

**NOMINATION OF HISTORIC BUILDING, STRUCTURE, SITE, OR OBJECT
PHILADELPHIA REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PHILADELPHIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

SUBMIT ALL ATTACHED MATERIALS ON PAPER AND IN ELECTRONIC FORM ON CD (MS WORD FORMAT)

1. ADDRESS OF HISTORIC RESOURCE (must comply with an Office of Property Assessment address)

Street address: 365 Green Lane

Postal code: 19128 Councilmanic District: 4

2. NAME OF HISTORIC RESOURCE

Historic Name: The Benjamin Kenworthy House

Common Name: Millie's House

3. TYPE OF HISTORIC RESOURCE

Building Structure Site Object

4. PROPERTY INFORMATION

Condition: excellent good fair poor ruins

Occupancy: occupied vacant under construction unknown

Current use: Unoccupied since April 2013

5. BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please attach a plot plan and written description of the boundary. See Attached

6. DESCRIPTION

Please attach a description of the historic resource. See Attached

7. SIGNIFICANCE

Please attach the Statement of Significance.

Period of Significance (from year to year): from 1871 to 1912

Date(s) of construction and/or alteration: 1871; 1922

Architect, engineer, and/or designer: Architectural Pattern Book Design

Builder, contractor, and/or artisan: William F. Rayner, Builder/contractor

Original owner: Benjamin Kenworthy family

Other significant persons: _____

CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATION:

The historic resource satisfies the following criteria for designation (check all that apply):

- (a) Has significant character, interest or value as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the City, Commonwealth or Nation or is associated with the life of a person significant in the past; or,
- (b) Is associated with an event of importance to the history of the City, Commonwealth or Nation; or,
- (c) Reflects the environment in an era characterized by a distinctive architectural style; or,
- (d) Embodies distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style or engineering specimen; or,
- (e) Is the work of a designer, architect, landscape architect or designer, or engineer whose work has significantly influenced the historical, architectural, economic, social, or cultural development of the City, Commonwealth or Nation; or,
- (f) Contains elements of design, detail, materials or craftsmanship which represent a significant innovation; or,
- (g) Is part of or related to a square, park or other distinctive area which should be preserved according to an historic, cultural or architectural motif; or,
- (h) Owing to its unique location or singular physical characteristic, represents an established and familiar visual feature of the neighborhood, community or City; or,
- (i) Has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in pre-history or history; or
- (j) Exemplifies the cultural, political, economic, social or historical heritage of the community.

8. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES See Attached
Please attach a bibliography.

9. NOMINATOR

Name with Title Ms. Celeste Hardester Email achardester@verizon.net
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 City, State, and Postal Code Philadelphia, PA 19128
 Nominator is is not the property owner.

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Date of Receipt: _____
 Correct-Complete Incorrect-Incomplete Date: _____
 Date of Notice Issuance: _____
 Property Owner at Time of Notice
 Name: _____
 Address: _____

 City: _____ State: _____ Postal Code: _____
 Date(s) Reviewed by the Committee on Historic Designation: _____
 Date(s) Reviewed by the Historical Commission: _____
 Date of Final Action: _____
 Designated Rejected

5. BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning at a point (see figs. 1 and 2) at the intersection of the southeasterly side of Green Lane and the northeasterly side of Manayunk Avenue, the property extends along Green Lane for 73 feet four and $\frac{1}{4}$ inches, and extending of that width in length or depth southeastwardly between parallel lines at right angles to the said Green Lane 148 feet. Entire perimeter being 442 feet 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches.



Figure 1: Parcel : Boundary starting point

092N13-0130 - 365 GREEN LA



Parcel Info	
Status	Active
Address	365 GREEN LA
Unit	[No Value]
Street Code	38300
Air Rights	[No Value]
BaseReg	092N13-0130
Parcel	0130
RacMap	092N13
Condo	No
Perimeter	425 ft
Area	9,555 ft ²
Additional Info	
Property Type	Residential
City Owned	Unknown
Council District	4
Ward	21
Census Tract	021300
Census Block	[No Value]
Census Block Group	4
Zipcode	19128
External Links	

Figure 2: Parcel 130, 365 Green Lane

Map (below) and parcel information (left) courtesy of Parcel Explorer, Department of Records, City of Philadelphia; citymaps.phila.gov/parcelexplorer/ (last accessed February 9, 2014)

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6. DESCRIPTION

Architectural Style & Details of the Exterior

The Benjamin Kenworthy House, located at 365 Green Lane in the Roxborough section of Philadelphia, is at the intersection of Green Lane and Manayunk Avenue (**see figs. 3 and 4**).¹ It sits high above the intersection, surrounded on two sides by strong and still-intact stone retaining walls. The house is Second Empire style and, sitting atop the land that is contained by the retaining walls, has a commanding view of the intersecting streets below. The house is asymmetrical, with three stories in the front, a narrower two-story ell in the midsection of the house, and a one-story addition in the rear. The front section has a concave flat-topped mansard roof. Original hexagonal-shaped slate shingles adorn the mansard. Small decorative brackets support the eaves under the mansard. The two-story midsection of the house is pitch-roofed. The exterior walls are a stucco material incised in an ashlar style to produce the appearance of dressed limestone (**see figs. 5 and 6**).² Windows are all single, one-over-one, double-hung (unless otherwise noted). The first story windows have original storm windows, except in the rear section of the house. The property comprises 10,855.8 square feet, the house itself is 3305 square feet.³ The house was likely built using plans from an architectural pattern book.

North Façade

The main façade faces Green Lane. A stone retaining wall running 73 feet in length separates the property from the sidewalk. The mortared wall has irregular courses of uncut stone. It is capped with flat slate slabs and has an opening set left of center for stone steps, with the first deep step made of a aggregate concrete, then four additional stone steps that lead to a aggregate concrete walkway. The full-width, one-story front porch has three simple columns with smooth shafts, plus two square half-depth columns affixed to the façade. The very low-pitched porch roof has a simple cornice. The façade is single plane, with three bays. The current main entrance has double doors with lower panels and regular glass in the upper parts, double storm doors with glass panes and a simple glass transom. To the right of the entrance are two windows. The second story has three windows with arched detailing in the architrave above the window. The third story has two two-over-two, double-hung dormer windows with flattened-peaked window head in the wood framing. The window sashes are not original.

¹ Benjamin Kenworthy was the first owner/occupant, purchasing the house and property for \$6,550 from William Rayner, a developer, in 1876.

² City of Westminster Unitary Development Plan, A Guide to Care and Maintenance – STUCCO, pg. 12.

³ Office of Property Assessment, City of Philadelphia, opa.phila.gov/ (last accessed July 8, 2014).

West Façade

The retaining wall turns the corner from Green Lane and runs along the side of the property for a length of 148 feet. The masonry style changes to regular-course rough-cut stone. Midway along the length of the wall, four stone steps lead to an opening in the wall that is topped with a aggregate concrete landing, followed by seven more stone steps leading to a aggregate concrete sidewalk. The West façade has three planes. A yellow-brick fireplace chimney that is not original to the house dominates the three-story section. There may have been an oriel or bay window on the first story, evident in an 1875 map, but it no longer exists (see fig. 7).⁴ The second story has two bays, with a window on either side of the chimney. The chimney obscures a dormer on the mansard, though its sides remain. An inset porch runs the length of the ell, and has a low-pitched roof with a simple wood cornice, a tongue-and-groove wood floor, a wooden railing with square spindles and three columns matching those on the front porch. The ell has four bays, with three windows and one door on the first story and four windows on the second. The west façade of the one-story rear section of the house is on the same plane as the west façade of the front of the house. It has a set of one-over-one double-hung double windows.

South Façade

This façade has three planes, one for each story. The first story has three separate roof heights on an addition(s) built between 1910 and 1923 (see figs. 8 and 9).^{5 6} The addition has three exterior doors and two windows on the south facade. The roofs have simple wood cornice surrounds. The second plane is the rear of the pitch-roofed ell. An oriel window is offset towards the east end of this facade. The oriel is rectangular with narrow double-hung windows on each end, and two on the south façade. The third plane is the rear of the third story and consists simply of the mansard with a dormer and remains of a brick chimney capped off below the roofline.

East Façade

This façade is very close to the neighboring property and is both unremarkable and difficult to see. The facade has two planes. On the south end of the facade a first story addition has two single windows. The addition was clad with German weatherboard later covered with stucco.⁷ The rest of the east façade is solid wall but for four regularly spaced windows, two on the first story and two on the second of the two-story ell section. The three-story section has no windows.

⁴ G. M. Hopkins: *City Atlas of Philadelphia, Vol. 2, Wards 21 and 28, 1875*, Plate "B"

⁵ G.W. Bromley Map, *Atlas of the City of Philadelphia Complete in One Volume, 1910*, plate 33.

⁶ *Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, Vol. 20, 1923*

⁷ Personal inspection of a section of the facade on August 14, 2013.

Description of the Interior⁸

The First Floor

The main entrance leads to a small foyer with the main staircase directly ahead. Its newel post and railing are flush with the wall. Just to the right is a single-hung door that opens into the main parlor. Two deep windows are on the north side of the room. On the west wall is a fireplace which, based on the style and alterations to the exterior of the house, was added during a renovation. At the southeast corner of the parlor, a single-hung door opens into a sitting room. This cozy room contains a small fireplace, also added during a renovation, in the southeast corner. The entrance from the side porch is on the west wall. A short passageway at the southwest corner leads to a back stairway to the second floor, and then to a dining room. This room has two west-facing windows and two opposing east-facing windows. At the southeast corner of the dining room, a single-hung door opens to the one story addition. This contains a room that may have once been a kitchen, later converted to another use. To the east, a doorway opens into a very small kitchen. On the west, a single-hung door leads to what may have been a larder that was converted to a bathroom in the mid-1900's.

The Second Floor

At the top of the main stairway, a long, narrow hallway runs from the front of the house to, with one step down, the rear. Turning west from the top stair the hallway accesses the master bedroom with two windows on the north side of the house and two more on the west. From this room, a single-hung door and a step down leads into a smaller bedroom, which also has two west-facing windows and its own doorway to the long hallway. Continuing down the hall, one passes the backstairs and a third bedroom with two west facing windows. The hall has two east facing windows and ends on the south at a bathroom of early 1900's style with an oriel window. The bathroom was listed on an estate inventory in 1909.⁹

The Third Floor

At the front of the house, a staircase leads to the third floor, taking two turns and passing the south dormer window. The third floor contains two small rooms: a bedroom and another room renovated into a bathroom, possibly during the house renovations that were done in the 1920's.

⁸ By personal invitation of the Berghaus family on August 14, 2013

⁹ *Estate Inventory of Sarah A. Kenworthy W2552-1909*

The Cellar

This is entered by stairs from the northeast corner of the dining room in the rear extension of the house. The cellar is directly under the main house and the ell. Its floor was originally soil, later covered with concrete, and the walls are constructed of course fieldstone. There are no windows and no exterior door leads to the outside. Evidence of how little has changed in the house, two coal bins remain, and what may be the original doors to the front entrance lean against a wall.

The Outbuilding

There is an outbuilding at the rear end of the property, the purpose of which is uncertain. It is constructed entirely of handmade red bricks with a sienna-colored tint added to the mortar. The roof is of a greenish-tint slate having a hexagonal and fish scale varied pattern commonly employed on roofs of the period. Surviving fire insurance maps all depict this building existed as early as 1875 (**fig. 7**).

The Builder

The house was built by William F. Rayner, an English-born stonemason by trade, whose name appears on multiple properties in the Roxborough area during the early 1870s. It is possible that Benjamin Kenworthy commissioned Rayner to build the house for him. Quite often contractors would select a house's design from extremely detailed "pattern books" of the period that provided all elevations, floor-plans, and the various steps used in house's construction.

Researched and written by John Charles Manton, M.L.S., and Celeste Hardester



Figure 3: Northwest elevation from Green Lane/Manayunk Avenue intersection. (Photo by Celeste Hardester, 2013)



Figure 4: Northeast elevation from Green Lane. (Photo by Celeste Hardester, 2013)



Figure 5: Front entrance, north facade, showing ashlar-type stuccowork .
(Photo by Celeste Hardester, 2013)

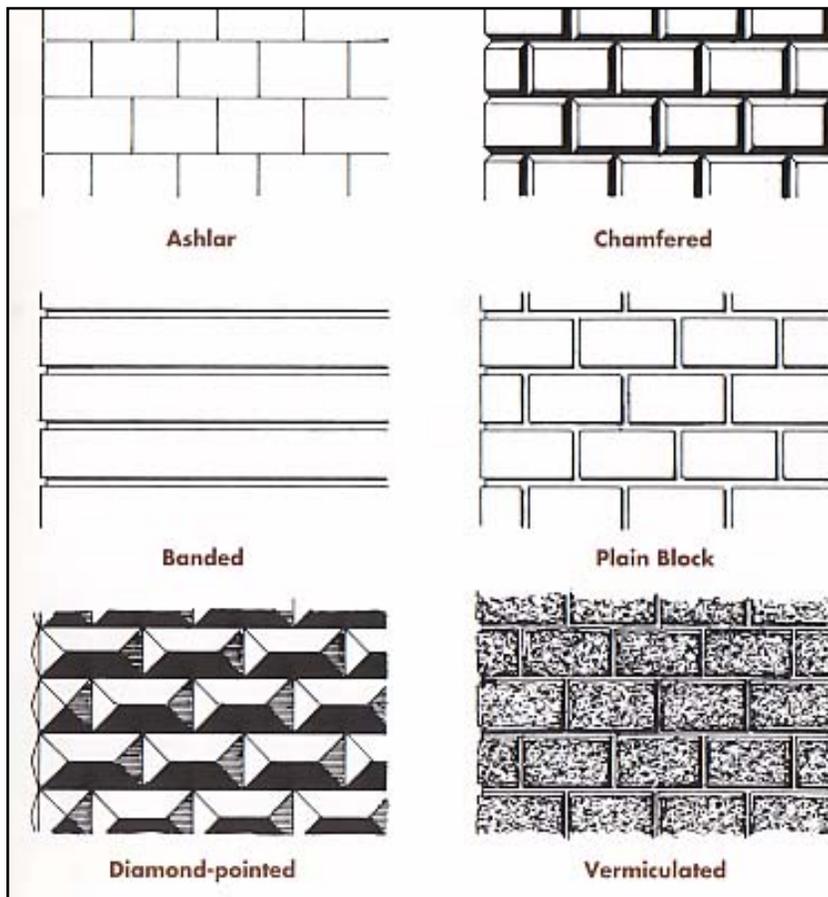


Figure 6: Diagram of ashlar type of stuccowork. (City of Westminster Unitary Development - A Guide to Care and Maintenance - STUCCO, p. 12)

City Atlas of Philadelphia, Vol. 2, Wards 21 and 28, 1875

Plate B

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City Atlas of Philadelphia, Vol. 2, Wards 21 and 28, 1875

SUBTITLE:
By wards, complete in 7 volumes

CREATOR:
G. M. Hopkins

DATE:
1875

SOURCE:
[Athenaeum of Philadelphia](#)

GEOGRAPHY (THIS WORK):
Philadelphia, PA (North)
Philadelphia, PA (Northwest)

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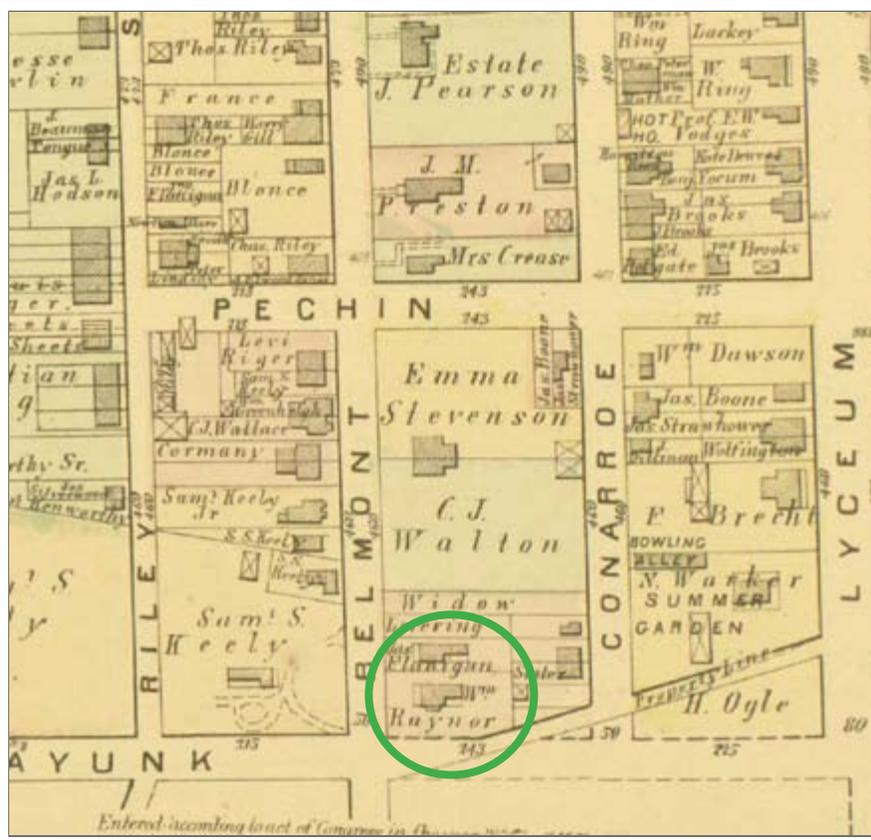


Figure 7: 1875 atlas, showing what may have been a bay or oriel window on the west facade of the three-story section of the house. The outbuilding is in the southeast corner of the property. (Hopkins, Atlas, 1875)

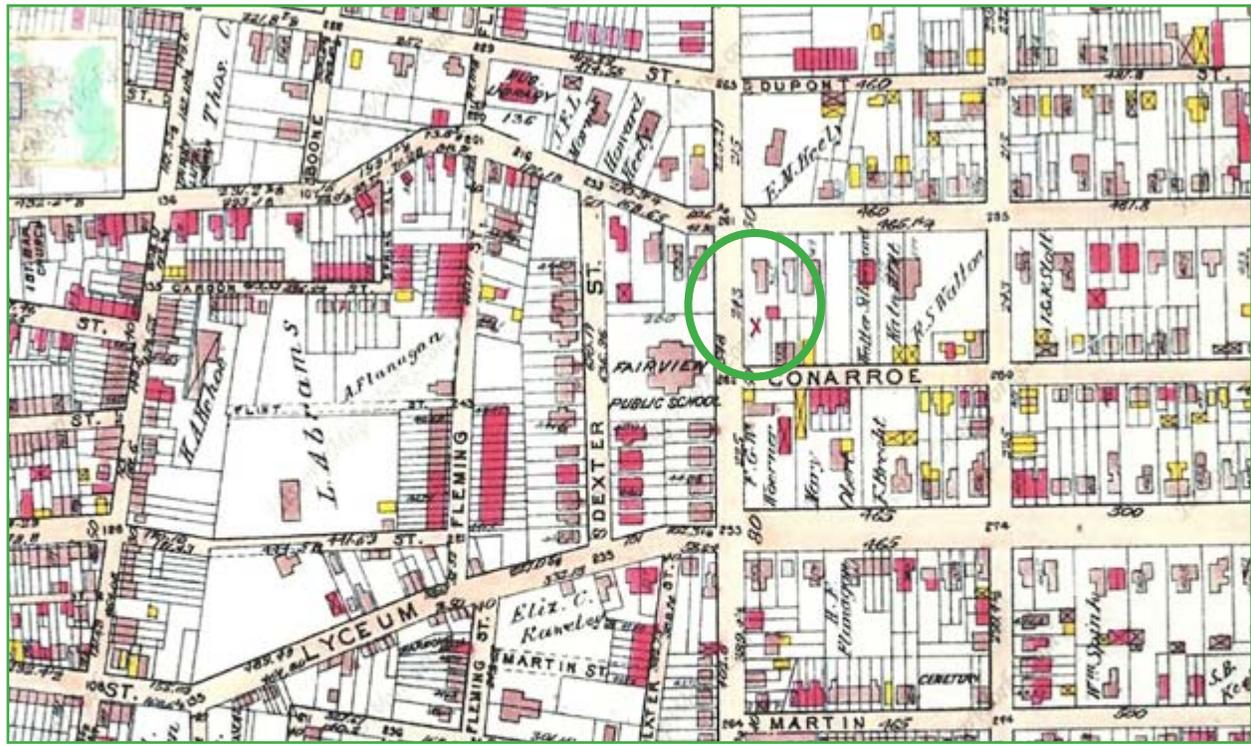


Figure 8: 1910 atlas shows the house and outbuilding. There is no addition showing on the south side of the house. (Bromley, Atlas, 1910)

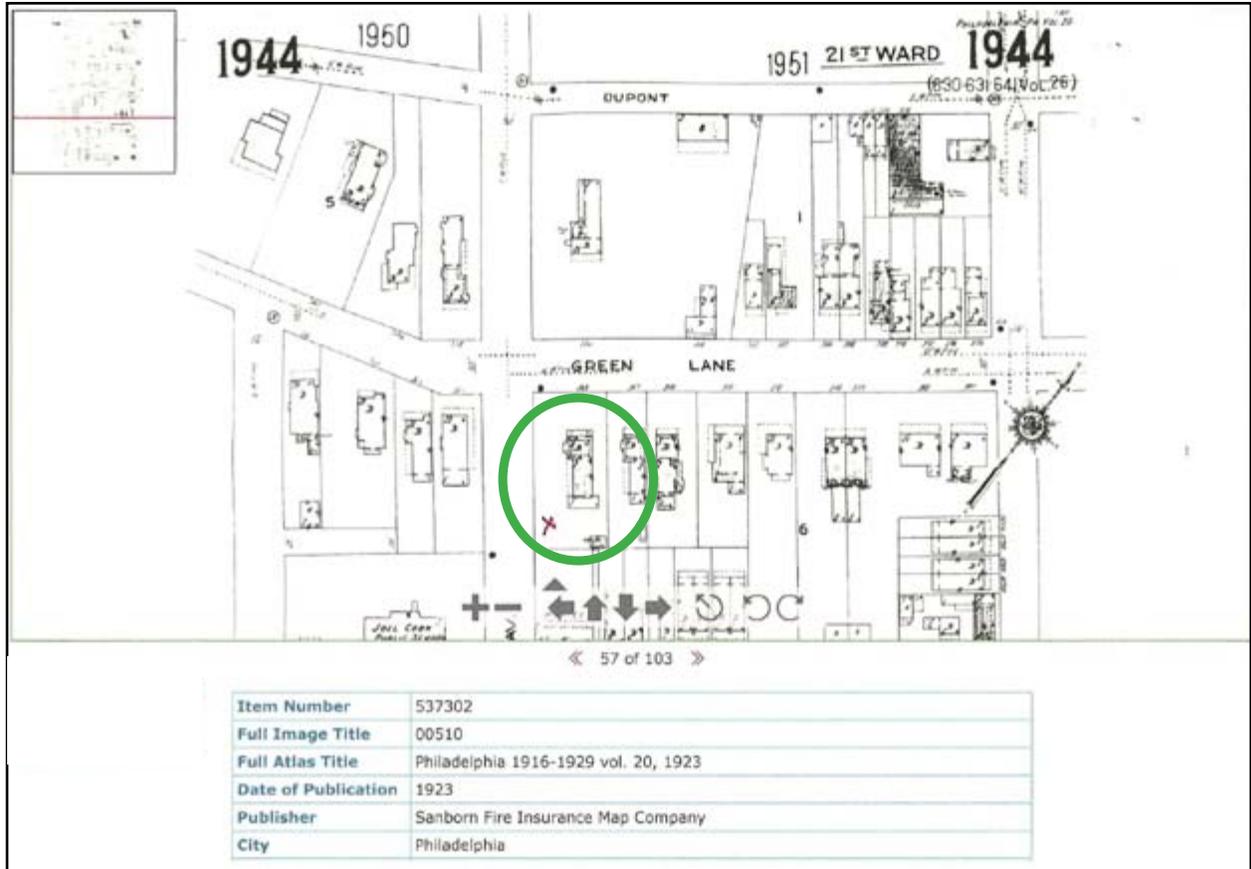


Figure 9: 1923 map shows the addition on the south side of the house. (Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, 1923)

7. SIGNIFICANCE

The Benjamin Kenworthy House, located at 365 Green Lane, is significant based on five criteria for designation.

A – Has significant character, interest or value as part of the development, heritage, or cultural characteristics of the City.

J - Exemplifies social and historical heritage of the community.

Benjamin Kenworthy was a prominent member of the Roxborough/Manayunk community in the late 1800's and early 1900's. He was one of the prosperous Kenworthy family, owners of the Shurs' Lane Mills (**see fig. 10**).¹ This mill was one of the many textile mills established in Manayunk throughout the 19th century, with one becoming the largest cotton mill in the country during the 1840's. Unlike textile mills in other American cities, the mills in Manayunk were operated under family ownership rather than corporations.²

In the mid 1800's, Benjamin Kenworthy started a rag trade business with his brother, Thomas Kenworthy, who went on to found the Shurs' Lane Mill at the corner of Shurs Lane and Pechin Street in the 1880s (**see fig. 11**).³ (The Shurs' Lane Mill buildings still exist today, now given renewed life as residential units.)

In addition to his wool business, Benjamin Kenworthy served as a director of the Wissahickon Electric Railway Company in the first decade of the 20th century (**see figs. 12 and 13**).^{4 5} He was a director of the recently founded Manayunk Trust Company in 1892, and president from 1904 to 1907 (**see figs. 14, 15, and 16**).^{6 7} (The Manayunk Trust Company building still stands on Main Street in Manayunk.) Benjamin Kenworthy family wills indicate that they were a family of means, leaving an estate that in today's worth would be nearly \$5,000,000 (**see fig. 17**).⁸

¹ *Hexamer General Survey*, Vol. 20, Plate 1948.

² www.Workshop of the World, Philadelphia – MANAYUNK, Sara Jane Elk, (Oliver Evans Press, 1990).

³ *Manayunk Sentinel*, Obituary, July 21, 1887, p. 2.

⁴ *American Street Railway Investments*, 1902 p.222.

⁵ *McGraw Electric Railway Manual*, 1910 p.377.

⁶ *Historical and Commercial Philadelphia*, 1892 p.111.

⁷ *Trust Companies Monthly Magazine*, January 1907, p. 48.

⁸ *Will of Benjamin Kenworthy*, as scribed and typed by John Manton.

G – Is part of a distinctive area that should be preserved according to cultural motif

Many successful mill owners chose to build their homes at the top of the hill of Green Lane: textile mill owners Kenworthy, Schofield, Wilde, along the Ogle family (textile dye manufacturer), and S.S. Keely, responsible for building many of the mills and much of the surrounding housing.

Benjamin Kenworthy's home was diagonally across the intersection from his brother Thomas Kenworthy's home, at 348 Green Lane. Benjamin's son John Kenworthy had his home at 325 Green Lane, two houses down from 365 Green Lane. The Kenworthy homes are literally surrounded by those owned by other mill owning families: Keely, Wilde, Schofield, and Ogle (see figs. 18 and 19).⁹ All of these families were listed in *Boyd's Philadelphia Blue Book* in 1899 (see fig. 20).¹⁰

H – Owing to its unique location or singular physical characteristic, represents an established and familiar visual feature of the neighbourhood and community.

The Benjamin Kenworthy House sits prominently on the southeast corner at the intersection of Green Lane and Manayunk Avenue, and is a strong feature, identifying the entrance to Roxborough as one ascends the significant incline that is Green Lane. The architectural style of the Benjamin Kenworthy House, although commonplace throughout this city, is secondary to the importance of its first owner and occupant.

⁹ G. W. Bromley, *Atlas of the City of Philadelphia, Volume 12 Twenty First Ward Philadelphia*, 1892, Vol. 12, Ward 21, Plates 2 and 6.

¹⁰ *Boyd's Philadelphia Blue Book*, 1899, p. 362.

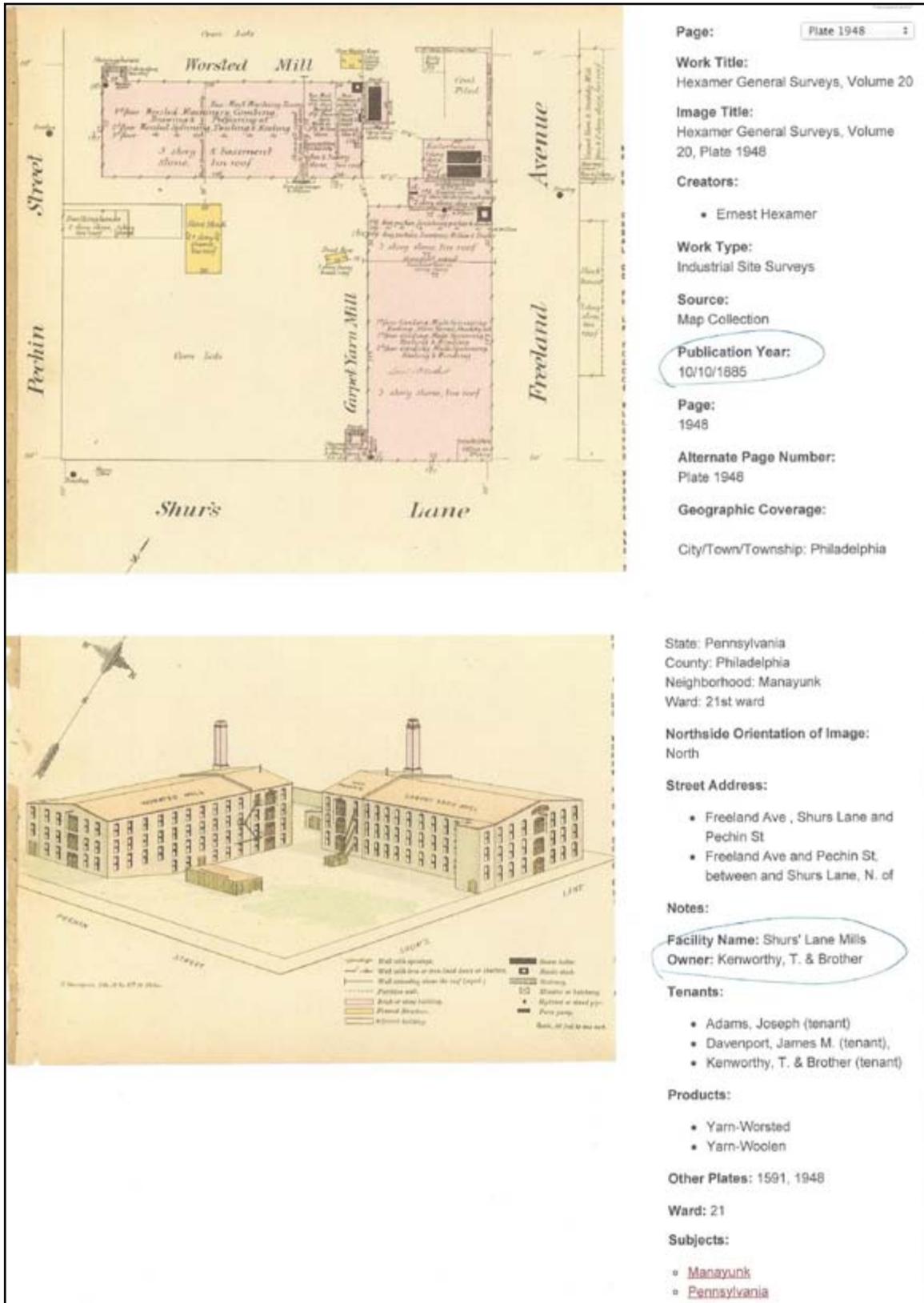


Figure 10: Shurs' Lane Mill buildings on Shurs Lane in 1885, owned by T. Kenworthy & Brother. (Hexamer General Surveys, 1885.)

Manayunk Sentinel (July 21, 1887) pg. 2.

THOMAS KENWORTHY.

It was a great surprise to many who read in the last issue of the *SENTINEL* that Thomas Kenworthy had returned from Europe and was lying seriously ill at his home. They were more startled when, on Sunday evening, they learned that he had died on the afternoon of that day. The short sickness that terminated in his death seems to have resulted from a cold contracted while in the woods on Fourth of July.

Mr. Kenworthy was born at Lepton, near Huddersfield, Yorkshire, England, on January 21st, 1838, every member of the family being also born in the same house. There were five brothers: Thomas, John, Ben, James, and Reuben, all of whom are dead but John and Ben. When but fifteen years old, accompanied by his father and two of his brothers, he left Liverpool for America, sailing in the Steamer *Wyoming*, and arriving in Philadelphia in October, 1853. The four walked out to Falls of Schuylkill, where they located.

Like many another boy born of poor parents he early learned to toil for a livelihood, having been employed before he left England and finding work almost immediately after his arrival at the Falls in Shaw's (now J. & J. Dobson's) mill. From the Falls of Schuylkill he removed, while still a youth, to Roxborough, and there started huckstering, often trading produce for rags, and finding that there was money in the latter, he finally dealt solely therein and carried on the business at Mill Creek, Lower Merion.

Subsequently he came to Manayunk and carried on the rag trade and from there got to trading among the big firms in the business down on Front street, Philadelphia, where for a time he was associated in a partnership with his brother Ben. This partnership was subsequently dissolved and a co-partnership was entered into with his brother John and they removed to the firm's present store, No. 111 Church street. On July 1st, 1886, the firm was enlarged by adding thereto Theo. B. Culver (the firm's right-hand man), Joseph (son of Thomas), and Reuben (son of John) Kenworthy.

The business carried on at 111 Church street is the importation of wool and hair and dealing in woolen rags. This is also the office of the Shur's Lane Mills, where worsted and woolen carpet yarns are manufactured. In connection with the importing business the deceased made frequent visits to the Old World, his last and recent journey making the seventeenth time that he had crossed the ocean.

The subject of this sketch always felt a pardonable pride in the successful men who had received their business training while in his firm's employ. Andrew Flanagan, of the firm of A. Flanagan & Brother; Joseph Boothroyd, the retired wool merchant; and J. W. Dodgson, of the firm of Schofield & Dodgson; were all bookkeepers for the firm of T. Kenworthy & Brother.

Thomas Kenworthy married on March 8th, 1863, Lydia A. Hewitt, the ceremony being performed at the parsonage of Ebenezer Methodist Episcopal Church by Rev. James A. Brindle. Twelve children were the product of this marriage, six sons and six daughters, of whom there are three sons and four daughters living. Mr. Kenworthy was very successful in business and leaves a large fortune to his family. One of his sons says: "Father always attributed his success to mother, who always stood by and advised him by her loving council."

The deceased evinced a constant and strong attachment for Ebenezer Church, was for years a member of the same, and this church has many times been aided in its finances by his liberal contributions. A few years ago, however, he transferred his membership to Central Methodist Episcopal Church, Roxborough, which was more convenient to his home, and the funeral services were held in the last-named church yesterday afternoon, the building being crowded to its utmost capacity. At the conclusion of the solemn exercises the encoffined remains were conveyed to Leverington Cemetery for interment.

Figure 11: Obituary of Thomas Kenworthy, brother of Benjamin Kenworthy. It describes his entry into the wool trade with Benjamin. This trade went on to become Shurs Lane Mill. (*Manayunk Sentinel*, July 21, 1887)

(11.) Date of information, Mar., 1902.
For map of road see page 221.

Wissahickon Electric Passenger Railway Co.—Chartered Oct. 8, 1890. Annual meeting third Friday in Jan. This road was leased in Feb., 1898, to the Roxborough, Chestnut Hill & Norris-town Ry. Co. for 999 years, at a rental of 2 p. c. on \$145,842 of the capital stock for the first two years, 3 p. c. for the next five years, 4 p. c. for the next eight years and 5 p. c. for the remainder of the term.

Capital Stock, authorized, \$250,000; issued. : par value, \$50 per share

Plant and Equipment.—Miles of track (electric), 3.5; gauge, 5 ft. 7 1/2 in.; 100 lb. girder rail; 8 motor cars, Watta-Campbell engines, West. and Gen. Elec. dynamos and motors, St. Louis, Stephenson and Brill cars, Brill and St. Louis trucks.

Officers.—Pres. P. P. Liebert, V. Pres. Wm. H. Flanagan, Sec. & Treas. John Flanagan.

Directors.—Wm. Johnson, Peter P. Liebert, James Christie, L. M. Jones, John Kenworthy, Benjamin Kenworthy, W. H. Flanagan.

General Office, Wissahickon, Philadelphia, Pa.
Date of information, Mar., 1902.

PHILLIPSBURG, N. J.

Population in 1880, 7,181. In 1890, 8,064.

Phillipsburg Horse Car Railroad Co.—Chartered Feb. 27, 1868. This road is operated in connection with the Eason Transit Co., Easton, Pa.

Figure 12: American Street Railway Investments, 1902 pg.222, listing Benjamin Kenworthy as a director.

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Roxborough, Pa.

WISSAHICKON ELECTRIC PASSENGER RAILWAY CO.—Chartered Oct. 8, 1890. Annual meeting third Friday in Jan. This road was leased in Feb., 1898, to the Roxborough, Chestnut Hill & Norristown Ry. Co. for 999 years, at a rental of 2 p. c. on \$145,842 of capital stock for the first two years, 3 p. c. for the next five years, 4 p. c. for the next seven years and 5 p. c. for the remainder of the term. The road was leased to and operated by the Schuylkill Valley Traction Co. The latter company was leased in April, 1910, to the newly formed Reading Transit Co.

Capital Stock, authorized, \$250,000, issued, \$143,430; par value, \$50, \$30 per share paid.

Plant and Equipment.—Miles of track (electric), 3.5; gauge, 5 ft. 7 1/2 in.; 90 lb. girder rail; 8 motor cars; Watta-Campbell engines; West. and Gen. Elec. dynamos and motors; St. Louis, Stephenson and Brill cars; Brill and St. Louis trucks.

Officers.—Pres. P. P. Liebert; V. Pres. Wm. A. Flanagan; Sec. & Treas. John Flanagan.

Directors.—Joseph Christie, Wissahickon, Pa.; John Oberst, Peter P. Liebert and W. A. Flanagan, Manayunk, Pa.; John Kenworthy, John A. Eichman and Benjamin Kenworthy, Roxborough, Pa.

DELAWARE COUNTY & PHILADELPHIA ELECTRIC RAILWAY CO.—Chartered May 11, 1892. This company operates a line from Media, Pa., to Baltimore Ave., Philadelphia, connecting with the Union Traction Co.'s system. This company operates

Figure 13: McGraw Electric Railway Manual, 1910 pg.377, listing Benjamin Kenworthy as a director.

The board of directors of the Manayunk Trust Company have accepted the resignation of President Benjamin Kenworthy on account of ill-health. Mr. Kenworthy, who has been president for the past three years, will continue on the Board of Directors. Thomas H. Ashton, former secretary and treasurer, was chosen to succeed Mr. Kenworthy, while Charles A. Jordan and Lazelle Thornton were elected secretary and treasurer, respectively.

Figure 14: Trust Companies Monthly Magazine, January 1907, documenting that Benjamin Kenworthy was president of the Manayunk Trust Company.

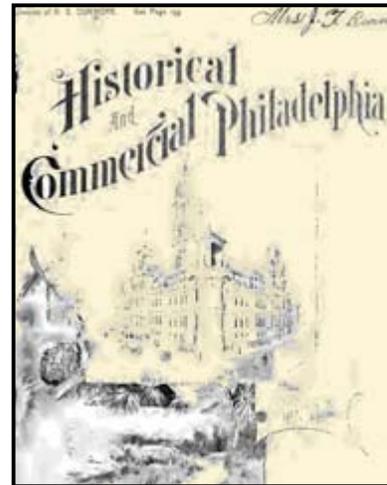


Figure 15: Cover of 1892 edition of Historical and Commercial Philadelphia.

MANAYUNK TRUST COMPANY, No. 4340 Main Street, Manayunk.—The Manayunk Trust Company is the only institution of this kind in Manayunk, and was chartered in 1890. It occupies spacious and elegant quarters in its own building, at No. 4340 Main Street, and is liberally patronized by our best citizens. This company acts as an administrator, executor, guardian and trustee to receive and execute trusts of all kinds; while loans are made on mortgages on the installment plan, mortgages are bought and sold, and a general real estate business is transacted. Every description of realty is bought and sold, rents are collected, property is leased and rented, and estates managed for absent owners, while the latter go to enjoy travel and European life for years at a time. The company's cash department is a thoroughly organized banking institution, where interest is paid on deposits, at the rate of two per cent. on checks at sight and three per cent. on deposits subject to ten days' notice; while trusts and identity certificates are issued for one year, bearing four per cent. interest, interest payable every six months. If you wish to buy a house or invest your money in a mortgage, this company will make you absolutely safe against defective titles and incumbrances. If you intend building, this company will, for a small price, draw the agreement with your builder and see that he fulfills it; pay the mechanics and material men and insure you against liens. If you are the owner or holder of a mortgage and would like to have the title examined, and if a defect or incumbrance is discovered have the same removed, this company will attend to the business for you. A thorough system of organization pervades the whole of the departments, and the prompt and efficient manner in which this extensive business is transacted is in the highest degree creditable to the management. The officers and directors of the company are as follows: President, Richard Hey; vice-president, Graham J. Littlewood; secretary and treasurer, Thomas H. Ashton; attorney-at-law and trust officer, Francis S. Cantrell. Directors, Richard Hey, of Richard Hey & Son, manufacturers; Graham J. Littlewood, of G. J. Littlewood & Co., dyers; John G. Morris, of Morris & Ott, manufacturers; Ben Kenworthy, of B. Kenworthy & Co., wool; Charles W. Klauder, coal and feed; Henry Friedman, merchant; William Bernard, coal; George W. Bromley, of G. W. Bromley & Co., civil and topographical engineers; James Z. Holt, of Baker, Holt & Co., manufacturers; John I. Foran, real estate agent; Edward Foster, of E. Foster & Bro., hardware; Charles J. Webb, of C. J. Webb & Co., wool; Joseph H. Kenworthy, of T. Kenworthy & Bro., wool; P. P. Liebert, of Liebert & Oberst, brewers; J. H. Birkinire, stone yard. The executive officers are gentlemen with whom it is always a pleasure to do business, while the board of directors presents an array of talent and solidity that commands the respect and confidence of the entire community.

Figure 16: 1892 edition of Historical and Commercial Philadelphia, p. 111, listing Benjamin Kenworthy as a director of the Manayunk Trust Company.

Last Will & Testament

of
Ben Kenworthy.

I, Ben Kenworthy, now residing at the Easterly corner of Manayunk Avenue and Green Lane, in the Twenty-first Ward of the City of Philadelphia, do make, publish and declare this my Last Will & Testament, hereby revoking any and all former wills by me at any time heretofore made.

First - I order and direct all my just debts and funeral expenses to be fully paid and satisfied as soon as practicable after my decease.

Second - I give, devise and bequeath unto my wife Sarah A. Kenworthy, the house and lot where I now reside at the Easterly corner of Green Lane and Manayunk Avenue, in the Twenty-first Ward aforesaid; and also the household goods, kitchen utensils, pictures and furniture of all kinds therein contained, and I direct that no inventory or appraisement of the same to be made, and absolve my executors from all liability therefor.

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Fifth - In case of the death of my said grandchild, Florence Gertrude Kenworthy, without leaving children alive at the time of her death, then the said sum of \$175,000 shall be held by the Manayunk Trust Company in Trust and be known as the "Ben Kenworthy Poor Fund," to be invested and kept invested as is above set forth, and out of the income thereof, the said Manayunk Trust Company, Trustee as aforesaid, shall each year buy coal and flour and to distribute the same among the worthy poor of the Twenty-first Ward, in such quantities and at such times as in their discretion they may deem it wise and judicious.

Figure 17: Will of Benjamin Kenworthy, stating his residence on the "Easterly corner of Green Lane and Manayunk Avenue." Section "Fifth" of the will indicates his estate had a currency value of \$175,000. In 2014 dollars, this would approach \$5,000,000.

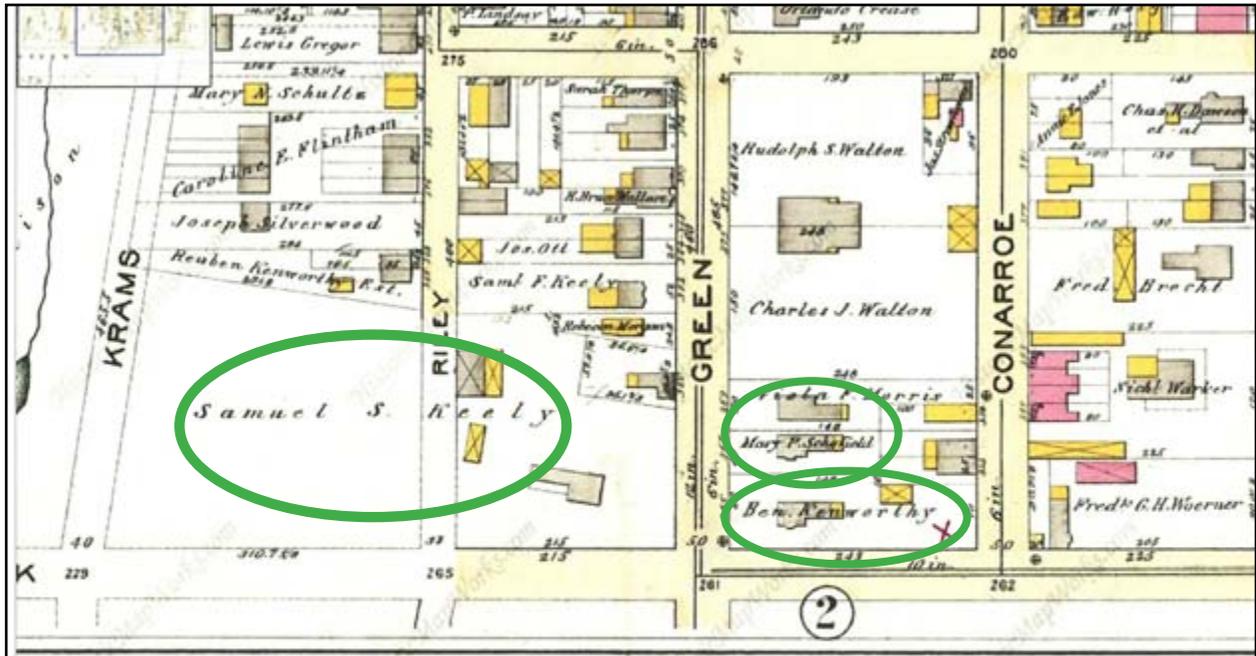


Figure 18: G.W. Bromley, Vol. 12, Plate 6, 1892, showing the mill-owning family names of Kenworthy, Keely and Schofield.

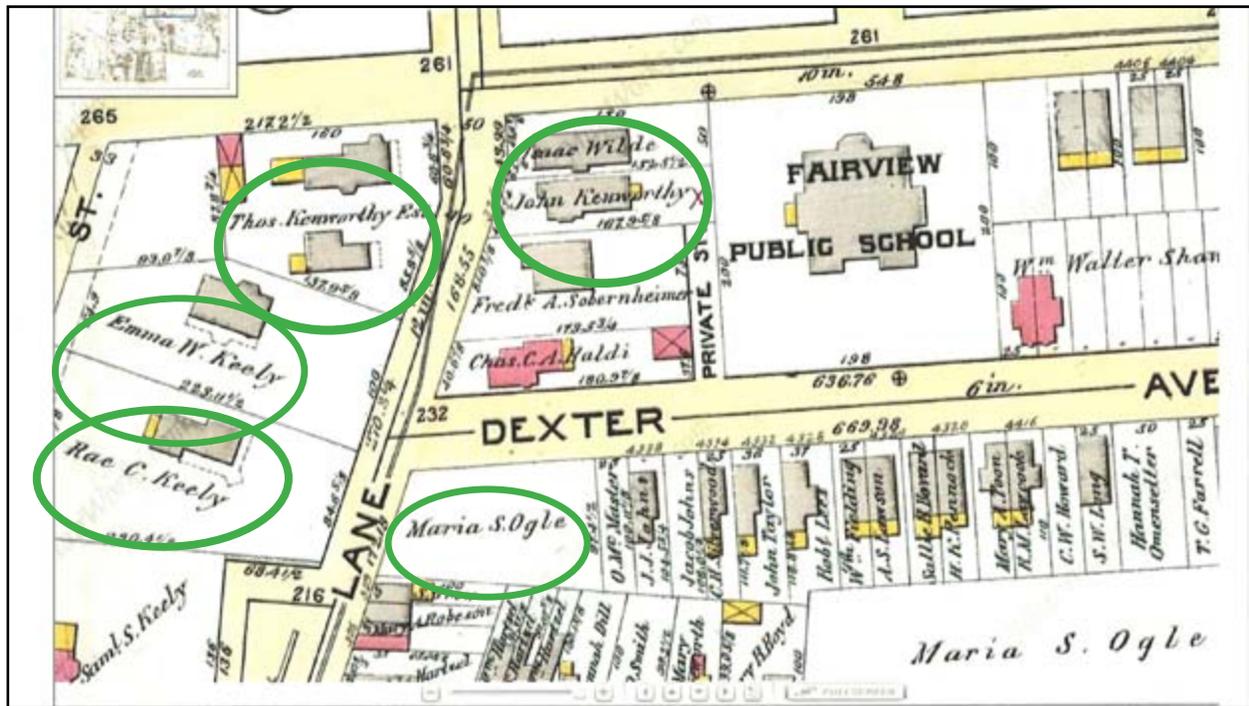


Figure 19: G.W. Bromley, Vol. 12, Plate 2, 1892, showing the mill-owning family names of Kenworthy, Keely, Wilde, and Ogle.

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319 Mr. & Mrs. C. C. A. Baldi	344 Mr. & Mrs. J. Howard Keely
323 Mr. & Mrs. F. A. Sobernheimer	346 Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Kenworthy
365 Mr. & Mrs. B. Kenworthy	348 Mrs. T. Kenworthy
369 Mr. & Mrs. E. H. Morris	350 Mr. & Mrs. Samuel S. Keely
375 Mr. & Mrs. Charles J. Walton	350 Mr. & Mrs. Edmund M. Keely
375 Miss Mary Emily Walton	362 Mr. & Mrs. Samuel F. Keeley
407 Rev. & Mrs. G. R. Moore	364 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Ott
407 Miss Hattie M. Moore	412 Mr. & Mrs. R. Bruce Wallace
407 George R. Moore, jr	420 Mr. & Mrs. J. Silverwood & drs
407 Miss P. Fobes	440 Mr. & Mrs. Henry Wanklin
421 The Misses Klauder	446 William F. Robinson
443 Dr. & Mrs. Samuel C. Breitenbach & dr	478 Capt. J. S. Walter
	443 Mr. & Mrs. Alfred R. Haig. Receiving day Tuesday

Figure 20: *Boyd's Blue Book Register*, 1899, showing the names and addresses of prominent Green Lane residents.

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