

Observatory Hill. The second ward school as now organized are in three buildings, North avenue Sherman avenue and Observatory Hill.

The first building erected in the Third ward for public school purposes was located at the corner of North avenue and Sherman avenue in 1830.

In 1840 the fourth ward school was erected in 1830. It consisted of two rooms, but the rapid increase in population made it necessary at two different times to enlarge the building.

In 1870 a site was procured on Chestnut street, in the eastern part of the ward, where the school building now stands.

The school building at the corner of Esplanade street and Fourth avenue was erected in 1830. It consisted of two rooms, but the rapid increase in population made it necessary at two different times to enlarge the building.

In 1849, as far back as the records extend, there were three public schools in the Fourth ward.

The schools as organized in 1849 were located as follows: In the basement of the South Common M. E. Church; two in the basement of Dr. Rodgers' church; two on Fourth street near the aqueduct, and the remaining one on Avery street near the present school building.

The Fifth and Sixth wards are indistinctly connected as to make their early history inseparable. When Manchester was consolidated with the city parts of the First and Second wards were merged with the Fifth and Sixth wards.

The building in the Fourth ward located on South Canal street near the aqueduct from 1830 to 1849 was used for school purposes until 1871, when the present building on Liberty street was erected.

The building for the schools of the upper district of the Fourth ward was located on South Canal street near the aqueduct from 1830 to 1849.

In 1849 blackboards were first used in the schools of this neighborhood. During the same year arrangements were made for the building of a new brick schoolhouse on the lot where the old frame schoolhouse stood.

WHICH BETTER STANDS. Near the new one and which is still occupied with schools, was ready for use. It contained 12 rooms, and accommodated the children in 1860, who were made for the building was erected alongside of the old one at a cost of \$24,700.

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TENTH AND ELEVENTH WARDS. Prior to 1873 the Tenth ward was part of the Second ward. Sometime it became part of the city and another schoolhouse was erected in addition to those already in use.

More than two years ago the Eleventh ward, then part of Ross township, had a school located on Black Lane, subsequently transferred to the upper part of Strawberry Lane, where it remained until 1870, when a new site was purchased on Woodland avenue for the sum of \$1,500. On this a two-roomed school building was erected.

The Old First Ward School. brick was erected. Three years later a school was added by occupying the dressing room of the upper grade of scholars, in the basement of the Baptist Church, and another joint High School already spoken of.

THE TWELFTH WARD. The Davisville school, in the lower end of the ward, was organized about the same time as those in the upper part already alluded to.

THE OLD COLORED SCHOOLS. In 1857 a public school for the education of colored children was organized in the basement of the Baptist Church on Robinson street. It grew so rapidly that soon another colored school was opened in 1854.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM. In the building it was claimed that the public school system of this locality was organized in 1854. The new system met with such bitter opposition that no school could be opened until a year later.

THE ALLEGHENY PUBLIC SCHOOLS. The Allegheny public schools as at present existing are under the management of a Board of Controllers, consisting of 78 members.

MEMORABLE YEARS. The Weather of 1850 and 1815 Well Remembered in Allegheny. On Friday afternoon, September 27, 1850, a most terrific hail storm visited Allegheny.

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BRAVE FIRE LADDIES.

History of Allegheny's Volunteer Fire Department.

INCIDENTS OF A LIVELY NATURE.

Riots Which Resulted Because the Borough Council Snubbed the Boys.

PRIMITIVE MACHINES OF EARLY DATE.

Personal of Some of the Men Who Manned the Hoses in Times of Danger.

At present Allegheny has one of the most efficient fire departments in the United States. Few cities surpass it in the speed of action or completeness of apparatus.

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SECOND ENGINE PURCHASED. They also complied with the petitions of 100 citizens asking for the purchase of another engine. Mr. Brown received \$10 for each engine.

PUBLIC BELL RINGER. Thomas Griffin was paid \$30 for a year's services in ringing the public bell for meetings and fire alarms, and for care of engine houses and apparatus.

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privilege to occupy a vacant lot corner of Laocok and Balmston streets, in the First ward. General Robinson agreed to let the woman occupy this lot as long as they chose. Samples long room, built in 1823, the only place to hold public meetings.

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ALLEGHENY'S PARKS.

How the Founders of the City Arranged for the

WELFARE OF THEIR DESCENDANTS.

Pretty Pleasure Grounds in the Very Heart of the Town.

HANDSOME WALKS AND MONUMENTS.

Where Artistic Gardening Has Been Carried Out to Perfection.

Allegheny is the City of Parks. This fact is impressed upon the visitor as soon as he crosses one of the handsome bridges that span the river at frequent intervals.

There are 100 acres of park land in Allegheny, and they are in the center of the city. When Allegheny City was laid out one of the provisions was one that 100 acres should be reserved for common pasture.

The park company, of Allegheny, who acted as agent on the lines coming down Ohio street, when the alarm was sounded. The captain of the Penn company wanted the Allegheny residents to go to the fire, but their friends were waiting their arrival in Pittsburg, and it was refused.

Public opinion at once turned against the fire department. The entire department was denounced as rascals and a menace to the public safety. The Washington Company was completely broken up by the affair, J. J. Binning presiding at a meeting of its members.

GREAT FIRES IN ALLEGHENY. The greatest fire that ever swept Allegheny was on the Fourth of July, 1874. It destroyed the dwelling houses and stores on many acres of lots west of Federal street, and north of North avenue.

LOSS OF LIFE, TOO. On April 7, 1865, the temporary warehouse of the Allegheny was destroyed by fire. They faced Laocok street, and were filled with most valuable freight.

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The conservatories in the Allegheny parks cover a space of 140x150 feet, in which nearly every ordinary variety of plant that can be grown under glass is to be found.



HAMPTON MONUMENT, ALLEGHENY PARKS.

water plants whose names are known only to learned botanists. In the other houses are thousands of decorative and bedding plants, the chrysanthemum show in the autumn being one of the finest in Pennsylvania.

Parks would not be perfect without ornamental water, so there is a lake of two acres, overspread with willows and sycamores, not far from the conservatories and museum.

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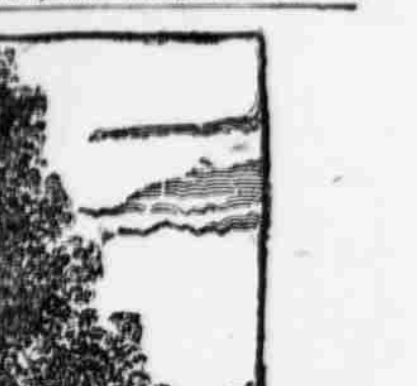
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ing the stone fountain, is a large granite monument to the members of the Hampton Battery who gave up their lives on the altar of their country during the War of the Revolution. The design is noble and chaste.



HUMPHREYS MONUMENT, ALLEGHENY PARKS.

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