

Green Street one hundred and ninety two feet and ninety one one hundredths of a foot to the South west line of the said Green street and thence Northwesterly along the same one hundred feet and the one hundredths of a foot to the place of beginning being part of the same premises which the Pennsylvania Company for Insurance on Lives and Granting Annuities Executors &c et al by Indenture dated February 27-28, 1882 and intended to be forthwith Recorded granted and conveyed unto the said Benjamin P Wilson in fee together with all and singular the improvements ways streets alleys passages waters water courses rights liberties privileges hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever unto the hereby granted premises 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 Benjamin P Wilson and Mary in his wife as well at law as in equity of right and to the same to have and to hold the said lot or piece of ground above described hereditaments and premises hereby granted or mentioned and intended as to be with the appurtenances unto the said Eleanor M Withers her heirs and assigns to and for the only purposes and behoof of the said Eleanor M Withers her heirs and assigns forever and the said Benjamin P Wilson for himself his heirs executors and Administrators doth covenant promise and agree to and with the said Eleanor M Withers her heirs and assigns by these presents that he the said Benjamin P Wilson and his heirs all and singular the hereditaments and premises hereby granted or mentioned and intended as to be with the appurtenances unto the said Eleanor M Withers her heirs and assigns against him the said Benjamin P Wilson and his heirs and against all and every person and persons whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof by force or under him there or any of them shall and will warrant and forever defend In Witness whereof the said parties have hereunto set their hands and seals dated the day and year first above written

Seals and Delivered

in the presence of
L R Magnus

J Willis Martin

Received on the day of the date of the above Indenture of the above named Eleanor M Withers the sum of twelve hundred and fifty Dollars being the full consideration money therein mentioned

Witness at signing

L R Magnus

J Willis Martin

On the Twenty Eighth day of February Anno Domini 1882 Before me the Subscriber a Notary Public for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Residing at Philadelphia

Benj P Wilson

Mary M Wilson

Benj P Wilson

personally came the above named Benjamin P Wilson and Mary in his wife and duly acknowledged the above Indenture to be their act and deed and desired the same to be Recorded as such and the said Mary M Wilson being of full age and separate and apart from her said husband by one examined and the full contents of the Indenture being by me made known to her declared upon such separate examination that she did voluntarily and of her own free will and accord read and acknowledge and deed deliver the said Indenture without any coercion or compulsion of her said husband witness my hand and official seal

Recorded August 14th 1882 at 10.30

J Willis Martin
Notary Public

7996

The Pennsylvania Company for Insurance
on Lives and Granting Annuities
Executors &c
By
Benjamin P Wilson

This Indenture made the Twenty seventh day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty two Between the Pennsylvania Company for Insurance on Lives and Granting Annuities Executors of the last will and testament of

Henry H Johnson deceased Emily H Johnson and William Dorton Johnson Executors of the last will and testament of Dorton Johnson deceased Emily H Johnson in her own right as widow of said Dorton Johnson deceased William Dorton Johnson & Ballie Wheeler Johnson only children and devisees of said Dorton Johnson deceased of the first part and Benjamin P Wilson of the City of Philadelphia Attorney at Law of the second part Witnesseth that the said parties of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of Twelve hundred and Fifty Dollars lawful money of the United States of America unto them well and truly paid by the said Benjamin P Wilson at or before the sealing and delivery hereof the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have granted bargained and sold released and confirmed and by these presents do grant bargain and sell release and confirm unto the said Benjamin P Wilson his heirs and assigns All that certain lot or piece of ground marked or numbered on the plan of Updegraff Estate of John Johnson Jr deceased do situate beginning at the South corner of Green and Dorton streets in the Twenty second ward of the City of Philadelphia late the Borough of Germantown thence extending Southwesterly along the South East side of said Dorton street two hundred feet to other ground of the said Benjamin P Wilson thence South Easterly along the same at right angles to said Dorton street ninety five feet and eighty nine hundredths of a foot to a corner of said Wilsons land thence North Easterly by the same and ground of Eleanor M Withers and live at right angles to said Green street one hundred and ninety seven feet and ninety one hundredths of a foot to the Southwest side of said Green street thence Northwesterly

along the same one hundred feet and one tenth of a foot to the place of beginning being part of a larger tract of land of which John Johnson died seized in his lifetime as of fee having first made and published his last will and testament in writing dated the nineteenth day of second month AD 1821 duly proved and Recorded at Philadelphia in Will Book No 8 page 5234 wherein and whereby he devised the residue of his Estate including the above described premises unto his wife Sarah for life and then to his nine children viz Elizabeth, Hannah, Ann, William H, Margaret, Charles H, Norton, John D and Henry H Johnson their heirs and assigns equally between them as tenants in common and the said Ann, Margaret, & John D died in the life time of their mother intestate and unmarried the said Hannah married with James McClinton and died during the life time of her mother leaving one child Hannah McClinton who died in her infancy intestate and unmarried the said Charles H Johnson died having first made and published his last will and testament in writing dated the seventeenth day of April AD 1865 and duly proved and Recorded in Will Book No 56 page 4154 wherein and whereby he devised and bequeathed to his sister Elizabeth and her heirs all his right title and interest in the real Estate inherited by him from his father and mother the said William H Johnson died intestate and unmarried the said Sarah Johnson widow of said John Johnson died intestate whereby the said premises became and were vested in fee simple in the remaining children of John Johnson viz Elizabeth seven fifteenths thereof Henry H four fifteenths thereof and Norton four fifteenths thereof and the said Henry H Johnson being as seized of inter alia an undivided four fifteenths interest in said premises afterwards departed this life leaving surviving him a wife Elizabeth H Johnson but no issue and leaving his last will and testament in writing dated the fifth day of March 1878 duly proved and remaining of record in Will Book No 95 page 4654 wherein and whereby he devised and bequeathed his whole estate to the Pennsylvania Company for Insurances on Lives and Granting Annuities the Executors therein named on trust to pay the income to his said wife for her life and after her death to convey assign and pay over his whole estate to the Academy of Natural Sciences and by his said will he empowered his said Executors to make public or private sale of the whole or any part of his real Estate and to make execute and deliver good and sufficient deed or deeds therefor to the purchaser or purchasers thereof without liability to see to the application of the purchase money and the said Elizabeth Johnson has since died intestate and unmarried whereby her seven fifteenths interest in said premises of which she died seized inter alia descended to and vested in her only surviving brother Norton Johnson who being as seized of an undivided eleven fifteenths interest of and in inter alia the said premises has since died leaving to survive him a widow the said Emily H Johnson and two children the said William Norton Johnson and Ballie Wheeler Johnson and leaving a will dated

June Second 1880 duly proved and Recorded in Will Book 104 page 421 wherein and whereby he devised one half the residue of his Estate including the said premises to his son William Norton Johnson in fee and one half of the residue of his real estate in Germantown including the said premises to his Executors in trust for his said daughter for her life and he appointed his said wife Emily H Johnson and his son the said William Norton Johnson to be the Executors of his said will and empowered them to make public or private sale of the whole or any part of his real estate with the consent of his said daughter testified by her joining in the deed and to make execute acknowledge and deliver good and sufficient deed or deeds therefor in fee simple to the purchaser or purchasers thereof without liability on the part of such purchaser to see to the application of the purchase money together with all and singular the improvements ways streets alleys passages waters water courses rights liberties privileges hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever unto the hereby granted premises 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 parties of the first part as well at law as in equity of in and to the same to have and to hold the lot or piece of ground above described hereditaments and premises hereby granted or mentioned and intended as to be with the appurtenances unto the said Benjamin O Nelson his heirs and assigns to and for the only proper use and behoof of the said Benjamin O Nelson his heirs and assigns forever and the said The Pennsylvania Company for Insurances on Lives and Granting Annuities Executors of the last will and testament of Henry H Johnson deceased and Emily H Johnson and William Norton Johnson Executors of the last will and testament of Norton Johnson deceased respectively for themselves their respective successors heirs Executors and Administrators do covenant promise and agree to and with the said Benjamin O Nelson his heirs and assigns by these presents that they the said The Pennsylvania Company for Insurances on Lives and Granting Annuities Executors as aforesaid nor the said Emily H Johnson and William Norton Johnson Executors as aforesaid have made any time heretofore made done suffered or committed any act matter or thing which is or can be impeached charged or affected in title estate or otherwise howsoever and the said Emily H Johnson William Norton Johnson and Ballie Wheeler Johnson for themselves respectively their respective heirs Executors and Administrators do covenant and agree to and with the said Benjamin O Nelson his heirs and assigns by these presents that they the said Emily H Johnson William Norton Johnson and Ballie Wheeler Johnson respectively and their heirs respectively all and singular the hereditaments and premises hereby granted or mentioned and intended as to be with the appurtenances unto the said Benjamin O Nelson his heirs and assigns against them the said Emily H Johnson William Norton Johnson and Ballie Wheeler Johnson and their heirs respectively and against

all and every person and persons whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof by force or under claim or any of them shall and will warrant and forever defend In witness whereof the said parties have hereunto set their hands and seals the said The Pennsylvania Company for Insurances on Lives & Granting Annuities having caused this Corporate seal to be affixed dated the day and year first above written

Sealed and Delivered

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Received on the day of the date of the above Indenture of the above named Benjamin P. Wilson the sum of twelve hundred and fifty Dollars being the full consideration money above mentioned

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Daily H. Johnson

On the Twenty seventh day of February Anno Domini 1882 Before me the Subscribes a Notary Public for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Residing in the City of Philadelphia Came the above named Emily H. Johnson and William Norton Johnson Executors of the last will and testament of Norton Johnson deceased and the said Emily H. Johnson William Norton Johnson and Daily H. Johnson Individually in their own right and acknowledged the above Indenture to be their act and deed and the act and deed of each of them and desired the same might be Recorded as such Witness my hand and official seal the day and year aforesaid

John B. Bowman
Notary Public

Received on the day of the date of the above Indenture of the above named ———
On the Second day of March Anno Domini 1882 Before me the Subscribes a Notary Public for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Residing in the City of Philadelphia Came William P. Henry Secretary Pro Tempore of the Pennsylvania Company for Insurances on Lives and Granting Annuities he being one of the Subscribing Witnesses to the sealing and delivery of the above Indenture who being duly affirmed did depose and say that the seal affixed to the above Indenture is the common or corporate seal of the said Corporation and that the same was so affixed and the said Indenture was delivered by Findley Smyth President of the said Corporation as and for the act and deed of the said Corporation in pursuance of a Resolution of the Board of Directors of said Company passed and that the names of the said Findley Smyth President and of the said deponent themselves subscribed in attestation of the due execution and delivery thereof are of their proper and respective handwriting Affirmed and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me

George Houser
Notary Public

Recorded August 14th 1882 at 10:30

7997

William F. Rheimer Esq
To
Joseph H. Campbell

This Indenture made the Fifth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Eighty two 1882 Between William F. Rheimer of the City of Philadelphia Carpenter and Mary A. his wife of the one part and Joseph H. Campbell of the said City of Philadelphia of the other part Witnesses that the said William F. Rheimer and Mary A. his wife for and in consideration of the sum of Seven hundred & fifty Dollars lawful money of the United States of America unto them well and truly paid by the said Joseph H. Campbell at or before the sealing and delivery hereof the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged have granted bargained and sold released and confirmed and by these presents do grant bargain and sell release and confirm unto the said Joseph H. Campbell his heirs and assigns All that certain lot or piece of ground situate on the Easterly side of Germantown Avenue Beginning at the distance of five hundred and twenty feet northwards from the north side of Angle street in the Twenty Fifth Ward of the City of Philadelphia containing in front or breadth on the said Germantown Avenue sixty feet and extending in length or depth Eastward of that width two hundred feet to Alder street bounded northward by ground belonging to the Estate of John Snyder deceased Eastward by the said Alder street Southward by ground now or late of William Hester and westward by Germantown Avenue aforesaid

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Radiation.

The Trustee
Upsala Foundation
6430 Germantown Ave.
Philadelphia, 19 Penna.

Gentlemen;

Ref; Heating work.

I herewith confirm my estimate for two-pipe Steam Vapor heating system, to be installed in "Upsala" 6430 Germantown Ave. on first and second floors only with risers capped above second floor, for the sum of Fifty-Nine Hundred and Ninety dollars (\$5990.00) complete.

Accompany specification are part of this estimate which are enclosed.

Trusting that this estimate will meet with your approval, I remain.

Very truly yours,

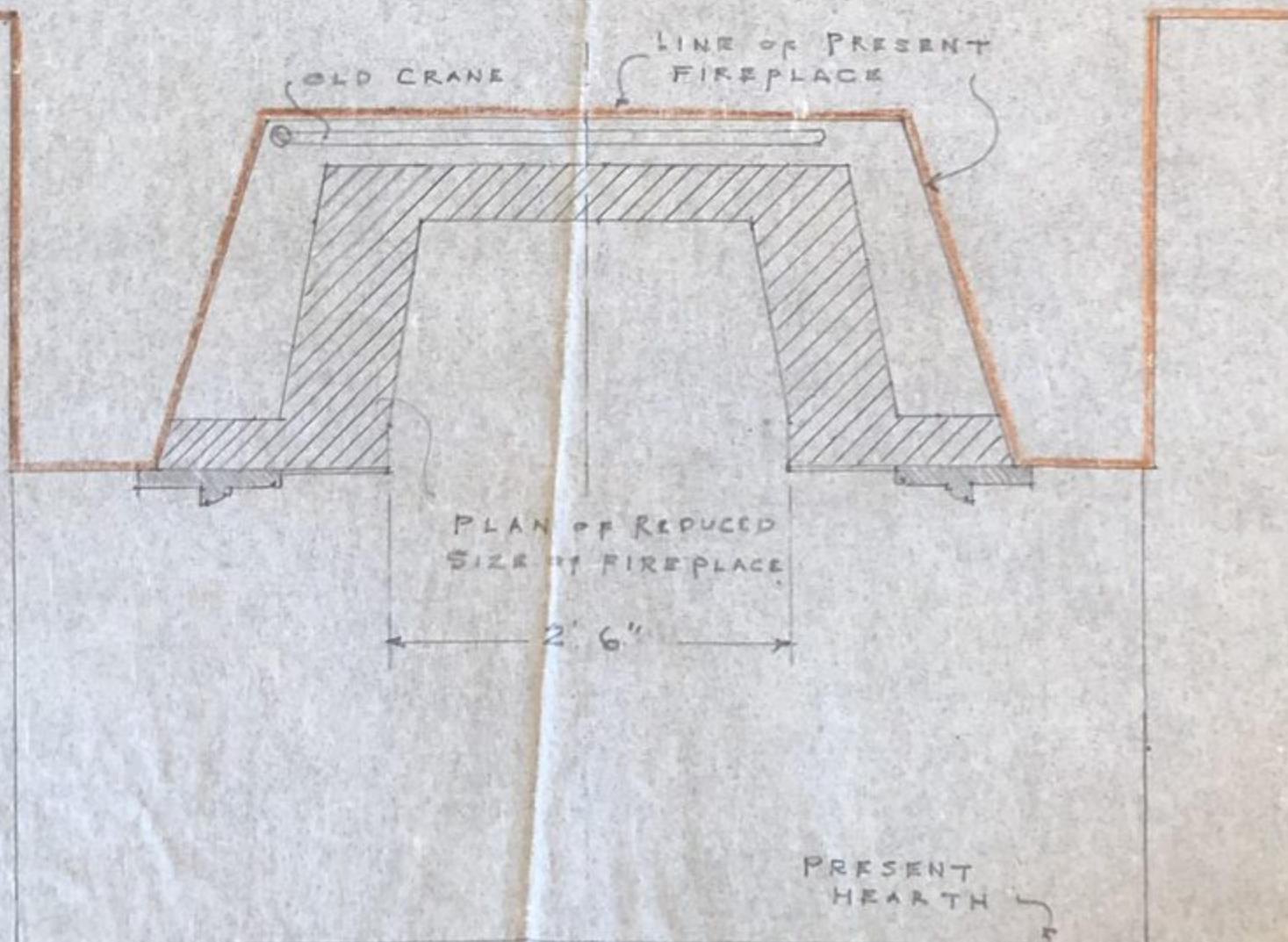
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P.S. If Crane conversion oil burner unit is wanted instead of Branford oil burner as specified in our specification there is no additional charge.



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Architect

158 WEST PENN STREET

PHILADELPHIA 44, PA.

July 25, 1949

Miss Frances A. Wister, Chairman,
Board of Trustees of the
Upsala Foundation,
Wister & Clarkson Ave,
Germantown, Phila., Pa.

Dear Miss Wister:

I have at last received all the estimates and information for furnishing and laying a Ludowici-Celadon Company's Georgian shingle tile on both roofs of the main building of "Upsala", 6430 Germantown Ave., Phila.

Ludowici, quotes a price of \$1,225.00 for the tile shingles for Both roofs, F.O.B. Germantown. If the tile shingles are furnished for the front roof only, there would be a reduction of \$365.00. This slight difference is due to the higher freight rate and handling on part of a car. They state if the freight rates should go up, this would have to be added to the cost. They will make shipment in 10 weeks from date of receiving the order.

Harry Lodge, a roofer here in Germantown has given an estimate for furnishing all flashings and laying the shingles for both roofs, for the sum of \$1,275.00, to which must be added the cost of the shingles. His estimate for the flashings and laying the shingles on the front roof only is \$702.50 (add cost of shingles) His estimate for furnishing and hanging 2 ornamental copper conductor heads and copper conductors is \$185.00

I have also obtained an estimate from the firm who has contract for the new Ludowici shingle tile roof on the Northern Liberties Federal Savings & Loan Assn building next to the Morris House in Germantown and for which I am the Architect.

This Company is -Asbestos Insulating Company, Norristown, Pa. Contractors in roofing and heating. They have included the price of the tile shingles in their estimate. Front slope only -main roof, including flashings, their price is ----- \$1926.00
Rear slope only- main roof----- \$1108.00

I want to report that the Upsala front roof has now three dormers on it, its eyes have added charm.

I hope you are having a pleasant vacation, and with kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,

George Clarence Johnson

*Return to
F. A. Wister*

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GEORGE CLARENCE JOHNSON

Architect

158 WEST PENN STREET

PHILADELPHIA 44, PA.

December 14, 1960

Mr. Henry F. Walton Jr., Treasurer,
Upsala Foundation,
15 East Willow Grove Avenue,
Philadelphia 18, Penna.

Dear Henry:

I am enclosing herewith bill for the repair of North Chimney on the part of the Building facing the street, the damage was caused by the hurricane Donna in September 1960, It was found when making the repairs to the top of the chimney, that the pointing was loose and in bad shape, so I had the chimney repointed while he was there. He also informed me while up on the chimney, that the south chimney also needs repointing, but I am letting that go until Spring, after we get through with the repairs on the caretaker's quarters.

Trexler, the plasterer, has completed the replastering and patching in the caretaker's quarters. His bill of \$336.35 is herewith enclosed.

Jacob Rath & Son 's bill for the annual cleaning all the gutters and there was some repairing of the rainwater spouts. Total amount of bill is \$30.90.

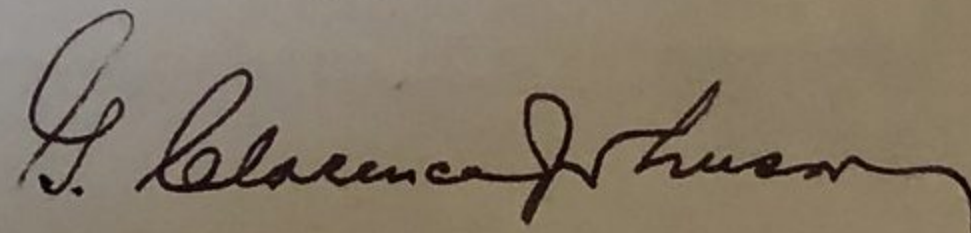
We are working on the carpenter's repairs to the Caretaker's quarters, and I find more to do than I had hope to. Mr. Mauger did a lot of electrical work which is in violation to the Code, and will have to be changed.

I will try and keep any additional bills for work on the Caretaker's quarters that may come in until after the first of the year.

Wishing you the Compliments of the Season, I am

Very sincerely,

Enclosures.



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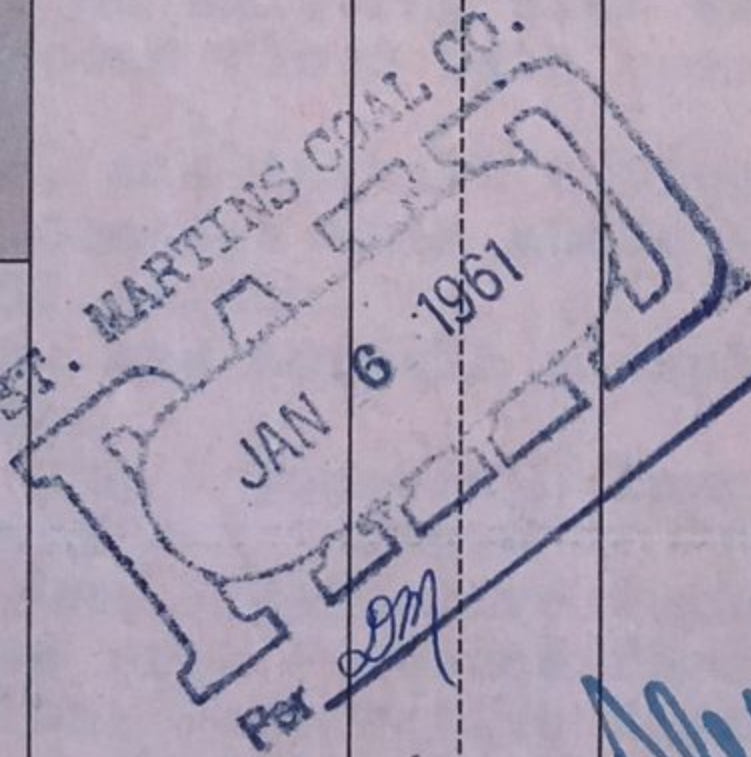
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CLOSING DATE	BALANCE FROM LAST STATEMENT	PAYMENTS	PURCHASES			BALANCE
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			DEC 7	80	11.32	
			DEC 18	152	22.77	
			DEC 19	263	39.39	
THIS IS A RECORD OF YOUR PURCHASES AND PAYMENTS FOR THE 30 DAY PERIOD ENDING ON THE ABOVE CLOSING DATE.						
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GEORGE CLARENCE JOHNSON

Architect

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GERMANTOWN ELECTRIC COMPANY

Electrical Contractors

48 E. LOGAN STREET

PHILADELPHIA 44. PA.

JOSEPH C. SCHREIBER

July 10, 1962.

The Upsala Foundation,
6430 Germantown Ave.,
Phila., (19), Pa.

in re: Upsala,
6430 Germantown Ave.,

DAVENPORT 9-9317

6/7/62.

Wire for outside flood lights,
As Quoted.

\$97.00

Work authorized by Board of Trustees
and Committee. OK for payment.

G. C. Johnson

Please Receipt
**RECEIVED
PAYMENT**
July 25, 1962
THE GERMANTOWN ELECTRIC CO.
By Check
Thank You
Per *Thank you*

For Board Room 2nd fl. New Electricals

Printed and OK for payment.

G. C. Johnson

Arch.

ITEMS NOT EXTENDED WILL FOLLOW LATER

WE HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THESE GOODS WERE PRODUCED IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTIONS 6, 7, AND 12 OF THE FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT, AS AMENDED, AND OF REGULATIONS AND ORDERS OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR ISSUED UNDER SECTION 14 THEREOF.

PAY
THIS
AMOUNT

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MAINTENANCE / 1943-1979

INTRODUCTION

John Milner Associates (formerly National Heritage) was retained by The Upsala Foundation to prepare a preliminary study for Upsala one of the area's most outstanding examples of Federal architecture. During the Spring of 1977, investigation was undertaken to assess inherent structural problems, determine original paint colors in four areas, and make recommendations for a viable use for this well known Germantown mansion. At this time, valuable assistance and encouragement was given by Eleanor Pfingst, President of the Upsala Foundation, and Edward Bramble, member of the Board.

The John Milner Associates investigation team included:

- John D. Milner, principal
- Norman D. Askins, project architect
- John Parks, architect
- Nicholas Gianopulas, Keast & Hood, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Implementation of the proposed auxiliary use would require the following to be accomplished:

1. Stabilize structure as required.
2. Install fire alarm system.
3. Install warming kitchen in side hall (between Mrs. Milner and

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Proposal

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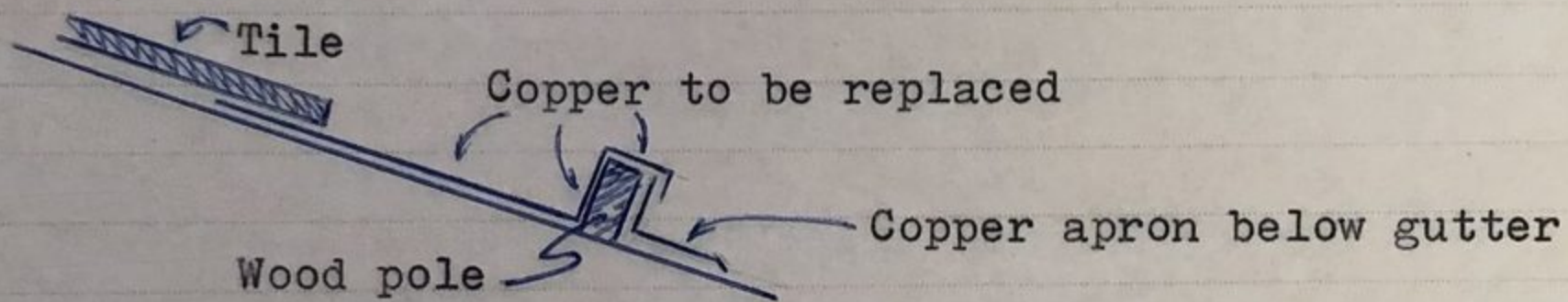
STEVE KURTZ ROOFING, INC.
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Ch 7-8020

PROPOSAL SUBMITTED TO Mrs. O. Pfingst		PHONE CH7-6113	DATE August 31, 1977
STREET 536 W. Springfield Ave.		JOB NAME Upsala	
CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE Philadelphia, Pa. 19118		JOB LOCATION 6430 Germantown Ave.	
ARCHITECT	DATE OF PLANS	Philadelphia, Pa.	JOB PHONE

We hereby submit specifications and estimates for:

We suggest that only the main building have the copper pole gutters relined at this time. That is, the front and rear runs of the front building which has ceramic tiles.

We would replace the inside portion of the gutters only with new 16 oz. sheet copper, seamed and soldered with 50/50 solder. The copper apron below the pole gutter is still serviceable, and does not need replacing.



The pole gutters on the rear wing of the building are still in serviceable condition and do not need replacing at this time. They have been patched at the seams. The metal is in good enough condition to be repatched if necessary.

We Propose hereby to furnish material and labor — complete in accordance with above specifications, for the sum of:

One thousand three hundred fifty _____ dollars (\$ **1350.00**).

Payment to be made as follows:

Upon completion of work.

All material is guaranteed to be as specified. All work to be completed in a workmanlike manner according to standard practices. Any alteration or deviation from above specifications involving extra costs will be executed only upon written orders, and will become an extra charge over and above the estimate. All agreements contingent upon strikes, accidents or delays beyond our control. Owner to carry fire, tornado and other necessary insurance. Our workers are fully covered by Workmen's Compensation Insurance.

Authorized Signature _____

Note: This proposal may be withdrawn by us if not accepted within **30** days.

Acceptance of Proposal — The above prices, specifications and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. You are authorized to do the work as specified. Payment will be made as outlined above.

Date of Acceptance: _____

Signature _____

Signature _____

MAINTENANCE

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The Upsala Foundation

6430 GERMANTOWN AVENUE, GERMANTOWN, PHILADELPHIA

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TO OUR MEMBERS:

Much has been done at Upsala since we wrote last fall asking for your Annual Dues.

The outside of the property is what is first seen, so we have improved the appearance of our grounds. Through the kindness of guests at the May Card Party and a special contribution from a friend, we now own a power mower. Certainly a nicely kept lawn will make passers-by more aware of the beauty of Upsala.

The old conservatory has at last been removed.

The leaking stuccoed south and west walls were restored this summer. The third floor half-moon window, and the front door fanlight have been repaired. So much for the outside.

When you pass through the beautiful doorway you will be delighted to see that the restoration of the interior has begun. The Women's Committee, of which Mrs. James Bradford Ritter is Chairman, has restored the room to the right of the front door. Curiously enough, research disclosed that instead of the usual white paint and light-tinted walls, the woodwork had been grained and varnished; and the walls were a startling red, somewhat Pompeian in style. This necessitated an expert finisher who put the graining on with a feather, and specially designed brushes. The effect is very fine. The Committee has also had the plaster in the first floor entrance hall and rooms restored, including the unusual and beautiful cornices.

The Upsala Foundation has plastered the southwest room on the second floor, which was badly damaged by weather during the two years that there was no roof on the building.

The staircase has been made safe and the window on the landing restored.

From this report it will be seen that we are well on our way toward making Upsala an outstanding landmark, not only in Germantown, but in the whole Philadelphia area.

The interest of many people has made all this possible. We remember with gratitude, Dr. Holman White, our first President; and we owe a debt to our Counsel, Ralph B. Umsted, Esq. We are particularly indebted to our Architect, Mr. George Clarence Johnson, who is giving freely of his time and talents to plan a perfect restoration.

We thank our members and contributors whose interest and support is making it possible to carry on the fine work. The story of this undertaking is unique and you should be proud of having a part in such an achievement.

It is now time to pay your Annual Dues and we know that you will respond generously and promptly, for only by so doing can the good work go on. There is something else that you can do; we need to double our membership, which is open, at \$1.00 or more per year, to all who are interested in preserving Philadelphia's ancient Landmarks.

Yours sincerely,

Donald Beard

President

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 1986



(Photograph by Dean Wilson)

Bob Kelley takes a breather between scenes during filming at Nation: The Presidential Years." Kelley is a resident of German-Upsala of a mini-series on George Washington, called "Forging of a town. He will appear in the series as James Monroe.

Upsala Project Now Under Way

At a recent meeting of the Upsala Foundation, officers and trustees of the organization discussed the improvements for the historic house and funds with which they have to work.

The Women's Committee has raised a fund from the net proceeds of a concert by the Germantown Symphony Orchestra in June at Germantown High School, and a card party at Upsala September 20th.

This fund will be used to make habitable the original Revolutionary building in the rear of Upsala so that a resident caretaker can be installed in the near future.

During the past summer the roof on the main building was replaced which will arrest any further deterioration from rain and snow. The chimneys were also restored and relined.

At the completion of the report, Dr. Holman White, president of the foundation told those present at the meeting "Upsala needs a broader basis of public support. The people of Germantown live here not only because of its urban facilities but because it retains a character all its own."

"There is no large community in America," he said, "which has preserved and continues to use so many of its historic structures. This legacy from the past gives to Germantown its distinction. Thousands of people have come here to share in it."

Dr. White went on to say, "The restoration of Upsala in the very center of Germantown's historic past is not only a matter of sentiment, civic pride, and patriotism; it is a factor in the daily well-being of all its people."

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