



Abraham Rex Store (Woodward offices) | 8031-33 Germantown Avenue | 1762. Originally built in or before 1762, the Abraham Rex Store is one of Chestnut Hill's oldest remaining historic buildings. Built by Abraham's German immigrant father when Germantown Avenue was a dirt road, the building sits in part of Chestnut Hill that was then called Sommerhausen and was the most prosperous of several area "great stores" during the latter part of the eighteenth century. These local stores were rendered less important over time as improving road networks allowed farmers to bring their produce directly to city markets. The building stayed in the Rex family until the 1850s, and was bought in 1884 by Henry H. Houston; his daughter Gertrude Houston Woodward inherited the building in 1921.