

JOHN & JAMES DOBSON CARPET MILL (WEST PARCEL),  
BUILDING NO. 33

Philadelphia  
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Location:

4041-4055 Ridge Avenue  
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Significance:

Building 33 is significant as an integral part of the original Blanket Mill No. 1 composed of existing Buildings 19, 22 and 22A, one of the Dobson operations located on the site's west parcel. Although reduced in height and size from its original configuration, Building 33 remains important as one of the structures defining the edge of the west parcel along Scott's Lane.

Description:

Building 33 is a one-story structure fronting onto Scott's Lane. Its southern elevation is 1 1/2 stories due to the steep change in the site's grade. The building is constructed of rubblestone which has been stuccoed, has replacement steel sash windows and doors and a flat roof.

History:

Building 33 appears on the 1877 Hexamer Atlas with an 1870 construction date. It was part of the Blanket Mill No. 1 fronting on Scott's Lane and was connected to Building 19 by a number of structures. Building 33 was a three-story stone structure with a tin roof; it functioned as a dye and drying house. The first and second floors were used for dyeing and the third floor housed six patent steam dryers for drying wool. By the early twentieth century, the building was reduced to two stories in height. It was stuccoed and reduced further in height and size to its present form after 1926 as indicated in an aerial photograph of the Dobson site.