

Old Log Cabin, Richmond & Vienna Sts.

This little old house is a perfect specimen of the dwellings usual in Kensington seventy-five and one hundred years ago. They were generally of one story, and if of logs, as this one is, were sheathed on the outside with weather boarding. Kensington was the abode of fishermen principally, and from the fact, that portion of the city retains in the memory of old people the name of Fishtown to this day. The date of erection of this house must have been considerably before the outbreak of the Revolutionary war.

OLD MARKET HOUSE,

CALLOWHILL STREET, AND NEW MARKET.

On the Seventh of September, 1783, a law was passed authorizing the erection of a market in the Northern Liberties, at the intersection of Callowhill Street and a street thereafter known as New Market Street, between Front and Second. The preamble to the act stated that the proprietaries "at the laying out of a number of town lots at a place called Callowhill, between Front and Second Streets, in the Northern Liberties, did for the encouragement of the people who would build on these and other lots in the neighborhood, leave open and design for a public market an oblong piece of ground crossed in its middle by two streets, one running eastward and westward called Callowhill Street, the other northward and southward called New Market Street." The act went on to say, that great improvements had been made, that there was a ferry at Callowhill Street, and that a market was necessary. A Corporation was therefore created with power to build on the market place, which was called the Norwich Market Company. They built, at various times, two market houses on the northern spaces and one at the south-west. But the speculation was not profitable. The great town house and market on Second above Coates monopolized the business. The Norwich Market struggled, not half the stalls rented and revenues scanty. In time one of the buildings, by framework being inserted between the pillars, was made into a house occupied for some years as Moulders school room. Another section was rented for manufacturing purposes, and the north-east section, the subject of this view, was eventually used for storage purposes. The buildings fell to pieces and the last of them was demolished a few years ago.