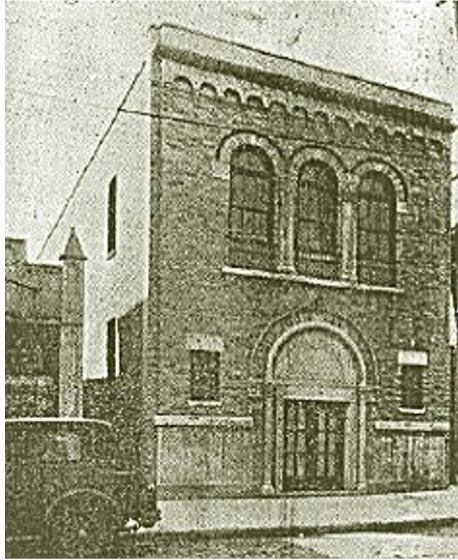


Kenney Memorial Hospital

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Background of site



- 132 W. Kinney Street, Newark
- Opened 1927 by Dr. John A. Kenney
- A hospital for Black patients and a facility where African American medical personnel could train
- Operated until 1953
- Building acquired by New Salem Baptist Church in 1959

Significance of Site



- First teaching hospital for African American medical personnel in New Jersey
- One of only two Black-run hospitals in Newark when it was founded
- Other hospitals served limited number of Black patients, and could not be seen by Black doctors

Current Status of Site

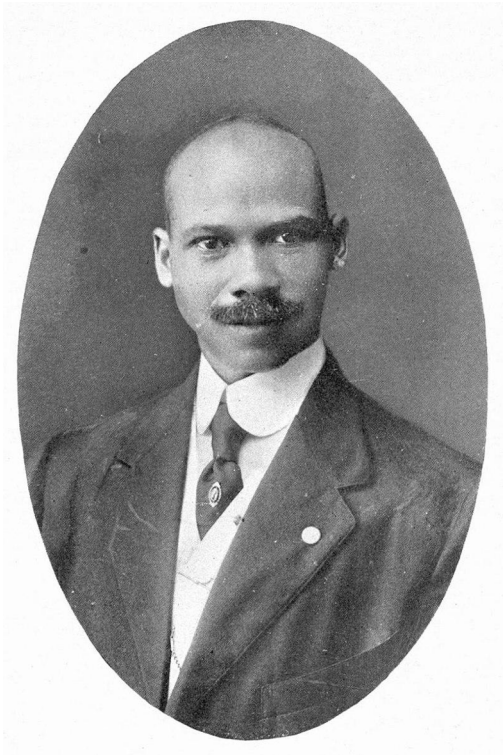


- Currently a Baptist church, New Salem Baptist
- Church has formed a 501(c)(3) to raise funds
- NJ Churches cannot raise money for building or repair
- Working with Newark Landmarks, a local historic preservation group
- Not currently available for tours

Effort to establish historic site

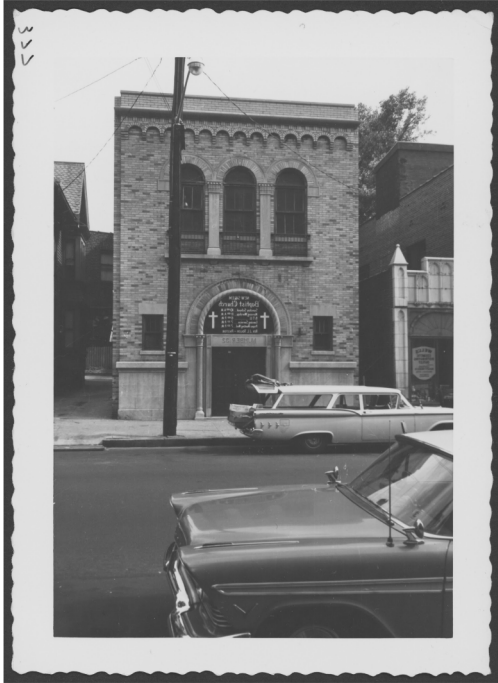
- Added to National and State Registers of Historic Sites in 2004
- Newark Landmarks became involved in 2018 or 2019
- 501(c)(3) formed in 2019
- Goal: establish a small museum to the hospital in the church's basement
- Library exhibit will be on display

John A. Kenney



- Born 1874, Albemarle, VA, son of formerly enslaved people
- Degrees Hampton Institute 1897, MD from Shaw University, Raleigh NC 1901
- Resident physician, Tuskegee Institute, 1902-1924
- Came to Newark, 1924
- Opened Kenney Memorial Hospital, 1927
- Back in Alabama, 1939-1944
- In Montclair, 1944-1950
- Died in Montclair, 1950, buried at Newark's Fairmount Cemetery

Kenney Memorial Hospital



- Founded at 132 West Kinney Street, 1927
- Named for Dr. Kenney's parents
- Founded by Dr. Kenney using a personal loan
- Gifted to community in 1934, became Community Hospital
- Operated until 1953

Questions?

