Back Before the Civil War People Called It Compton's Hill

This is Sky's Hill as it looked about 40 years ago from Granite White Pikes.

The Old Compton's Hill Church in Music Row. The church, now house of worship for Evangelical Church, was built in 1852. Rev. George S. Compton was the minister. The church was destroyed by fire in 1864 and a new one was built in 1902. The congregation traces its origin to a chapel on Sky's Hill, mentioned in the Thirty-Ninth Army Corps records. The church was moved to its present location in 1920.

Editor's Note: Some of the memories and recollections in this article are taken from an old letter written by a member of the Compton family, who was a young boy during the Civil War. The letter describes the experiences of the family during the war and provides a glimpse into the daily life of a southern family during that time.

The Compton House, now owned by A. M. Burton, was built in 1864. It is located at the corner of Sky's Hill and Main Street. The house was named after Compton's Hill, which was a popular spot for Civil War soldiers to gather.

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