JOSEPH BUFFINGTON (1854); presumably dedicated with the renovated building, Sunday morning,

November 12, 1854

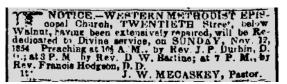
Western Methodist Episcopal Church (Rev. John W. Mecaskey, Pastor) Twentieth Street, below Walnut Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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