters of St. George, Observe 39th Anniversary, With Dinner at McCaffrey's on Saturday Night.

A goodly number of the members of Sarah Dobson Lodge, Independent Order Daughters of St. George, of East Falls, celebrated the 39th anniversary of that organization at a dinner held at McCaffrey's Restaurant, in Germantown, on Saturday night last.

Song, comedy and recitations were the order of the evening, and some of the old history of the lodge was recalled by its officers.

The fraternity was founded in the Old Academy on Indian Queen lane, by fourteen ladies, and has since had a continual growth. The only living charter member is H. M. Wheaton. Among the other charter members were Mrs. Emma Tweedale of Germantown; Mrs. Marie Riley, of School lane; Mrs. Mary Smith, of Shawmont, and Mrs. Emma Eastwood of Wissahickon.

Seventy-one guests were present at the affair, for which William "Billy" Pemberton furnished the entertainment.

A minstrel circle was formed, with Edith Keen as "Amos"; Martha Barker, as "Andy"; Violet Sugden, as "Rufus"; Louisa Horn, as "Rastus", and "Billy" Pemberton in the interlocutor's chair.

Mrs. Gertrude Griffith sang "Always In My Dreams"; Mrs. Sarah Hall's vocal number was "Picking Petals Off of Daisies"; Esther Pemberton obliged with "What Will the Robins say?" and Mr. Pemberton gave his well-known and popular favorite "Exercises". Anna Boland added a share to the entertainment by giving several readings and "Rufus and Rastus" enacted a little sketch entitled "A Lodge Scandal." Dancing followed until midnight when the merrymakers dispersed.

The present officers of the lodge are: President, Edith Keene; Vice-President, Louisa Horn; Recording Secretary, Ellen Parks; Financial Secretary, Mrs. Katherine Lawson; Treasurer, Mrs. John MacLaren; Chaplain, Ruth Knott; First Conductor, Nellie Smith; Second Conductor, Gertrude Griffin; Inside Guard, Ethel Dugman; Outside Guard, Edith Platt; District Deputy, Lillie Bennett; Trustees, Lucy Priestly, and Mrs. Fannie Schofield.

3/26/1931

Falls Couple Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Turner
Observe Golden
Wedding

BOTH BORN HERE

Children and Grandchildren
Join in Marking Festive Occasion

Aldan Park Manor was the scene of a festive occasion on Monday evening, when Mr. and Mrs. Henry Turner, of 3424 Bowman street, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, with their children and grandchildren.

Married on March 23, 1881, at the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church, by the Rev. Mr. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Turner are known and esteemed by practically everybody in East Falls.

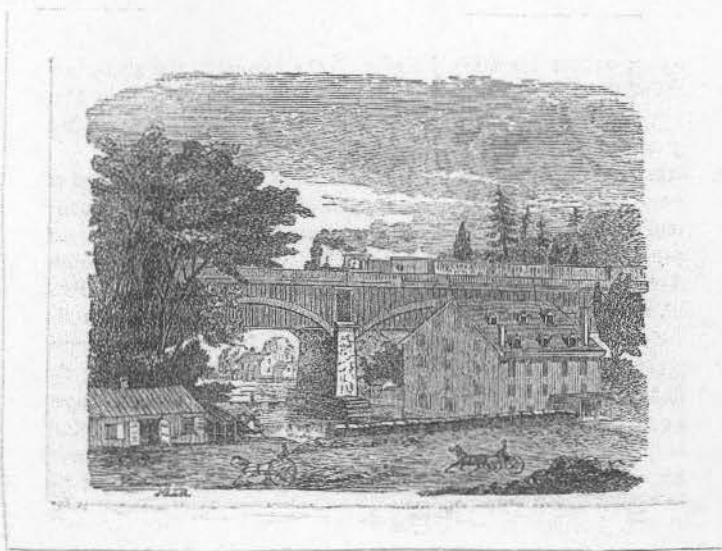
Mr. Turner was born in Rittenhousetown, a once-thriving community near the present junction of Wissahickon avenue and the Lincoln Drive. Mrs. Turner's birthplace was in "Cooksokey," a village that previous to the expansion of Fairmount Park, was situated on the west side of the Schuylkill river, near the Falls.

Previous to their marriage, Mrs. Turner was Miss Sarah Dykes. Her husband has for many years been the custodian of the Falls branch of the Free Library of Philadelphia. Previous to accepting his present position he worked in the undertaking business with the late Charles L. Dykes.

At the reception on Monday were the couple's four children, Mrs. J. W. Harrison, of 549 Abbotsford avenue; William M. Turner, 4170 Ridge avenue, Mrs. W. Roy Wallace, of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and Mrs. Donald MacKenzie, of 3321 Ainslie street, East Falls; their daughter-in-law, Mrs. William Turner, and two sons-in-law, Mr. Harrison and Mr. MacKenzie, and the following grandchildren: Charles D. Harrison, W. Mills and J. Harrison Turner, and Joan and Donald MacKenzie, Jr. Two other grandchildren, "Billy" and Jean Wallace were at home with their father in North Carolina.

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Wissahickon Valley: Old Robeson Mill, at
Ridge aronne and Wissahickon
Drive: Between 1835 and 1840.
Later the Dobson Mill.



A. C. Chadwick Jr.

BY A. C. Chadwick, Jr.

"Lafayette, we are here!"

There may be some conjecture concerning who first made the above statement, but the residents of the Queen Lane Manor section, and others from more distant points, may well, on August 1st next, go out to Fox street and Queen Lane, and standing in front of the Revolutionary War monument there, gratefully whisper softly, in memory of the great Frenchman:

"Lafayette, we are here!"

For when Washington's Army was encamped on the present site of the Queen Lane Filtration plant, on which the granite memorial stands, surrounded by ^{ancient} cannon, Lafayette had his first glimpse of the Continental forces in review.

Washington and the American warriors rested from August 1st to 8th 1777 on this ground, just prior to the Battle of Brandywine,

and returned to the same encampment to remain from September 12th to 14th, after the contest ended in what many historians claim was a drawn battle.

Lafayette was born September 6th 1757, about 200 miles south of Paris, France. When he was two years of age his father was killed on the battlefield at Minden. At 13 years his mother died leaving him a great fortune. At 16 years he married the daughter of one of the noblest families of France. At 19 he was a captain of dragoons at Metz. It was here that he learned of the Revolution in America and determined to aid the Colonists.

After a stormy voyage of two months he landed in what is now the Georgetown section of Washington, D.C. and then traveled to Philadelphia to gain an audience with the Continental Congress.

Nineteen years of age, red-haired, tall, slender, and not able to speak anything ~~by~~ⁱⁿ his native tongue he was coldly received by the Congress, ~~but the~~^{however,} members of the group soon warned to him when he volunteered to serve in any capacity, without pay.

On July 31st 1777 he services were accepted, and Congress gave him the rank of Major General of the United States. The next day he met Washington, who was on his way to the camp

now marked by the location of the filtration plant and monument.

~~XXXXX~~ George Washington used the house of Henry Hill as his headquarters. This house stood on ground now occupied by "Carlton", the home of C. Stevenson Newhall, at Midvale avenue and Stokely street. Lafayette's headquarters was in a little dwelling occupied by Benjamin Morgan, which stood in the northeast corner of what is now McMichael Park, at Midvale avenue and McMichael street.

When the Americans ~~ns~~ left the Queen Lane camp for the Battle of Brandywine, Lafayette went with them, and was severely wounded in this, his first American, battle. It was necessary for companions to carry him from the field as the ~~Americans~~ ^{Continental} fled up the Schuylkill valley.

Lafayette's deeds at Barren Hill, the post office of which very appropriately enough bears the name "Lafayette Hill", are well known to historians of this vicinity. Sent by George Washington from Valley Forge to reconnoiter the movements of the British, who were then in Philadelphia, the march of the Frenchman and his mixed American and Indian troops was made known by Tory inhabitants to the British, who contemplated his capture and what such an occurrence would mean to the morale of

Continental Army.

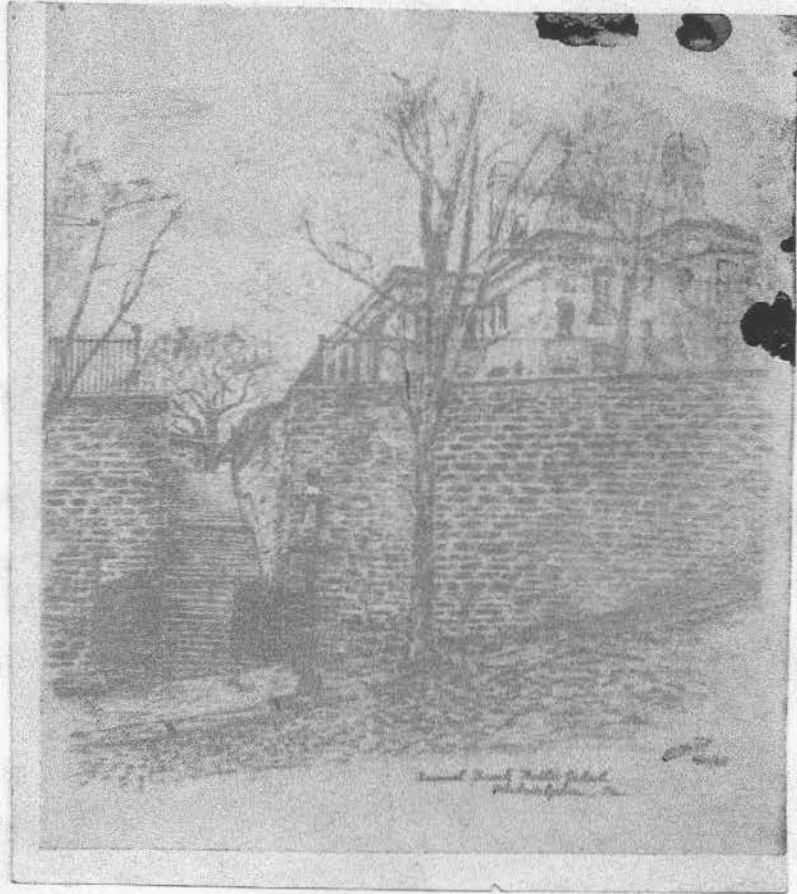
The gallant Lafayette, however, by a ruse at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, outwitted the enemy and retreated down a sunken road, crossed the Schuylkill at what is now Conshohocken and returned safely to Valley Forge.

Grateful Philadelphians can do many less appropriate things next week than that of going out to Fox street and Queen lane; standing quietly before the monument and ~~revising~~ recalling how much the deeds of the greatest of all Frenchmen, as Americans see it, meant for the birth of this nation.

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Blue Bell Hill

One of a series of papers on "Old-Time Districts of Germantown" read at a recent meeting of the Site and Relic Society.

It is so called because blue bells grew in such profusion on this particular field that they covered the ground and it looked as blue as a well kept lawn looks green in the spring.

The field was owned by Jonathan Rittenhouse and was the most northern ground owned by the Rittenhouses of Rittenhousetown, adjoining the farm owned by the late John Welsh. I have an old deed wherein is stated: "Being a part of the premises which Daniel Rittenhouse by indenture bearing date the twenty-fourth day of September, A. D. 1851 did grant and confirm unto the said Jonathan Rittenhouse."

The earliest record of sale of lots that I could find is May, 1867.

The field had a frontage of about 450 feet on Township line (now called Wissahickon avenue) and extended west about two city squares. A forty-foot roadway called Nice Avenue, (now West Johnson street) was laid out through the center and ended abruptly at the railroad cut of what was to be the Germantown and Roxborough Railroad.

This particular field was "Blue Bell," although the ground and streets below (Naomi avenue and Walnut lane) were known to outsiders as Blue Bell, much the same, I suppose, as all Americans are known as Yankees to Europeans, but we know where Yankee land is, and people living on Nice avenue knew what comprised the Blue Bell Hill, just as well as Smearburgers or little Britons knew the confines of those particular sections.

The writer never knew of the blue bell being found outside of this field.

The first house was possibly built by Patrick Lane and fronted on Wissahickon avenue, but the Hutelmeyers, Foster, Jacoby, Aucott, Henshaw, Evans, Gentner, Rhoades, Green Bussinger and Mollenkopf homes were built in the same year.

The lots all had a frontage of forty feet, and most of the houses were built of stone, for nearly all the above mentioned worked in the building trades and every one helped the other in his own particular line.

Feuds

In the next field below, belonging to Isaac Rittenhouse, was an apple orchard in which grew some very good fruit. This was given over to our care, with the understanding that we could have all the fruit that we wanted if we kept the other boys out. We were successful in doing this save from one crowd—the boys from Little Britain would come over four or five times during the apple season and they outnumbered us two

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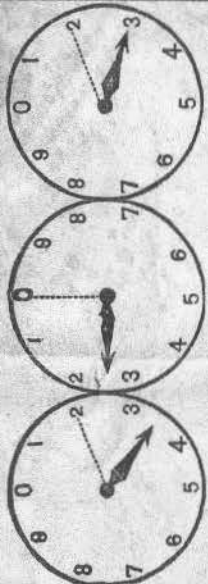
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FOR RETURN OF RECEIPTS SEND STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE.
CHECKS MUST BE DRAWN TO ORDER OF "BUREAU OF GAS."

MANAYUNK
MIDDLE DISTRICT
REGISTER 12611

EXPLANATION OF THE GAS METER.



Each division on the right hand circle denotes 100 feet, and on the centre circle, 1,000 feet, and on the left hand circle, 10,000 feet. To take a statement from the meter, begin at the left and set down the lowest figures next to the hands on each circle, which in the diagram are 3, 2 and 3; showing the statement to be 32,300. If at a former observation the hands were at the dotted lines, the statement then was 20,200; and the difference between the two statements is the amount of Gas consumed—viz., 12,100 cubic feet.

BILLS to be PAID ONLY at the OFFICE, Main Street, Manayunk, from 9 A. M. to 3 P. M.
EXCEPT ON SATURDAYS, UNTIL 12 M.

Mr John E O'Sullivan

To the **BUREAU OF GAS, Dr.**

Premises, *Ridge Ave (East Falls)*

For Gas consumed from *Aug 22* to *Nov 21* 1895

State of Meter at this date, *464 00*

Less do. at last settlement, *450 00*

Consumption, *14 00*

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At \$1.00 per thousand feet,
Add 3 per cent. for non-payment
within 5 days.

Dollars.	Cents.
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Bill Presented, *Nov 21 1895* Received Payment,

G. W. Gillet

TERMS.—Extract from Ordinance passed by Common and Select Councils.—Revised 12th July, 1839.

Sec. 2. Gas will be supplied by the meter: and should the meters be found defective, they will be immediately changed. And in case of their ceasing to register the quantity of Gas consumed, the account will be made by the average of another meter, or by the amount charged during a previous corresponding period, at the discretion of the Trustees.—Sec. 4. The meter and service pipe, from the main to the inside of the building to be lighted (not exceeding the length of sixteen feet), will be furnished and laid by the Trustees, without cost to the consumers. The expense of the stop-cock, or other apparatus, and all extra service pipe, bends, &c., which may be required, shall be reimbursed to the Trustees by the consumer of Gas upon the premises.—Sec. 10. The Trustees, their Inspector, and other authorized agents, shall, at all times, have the right of free access into the premises lighted with Gas, for the purpose of examining the whole Gas apparatus, or for the removal of the meter and service pipe.—Sec. 11. The Tenant of any premises using Gas, shall give at least three days' written notice whenever he is about to remove that the Gas may be stopped, or he will remain liable for any Gas that may pass through the meter until such notice is given.—Sec. 13. IN DEFAULT OF PAYMENT FOR GAS CONSUMED WITHIN TEN DAYS after a bill is rendered, or in case of a leak, or injury done to the meter or pipes, within the premises of any consumer, THE FLOW OF GAS MAY BE STOPPED UNTIL THE BILL IS PAID, or the necessary repairs are made.

Sec. 15. The Trustees reserve to themselves the right to refuse to introduce Gas into any premises until all arrears due in the said premises shall have been paid.

AN ORDINANCE for the protection of the Philadelphia Gas Works, passed October 6th, 1836.

That any person or persons who shall open a communication into the street gas Main, or other gas pipe, without authority from the Inspector, or other authorized agent of the Trustees of the PHILADELPHIA GAS WORKS, or who shall let on the Gas after it has been stopped by order of said Inspector, or other authorized agent, for repairs or any other purpose, or shall put up any pipes or burners in addition to the pipes or burners originally put up and inspected, and introduce the Gas into them, without authority as aforesaid, shall be subject to a penalty of not less than Ten or more than Fifty Dollars for each and every such offence; one-half to be paid to the informer, and the other half into the City Treasury.

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