

AN OLD LANDMARK.

The brick building standing on the southwest corner of Lower Fourth and Market streets is being torn down. It is one of the old landmarks of the city. Many of our old and middle aged citizens, by our notice of this building, will be able to call up many pleasant and perhaps some unpleasant reminiscences connected with its past history. It was built and originally used as a female college, and afterwards as a collegiate institute for boys and girls, and still later as a high school for boys and girls.

Many who are now active men and women in our city received their education in this building and many educated there are scattered throughout our country and many have gone to their grave. While the old must die, the young may recall to memory a large number of young men and maidens who attended school in this building with them. Let some of those who went to school there trace their after history and they will find joys and sorrows were not all in the school room, but have been scattered along through life.

The first building used for this purpose was a large brick building built in 1837 by the late Peter Stoy as a family residence, and was so occupied for about two years. At this time Mr. Benjamin Gonzale[s], an active member of the Presbyterian church, leased this house and lot and the adjoining lot, corner of Fourth and Market streets, and erected a building about 40x80 feet; afterwards another building about 35x40 feet was erected in the rear, and still later the adjoining lot on Lower Fourth street was rented for some purpose, at which time the grounds were 120 by 175 feet with four large buildings, showing that the school was in a prosperous condition. Mr. Gonzales continued this school as a female boarding and day school until 1848, when Mr. Jno. B. Anderson bought him out, released the property, and organized Anderson's Collegiate Institute. This was a very flourishing institution, and was continued by Mr. A. until 1854, when he removed to the property on the corner of Main and Lafayette streets, and the property on Market street was rented by the Rev. Jas. Woods, a Presbyterian minister, who continued it as a boys' high school for two or three years and was succeeded by Mr. Josiah Bliss. But its glory as a higher institution of learning had departed, and gradually the old buildings have been removed, and the property in one or two weeks more will be restored to the condition it was in 1837. It still belongs to the estate of Peter Stoy.