#### HISTORY OF 1100-1102 SHEFFIELD STREET

Benjamin F. Mevey, the owner of a livery stable, had what was originally a large double house built at 1100-1102 Sheffield Street between 1872 and 1877. Mevey had the double house built on a lot that he had purchased for \$9300 in 1870. The building was constructed in the Italianate style, as shown by its side-gabled roof with decorative brackets, arched door and window openings, and projecting window hoods. It was among the largest and most elaborate residential buildings built in the Italianate style in the Pittsburgh area.

Benjamin F. Mevey was raised in the vicinity of North Fayette Township, Allegheny County, where his father was a prosperous farmer. Mevey farmed as a young man, before he and his young wife, Agnes, and their children moved to Allegheny City in 1867-1868. The Mevey family settled in Manchester in about 1871. Benjamin F. Mevey operated a livery stable at Seventh Street and Penn Avenue, on the present site of the Benedum Center. He moved his livery stable to Sheffield Street in about 1884.

The Meveys lived in at 1100-1102 Sheffield Street between approximately 1880 and 1894. They rented out the other side of the house as a single-family home when they lived there, and rented out both sides before and after the period in which they lived there. Tenants in the house during the 19th century included families headed by James R. Wilson, an iron manufacturer; Edward Oxnard, an oil refiner; and Henrietta Speyer, a widow who operated a boarding house there. The double house was divided into six apartments by 1910.

Benjamin Mevey died in 1900. His heirs owned the house at 1100-1102 Sheffield Street as a rental property until 1956.

Detailed information on the history of 1100-1102 Sheffield Street is contained in the following report.

#### OWNERSHIP

## Pre-construction

November 8, 1870 (Allegheny County Deed Book 273: 14): Andrew F. and Margaret L. Baum of Allegheny City conveyed the lot on which 1100-1102 Sheffield Street now stands to Benjamin F. Mevey of Allegheny City for \$9300. The lot that was conveyed was described as being located at the northwestern corner of Sheffield and Bidwell Streets and measuring 60' wide along Sheffield Street by 138' deep along Bidwell Street to an alley. The lot was known as Lots 982, 983, and part of 984 in Samuel Thompson's Plan of Lots called the Chatham Plan (Allegheny County Plan Book 1: 61).

## Post-construction

Benjamin F. Mevey died on December 21, 1900. In his will (Allegheny County Will Book 64: 503) he left 1100-1102 Sheffield Street to his wife, Agnes Mevey, during her life, and then to their six children, Ada M. Rodgers, Anna M. Shaw, Benjamin F. Mevey Jr., Nell Mevey Lippincott, James C. Mevey, and Melinda Mevey. Agnes Mevey subsequently died. Anna M. Shaw died on April 1, 1926, survived by her sole heir William A. Shaw. Following subsequent transfers of ownership among heirs and descendants of Benjamin F. Mevey, 1100-1102 Sheffield Street was owned by Katharine M. and Marshall B. Clarke, Mary M. and Earl D. Meek, Agnes R. Brown, Francis and Irene Mevey, Norman R. Lippincott, the estate of Ada M. Rodgers, Elizabeth Rodgers, the estate of William B. Rodgers Jr., Bennett and Eleanor L. Rodgers, the estate of William A. Shaw, and William B. Rodgers III.

July 12, 1956 (Deed Book 3529: 298): Katharine M. and Marshall B. Clarke, Mary M. and Earl D. Meek, Agnes R. Brown, Francis and Irene Mevey, Norman R. Lippincott, the estate of Ada M. Rodgers, Elizabeth Rodgers, the estate of William B. Rodgers Jr., Bennett and Eleanor L. Rodgers, the estate of William A. Shaw, and Penelope H. Rodgers, as guardian of William B. Rodgers III, a minor, conveyed 1100-1102 Sheffield Street to Michael Lucas of Pittsburgh for \$8500.

October 3, 1956 (Deed Book 3594: 158): Michael and Virginia Lucas of Pittsburgh conveyed 1100-1102 Sheffield Street to M.F. Nodurft of Pittsburgh for \$12,000.

<u>July 7, 1959</u> (Deed Book 3787: 446): M.F. and Velma Nodurft of Pittsburgh conveyed 1100-1102 Sheffield Street to the Daniel Realty Company for \$7000.

<u>February 1, 1988</u> (Deed Book 7849: 311): Allegheny County Sheriff Eugene L. Coon conveyed 1100-1102 Sheffield Street to American Property Consultants LTD (75% interest) and Italian Tannery group (25% interest).

<u>December 14, 1988</u> (Deed Book 7940: 450): Italian Tannery Group conveyed its 25% interest in 1100-1102 Sheffield Street to Oakland Real Property Associates.

<u>January 2, 1989</u> (Deed Book 7940: 468): American Property Consultants LTD conveyed its interest in 1100-1102 Sheffield Street to Oakland Real Property Associates.

March 11, 1996 (Deed Book 9653: 387): Oakland Real Property Associates conveyed 1100-1102 Sheffield Street to Manchester Citizens Corporation for \$45,000.

<u>September 11, 1998</u> (Deed Book 10388: 50): Manchester Citizens Corporation conveyed 1100-1102 Sheffield Street to Manchester Housing Partnership III.

## AGE OF 1100 SHEFFIELD STREET

## Construction

Benjamin F. and Agnes Mevey had 1100-1102 Sheffield Street built as a double house between 1872 and 1877.

Benjamin F. Mevey purchased the lot on which 1100-1102 Sheffield Street now stands on November 8, 1870. Mevey paid \$9300 for the property, which measured 60' wide by 138' deep. This purchase, at \$1.12 per square foot, was comparable to or slightly higher than prices paid for other undeveloped lots in Manchester at the time, and indicates that 1100-1102 Sheffield Street had not yet been built. An 1872 plat map also shows that 1100-1102 Sheffield Street had not yet been built.

The 1877 Pittsburgh city directory provides the earliest known documentation that 1100-1102 Sheffield Street had been constructed. The directory listed John Caldwell Jr. as living at 184 Sheffield Street. Plat maps and fire insurance maps published during the late 19th century show that 1100-1102 Sheffield Street was then a double house. Prior to the implementation of the present North Side street numbering system in 1899, 1100 Sheffield Street was numbered 186 Sheffield Street and 1102 Sheffield Street was numbered 184 Sheffield Street.

# Architectural style

Benjamin F. and Agnes Mevey had 1100-1102 Sheffield Street built in the Italianate style. In urban neighborhoods like Manchester, where high land costs discouraged construction of houses with more than about 22' frontage, Italianate house exteriors were characterized primarily by side-gabled roofs, prominent or projecting door and window hoods, and decorative brackets supporting box gutters. Many Italianate houses were built with arched window openings. Most Italianate houses built in urban Pittsburgh neighborhoods were built in the rowhouse form, with a side-gabled front section, a rear ell with a shed or flat roof, and one room wide plus a hallway. The building at 1100 Sheffield Street, originally a double house, was one of the largest and most elaborate Italianate houses built in the rowhouse form in Pittsburgh.

Interior details of Italianate homes often included four-panel doors with porcelain knobs and ornamented cast iron hinges, marble, marbleized slate, or wood mantels with arched openings, flared newel posts and spindles, and non-symmetrical door and window trim with diagonally mitered corners. In Pittsburgh, many Italianate homes were built with stairways that incorporated landings located about three steps below the main level of the second floor. Most local Italianate homes also featured two-over-two double hung windows, although some later or larger examples were constructed with one-over-one double-hung windows.

The Italianate style was the most popular architectural styles for houses and commercial buildings constructed in the Pittsburgh area between the late 1850s and approximately 1885.

Known records do not identify an architect who is credited with design of 1100 Sheffield Street.

# Street name and numbering

When built, 1100 Sheffield Street was known as 186 Sheffield Street and 1102 Sheffield Street was known as 184 Sheffield Street. The double house received its present street numbers in the second half of 1899, when the present North Side street numbering system was put in place in most older Allegheny City neighborhoods.

#### BENJAMIN F. AND AGNES MEVEY

Pittsburgh city directories, U.S. census records, biographical materials, and an obituary provide information on Benjamin F. and Agnes Mevey.

Benjamin Franklin Mevey (sometimes spelled Mevay) was born in 1825, probably in or near North Fayette Township in southwestern Allegheny County. He was the third of six children of Benjamin A. Mevey, a prosperous farmer, and Margaret Elizabeth Donaldson Mevey, both born in Pennsylvania. Benjamin A. Mevey appears to have been a comparatively well-to-do farmer. Records of the 1860 census show that the elder Mevey then owned real estate valued at \$15,610 and had a personal estate of \$30,000; his total worth of \$45,610 was comparable to \$3 million or more in the early the beginning of the 21st century.

In 1860, Benjamin F. Mevey, 34, was an unmarried farmer living with his father and siblings. He owned no real estate and had a personal estate of \$7000. Benjamin A. Mevey died in 1866. It appears possible that Benjamin F. Mevey's ability to purchase property at 1100 Sheffield Street for \$9300 in 1870 and have a large, ornate double house constructed on the lot was a result of his own ability to amass considerable savings as a young man and also a result of any inheritance he may have received after his father's death.

Benjamin F. Mevey and his wife, Agnes, were married in about 1861. Agnes Arnold Mevey was born in Pennsylvania in 1836-1837, to parents born in Pennsylvania. The couple had at least seven children: Mary A. in 1861-1862, Anna M. in 1862-1863, Agnes A. in 1866-1867, Benjamin F. Jr. in 1870-1871, Vesta N. in 1873-1874, James C.F. in 1876-1877, and Melinda P. in 1880.

In 1867-1868 the Mevey family settled in Allegheny City and Benjamin F. Mevey became a partner in Mevey & Rogers, a large livery stable at the southeastern corner of Seventh Street and Penn Avenue, Downtown (on the present site of the Benedum Center). Mevey became the sole owner of the business in about 1869. The business remained at Seventh Street and Penn Avenue until about 1884.

The Mevey family lived on Federal Street and on Montgomery Avenue in the present Allegheny Center Mall area before settling in Manchester in about 1871. The family lived in house that Benjamin F. Mevey owned at 1110 Sheffield Street until about 1878, and at 1424 Liverpool Street in 1879. The 1880 Pittsburgh directory and records of the 1880 population census show that the family had moved to 1100 Sheffield Street, after using both sides of the large double house as a rental property for at least three years. The Meveys continued to rent 1102 Sheffield Street to tenants.

The 1880 census enumerated nine members of the Mevey family at 1100 Sheffield Street: Benjamin F., 55, whose occupation was listed as "livery," Agnes, 43, Mary A., 18, Anna M., 17, Agnes A., 13, Benjamin F., nine, Vesta

N., six, James C.F., three, and Melinda P., four months. The census did not enumerate any servants living in the house. It is possible that the family was between servants at the time of the census, or employed household staff who did not live in their home.

In about 1884, Benjamin Mevey's livery stable moved from Seventh Street and Penn Avenue to 1312-1314 Sheffield Street. Mevey operated the business until he retired in about 1893.

The Mevey family moved from 1100 to 1102 Sheffield Street in 1885-1886. The family lived at 1102 Sheffield Street until about 1894, when they moved to 6311 Marchand Street in Shadyside. By 1898, the family moved to Bellevue.

Benjamin F. Mevey died at home in Bellevue on December 21, 1900. He left 1100-1102 Sheffield Street to Agnes Mevey, with title to pass to their children after her death. The children and other descendants of Benjamin F. Mevey used 1100-1102 Sheffield Street as a rental property until 1956.

## **EARLY TENANTS**

Census records and Pittsburgh directories identify some early tenants at 1100-1102 Sheffield Street.

## 1877-1880: John Caldwell Jr., 1102 Sheffield Street

John Caldwell Jr. was the earliest known occupant of 1100 or 1102 Sheffield Street. Pittsburgh city directories listed Caldwell as living at 1102 (184) Sheffield Street between 1877 and 1880. In 1877, Caldwell was a partner in Caldwell & Brother on Fort Pitt Boulevard, Downtown. He had no occupation after 1877, and records of the 1880 census list his occupation as "unemployed."

The 1880 census enumerated John Caldwell Jr. as the head of the household at 1102 Sheffield Street. Caldwell, 50, had been born in Pennsylvania, to Irish immigrant parents. His wife, Sarah S. Caldwell, 49, had been born in Pennsylvania, as had her parents. The couple had one child, Martha M., 17. Martha H. Miller, 75, who was Sarah S. Caldwell's widowed mother, lived with the family.

In 1880, the Caldwell family employed two servants who lived in their home. Their servants were Mary McCriston, 40, an Irish immigrant, and Mollie Dorn, 25, born in Pennsylvania to German immigrant parents.

## 1883: James R. Wilson, 1102 Sheffield Street

The 1883 Pittsburgh directory listed James R. Wilson as living at 1102 (184) Sheffield Street. Wilson was not listed as living in the house in 1882 or 1884. James R. Wilson was a partner in Wilson, Walker & Company, iron manufacturers. The company's offices and works were located at 29th Street and the Allegheny Valley Railroad in the Strip District.

#### 1886-1890: Edward Oxnard, 1100 Sheffield Street

Edward Oxnard was listed at 1100 (186) Sheffield Street for five consecutive years, between 1886 and 1890. Oxnard was a partner in the firm of Warden & Oxnard, oil refiners. The firm's office was at Seventh Street and Fort Duquesne Boulevard.

Other members of the Oxnard family who lived at 1100 Sheffield Street between 1886 and 1890 included A.W., a merchant, and George C., a clerk.

#### The 1890 census

Records of the 1890 manuscript census, which would provide information on occupants of 1100 and 1102 Sheffield Street in that year, were destroyed in a warehouse fire following the completion of the census.

A special census of Civil War veterans and their widows was also taken in 1890. Records of that census are extant but do not identify any occupants of 1100-1102 Sheffield Street.

# 1895-1897: Henrietta Speyer, 1102 Sheffield Street

Pittsburgh directories show that Henrietta Speyer, the widow of Henry Speyer, lived at 1102 Sheffield Street and operated a boarding house at that address between 1895 and 1897.

## The 1900 census

Records of the 1900 census provide no information on occupants of 1100-1102 Sheffield Street. The double house was vacant, or was skipped by the census taker.

#### The 1910 census

By 1910, some of the larger houses in Manchester had been converted to apartments, as a result of the move of the neighborhood's wealthier families to the East End and other suburbs. Records of the 1910 census show that 1100 and 1102 Sheffield Street each contained three apartments. The apartments at 1100 Sheffield Street were rented to families headed by Charles A. Detweiler, Anna A. Adams, and David W. Porter. At 1102 Sheffield Street, the apartments were rented to Louise Bair and the families of Blanche A. Kirby and Clark Walker.

Charles A. Detweiler, 30, was the secretary of a company that manufactured water heaters. He and his wife, Agnes, 28, were Pennsylvania natives, as were their parents. The couple had been married one year and had no children.

Anna A. Adams, 23, was an unmarried stenographer. She shared her living quarters with four siblings: Mary S., 21, a bookkeeper with a building stone company, Emma, 16, Rose C., 14, and A. Otto, ten. Anna A. Adams had immigrated from Germany as an infant in 1887, and her siblings had been born in Pennsylvania.

David W. Porter, 69, was a machinist in an iron works. He had been born in New York State, as had his parents. His wife, Mary E., 48, had been born in New York State to Irish immigrants. The Porters had been married for 26 years and had had five children, four of whom were living. Three of their children lived at home: Ruben W., 23, a railroad agent, Joseph E., 19, with no occupation, and John G., 15, a railroad messenger.

Louise Bair, 45, was a childless widow. She lived alone, and her occupation was listed as "own income," meaning that she was able to support herself without working. She had been born in New York State, to parents born in New York State and Kentucky.

Blanche A. Kirby was a 38-year-old widow and a self-employed music teacher. She had been born in Pennsylvania, and her late husband had been born in Maryland. She had had two children, both of whom were living: Grace, 17, with no occupation, and Alexander, 15, a pattern maker employed by a railroad.

Clark Walker, 38, was a butler, and his wife, Sophie, 38, was a janitress in an apartment building. Clark Walker had been born in Washington, D.C., as had his parents; Sophie Walker, had immigrated from Germany in 1894. The Walkers had had two children, both of whom were living: Beumont, 13, and Harold, 11, both born in Pennsylvania.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS

The following materials accompany this report:

- -A copy of part of an 1852 map depicting the Manchester area
- -Copies of parts of fire insurance maps of the area around 1100 Sheffield Street, published in 1884, 1894, 1906, and 1926
- -Information on the Mevey family, from Genealogical and Personal History of Western Pennsylvania (1915)
- -The obituary of Benjamin F. Mevey, from the *Pittsburgh Press*, December 22, 1900

dren of Benjamin Alexander (I) and Prudence (Pryor) Mevey: I. Benjamin Alexander, of whom further. 2. Prudence, married James Vanatta, and died at Half Crown Run, Pennsylvania.

Benjamin Alexander (2) Mevey, son of Benjamin Alexander (1) and Prudence (Pryor) Mevey, was born on the homestead near McDonald, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and there died, in 1866. He was reared in this place, and upon the death of his father inherited the homestead, there erecting a brick house of curious design, fashioned after the Maryland home of the family. He married Margaret Elizabeth Donaldson, whose death preceded his by many years, although he never married a second time. Both were members of the United Presbyterian Church. They had children: I. Jane Scott, died unmarried, aged eighty-three years. 2. Samuel Pryor, of whom further. 3. Benjamin Franklin, proprietor of a livery in Pittsburgh, where he died. 4. James, died on the homestead, unmarried. 5. Margaret D., married William Clark, and died in Washington, Pennsylvania. 6. Martha M., married Dr. William Sarver, and died in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Samuel Pryor Mevey, son of Benjamin Alexander (2) and Margaret Elizabeth (Donaldson) Mevey, was born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, October 6, 1824, died in 1872. After his marriage he made his home on a farm six miles from Oakdale, in North Fayette township, Allegheny county, inherited from his paternal grandfather, and there lived until his death. He married (first) Sarah, born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, in 1828. daughter of Master and Sarah (McElhaney) Donehoo, her father a school teacher, her mother, after the death of her husband, moving to Beaver, Pennsylvania, making her home with her sons; (second) Mrs. Elizabeth Pollock. Both he and his wife were members of the United Presbyterian Church. Children of Master and Sarah (McElhaney) Donehoo: I. Harry, a veteran of the Civil War, died in the Old Soldiers' Home, at Dayton, Ohio. 2. Daniel, a veteran of the war between the states, died in Beaver, Pennsylvania. 3. Frank, a soldier in the Union army during the Civil War, was killed in that conflict. 4. Nancy, died aged twenty years. 5. Sarah, of previous mention, married Samuel Pryor Mevey. 6. Isabel, married James Caughey, and died in Beaver, Pennsylvania. Children of Samuel Pryor and Sarah (Donehoo) Mevey: I. Mary, died in infancy. 2. Isabella Jane, married Byron Townley, and died in Nebraska. 3. Sarah Agnes, of previous mention, married Henry Richard Crooks, was educated in the Oakdale Academy and in the Indiana State Normal School, teaching for two years prior to her marriage. 4. Benjamin Alexander, a farmer of Missouri. 5. Mary E., married Vincent Gibson, deceased, and resides in Erie, Pennsylvania. 6. James, died aged eighteen years. Children of Henry Richard and Sarah Agnes (Mevey) Crooks: 1. Cora Donehoo, married Norman B. Hoffman, and lives in Beaver, Pennsylvania, the mother of one daughter, Sarah Agnes. 2. Bella Elizabeth, married Robert Robinson, and resides in Oakdale, Pennsylvania; they have one son, Howard Crooks. 3. Sarah Agnes, lives with her mother.

# The Oll Market.

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last 24 hours' gauge of the Sand producers was an improvement over producers was an improvement over revious day: Copley heirs No. 1, 505 1s: No. 2, 15 barrels: John Copley No. 0 barrels: Turner Nos. 1 and 2, 625 1s: Mullady Nos. 1 and 2, 170 barrels: Nos. 1 and 2, 65 barrels, and McCrea 1, 20 barrels: Total, 1,740 barrels. 2 next well due is the J. M. Guffey and South Penn Oil company's No. and South Penn Oil company's No. the Turner farm. The next will be Unity Oil company's test on the B. mings farm. There are 19 wells drill-ind rigs up in the Sand Fork district: the Wolf Summit field in Harrison ty, the South Penn company has deted its No. 2 on the Rachel Confarm and has a gasser. Near Cross is, Monongahela county, the same any has drilled its No. 2 on the Jacob iner farm into the first pay and has aducer that made 75 barrels the first

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#### GATHERED TO REST.

Hazel Seymour Edwards, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Edwards, of 523 Penn avenue, Wilkinsburg, died Tuesday and was buried Wednesday af-ternoon in Homewood cemetery.

Mrs. Mary Ann Crooks, one of the oldat the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. E. Wood. Mrs. Crooks was 90 years old. The funeral service will be held at 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Wood. The interment will be at Freedom, Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Margaret Caroline Hessert died yesterday in her 77th year at her home, 1412 Rebecca street, Allegheny, She was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, and came to this country in 1847. That year she married Frederick Hessert, a blacksmith, who died in 1887. She is survived by three sons and one daughter: Samuel, Jacob and John Hessert, and Mrs. Caroline Knoll, all of whom live in Allegheny. Funeral to-morrow afternoon at 2:30 from Funeral to-morrow afternoon at 2:30 from Juniata street church. .

Alden J. Thompson, master carpenter on the Pittsburg division of the Pennsylvania railroad, died suddenly at his home in BenVenue yesterday morning, aged about 50. Deceased had occupied his late position for about five years. Previous to that he had occupied a similar position on the Cambria and Clearfield branch of the Pennsylvania road. Mr. Thompson was a member of Dunussue lodge No. 546. was a member of Duquesne ledge, No. 546, Free and Accepted Masons, in the East End, being a past master of the lodge and of Pittsburg chapter No. 268, Royal Arch Masons. He is survived by a wife and six children. Funeral services will be held at the Tabernacle Presbyterian church. Colling avenue and Station street, on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Benjamin F. Mevay, for many years a well-known resident of Allegheny, where he conducted a livery business, died last night at 7:30 o'clock at his residence in Bellevue. Mr. Mevay was in his seventy-sixth year. He had not been actively engaged for 10 years. Mr. Mevay was born and raised near what is the present site of McDonald and where his father owned considerable land. He was a member of the Bellevue United Presbyterian church the Bellevue United Presbyterian church. His widow who was a Miss Arnold, of Allegheny, and six children survive. The children are Mrs. W. B. Rodgers, of the East End; Mrs. John I. Shaw of Bellevue; Mrs. Norman R. Lippinsott, of Bellevue; Miss Linda Mevay, who lives at home, Benjamin F. Mevay, Jr., an attorney, and Charles Mevay. Bervices will be held Monday afternoon at 2 followed by private interment.

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# Wants a Bill of Particula

In quarter sessions court this an order on the district attorney bill of particulars within ten days case of J. C. Robinson, charged w bezzlement, was made.

Mr. Robinson was secretary of local building and loap association it is alleged that he misapproper funds of the organization. Attorniam Blakely represented Robinson

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