

JOHN ROBERTS (1870)

Centenary M.E. Church
Camden, New Jersey

"City Intelligence. Religious Matters. Methodist Episcopal," *The Philadelphia Inquirer* (Saturday, March 26, 1870): 2.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

RELIGIOUS MATTERS.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

The Centenary M. E. Church of Camden, N. J., has had a fine new organ built for them by Mr. John Roberts, of Frankford, which was used for the first time on Sunday last, to the satisfaction of all concerned. The churches of this city supplied by the same builder within a few years past are:—P. E. Church of the Covenant, Spring Garden and Union M. E. Churches, West Walnut Street and Cobocokink Presbyterian, Schuylkill Falls Baptist, and Church of New Jerusalem, at Broad and Brandywine streets, the aggregate value of which has been estimated many thousands of dollars. Large and powerful organs have also been sent by him to Chicago, Dayton, Wilmington (Del.), Trenton, La Crosse and Salem, Mass., so that the authorities of the church across the river had ample precedent as to where to get a desirable instrument, which gives additional grace to their already neat church, and will prove of usefulness and facility in Divine worship. Churches have rapidly increased in number in Camden within a few years past, and several of them have recently had fine organs placed in them.

"Church Music," (*Camden*) *West Jersey Press* (Wednesday, March 30, 1870): 3.

CHURCH MUSIC.—Though the vocalization of the choir of Centenary M. E. Church, has been perfect and entirely satisfactory to the worshipers, we cannot but congratulate the Church upon the valuable instrumental addition they have just made to their music. Their new pipe organ is certainly a credit to the builder, John Roberts, of Frankford, Philadelphia; it combines a power and sweetness of tone unusual in such instruments; and the case is worthy of its contents, being neat and ornamental, and in harmony with the general style of the interior of the edifice.

"Camden and Vicinity. New Organ," *PI* (Monday, April 4, 1870): 2.

NEW ORGAN.—The new organ for the Centenary M. E. Church is now finished, and is a very fine and clear-toned one. It is one of the very finest pieces of mechanism, and reflects credit on the committee and the builder. It will be a decided addition to the ceremonies during divine worship.