

Mount Pleasant Historical Society

Celebrating 177 Years of Education 1830 - 2007



Historical Marker Dedication Ceremony Friday, May 18, 2007 1:00 PM

DEDICATION PROGRAM

Welcoming Remarks

James A. Wagner, Park Administrator
Bellevue State Park

Master of Ceremonies

Clint Dantine, Chairperson
Mount Pleasant Historical Society

Invocation

Kelli Bradley, Teacher
Mount Pleasant High School

Presentation of the Colors

Hiram Benitez, Chief Warrant Officer 3
Mount Pleasant High School JROTC

National Anthem, Pledge of Allegiance, and Alma Mater

Tom Dean and Brian Drumbore
Mount Pleasant High School Music Department
*Pledge of Allegiance led by the Student Council

Distinguished Speakers

Harris B. McDowell III, Senator
Delaware Legislative District: 1
Emily Cunningham, Alumnus representing
Thomas R. Carper, United States Senator
Charles A. Salkin, Director
Delaware Division of Parks and Recreation
Dr. James R. Scanlon, Superintendent
Brandywine School District

Unveiling the Historical Marker

Retire the Colors
Recessional — School Song

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Special recognition to:

Dr. James R. Scanlon, Superintendent
Brandywine School District
Joyce A. Skrobot, Principal
Mount Pleasant Elementary School
Michael H. Pullig, Acting Principal
Mount Pleasant High School



Alma Mater

Hail! All hail to thee, Mount Pleasant
Loud thy praises ring.
May God's blessings smile upon thee,
We, her students sing.
May the brightness of her glory,
Never, never fail.
We are true to thee, Mount Pleasant.
Hail! To thee all hail!

"Mount Pleasant Ever Glorious"

We are Mount Pleasant ever glorious,
we always fight with our heads held high;
and we will always be victorious
we have the spirit do or die,
Mount Pleasant beware all you other men,
for we are here to win the fray
and we will be triumphant
e're we meet for this Mount Pleasant's day!
M T P L E A S A N T Fight on! Fight on!
Fight on to victory! We are Mount.

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Mount Pleasant schoolhouse built in 1830 receives State of Delaware historical marker

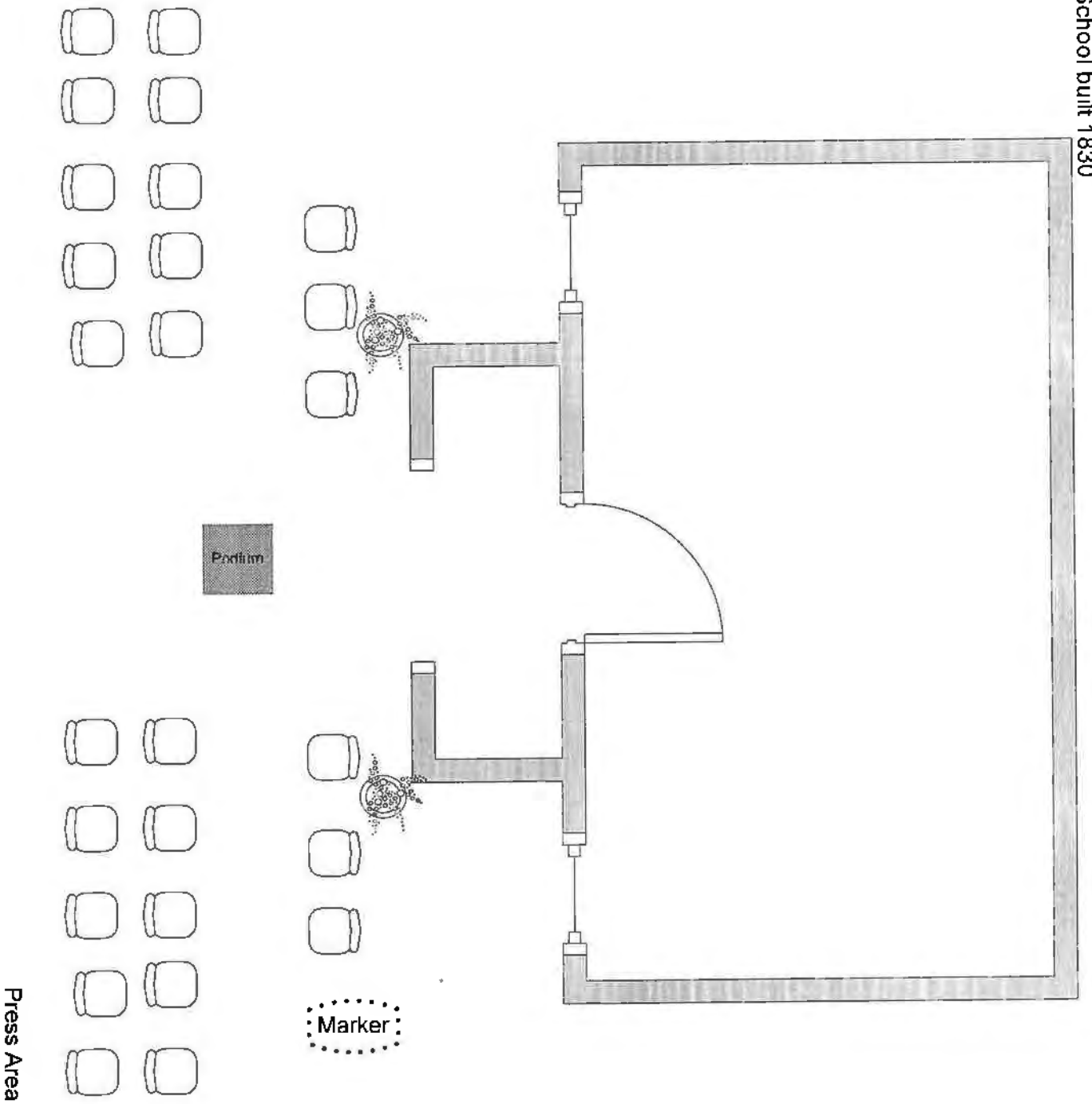
- *Historical marker dedication ceremony at Bellevue State Park; Delaware public school system celebrates 177 years with Mount Pleasant Schools --*

WILMINGTON – Delaware State Senator Harris B. McDowell, III of District 1 in the 144th General Assembly will be a special guest at the Mount Pleasant School historical marker dedication ceremony. Senator McDowell, sponsor of the marker, will be joined by other dignitaries of the State of Delaware and local school system. Mount Pleasant High School teachers, students, and alumni will be represented at this historic event. The school JROTC, music program, International Baccalaureate students, and Student Council will participate in this grand celebration.

The dedication ceremony will be held in front of the original Mount Pleasant schoolhouse built in 1830 residing at Bellevue State Park (800 Carr Road in Wilmington). The ceremony will begin at 1:00 PM on **Friday, May 18, 2007**. Members of the media are encouraged to arrive via the Philadelphia Pike entrance at Bellevue State Park by 12:50 PM.

For additional event information, please visit our historical society online at www.mphsknights.com/activities/historicalsociety. The history of the Mount Pleasant schools and community may be found at www.mphsknights.com/history. This is a not for profit event in cooperation with the Mount Pleasant Historical Society, Brandywine School District, Delaware Public Archives and the Historic Markers Program, and the Delaware Division of Parks and Recreation in association with the Cultural and Recreational Services.

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DELAWARE COLLEGE.

*An Act for the establishment
of free schools
Feb 7, 1829*

WASHINGTON

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1893

The auditor was to settle the accounts of the school committees, who were to appear before him whenever he attended "in their county to settle the account of the county treasurer."

Schools.—Each school was to be opened on the first Monday in November and to continue as long as funds permitted. It was free to all white children. The school committee was to make regulations for the government of the school and by these was to "provide for the expulsion of a scholar for obstinate misbehaviour."

Corporations.—Each school was made a corporation by the name of school district No. —; "said corporation by said name shall take and hold grounds, buildings, etc., and protect property as any other corporation."

County superintendents.—The governor was directed to appoint, on or before the first Monday in March, a superintendent of each county for one year. The duties of the superintendent were: (1) To correspond with all persons interested in the execution of the act; (2) to aid in all matters connected with its execution; (3) to supply school districts with proper forms and to advise them in respect to their proceedings; (4) to see that notice be given of division of districts; (5) to collect information and report to the general assembly. For his services he was to receive no compensation but the payment of all expenses incurred in the performance of his duties.

Acts repealed.—All acts that had been passed appropriating any money of the school fund for aid of poor children or support and encouragement of schools from 1817 to February 12, 1829, were repealed.¹

STRENGTH AND WEAKNESS OF THIS LAW.

Judge Willard Hall said of this law:

The school system under these laws is simple and plain. It forms school districts, appoints and regulates the meeting of the school voters in these districts, and commits to these voters in these meetings the whole power over the subject of common schools for their districts. Every school district is a republican community for the special purpose of taking care of the interests of popular education within its bounds. It depends upon the school voters whether the children of the district shall have the benefit of a school and what kind of a school they shall have.

The import of the law appears in another quotation from Judge Hall:

The design of the system is not to make schools by its operation, but to enable and invite the people to make schools by their own agency.

The term "free" was applied to the school law to indicate two facts: First, that the people were left free to choose the length of time their schools should be in operation during any one year, and the amount of money to be raised by taxation for the support of the same, thus placing upon the people themselves, voting in the school meetings, the power and responsibility of determining whether they would have a good school, an inferior one, or no school; second, making the title show that the schools in the State were free for every white child to attend without reference to any money having been paid by its father or guardian.²

¹ Laws of Delaware, VII, 184-197. Fifth Annual Report of Superintendent of Free Schools for 1880, containing Groves's History of Free Schools of Delaware, 47 et seq.

² Groves, 48.

man to reduce to a system the outlines he had suggested in 1822 by inviting him to mature his plan in detail and embody it in a statute.

Thus was produced in 1829 the free-school law of Delaware.

THE FREE SCHOOL LAW OF 1829.

SYNOPSIS.

Division of the State into school districts.—The levy court appointed five commissioners in each county to divide it into school districts. In making the division "it shall be a general regulation to form each district so that the most remote parts should be 2 miles, or about that distance, from the center, except districts comprehending a town, which may be of such dimensions as shall be just, having respect to the size of town or towns." Furthermore, they were to ascertain the number of schools in operation, the number of scholars taught therein, the several sums paid to the teachers, and to form an estimate of the number of children in each district between 5 and 21 years of age. The commissioners of each county were to form a board, with authority to review their proceedings as commissioners and to alter or form the bounds of any district.

Annual school meetings.—The school voters in each district were privileged to hold a stated meeting every year, on the second Monday of October, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, at the schoolhouse or any place designated by the levy court, to elect, by ballot, a clerk and 2 commissioners. They were to determine in the same manner how much money was to be raised by subscription or voluntary contribution "for the support of a free school" in the district. Every resident in the district having a right to vote for representatives in the general assembly was also a school voter of said district.¹

Duties of the clerk and commissioners.—(1) To determine a situation and erect a school building thereon; (2) to keep the building in good repair; (3) to provide a school for as long a time as the funds would admit; (4) to receive all moneys and apply the same; (5) to employ teachers; (6) to do all acts requisite to the maintenance of a school.

They shall employ as a teacher no person whom they shall not have just grounds to believe to be of good moral character and well qualified to teach reading, writing, arithmetic, and English grammar, and such other branches of knowledge as the committee may deem necessary to be taught in the district. They may employ a female teacher (in respect to whom the qualification of reading and writing may be sufficient) in the summer months or other parts of the year when small children can attend school and others are engaged in the common occupations of the country. They may dismiss a teacher.

State appropriations.—The clear income of the school fund thereafter to accrue was to be apportioned and appropriated among the school districts. Each district, however, should have from the school fund an amount equal to that resolved to be raised by the voters, and no greater.

¹ The committee were elected for one year until in 1867 their term was extended to three years.

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Mount Pleasant Time Line →

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*original
1830
Sch. Dist #2*

The photo above is what the old schoolhouse looks like today. When William DuPont Jr. remodeled Woolton Hall, now called the Bellevue Mansion, he also changed the exterior of the schoolhouse from stone to its present Colonial Revival style.

*MP
1830*



Front



Side

*DuPont
Mansion
Wing*

1830 A law was passed in Delaware to establish the first public school system. One of the first schools built was Mount Pleasant, located on an acre of land which is now part of Bellevue State Park. Joseph Orr sells a lot on September 22, 1830 to the School Committee of School District #2 (*note: School District #1 was Naamans Creek, now the Claymont Stone School*). A small stone school is erected on this lot (see photos above).



Entrance of Bellevue State Park on Carr Road still has the 1855

post marker to mark the entrance of the Hanson Robinson Estate.

1855 Hanson Robinson purchases the remainder of the Joseph Orr lot and the adjoining Joseph Grubb lot in order to build his Gothic style mansion.

1863 Hanson Robinson acquires the School District #2 lot in exchange for a new two-story school in a lot on the south side of Philadelphia Toll Pike opposite the Mount Pleasant Methodist Church.



The 1865 Mount Pleasant School still stands at 1010 Philadelphia Pike. Only the first floor stone construction remains in this now private residence.

1865 - The new one-room schoolhouse (see picture above), built from stone, was constructed on the Philadelphia Toll Pike opposite the Mount Pleasant Methodist Church. Click [HERE](#) to view the transfer deed.

The Mount Pleasant Methodist Church, built 1838, is now part of Bellevue State Park and called the Mount Pleasant Meeting House. Click [HERE](#) to see additional pictures of the 1865 school property.



Mount Pleasant Meeting House (formerly Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church)

1910 - The Mount Pleasant School housed primary and intermediate grades with some classes being held in the barn of Mr. William Jordan. Miss Mary J. Robinson, a teacher of the Intermediate grades, formed an Audubon Society; members of the group wore badges with a green and white ribbon. This may have been the origin of the present school colors.



Mount Pleasant School built 1932

1932 - The present Mount Pleasant Elementary School on Duncan Road was constructed (see picture above). It housed grades 1 through 9 and had an enrollment of 400 pupils.

1944 - Parents petitioned the State Board of Education to expand the educational program in the district to grades 1 through high school.

1945 - The State Board of Education recognized the Mount Pleasant Special School District as a special district, enabling the educational program to be supervised by a Board of Education and a superintendent.

The first Board of Education included:

- Mr. C. Edward Duffy, President
- Mrs. Lillian L. Paschall, Vice President
- Dr. Crayton K. Black
- Mrs. Elizabeth C. Rinehard
- Dr. Ross L. Neagley, First Superintendent

1947 - Grades through the twelfth were added. Ray Schwinger became the first principal.

1948 - Two new elementary schools, housing grades 1 through 6 were added. These were Silverside and Edge Moor.

1949 - Mr. John F. Heiney became Superintendent. The elementary schools had full time principals in charge.

1950 - Mount Pleasant graduated its first class. The Class of 1950 was composed of 31 boys and 31 girls. Mount Pleasant became a full-fledged high school accredited by the Middle Atlantic States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The total enrollment for the district was now 1,472 pupils, 543 in the Junior-Senior High School (see Alumni 1950).

1954 - River Road Elementary School and the new gym on the High School were built.

1956 - Carrcroft Elementary School was completed. The enrollment was now 3,250 pupils, 1,950 of them in grades 1 through 6 and 1,300 in grades 7 through 12. Principals of the Elementary schools were Mr. Thomas D. Childrey, Carrcroft; Mr. Joseph Connelly, Edge Moor; Mr. Lawrence M. Furbish, Jr., River Road; and Mr. Jack G. Rockwell, Silverside.



1958 Cornerstone



Mount Pleasant Senior High School

1958 - Mount Pleasant Senior High School was occupied for the first time. Kenneth E. Michael became principal (see Alumni 1959).

1962 - Charles Bomboy, who had formerly been a Biology teacher, was named principal to succeed Mr. Michael.

1966 - Another Biology teacher, John Michalcewiz succeeded the late Mr. Bomboy as principal of the high school.

1969 - WMPH began broadcasting at 91.7 FM from Mt. Pleasant High School and became the State's first high school radio station licensed by the Federal Communications Commission.

1973 - Mr. David K. Fauser assumed the office of Superintendent of Schools.

1975 - School auditorium was destroyed by a fire and was later renovated.

1978 - The school district of Mount Pleasant becomes the Brandywine School District. Quinton Sterling becomes the first African-American principal of the high school (see State of Delaware timeline). Dr. Frank J. Furgele becomes the superintendent of the newly formed Brandywine School District.

1990 - Dr. Carl W. Smith becomes superintendent of the Brandywine School District.

1991 - Thomas Lapinski, another former Biology teacher of the school, becomes principal of Mount Pleasant Senior High School.

1993 - JROTC program is established at the school.

1995 - Dr. Joseph P. DeJohn becomes the superintendent of the Brandywine School District. The entire Mount Pleasant High School building is renovated during the course of the 1995 - 1996 school year. During this time, all faculty and students occupy the former Claymont High School building on Green Street in Claymont as the temporary home of Mount Pleasant High School (see Alumni 1996).

2000 - Thomas Lapinski retires as principal of Mount Pleasant High School. He runs for the School Board, wins and serves a full term as a Brandywine School Board member.

2001 - Dr. Bruce Harter becomes the new superintendent of the Brandywine School District. Dr. Dennis Runyan becomes the new principal at Mount Pleasant High School.

2003 - Gregg P. Robinson is appointed principal of Mount Pleasant High School. During the summer, the building was completely renovated with new exterior windows.

2004 - Mount Pleasant High School was authorized as the first public school in Delaware to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme.

2005 - Mount Pleasant High School celebrates 175th anniversary with special events and installation of the school Hall of Fame.

2006 - Mike Pullig becomes Acting Principal. Dr. Jim Scanlon becomes the new superintendent of the Brandywine School District. The Mount Pleasant High School building undergoes summer wiring renovations to install a new security system with video surveillance and ID card door access.

Mount Pleasant School - 1865



1010 Philadelphia Pike



Top Pictures: The 1865 Mount Pleasant School still stands at 1010 Philadelphia Pike (New Castle County parcel # 0612400038) across from the Mount Pleasant Meeting House. The location of the 1865 schoolhouse is now a private residence. Only the first story stone structure remains. The building has been completely renovated since originally constructed in 1865.

Bottom Picture: This is a view from from the rear of the 1865 schoolhouse. Notice the Delaware River in the background. The name Mount Pleasant may have originated from this high elevation in northern Delaware. The Cauffiel Estate, now on the property of Bellevue State Park, still resides slightly down the hill on the right hand side of this picture.



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AT THE BEGINNING OF PUBLIC EDUCATION

The state's first school system, made up of several school districts, contained about twenty schoolhouses. Commissioners in each district had the duty to employ teachers, handle money matters, and if possible, to build and maintain a schoolhouse. In the beginning there were about twenty schoolhouses in the state.



Mount Pleasant information board on the Northern Delaware Greenway

One student during those early school days recalled that, "The subjects

taught were very primary, the books were of the crudest kind, and the furniture of the rudest material and structure. The teachers were themselves possessed of limited education."

As time passed and the state grew, the importance of education was recognized. Public Education Acts were passed that improved funding, qualifications of teachers, teaching materials, and school buildings.

EVOLUTION OF A COMMUNITY

Formative Era

Bellevue has a long tradition of providing an educational institution for the children within its community. William Penn (1644-1718) sectioned most of the land that surrounds our present day community of Mount Pleasant High School. This land was used to establish one of the first Quaker Meetings in Delaware. The most prominent citizens of the day were Morgan Dewit and Valentine Hollingsworth. A meetinghouse on the north side of Carr Road (2.8 miles east of Faulk Road), established about 1682, hosted regular community meetings. It was named from a plantation called New Wark or New Worke patented to Hollingsworth, who in 1687 donated one-half acre for the burying place "being some already buried in ye spot." This is the location of the Newark Union Church. Following the admonition of William Penn concerning the importance of educating the young, this meetinghouse was also used as a schoolhouse.

In 1830, a law was passed in Delaware to establish the first public school system. That same year, Joseph Orr sold a lot to the School Committee of School District #2. One of the first schools built was Mount Pleasant (see Mount Pleasant timeline), a small stone school. Hanson Robinson purchased the remainder of the Joseph Orr lot in 1855 and the adjoining Joseph Grubb lot in order to build his Gothic style mansion. This section of land, later be owned by William H. DuPont, Jr., was acquired by the State of Delaware in 1976 and renamed Bellevue State Park. The original Mount Pleasant School is still on the property of Bellevue State Park (view satellite map of all Mount Pleasant schools).



Mount Pleasant school desk circa 1830

As the little community of Mount Pleasant prospered, and the village of Bellevue grew up around it, a new school was needed. Hanson Robinson acquired the School District #2 lot in 1863 in exchange for a new two-story school near a lot on the south side of the newly constructed Philadelphia Toll Pike. The new school was built in 1865, opposite the Mount Pleasant Methodist Church (remnants of the original structure still stand at 1010 Philadelphia Pike). There, grades 1 through 8 were taught. Gradually other

grades were added, so that children could attend through high school.

The community remained mostly parkland until the twentieth century when the new economy was driven by the rapidly expanding chemical industry. As the chemical industry expanded, so did the community. New towns and cities were all causes for a new school. In 1932 this became reality, and Mount Pleasant School on Duncan Road was built. This new school would only accommodate grades one through nine. There were no school busses at that time. Folks remember that the children used to get free trolley rides from friendly motormen up to the Mount Pleasant School.

A new problem emerged - parents wanted local control over their school due to rapid growth and the formation of new communities. Eight years later in 1944, the State Board of Education was petitioned to create a new school district. One year later in 1945, the Mount Pleasant Special School District was organized.



Mount Pleasant graduated only the ninth grades in 1946

In 1947, new housing developments made it mandatory for Mount Pleasant School on Duncan Road to become a four-year high school. Prior to this year, the school taught only first through ninth grades. It now began servicing through the twelfth grade. To accommodate the very young, two elementary schools were built: Silverside and Edgemoor. Eight years later, two new elementary schools were built - River Road in 1954 and Carrcroft in 1956. The last elementary school was built in 1966 - Old Mill Lane Elementary.

The first graduating class from Mount Pleasant's newly formed high school was in 1950. During the same year for the first time, the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools accredited Mount Pleasant High School. Also at this time period, a student committee was formed to choose an identity for the high school. The Green Knight (Sir Gawain and the Green Knight) was chosen for the school mascot. The school colors would officially be green and white. The school yearbooks would be named the Green Leaf and the school newspaper would be known as the Green Flash. Interestingly, the football uniforms were patterned after Michigan State University using their same colors, helmet design and medieval knight.

In 1953 a new site was chosen to build the current Mount Pleasant High School located at 5201 Washington Street Extension and Marsh Road. The school would open in the fall of 1958. Additions to the main physical plant were completed in 1968 and 1971.

The Desegregation Era

The community of Mount Pleasant Senior High School underwent a major

cultural change in 1978 (see Delaware timeline). The Federal District Court ordered the 11 school districts in northern Delaware to merge and become one single district, namely, the New Castle County School District. The newly formed district found it difficult to function as a large district and this resulted in the formation of four separate school districts (Brandywine, Christina, Colonial and Red Clay Consolidated).

Brandywine School District would consist of four high schools: Brandywine, Claymont, Concord and Mount Pleasant. Mount Pleasant High School community has become diverse because of the dissolution of the Wilmington School District. Students were shared among the four new school districts. The community of Mount Pleasant became two-fold; the old Mount Pleasant Special School District and a small, undefined area of the City of Wilmington (North--Bellevue-Bellefonte; East--along the Delaware River and Governor Printz Boulevard extending past Edgemoor into the inner city around Price Run Park, Speakman Park, 25th Street up to Market Street, and Northwest to the Ninth Ward; to the West - to the city's urban sections - Rockwood I/II, Talley Farms; Liftwood Estate, and Liftwood to Marsh Road).

Post Desegregation Era

In 1990, Claymont High School closed. The Brandywine School District attributed the closing to a declining enrollment, an unequal racial balance and the economics of keeping a high school open with a declining enrollment. As a result, students were reassigned within the three existing high schools. Mount Pleasant's current feeder pattern was once again transformed. The epicenter of Mount Pleasant High School would remain at Bellevue-Bellefonte, but now it would extend as far north as Claymont and the immediate vicinity; eastward along I-495 and the Delaware River; westward to the B&O railroad and southward into the inner city of Wilmington. Danby Street to Market Street would border the city on the north. The northwest would include Vandever Avenue and extend northeasterly to Governor Printz Boulevard. This leads south to Spruce Street and its immediate vicinity.

Shifts in feeder patterns have closed all of the former elementary schools except Carrcroft Elementary and the original Mount Pleasant School on Duncan Road converted back to an elementary school. New feeder elementary schools are Harlan, Claymont, Pierre S. DuPont, Maple Lane, Carrcroft, Mount Pleasant, Darley Road and two middle schools - Springer and Talley.

Information on the present location of Mount Pleasant High School of 5201 Washington Street Extension, based on deed research for Bellevue State Park (Wise 1987)

1670-1688 Swedish property ownership confirmed by a series of grants including resurvey of Verdreitige Hook properties. These documents established the southeastern boundary of Rockland Manor, a large tract of land set aside for the Penn family, which included much of the land between the Delaware River and the Brandywine, except land that had already been granted along the rivers themselves. The present Mount Pleasant High School property falls within the Rockland Manor boundaries.

Before 1785 George Robinson acquired a tract of Rockland Manor running along the southeastern boundary from Shellpot Creek to Stoney Creek. This would include the high school property.

After 1785 The Beeson family acquired the southern half of the George Robinson tract, including what is now the high school property.

After 1850 and before 1868 Joseph Hanby acquired the southern George Robinson tract after the death of John Beeson. The Hanbys owned the property until after 1900.



"The people loved Mount Pleasant. When they built a church and school, they called them Mount Pleasant. When a group of people migrated westward in 1849, they named their church in Illinois Mount Pleasant."

Herbert T. Pratt, Chairman of the Trustees, Mount Pleasant Church of Christ



Satellite view of all Mount Pleasant schools

1 - Original schoolhouse built in 1830. This area was school district #2 in Delaware.

2 - Mount Pleasant schoolhouse moved to this location across from the Mount Pleasant Methodist Church (church built in 1838) on Philadelphia Toll Pike in 1865.

3 - As the community grew, a much larger building was necessary for the school. This location was established for the Mount Pleasant school in 1932.

4 - This new location became the home of the high school for Mount Pleasant built in 1958.

and settlement, are extinguished and by these presents I the said Kenney
Johns, do release, exonerate and discharge the said Company from and
against the said claims. - Witness my hand and seal the day and year above said

Sealed & Delivered
in the presence of
Joseph G. Rowland
H. D. Gilpin

Kenney Johns



Received in the Office August Second A.D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty one

64. Recorded August 3^d 1831

Attest Matt^r. Kean W.

This Indenture Made the Twenty second day of September in the year of our
Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty Between Joseph Orr of Brandywine Penn.
died in the County of Newcastle and State of Delaware of the one part, and Edward Dezer,
Joseph Knubb and School Committee of School District N^o 2 of the same hundred
of the other part. WHEREAS the said Joseph Orr by a certain Indenture of bargain
and sale, bearing date the sixth day of April A.D. 1810 duly executed under the hand
and seals of James Crosby and Margaret his wife for the consideration therein

mentioned became lawfully seized in fee, of and in a certain piece or parcel of land situate
in the hundred aforesaid, and recorded in the Office for recording of Deeds at Newburgh in
Deed Book vol. Page &c. reference thereto being had may more fully and at large appear
Now this Indenture Witnesseth that the said Joseph Orr for and in consideration
of the sum of thirty dollars lawful money of the United States of America to him in hand well
and truly paid by the said Edward Beeson, Joseph Grubb and _____ at or immediately
before the sealing and delivery hereof the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge and confess
himself therewith fully satisfied contented and paid and thereof and therefrom do acquit
exonerate and ^{forever} discharge them the said Edward Beeson, Joseph Grubb and _____ their
Heirs, Successors and Assigns and every of them by these presents he the said Joseph Orr hath
granted, bargained, sold, aliened, conveyed, confirmed, and by these presents do
grant, bargain, sell, alien, convey and confirm unto the said Edward Beeson, Joseph
Grubb and _____ their heirs successors and assigns a small part of the above cited lands
and premises particularly described as follows, to wit BEGINNING at a stone (in a lane)
a corner of Joseph Grubb land and a side line for John Beeson's lane thence with said Grubb's
line North fifty two degrees and a half East nine perches to a stone thence North fifty degrees
and one quarter West nine perches to a stone thence South fifty two degrees and a half
West nine perches to a stone thence South fifty degrees and one quarter East nine perches
to the place of beginning) containing eighty one perches of land be the same more or less.
TOGETHER with all and singular the Houses building, Gardens, orchards, Woods, way, water,
water courses, rights, liberties, privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever thereto
belonging or in any way appertaining, and the Reversions and Remainders, rents, Issues and
profits thereof and all the estate, Right, Title, Interest, use, possession, property claim
and Demand whatsoever either in law, Equity or otherwise howsoever of him the said
Joseph Orr and his heirs of in or to the land and premises hereby granted or intended,
and intended; so to be, with the appurtenances To have and to hold the said
particularly described lot of Land and premises hereby granted bargained and sold
or mentioned or intended so to be, with the appurtenances unto the said Edward
Beeson, Joseph Grubb and _____ their heirs and successors and assigns

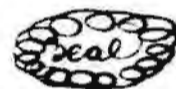
In Trust for the purpose of erecting a School house thereon, for the benefit of
the subscribers residing in said District their heirs successors and assigns forever
Provided Nevertheless that if three fourths of the said subscribers or their Heirs or assigns
shall agree to convey the said lot and building thereon to be erected the Heirs and
Assigns of each subscriber to have collectively one voice and upon agreeing aforesaid
and signifying the same in writing under their hands in the presence of two
or more subscribing Witnesses thereof that then and in such case the said
Committee or their legal Representatives shall convey the said lot and premises
hereby granted to the purchaser thereof by a good and sufficient Deed in fee
simple the money arising from such sale shall be divided amongst the subscribers
to the building of the said Schoolhouse or their Representatives in proportion to the
subscriptions. And provided always nevertheless that if any of the com-
mittee aforesaid their Heirs or successors shall violate in any manner the
trust hereby reposed in him or them, then in such case upon due claim of the
subscribers declaring the same agreeably to these presents under their Hand
in the presence of two subscribing Witnesses all the said Trust so reposed on
aforesaid in him or them so violating shall cease, determine and become

...and the subscribers may proceed to elect by ballot a successor or successors
to supply such vacancy or vacancies after giving ten days previous notice thereof in writ-
ting and the person or persons so elected shall be as fully and amply vested with the
power, trust and authority that his or their predecessor or predecessors otherwise might
could have been. And further the said Committee doth hereby agree for themselves and
their successors to make and maintain one half the fence around the said lot forever
and be accountable to the said Joseph Orr for all damages done his property by the children
while at said School. And if the said Schoolhouse (when built) should ever be displaced
of for any other use than that for which it is built then and in that case the Committee
is to be valued by three disinterested persons, and the said Joseph Orr to have the Refund of
the same. That he the said Joseph Orr and his Heirs, the said lot of land and premises hereby
granted, bargained and sold or mentioned and intended do to be unto them the said
Beeson Joseph Guubb and their Heirs Successors and assigns in Trust for
the benefit of said and subject to the provision aforesaid against him the said Joseph Orr
his Heirs and against All and every other person and persons whomsoever lawfully claim-
ing or to claim by from or under him her them or any of them shall and will warrant
and forever defend by these presents. In Witness whereof the said Joseph Orr has hereunto
set his Hand and Seal the Day and year first above written. -

Signed, Sealed and Delivered

in the presence of
Isaac Guubb Jr.
Fred^l Leonard

Joseph Orr



Received the day of the date of the above written Indenture of and from the
above named Committee full satisfaction for the above mentioned consideration money

Witness present J 30. 01

J. Joseph Orr

Fred^l Leonard

State of Delaware
Newcastle County
Do it remembered that on the twenty second day of Sep-
tember in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred and thirty, Before the Subscribers two of the Justices of the peace
for Newcastle County aforesaid, Joseph Orr named in this Indenture per-
sonally appeared and acknowledged said Indenture to be his act and deed
and desired that it might be recorded. Witness our hands the day and year aforesaid.

James Jordan
Fred^l Leonard

Received for record August fifth A.D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty one

Recorded August 6th 1831

Wm^l Matt^l Kean R^l

Whereas Edward Garty late of Pencader Hundred in the County of Newcastle and
State of Delaware, deceased, was in his life time seized and possessed in fee of and in a
certain Tract piece or parcel of Land, situate, lying and being in the Hundred County and
State aforesaid. Situated and bounded as follows. Beginning at a corner Gum standing
on the West branch of Red Lion Creek and in the line of lands late of William Whann
and running thence by the said Whann's land South fifty and a quarter degrees
east twenty five and an half perches to a corner Black Oak and South five and a

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Joseph on to School. in trust
9-22-1830

(Mr. Pleasant)
Joseph Orr

This Indenture was made the seventeenth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty Between David Kellam of Beaudry wine hundred and County of Newcastle in the State of Delaware and Rebecca his wife of the one part, and Richard Kellam [a son of the aforesaid David and Rebecca] of the same place of the other part. Now this Indenture Witnesseth that the said David Kellam and Rebecca his wife for and in consideration of the natural regard and affection which they have and bear towards their said son; and also for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred dollars lawful money of the United States of America to them in hand well and truly paid by the said Richard Kellam at or before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge and confess themselves therewith fully satisfied, contented and paid; and thereof and of and from every part thereof do release acquit and forever discharge the said Richard Kellam his heirs and assigns by these presents have granted bargained and sold aliened enfeoffed released and confirmed, and by these presents do grant bargain sell alien enfeoff release and confirm unto the said Richard Kellam his heirs and assigns the following described lot or piece of Land and premises situated in the hundred and County aforesaid and particularly described as follows (viz): Beginning at a stake or stone in the South easterly side of the the Wilmington and Philadelphia turnpike Road near a small buttonwood tree thence South forty two degrees West twenty two perches and five tenths to a stone a corner of Jeph Kendall's land thence with said Kendall's line South forty nine degrees East fifteen perches to a stone thence the two following new lines between this and other land of the said David Kellam North forty two degrees crossing below a spring head twenty three perches to a stone thence North forty nine degrees West sixteen perches to the place of beginning, containing by calculation two Acres and ten perches of Land by the same more or less, Together with all and singular the Stone wheelwright shop, Houses, buildings, gardens orchards fields farms meadows, ways waters water courses rights liberties privileges hereditaments improvements and appurtenances whatsoever to the said granted lot or piece of Land belonging or in any wise appertaining and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders rents issues and profits thereof. AND all the estate right title Interest property claim and demand of the said David Kellam and Rebecca his wife and his heirs of in and to the same and of in and to every part and parcel thereof To have and to hold all and singular the said Granted lot or piece of Land and premises with the appurtenances unto the said Richard Kellam and to his heirs and assigns to and for the only proper use and behoof of the said Richard Kellam his heirs and assigns forever AND further it is covenanted by and between the said parties by these presents that the said David Kellam and his heirs all and singular the said lands and premises hereby bargained and sold or mentioned or intended so to be and every part thereof with the appurtenances against him the said David Kellam and Rebecca his wife and his heirs and against all and every other persons and persons whomsoever having or claiming or that shall or may at any time hereafter lawfully claim the same or any part thereof by force or under him her them or any of them unto the said Richard Kellam his heirs and assigns shall and will warrant and forever defend by these presents. IN WITNESS

whereof the said David Kellam and Rebecca his wife have herunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Signed Sealed and Delivered.

In the presence of
Isaac Grubb Jr.
Thos^m Howell

David Kellam

Rebecca ^{her} ~~what~~ Kellam

Received on the day of the date of the above written Indenture of the above named Richard Kellam full satisfaction for the consideration money above mentioned.

Witness present \$100.. D David Kellam
Isaac Grubb Jr.
State of Delaware Jt.

Be it Remembered that on this seventeenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty personally appeared before us the subscribers, two of the Justices of the peace in and for the County of Newcastle, David Kellam and Rebecca his wife the grantors named in the above and foregoing Indenture and they the said David Kellam and Rebecca his wife severally acknowledged the same to be their act and deed respectively, and desired it might be recorded as such; and we further certify that the said Rebecca being the day and year aforesaid privately examined by us, separate and apart from her said husband and out of his hearing she the said Rebecca did declare and say that she signed sealed and delivered the said Indenture willingly & freely without the compulsion, fear or ill usage of her said husband or fear of his displeasure. In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands the day and year aforesaid.

Geo^t Leno
Thos^m Howell

Received in the Office August thirtieth one thousand eight hundred and thirty.

Recorded August 30th 1830

Attest Nath^l Kears^l

This Indenture Made the Fifth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seven Between John Hastings of the Township of Moyamensing in the County of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania Stockkeeper and Rebecca ^{his wife} (the said Rebecca being the only daughter and sole Heiress of John Sanders late of the said Township Cardmaker deceased) of the one part and Jacob Derickson of the Borough of Wilmington in the County of Newcastle and State of Delaware Miller right of the other part Witnesseth that the said John Hastings and Rebecca his wife for and in consideration of the sum of Ninety Dollars lawful silver money of the United States of America to them at or before the sealing and delivery hereof by the said Jacob Derickson well and truly paid the Receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged HAVE granted bargained and sold released and confirmed and by these presents do grant bargain sell release and confirm unto the said Jacob Derickson and to his heirs and assigns all the ~~land~~ or pieces of land situate in the said Borough of Wilmington ~~to the~~ Side of ^{Market} Street Beginning at a Stake on the East side of Street at a Corner of Andrew Walkers lot thence by the same

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David & wife Rebecca Kellam
to son Richard Kellam

1830

part: and Hanson Robinson of the same County and State Party of the second part, Witnesseth that the said Parties of the First Part, for and in consideration of a conveyance this day made by the Party of the second part to the Parties of the First part, of a certain Lot of Land to be used for the purpose of erecting a school House thereon, for the benefit of said School District, at the cost of the said Hanson Robinson and for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar lawful money of the United States of America, unto them well and truly paid by the said Hanson Robinson at and before the sealing and delivery of these Presents, the Receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have granted, bargained, sold, aliened, conveyed, released, conveyed and confirmed and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, alien, convey, release, convey and confirm unto the said Hanson Robinson his Heirs and Assigns, All that certain Lot, piece or parcel of Land situate in Brandywine Hundred of said County and described as follows, that is to say, Beginning at a stone a corner of land formerly of Joseph Grubb, now of the said Hanson Robinson, said stone being in a line of John B. Mason's land; thence with said Hanson Robinson's line North fifty two degrees and a half East nine perches to a stone; thence North fifty degrees and one quarter West nine perches to a stone; thence South fifty two degrees and a half West nine perches to a stone and thence South fifty degrees and one quarter East nine perches to the place of Beginning, containing Eighty one perches of Land, be the same more or less. (Being the same land and premises which Joseph Orr by Indenture under his hand and seal bearing date the Twentieth day of September A.D. 1830, sold and conveyed unto Edward B. Mason, Joseph Grubb and School Committee of School District No. 2, their Heirs, Successors and Assigns in trust, for the purposes therein mentioned; as in and by said Indenture recorded in the office for Recording Deeds &c. at New Castle in and for Newcastle County aforesaid, in 1 Book A. Vol. 4th page 163^d, relation being thereunto had as aforesaid.) Together with all and singular the Buildings, improvements, ways, woods, waters, water courses, rights, liberties, privileges, Franchises and appurtenances whatsoever therunto belonging, or in anywise appertaining and the reversions and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof, and all the estate, right, title, interest, property, claim and demands whatsoever of them the said Parties of the First part, in law equity, or otherwise howsoever, of in, and to the same and every part and parcel thereof. To have and to hold the said Lot, piece or parcel of Land hereditament and premises hereby granted, or mentioned, or intended so to be, with the appurtenances therunto belonging unto the said Hanson Robinson his Heirs and Assigns, to and for the only proper use and behoof of the said Hanson Robinson his Heirs and Assigns forever.

GRANTEE.		GRANTOR.	BOOK.	VOL.	PAGE.	YEAR.	GRANT
Robinson	Hanson	Joseph Orr	N	6	350	1853	
Richardson	Hannah W. et al.	Thomas Wood	Q	"	140	1854	Rumford. H
Roberts	Hugh	John A. Willard shiff	S	"	140	"	Rile H
Remington	Keale	George Maxwell	T	"	244	1855	Robinson H
Ray	Heyland	James H. Duckery wuf.	V	"	326	1856	Riddle H
Reynolds	Henry F.	Thomas O. Webb wife	"	"	441	"	
Robinson	Hannah	Charles Canby	W	"	170	"	
Robinson	Henry	William Groves wife	C	7	503	1858	
Robinson	Henry C.	Lewis Painter wife	I	"	307	1859	
Reed	Hugh	William McKnight wuf.	S	"	469	1863	
Rhodes	Hannah M.	Eli Garrett wife	U	"	47	"	
Reading	Henry P.	Charles H. Bryan wife	"	"	311	1864	
Robinson	Hanson	Mrs S. Orr et al.	B	8	6	1865	
Raymond	Henry	James Powell	G	"	34	1866	
Rile	Henry M.	Mrs C. Seeds wife	K	"	473	1864	
Robinson	Hannah	George W. Robinson	N	"	451	1867	
Rumer	Henry	Andrew Walker wife	O	"	74	1838	
Reed	Hannah E.	Margaret Wigglesworth	S	"	489	1868	
Trustee Robinson	Henry C.	Thomas J. Graves wuf.	U	"	77	"	
Rile	Henry M.	Chri River Imp Co.	X	"	311	1869	
Ramsey	Hugh	Stephen S. Price wuf.	Z	"	435	"	

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Indenture to be their deeds, and the said Patricia M. Morrow
being at the same time privately examined by me apart
from her husband acknowledged that she executed the
said Indenture willingly without compulsion or threats or fear
of her husband's displeasure, Given under my hand and
seal of office the day and year aforesaid!

John V. Robinson, Notary Public

Received for Records April 5th, A.D. 1865

A. P. Shannon, Recorder,

This Indenture, Made the Thirtieth day of March in
the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty
five, (1865) Between William S. Coe, J. Henry Guest and
James Swift all of Brandywine Township in the County
of Newcastle and State of Delaware, School Committee of
School District No. 2, in said County, Parties of the First

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... of lands, be the same more or less, (Being the
same land in premises which Joseph Orr by Indenture
under his hand and seal bearing date the Twenty second
day of September A.D. 1830, sold and conveyed unto Edw-
ard Bacon, Joseph Grubb and School Committee
of School District No. 2, their heirs, Successors and assigns
in trust, for the purposes therein mentioned; as in and
by said Indenture recorded in the office for Recording
Deeds &c. at Newcastle in and for Newcastle County afo-
said, in Book N. Vol. 4th page 163rd, relation being
thereto had appears.) Together with all and singular
the Buildings, improvements, ways, woods, waters, water-
ses, rights, liberties, privileges, Tenements and appurtenances
whosoever thereto belonging or in anywise appertaining
the reversions and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof
and all the estate, right, title, interest, property, claim and
demands whatsoever of them the said Parties of the First
part, in law equity, or otherwise whatsoever of in and to the
same and every part and parcel thereof. To have
to hold the said lot, piece or parcel of land, tenements
rents and premises fully granted, warranted and
intended to be held to the said parties their heirs
and assigns forever.

And the said Parties of the First part for themselves their suc-
 cessors and heirs Executors and Administrators (to be by these presents
 and said grant made agree to consent the said Heanum Rob-
 inson his heirs and assigns that they the said Parties of the
 First part and their successors and heirs all well singular the
 Conditions and promises herein above described and con-
 tained or intended so to be with the Appurtenances
 unto the said Heanum Robinson his heirs and assigns agai-
 nst them the said Parties of the First part and their suc-
 cessors and heirs and against all and any other Person or Persons
 whatsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part
 thereof by force or under them or any of them what and will
 by these presents Warrant and power defend.

In Witness Whereof, the Parties of the First Part have
 hereunto set their hands and seals, I stul the day and
 year first above written.

Wm. & Delia	W. D.	W. D. Orr
in the presence of	Stamp	J. Henry Guest
David Harris	50 cts.	James Swift
John C. Harris		

Received the day of the date of the within Indenture of the within
 named Heanum Robinson full satisfaction for the considera-
 tion money within mentioned.

Witness at Signing
 David Harris
 W. D. Orr
 J. Henry Guest
 James Swift

State of Delaware }
 Hertsable County } ss. Be it Remembered, that on this
 the 12th day of March in the year of our Lord
 1865, one Heanum Robinson, under and by his
 personal appearance before me David Harris a
 Notary Public for the State of Delaware, W. D. Orr,
 J. Henry Guest and James Swift, Parties to this Inden-
 ture known to me personally to be such and lawfully
 acknowledged this Indenture to be their act,
 Given under my hand and seal of office the day
 and year first aforesaid.

David Harris
 Notary Public
 Received for Heanum April 5th. A.D. 1865
 J. P. Shannon, Recorder

The Subscribers, Messrs. the Justices of the Peace of the County
 of Hertsable, do hereby certify that the within Indenture
 was duly acknowledged before me on the 12th day of March
 1865, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the
 original as the same appears from the records of the County
 of Hertsable.

WM OVR & School
to Hanson Robinson
3-30-1865

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Indenture to be their deeds; and the said William & Harriet
being at the same time privately examined by me apart
from her husband acknowledged that she executed the
said Indenture willingly without compulsion or threats or fear
of her husband's displeasure, Given under my hand and
seal of office the day and year aforesaid,

John T. Robinson, Notary Public

Received for Records April 8th. A.D. 1865-

A. P. Shannon, Recorder,

This Indenture, made the Thirtieth day of March in
the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty
five, (1865) Between William S. Orr, J. Henry Guest and
James Swift all of Branbyine Township in the County
of Newcastle and State of Delaware, School Committee of
School District No. 2 in said County, Parties of the first

Mt. Pleasant Historical Study 1865 Transfer Deed

From: Blume Cara (DNREC)
Sent: Wednesday, June 01, 2005 9:40 AM
To: Dantinne Clint
Subject: RE: Mt. Pleasant Historical Study

Mr. Dantinne:

Attached is a transcript of an 1865 deed transferring the 1830 school to Hanson Robinson in exchange for another school and lot in an unspecified location. It references the 1830 deed (highlighted in the text).

Cara Lee Blume, Ph.D
Cultural Heritage Program Manager
Cultural and Recreational Services Section
152 S. State St.
Dover, DE 19901
(302)739-9191

Transcript of deed transferring original School #2 to Hanson Robinson in exchange for a new school—references the 1830 purchase from Joseph Orr.

New Castle County Recorder of Deeds Vol. B-8, pp. 6-8

This Indenture, Made the thirtieth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Sixty five, (1865) Between William S. Orr, J. Henry Guest and James Swift all of Brandywine Hundred in the County of New Castle and State of Delaware, School Committee of School District No. 2, in said County, Parties of the First part and Hanson Robinson of the same Hundred, County and State Party of the Second part, Witnesseth that the said Parties of the First Part, for and in consideration of a conveyance this day made by the Party of the Second part to the Parties of the First part, of a certain Lot of Land to be used for the purpose of erecting a school house thereon, for the benefit of said School District, at the cost of the said Hanson Robinson and for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar lawful money of the United States of America, unto them well and truly paid by the said Hanson Robinson at and before the Sealing and Delivery of these Presents, the Receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have granted, bargained, sold, aliened, enfeoffed, released, conveyed and confirmed and by these presents do grant bargain, sell, alien, enfeoff, release, convey and confirm unto the said Hanson Robinson his Heirs and Assigns, All that certain Lot, piece or parcel of Land situate in Brandywine Hundred aforesaid bounded and described as follows, that is to say, Beginning at a stone a corner of land formerly of Joseph Grubb, now of the said Hanson Robinson, said stone being in a line of John Beeson's land; thence with said Hanson Robinson's line North fifty two degrees and one quarter West, nine perches to a stone; thence South fifty two degrees and a half West nine perches to a stone and thence South fifty degrees and one quarter East nine perches to the place of Beginning, Containing Eighty one perches of land be the same more or less. (Being the same land and premises which Joseph Orr by Indenture under his hand and seal bearing the date the

Twenty second day of September A. D. 1830 sold and conveyed unto Edward Beeson, Joseph Grubb and School Committee of School District No. 2. their heirs, Successors and assigns In trust, for the purposes therein mentioned; as in and by said Indenture recorded in the office for Recording Deeds etc. at New Castle in and for New Castle County aforesaid, in Book N, Vol. 4th page 163 etc. relation being thereunto had appears.)
[The remainder of the deed is standard formulaic legal language]

Be it remembered, that I David Kellam of Brandywine hundred, New Castle County in the State of Delaware, Turner, being advanced in age, but of sound and disposing mind and memory, Do make and publish this my last Will and Testament (hereby revoking and making void all former Wills by me heretofore made) as follows, that is to say.

Amprimis. My will is to be buried with as little expense as decency will permit, and that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease as conveniently may be.

Item. - I give unto my beloved wife Rebecca Kellam my stone house and garden, in which I now reside, with the appurtenances for life, and after her decease I give and devise the same to my two sons Richard and David; share and share alike, as tenants in common. To Hold to my said two sons their heirs and assigns, for ever. - And I give all my personal estate, including a new Dearborn Wagon (after the payment of my debts and funeral expenses) unto my said Wife, for and during her natural life; and after her death I give unto my son David my clock and Desk, and the remainder of my said personal estate to be equally divided to and amongst my children Shaw and Share alike, and if any of my children should die before my said Wife, then the children or child of such deceased child (if any such be living at that time) to take the share of the deceased parent. And I also give and bequeath unto my said Wife the annuity or yearly sum of one hundred and fifty Dollars, which I have charged on, and to be issuing and payable out of, my Real Estate as herein after mentioned, and I also give to her the keep of a Horse and Cow summer and winter, and sufficient fire wood cut and delivered at her door for her own use, or the use of the stone house herein given her, during her natural life, which I have likewise charged on my Real Estate as herein after mentioned; and it is my will and intention that the provision herein made for my said Wife shall be deemed and taken to be in lieu and bar of Power.

Item. - I give and devise unto my two sons Richard and David all and every part of my Real Estate situate in Brandywine hundred aforesaid, with the appurtenances. To Hold the same to my said two sons their heirs and assigns for ever, as tenants in common; charged and chargeable nevertheless with the annuity, legacies, and incumbrances herein mentioned and contained; And I hereby order and direct that my said Real Estate (except the stone house and garden where I now reside, should my said wife be then living) be divided (as soon after my decease as may be) between my said sons Richard and David, in which division it is my will that David's share be more valuable by five Acres or the price thereof than Richards, and that the woods or flats on the River Delaware be divided and the privilege retained by the owner of making hay cut from the same on the upland adjoining, and also the privilege of a Road from the said woods or flats, and from each division or share (when divided) to the Turnpike Road, the particular location of which Roads to be fixed when the said Estate is divided, and by the persons deciding the same; And I do hereby (over)

constitute and appoint my friends Edward Tutuall, James Price and Harry Williamson to make the said division between my said two sons as aforesaid but if it should happen by death or otherwise that they or either of them cannot act, then my executor to appoint others to fill vacancies, the award under hand and seal of at least a majority of whom shall be final. —

Item. I give and bequeath to each of my daughters Mary Kendall, Elizabeth Rambo, Rebecca Speakman, Ann Bushall, Sarah Kellam and Evelina Talley the sum of Two hundred Dollars, which I charge on my Real Estate herein devised to my sons, to be paid by my said sons out of said Real Estate within one Year after the decease of my said Wife. —

Item. — I give and bequeath unto my daughter Margaret Loring the sum of Two hundred Dollars which I likewise charge on my said Real Estate, payable in one Year after the decease of my said wife, but if her husband be then living it is my will that she be paid the interest on the same annually, by the holders of my Real Estate, for which her receipt alone shall be taken, and that she same be in no respect under her husband's controul or liable for his debts, and at his death (should she survive him) the principal to be paid to her, but should she die before him, then the same to be paid over to her children, or their legal representatives share and share alike. —

Item. — It is my will that the said annuity to my said wife, the legacies to my said Daughters, and the other incumbrances herein charged on my Real Estate, be charged in equal proportions on each share when divided, and that each of my sons or the share to which he shall be entitled, pay one half of the said annuity, and one half of each of the legacies herein bequeathed, the annuity to my said Wife to be paid half yearly, and the first payment to be made within six months after my decease, and also that each son or the share of my Real Estate to which he may be entitled, find and provide my said wife (after the division year about, alternately, firewood and keep of a horse and cow as aforesaid, my son Richard providing for one half Year. —

Item. — I nominate and appoint my son-in-law Jesse Merrill Executor of this my last will. —

And lastly. My express will and meaning is, and I do hereby give and appoint, that if any difference, dispute, question or controversy shall be moved arise or happen, concerning any gift, bequest or other matter or thing in this my will given and bequeathed, expressed or contained, — that then no suits in Law or equity, or otherwise — shall be brought, commenced or prosecuted, for and concerning the same, but the same shall be referred wholly to the award or other determination of two persons

one to be chosen by my executor and the other by the person dissatisfied, and what they shall order, direct, or determine therein shall be binding and conclusive to, and on all and every person and persons therein concerned.

In Witness whereof I David Kellam the testator, have to this my last Will on two Sheets of paper, set my hand and seal this tenth - day of July in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty five -

Signed, Sealed, published and Declared, by the above named testator, as and for his last will and testament in the presence of Us, who in his presence, and at his request, and in the presence of each other, have hereunto signed our names, as Witnesses thereto.

David Kellam 

Jacob Pusey
Stephen Rossall
W. McCullay

New Castle County N.C. Personally appeared Stephen Rossall and William McCullay two of the subscribing Witnesses to the above and foregoing Will, who having been duly qualified did say that they saw David Kellam the Testator sign and seal the said Instrument of writing, and he did then publish the same and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament, that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of his belief of a sound and disposing mind and memory, that it was at the request of the Testator, in his presence and in presence of Jacob Pusey, that they subscribed their names thereto as Witnesses and that they saw the said Jacob Pusey subscribe his name thereto as another Witness.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand at New Castle Co. N.C. the 2^d of October 1839

Jacob Kault, Register

The Account of Richard Mottam, administrator with the Will
 Annexed of David Mottam late of New Castle County deceased.

1841
 Aug 16 The Administrator is charged with the amount
 of the goods and chattels contained in an inventory
 taken and appraisement returned into the Register's
 Office at this date 180 86
 To Interest on said sum from December 2^d 1840 4 75

July 1856

1839 The Administrator comes to be allowed as follows
 Dec 2 For to ash paid Register for Gallant 7 14
 " " " " Register for notes 1 00
 Nov 19 " " " " Wm B. Milleden for School tax 1 35
 1840
 Jan 23 " " " " Robert M. Gardner both County tax do 6 64
 " 28 " " " " Nathaniel Mottam digging 2 00
 1841
 Aug 23 " " " " Mottam Henry washing 10 50
 Commisary allowed Administrator 18 00
 Register settling of long account
 Making account including copy 3 00
 Balance remaining on hands of Administrator
 to be disposed of according to law May 10th 1841 120 96

James Crayton
 July 1856

Examined and found correct and proper May
 10th 1841.

Jacob Crayton Register

indenture to be their deed; and the said wife
wife of the said John Hedges being at the same time pri-
vately examined by me apart from her Husband acknowl-
edged that she executed the said Indenture willingly, with-
out compulsion or threats, or fear of her Husband's displeas-
ure. Given under my hand and seal of Office the day and

Seal

year aforesaid, at Wilmington —
Wm Hemphill Jones Notary Public


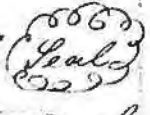
Received for record May Tenth A. D. one thousand
eight hundred and fifty three.

This Indenture, Made the twelfth day of May in the
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Fifty three
Between Joseph Grubb of Brandywine Hundred Newcastle
County and State of Delaware (Farmer) and Hannah his wife,
of the first part, and Hanson Robinson of the City of Philadel-
phia in the State of Pennsylvania (Merchant) of the other part
Witnesseth, that the said Joseph Grubb and Hannah
his wife for and in consideration of the sum of Seven thousand
Dollars lawful money of the United States of America, well
them well and truly paid by the said Hanson Robinson
at and before the Sealing and Delivery of this Indenture, the
Receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged. Have granted

bargained, sold, aliened, enfeoffed, released and confirmed, and
 by these presents Do grant, bargain, sell, alien, enfeoff, release,
 and confirm unto the said Hanson Robinson and to his Heirs
 and Assigns, All that certain Plantation, tracts and parcels of
 Land, situate in Brandywine Hundred aforesaid whereon the said
Joseph Grubb now resides, and as the same is now enclosed, Bound-
 ed by Lands of John Beeson, Joseph Ore, McCaulley and Beeson, Sew-
is Weldin, John Parker and others, or howsoever else the same may
 be bounded and described, containing in the whole about Forty
three Acres, be the same more or less; to which he the said Joseph
Grubb derived his title as follows, viz: N^o. 1 part thereof, Begin-
 ning at a large White Oak marked for a corner and standing
 in a line of Thomas Bartmills land, and thence along the said
Bartmills line North forty six and a half West, eighty one perches
 and twenty five parts to a heap of stones, thence along a new
 line South forty three degrees and a half West, forty two perches,
 thence South forty six and a half degrees East seventy one perches
 and twenty five parts by land of John Mounce, thence along his
 line, North sixty degrees East forty two perches and two parts to
 the place of Beginning - containing within those bounds by
 computation, Twenty Acres be the same more or less (It being
 the same land and premises which Daniel Jennifer Adams, Sher-
 iff of Newcastle County aforesaid, by his Deed Poll, bearing date the
 first day of February A. D. 1793 did, as late the estate of George
Taylor, grant and confirm unto Richard Grubb (father of the
 said Joseph Grubb) in fee; as in and by said Deed Poll, Recorded
 in the Office for Recording Deeds &c, in and for Newcastle County a-
 foresaid, in Book M. Vol. 2. folio 270 &c. appears) N^o. 2. other
 part thereof Beginning, at a stone at the northwesterly side
 of the State Road leading from Wilmington to Philadelphia, and
 in the old line of this tract and the said Richard Grubb's other
 land, thence with the said old line North forty six and a half
 degrees West, twenty eight perches and seven tenths to a corner stone,
 being also a corner of the land of James Stevenson's heirs, thence
 with another old line of this and the said heirs, South sixty degr-
 ees West forty four perches to a stone in the line of John Beeson's
 land, and in the middle of a Road lately laid out and confirmed
 at the instance of James Stevenson, thence with the said Beeson's
 line and the middle of the said Road, South forty six ^{degrees} and a half
 East thirty two perches and seven tenths of a perch to another stone
 at the northwesterly side of the aforesaid State Road, thence with
 the side of the said Road North forty seven degrees and a half East,
 forty three perches and eight tenths of a perch to the place of Begin-
 ning, containing within those bounds by computation
eight Acres of Land, be the same more or less (It being the same
 land and premises which David Hillam and Rebecca his wife,
 by Indenture bearing date the twenty fifth day of July A. D.
 1794 did, grant and confirm unto the said Richard Grubb in fee

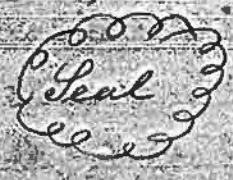
as in and by said Indenture, Recorded in the Office aforesaid
in Book P. Vol. 2. folio 392 &c. appears) And the said Richard
Grubb being so thereof seized in his demise as of fee, of and in the
above described two tracts of land, died, having first made and pub-
lished his last Will and testament, bearing date the twenty fifth
day of January A. D. 1828, since his decease duly proved and remain-
ing in the Register's Office, in and for Newcastle County aforesaid,
wherein and whereby (among other things) he did give and devise
the same to his son, the said Joseph Grubb, in words following, viz
"I give devise and bequeath to my son Joseph Grubb and to his
"heirs and assigns for ever, All that, my Plantation and tract of
"land whereon I now live, situate in Brandywine Hundred and
"County aforesaid, including the tract or parcel of Land, purchased
"by one of David Kellam, the whole containing about Thirty acres
"more or less, together with the improvements and appurtenances,
as in and by said Will, recourse being thereunto had, will more
fully appear. — And No. 3. other part thereof Begun (and
at a stone standing) near the Philadelphia and Wilmington
Turnpike, being a corner for lands of Joseph Grubb, and also a
corner for the lands of the aforesaid David Kellam, deceased, and
running from thence South forty eight degrees East, fifty three per-
ches to a stone, thence South forty degrees West, thirty two perches
and eight tenths, a new Line with said Kellam's Land to a stone,
thence North forty eight and one fourth degrees West, sixty two per-
ches and four tenths to a stake, at or near said Philadelphia and
Wilmington Turnpike; thence North fifty six and one fourth
degrees East, thirty two perches and eight tenths to the place of Be-
ginning Containing, by computation Eleven Acres and
One hundred and thirty two perches, be the same more or less It
being the same land and premises, which Richard Kellam and
Mary his wife and David Kellam, by Indenture bearing date
the eighth day of May A. D. 1847, did grant and confirm unto
the said Joseph Grubb, in fee, as in and by said Indenture Re-
corded in the office aforesaid, in Book N. Vol. 5 page 238 &c. ap-
pears) Excepting thereout a very narrow strip of land, lying
East of the said Turnpike, heretofore released to the said Lewis
Weddin, and now belonging to the said John Parker, who
purchased of the said Lewis Weddin. Together with all and
singular the Buildings and Improvements, ways, woods, water,
water courses, rights, liberties, privileges, hereditaments and ap-
purtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging, or in any wise
appertaining, and the reversions and remainders, rents, issues
and profits thereof; and all the estate, right, title, interest,
property, claim, and demand whatsoever, of them the said
Joseph Grubb and Hannah his wife in law, equitably or ot-
hwise howsoever, of us, and to the same and every part
of. To have and to hold the said Plantation and
parcels of Land hereditamentally and lawfully to the said

and mentioned, or intended so to be, with the appurtenances unto the said Hanson Robinson his Heirs and Assigns, to and for the only proper use and behoof of the said Hanson Robinson his Heirs and Assigns forever. And the said Joseph Grubb for himself his Heirs, Executors and Administrators, doth by these presents, covenant, grant and agree to and with the said Hanson Robinson his Heirs and Assigns, that he the said Joseph Grubb and his Heirs, all and singular the hereditaments and premises herein above described and granted, or mentioned and intended so to be, with the Appurtenances, unto the said Hanson Robinson his Heirs and Assigns, against him the said Joseph Grubb and his Heirs, and against all and every other Person or Persons whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof, by from or under him them or any of them shall and will by these presents War- rant and forever Defend. In Witness Whereof, The said parties have hereunto set their Hands and Seals. Dated the day and year first above written.

Stated and Delivered in the Presence of us, } Joseph Grubb 
 W. McCaulley, }
 S. Sinclair McCaulley } Hannah Grubb 

Received the day of the date of the above Indenture, of the above named Hanson Robinson, full satisfaction, for the consideration money within mentioned
 Witness at signing } Joseph Grubb
 W. McCaulley, S. Sinclair McCaulley.

State of Delaware }
 Newcastle County }
 Be it Remembered, that on this twelfth day of May A.D. 1853, personally came before me S. Sinclair McCaulley a Notary Public for the State of Delaware Joseph Grubb and Hannah Grubb his wife, parties to this Indenture, known to me personally to be such, and severally acknowledged this Indenture to be their deed; - and the said Hannah Grubb, being at the same time privately examined by me, apart from her Husband, acknowl- edged, that she executed the said Indenture willingly, without compulsion or threat, or fear of her husband's displeasure.
 Given under my hand and seal of Office, at Wilmington, the day and year aforesaid,
 S. Sinclair McCaulley Not. Pub.



Received for record May Thirteenth A.D. One Thousand Eight hundred and fifty three. W. D. Ocheltree, Recorder.

This Indenture, Made the Eleventh day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty eight Between Stephen P. Peirce of the City of Wilmington, Newcastle County, and State of Delaware, (Cooper) and Annamae his wife of the first part, and Solomon Flamer,

Kellam, Richard 1793-1795

Whenas I Richard Kellam of y^e Hundred of Brandywine
in y^e County of New Castle upon Delaware Farmer; being in
in a middling state of Bodily Health, & perfect Mind & Memory
remembering y^e Uncertainty of our Lives, on Earth have
thought it Necessary for me to make a will & Testament,
concerning my Territorial Estate, which here I doo in Manner
following: That is first for my Executors here after nam'd
to see that I am Decently Buried, & Then for my said Executors
to pay or cause to be pay'd all my Juste Debts both funerall &
Others that come Against my Estate, Legally prov'd.

Item It's my Will & Desire that after my aforesaid Juste Debts are pay'd
as aforesaid, that my Son David Kellam, shall have my Estate
both Real & Personall, upon paying y^e Undersaid Legacy which
is as follows &c.

Item I Give & Bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Meloon y^e Sum
of Thirty Pounds Lawfull Money of said County of Newcastle aforesaid
y^e to my Grandson Isaac Meloon, son of my Daughter Mary y^e Sum of
Twenty Five Pounds

Item I Give & Bequeath unto my Daughter Margeret Hambor y^e Sum
of Twenty Five Pounds Lawfull Money aforesaid; y^e to my Grandson
David Hambor, y^e like Sum Twenty Five Pounds.

Item It's my Will & Desire that y^e Money left to my Daughters may be
pay'd y^e in small Payments, such as my Executors shall think
it will be to their particular Advantage y^e same to pay'd into their
own Hands, & take their Receipts for same at y^e time of payments
It's my Will & Desire that y^e above Legacies left to my Grand-
children above nam'd shall at y^e time of my Debts, above said
pay'd, to be put out on Lawfull Interest, till they arrive to y^e
Age of Twenty One, & Then pay y^e same with what y^e Law
Deducts for for Executors, to receive

Item It's my Will & Desire, that my Son David Kellam, &
John White Cabinet ~~maker of y^e Hundred of Brandywine~~ Wilmington
maker of y^e Borough of ~~the my~~ Wilmington
to be my Executors to see this my last Will duly Executed
in Manner & Form, as y^e above is Intend'd, as if I myself was
Alive, & from y^e Date hereof Revoked & Made void all Other

Wills & Testaments heretofore made by me, Declaring this to be
my last will & Testament by me made signed & sealed in the
Presence of us ^{the} Subscribers - This 28th of December
in the 4th year of our Lord 1786
John Byrnes - W. Richard Kellam
James Andrews

Newcastle county &c. Before me personally appeared Samuel
Byrnes, one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will,
who being solemnly affirmed, doth say, that he saw Richard
Kellam sign and seal the foregoing instrument of writing,
and that he heard him publish, renounce, and declare
the same to be his last will and Testament; that at the
time of his so doing and saying, he was, to the best of
this deponent's belief, of sound and disposing mind
and Memory; and that he, this Deponent, signed his
name as a witness therunto, at the request of the said
testator, in his presence, and in the presence of James
Andrews, the other subscribing witness, who also signed
his name ~~therunto~~ as a witness therunto at the same
time. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my
Hand, at Newcastle, the fourth day of October, in the
year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and
ninety three. Jas. Booth Register

A true and perfect Inventory and Conscionable Appraisement of
 the Goods and Chattles which were of Richard Hellam late of Brun-
 dyvine Hundred and County of Newcastle in the Delaware State
 Farmer dec^d. taken and Appraised October 11th Anno Domini 1793

	£	S	D
All the wearing Apparel of the Dec ^d	5	—	—
An Eight day Clock £9-0-0 A Desk £5-0-0	14	—	—
A Case of Drawers 60/ another Ditto 50/ Dining table 27/6	6	12	6
A Tea table 15/ an old table 5/ a small Table & glass 3/9	1	3	9
A Cupboard 10/ a looking glass 30/ a box pictures &c 5/	2	5	—
A feather Bed, Bedding and Bedstead	7	10	—
One D ^o 80/ one ditto 70/ and one d ^o with Curtains 140/	14	10	—
One Coverlid & three Blankets 30/ an old straw bed 1/6	1	14	6
Cloth 14 1/2 yds at 7/6 per yd and Coating 7 yds at 3/9 per yd	5	12	6
Two Chests 4/ one d ^o 7/6 one Arm Chair 3/0	—	15	6
Six best rush Bottom'd Chairs 30/ Eight old d ^o 5/	1	15	—
A flax Steekle 7/6 a Case and six Bottles 3/9	—	11	3
A Wool Wheel & Chards 7/6 two flax wheels & a Reel 5/	—	12	6
Five Dozen woollen yarn 15/ five d ^o tow yarn 7/6	1	2	6
A Small Quantity of Wool 6/ lumber in Kitchen loft 2/6	—	8	6
All the pewter 30/ three Iron pots and hooks 15/	2	5	—
Two old Copper Kettles & tea kettle 15/ a frying pan 3/9	—	18	9
A Griddle & toaster 10/ a Gridiron & hot racks 10/	1	—	—
Andirons shovel & tongs 15/ a pair of Sad Irons 5/	1	—	—
A Coffee Mill 1/6 a pair of Steelyards 15/ small table 2/	—	18	6
A Silver Cream Jug & five tea spoons 20/ tea ware &c 40/	1	10	—
Money Scales & weights & sundries 15/ a telescope 15/	1	10	—
All the Cedar ware 3/9 sundries in the oven Shed 7/6	—	11	3 ⁰
Two fowling pieces 30/ a lot of Carpenter tools 15/	2	5	—
One piece of coarse table linen 14 yds at 2/ per yd	1	8	—
Four axes & two hand Saws 20/ one pair of Iron wedges 4/	1	4	—
Two Grindstones 7/6 one shade & 2 Shovels 7/6	—	15	—
Two Dung forks two hoes & a mattoe 15/ two Ox Chains 15/	1	10	—
Two set of Horse gears 30/ A side Saddle 15/	2	5	—
A Cheese press 7/6 all the earthen ware 7/6	—	15	—
A lot of old Iron 3/9 another lot d ^o 10/	—	13	9
Sundry Casks and lumber in the Cellar	—	15	—
A Cross Cut Saw and sundries	—	7	6
An old riding Chaise and Harness	3	—	—
Carried over	89	13	—

A List of Debts due to the within named Rich^d Hellam
 at the time of his decease as followeth to wit 7. - 2^d 5^d

		Elizabeth Robersons Bond (Principal) ..	106..8..10
Separate	Sep. 29 th 1770	Interest thereon ..	9..19..7 ¹ / ₂
		Adam Williamson's Bond ..	7..12..6
		Interest thereon for 15 Days ..	0..0..4 ¹ / ₂
Debts		Jacob Stevenson's Bond .. (Interest settled)	53..1..6 ¹ / ₂
		Elizabeth Hellams Do. ..	1..10..4
		Interest thereon for 3 M ^o & 17 Days ..	0..0..6 ¹ / ₂
		Thomas Cartmell Seners Brook account ..	25..5..3
		<u>Am^t of Separate Debts ..</u>	<u>203..19..0</u>

		Desperate Debts ..	
		Account, Joseph Steadham Deeds ..	29..8..0
		Ditto W ^m Watsons ..	11..0..0
		<u>Am^t of Desperate Debts ..</u>	<u>40..8..0</u>

As David Hellam one of the Executors

The account of David Hellam and John White
of Brandywine Hundred and County of Newcastle in the
much of the Goods and Chattels Rights and Credits of the
payments and disbursements out of the same as followeth
Exhibited by David Hellam one of the Executors.

The Accomplants

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1793
October

To the whole amount of the Personal Estate of the said deceased & Inventory exhibited in the Registers Office at Newcastle, dated Oct. 11. 1793.	267 7 3
To advance of Sales above the Appraisment on £58. 17. 1 sold	5 13 4
To a Debt due from Elizabeth Robinson at the Tes- tators decease, on Bond, Principal & Interest	116 10 3 1/2
To Joseph Jacksons Bond Principal & Interest	37 8 1
To Adam Williamsons do. do. do. do.	7 12 6 1/2
To Jacob Stevensons do. do. do. do.	65 1 6 1/2
To Elisabeth Hellams Debt	1 10 10 1/2
	£ 501. 3. 7

Errors excepted of David Hellam Esq.

The Executors of the last Will and Testaments of Richard Hellam late
 late of Delaware Farmer deceased, as well of and for such and so
 said deceased as have come into their Hands, as of and for their
 to wit

Contra C^o L.S.D.

N ^o 1	1793 Octob ^r 4	By Cash paid for proving the deceased's Will & c ^t 1.10.4	4
2	1795 Apr ^l 9 th	By ditto p ^d J ⁿ o Bird & J ⁿ o Grubb for app ^r ois ^g p ^r o ^v id. -	18 -
3	1794 Apr ^l 26 th	By ditto paid Rich ^d Cookshot for digging Grave p ^r o ^v id. -	10 -
4	1793 Oct ^r 25 th	By ditto paid Henry Woodward for crying Vendue p ^r o ^v id. -	0 15 0
5	1794 Mar ^{ch} 19 th	By d ^o p ^d Isaac Stevenson for Clerking Vendue & p ^r o ^v id. -	1 2 -
		Eli Weldin and his wife.	
6	1795 Apr ^l 13 th	By d ^o paid Mary Weldin a legacy bequeathed to her by the said dec ^d 's Will - p ^r o ^v id. -	30 -
7	Apr ^l 15	By d ^o paid to Catherine Hellam formerly Cath ^e Jane Jones a proven acct. p ^r o ^v id. -	4 0 3
8	Dec ^r 27 th 1794	By d ^o paid Mary Beeson an acct p ^r o ^v id. -	1 13 9
9	May 27 th 1795	By d ^o paid W ^m Wilson p ^r o ^v id. -	11 19 0
		William Smith for	
10	Dec ^r 16 th 1793	By d ^o p ^d Rebekah Smith p ^r o ^v id. -	11 0
11	May 15 th 1794	By d ^o p ^d Jonas Alrichs p ^r o ^v id. -	10 6
12	Jan 11 th 1794	By d ^o p ^d J ⁿ o Lea Esq ^r for Mary Beeson p ^r o ^v id. -	13 4
		By an allowance to the Executors for their care and trouble, including their expences,	6 10 -
		Register's fees for adjusting & settling the acct.	1 3 -
		And for a certified copy of the same	6 2
			<u>£ 49 16 3</u>
		Balance remaining in the hands of the Executors, to be disposed of according to the will of the testator	451 7 4
			<u>£ 501. 3. 7</u>

Examined, adjusted, and settled, this 14th day of
 December 1795. - Jⁿo Booth Rec^r



Given under my hand and seal of office
the day and year aforesaid

Peter B. Vandever Notary Public

Received for record October thirtieth A.D. one
thousand eight hundred and fifty three

W. D. O'cheltree, Recorder.

This Indenture, Made the thirtieth day of July in the year
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty three, Between
Joseph Orr of Brandywine Hundred, in the County of Newcastle
and the State of Delaware, Party of the First part, and Hanson
Robinson of the City of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania
Party of the Second part. Witnesseth, That the said Joseph Orr for
and in consideration of the sum of Fifteen Hundred and seventy five
Dollars lawful money of the United States of America, unto him
well and truly paid by the said Hanson Robinson at or before the
Sealing and Delivery of these Presents, the Receipt whereof is hereby
acknowledged, hath granted, bargained, sold, aliened, enfeoffed, re-
leased, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents doth grant,
bargain, sell, alien, enfeoff, release, convey and confirm unto the
said Hanson Robinson and to his Heirs and Assigns, All that
certain Tract or pieces of Land, situate in Brandywine Hundred
aforesaid and bounded and described as follows, to wit; Beginning
at a stone set in the North East side of a Lane (sixteen feet wide)
leading into the ~~Philadelphia~~ Wilmington and Philadelphia
Turnpike Road, being a corner of the said Joseph Orr's land, thence
along said side of said Lane North Fifty one and three quarters de-
grees East Seventy three perches and six tenths of a perch to a stone
a corner of the School House Lot thence along the two following
lines of said Lot North Fifty four and a half degrees East seven
perches and seventy two hundredths of a perch to a stone and South
forty one and a half degrees East nine perches to a stone a cor-
ner of said Lot and also a corner of other land of the said Hanson
Robinson thence along said Land North fifty six and one quarter
degrees East Forty four perches to a stone, thence North forty
seven degrees West Forty perches and two tenths of a perch to a
stone a corner of the said Hanson Robinson's Land and of the
said Joseph Orr's land thence by a new line dividing this
from other land of the said Joseph Orr South Forty three and
three quarters degrees West Forty one perches and three tenths
of a perch to the stone the place of Beginning, containing within
these bounds Nine Acres of Land by the same measure with
the Privilege manner of the use in common of the above men-
tioned Lane sixteen feet wide with the said Joseph Orr his
heirs and assigns forever, Being a part of the same land and
premises which have heretofore and always been held by the

for recording Deeds &c. at Newcastle on and for the same being
 in Book vol Page sold and conveyed in fee simple to the said
 Joseph Orr, recourse to said Indenture being had, will fully appear
 Together with all and singular the Buildings, Fences, improvements
 ways, woods, waters, water courses, right, liberties, franchises, heredi-
 taments and appurtenances whatsoever thereto belonging, or
 in any wise appertaining, and the reversions and remainders, rents
 issues and profits thereof; and all the estate, right, title, interest
 property, claim and demand whatsoever, of him the said Joseph
 Orr in law, equity, or otherwise howsoever of in, and to the same
 and every part and parcel thereof; To have and to hold the said
 Tract or piece of Land hereditaments and premises hereby granted
 or mentioned, or intended so to be, with the appurtenances unto
 the said Hanson Robinson, his Heirs and Assigns, to and for the
 only proper use and behoof of the said Hanson Robinson, his
 Heirs and Assigns forever. And the said Joseph Orr for him-
 self, his Heirs, Executors and Administrators, doth by these
 presents, covenants, grant and agree to and with the said Hanson
 Robinson, his Heirs and Assigns, that he the said Joseph Orr
 and his Heirs, all and singular the hereditaments and premises
 herein above described and granted, or mentioned, or intended so to
 be, with the Appurtenances, unto the said Hanson Robinson, his
 Heirs and Assigns, against him the said Joseph Orr and his
 Heirs, and against all and every other Person or Persons whom-
 soever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part
 thereof by from or under him, them or any of them shall and
 will by these presents Warrant and forever Defend, In witness
 whereof, the said Joseph Orr hath hereunto set his hand and
 Seal. Dated the day and year first above written.

Sealed and Delivered,
 In the Presence of us,
 Albert W. Smith
 Samuel Wallaston

Joseph Orr



Received the day of the date of the above Indenture, of the said
 named Hanson Robinson full satisfaction for the consideration
 money within mentioned to wit, Fifty four hundred and
 five Dollars.

Witness at signing

Albert W. Smith
 Samuel Wallaston

Joseph Orr

State of Delaware

Newcastle County, I, the undersigned, Clerk of the Peace, do hereby
 certify that the within and foregoing Indenture, bearing date the
 day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
 and fifty three, was duly and lawfully made, signed, sealed, and
 delivered by the said Joseph Orr, Hanson Robinson, Albert W. Smith,
 and Samuel Wallaston, and that the same is a true and correct
 copy of the original Indenture, as the same appears by the
 records of the County of Newcastle, in the State of Delaware.

TO Repertory
of
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1850

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I Hanson Robinson of Brandywine Hundred, Newcastle County, Delaware, being of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding, do make public and declare my last will and testament as follows:

First. I direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid.

Second. I give devise and bequeath unto my wife, Ann P. Robinson and to her heirs and assigns forever all the residue of my estate, real, personal and mixed, wherever or whatever the same may be. I direct that there shall be no appraisement of my personal property.

Third. I nominate and appoint my wife, Ann P. Robinson and my son William Leoley Robinson to be the Executors of this my last will and testament. It is my wish that they shall not be required to give any security whatever.

Witness my hand and seal this First day of November A.D. Eighteen Hundred and Seventy.

Hanson Robinson Seal

Signed, Sealed, published and declared by the said testator, as and for his last will and testament, in presence of us, who in his presence, and at his request and in presence of each other, subscribe our names as witnesses thereof.

Francis Robinson William Harrington,

Newcastle County, D.

Personally appeared before me Benj. Gibbs Register of Wills in and for Newcastle County and State of Delaware, Francis Robinson and Saml. M. Harrington the two subscribing witnesses to the foregoing instrument of writing, who being duly qualified according to law did say they saw the Testator sign and seal said instrument of writing, and heard him publish and declare the same as and for his last Will and testament; that it was in his presence, at his request and in the presence of each other they signed their names thereto as witnesses, and that at the time of their so doing the Testator was to the best of their belief of a sound and disposing mind and memory. In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand at Newcastle this Twenty eighth day of March A. D. 1871

B. Gibbs
Register

Woolton Hall,

Brandywine St. Del.

March 25. 1871

To Benj. Gibbs Esq.

Register of Wills, for D. C. C. O.

Dear Sir

Having been named

in the Will of Stanton Robin-

son as one of his Execu-

tors, I hereby renounce said

Will and decline to act

as such Executor, being

desirous that my Mother

Ann P. Robinson, may

be the sole Executrix of

said Will.

Very truly yours,

William Leslie Robinson

Witness

Saml. M. Starrington

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Robinson, Hanson

1870

	From	to				
	Kellam Richard	John Kellam	T	1	587	1757
M.R.	Kellam, Richard	John Kellam	S	1	385	1757
	Knox, Robert et al.	David & Finney	M	"	439	1764
	Kerr, Robert's Exec.	William Willson	Co	21	1421	1774
	Kirkwood, Robert Junr	Robert Kirkwood's Sont.	"	"	217	1771
	Same	Common Recovery	"	"	265	"
	Kirkwood, Robert	Thomas M ^o Guise	A	"	103	1776
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	Kearney, Rebecca	Dyve Kearney	S	"	85	1787
	Kirkwood, Robt & wif.	Alex ^o M ^o Beath	"	"	135	1788
	Kearney, Rebecca	Nich ^o Hammond	Co	"	309	1770
	Killgore, Robert	Allen M ^o Lane	M	"	186	1802
	Kendall, Robert	Ann Hardew (Mau.)	S	3	95	1812
M.R.	Keddy, Robert	Elkanah Bray	N	"	378	1814
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MOUNT PLEASANT SCHOOL BOARD LETTER

VOLUME V, No. 4

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Two Decades of Growth

On the first of July the Mount Pleasant Special School District will be fifty-two years old. It was on that date in 1945 that the State Board of Education passed a resolution recognizing the Mount Pleasant District as a special district, empowered to supervise its own educational program under a Superintendent of Education and a Superintendent of Instruction.

Local History

Through our history as a full-fledged school district dates back a mere twenty years, the school has been functioning in this district since 1855, when a school house was built on a lane leading into the Cartwell Estate, now the property of William du Pont. The school stood on what was known as the Pleasant Hill pasture. The lane was renamed Pleasant House Lane and the school was known as Mount Pleasant School because of its elevated location.

About 1863 the Cartwell Estate was purchased by a Mr. Hanson Robinson, who built a large house called Bellevue Castle. Since he wanted the schoolhouse as a lodging for his coachman, he donated a piece of land and built a one-room stone schoolhouse on the Philadelphia Toll Pike opposite the Mount Pleasant Methodist Church at Bellevue. This was completed in 1865.

The school remained on that site until 1932 when a new building was opened on Duncan Road. This 1932 structure is now part of our Junior High School.

The school colors of green and white probably date back to the early 1900's, when a teacher by the name of Miss Mary J. Robinson formed an Audubon Society. The badge of the members was a green and white ribbon.

What is a *special* school district? In Delaware there are two types of school districts—state board units and special districts. The former are headed by a supervising principal and a board of trustees; the latter are administered by a superintendent and a board of education. Both types of districts are responsible to the State Board of Education and the State Superintendent of Instruction and receive the same proportion of money from the State. Originally, a special district had more latitude in educational matters, such as textbook selection, curriculum, ownership of school property, selection of administrative personnel, etc. But in fact there is currently no such differentiation between districts which have a full program from grades one through twelve.

Duncan Road School

In 1932 the new school on Duncan Road housed 400 pupils in grades 1-8. In 1945 when the district was given permission to have a complete educational program from grade 1-12, the enrollment was 996. Our enrollment this school year is 5029.

Dr. Ross L. Neagley, who is now director of the Department of Educational Administration at Temple University, was the district's first superintendent. Mr. John F. Heiney, the district's present superintendent, came to Mount Pleasant in 1949. The district's high school program was accredited by the Middle Atlantic States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools in 1950.



The old Mount Pleasant School on Philadelphia Pike. This picture was taken in 1912.

BOARD OF EDUCATION ACTIONS

At its July meeting, the Board of Education swore in the newly elected members, Mr. William J. Conner and Dr. Earl A. Abrahamson, and then organized for the current year. Mr. L. Ray Crittendon and Mrs. Edward Merchant, Jr. were unanimously chosen to serve as president and vice-president respectively. This is Mr. Crittendon's third term as Board president and Mrs. Merchant's second as vice-president.

Access Committee

Mr. Vincent H. Waldin, chairman of the citizens' school grounds and access committee, attended the July and August Board meetings. This committee is now studying the present and future student locations in the district so as to determine the proper distribution of pupils to the five elementary schools when the fifth elementary school opens in 1966. The committee is also exploring ways to improve the grounds at the several sites.

Also of concern to this committee as well as to the Board is the establishment of safe walking and bus routes with a minimum of disturbance to the communities in which the schools are located.

Working with Mr. Waldin on this committee are Mrs. L. A. Gleason of Carrcroft and Messrs. Dale F. Babcock of Riverside Gardens, L. A. Gleason of Carrcroft, Evan K. Houseman of Liftwood, Richard R. Lunt of Riverside Gardens, and Richard L. McMahon of Liftwood. The committee has also been in touch with civic associations.

Federal Funds

Mr. C. Hall Downs from the State Department of Public Instruction attended the August Board meeting to explain what funds are available to Dela-

ware schools under the 1965 Elementary and Secondary School Act. A total of $2\frac{3}{4}$ million dollars has been allocated to Delaware; of this nearly 2 million is to be used for programs for the disadvantaged. The remainder is for library resources, educational centers, and research. Mr. Downs explained how Mount Pleasant may possibly qualify for funds for specific projects.

Our school district has, of course, in the past received federal aid under the National Defense Education Act. This has been primarily for foreign language laboratories, science equipment, and guidance services.

Principal

At its August meeting, the Board appointed Mr. Jack G. Rockwell as principal for the new elementary school, effective July 1, 1966. Mr. Rockwell

will continue as principal of ~~the~~ School for this school year; no one has been named yet for his position.

Mr. Rockwell's appointment to new principalship at this time is able him to help with the plan for this school during construction. Rockwell is a graduate of West Virginia State College and holds a Master's degree from Temple University. He is working toward a doctorate.

He has been principal of ~~the~~ School since it opened in 1949; that he was teaching principal at Lindenwood, New Jersey. The Rockwells live in Woodside Hills. One of his two sons has been graduated from Mount Pleasant and is now at Carolina College; the other is in High School.

LOCAL FUNDS ACCOUNT

July 1, 1964 to June 30, 1965

	Income	Expenditures	Balance
Balance, July 1, 1964	\$ 127,187		
School Taxes Collected	947,536		
Miscellaneous Receipts	10,254		
Total available	\$1,084,977		
Debt Service		\$296,880	
Current Expenditures		686,346	
Total Expenditures		\$983,226	
Salary Encumbrances*			
July-August 1965		60,582	
Balance, June 30, 1965			\$41,169

Please note that the above is an account of local funds only. A complete financial statement, showing local and state funds, will be published in the district's Annual Report in the fall.

* Encumbrances are salaries earned during the 1964-65 school year but paid out during the summer months to those teachers who do not receive their salaries on a 12-month basis.

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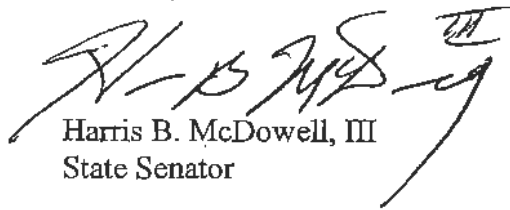
Re: Historic Marker

Dear Mr. Frazer:

I respectfully request that \$3000.00 be added to this years Department of State budget directed to the Division of Public Archives for the purpose of funding a Historical Marker at the original Mount Pleasant schoolhouse which is now located on the grounds of Bellevue State Park.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request. Please contact my office should you have any question about this request.

Sincerely,



Harris B. McDowell, III
State Senator

Cc: Karen Donovan
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