

HUNTER & BUFFINGTON (1848); first “played,” Monday evening, September 26, 1848

Third [Pine Street] Presbyterian Church
Pine Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

[Excerpt from:] “Religious Intelligence. / Presbyterian. / Third Presbyterian Church,” (*Philadelphia, Pa.*) *Sunday Dispatch* 1, no. 19 (Sunday, September 16, 1848): 3.

Third Presbyterian Church.—The Third Presbyterian Church of this city, which had been closed for several weeks to be repaired, has been re-opened for public worship. The whole interior of the church has been renovated in beautiful style, rendering its appearance in all respects worthy of the sacred purposes to which it is devoted.

“The New Organ [Ad],” (*Philadelphia, Pa.*) *Public Ledger* 26, no. 1 (Monday, September 26, 1848): 2.



Edwin T. Freedley, *Philadelphia and Its Manufacturers; A Hand-Book of the Great Manufactories and Representative Mercantile Houses of Philadelphia in 1867* (Philadelphia: Edward Young & Co., 144 South Sixth Street, 1867): 549.

Church Organs are made by five manufacturers, J. C. B. STANBRIDGE, JOSEPH BUFFINGTON, JOHN ROBERTS, E. C. LEDROIT, and H. KNAUFF & SON. The first named is, we believe, the oldest Organ Builder, and has constructed some of the largest instruments that are in use. Among them is the organ formerly in Concert Hall, now in St. Clement's Episcopal Church, which has four manuals and pedals, sixty registers and three thousand and fifty pipes; and that in Calvary Presbyterian Church, with three manuals and pedals, one hundred and fourteen registers and one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five pipes.

JOSEPH BUFFINGTON, of 131 South Eleventh street, is another old and distinguished Organ Builder. He commenced the business in 1842, and consequently has had an experience of a quarter of a century. No less than one hundred and fifty organs have been built by Mr. Buffington, and among them, those for the Catholic Churches, St. Philip De Neri, St. Theresa, and St. Alphonsus; the Third, Sixth, Seventh, and Penn Square Presbyterian Churches; the Western, Trinity, and Green street Methodist Churches, and the Spruce street and Tabernacle Baptist Churches. All of these are large Organs, of splendid tone and good workmanship, which have deservedly given Mr. Buffington a high reputation.