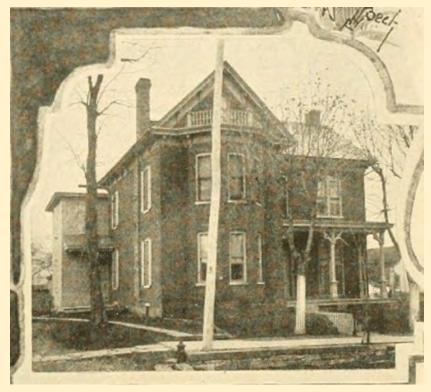
## 225 N Broad Street, Lititz, Pennsylvania House History



**2023 View** 

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1905 Pictorial View of Lititz



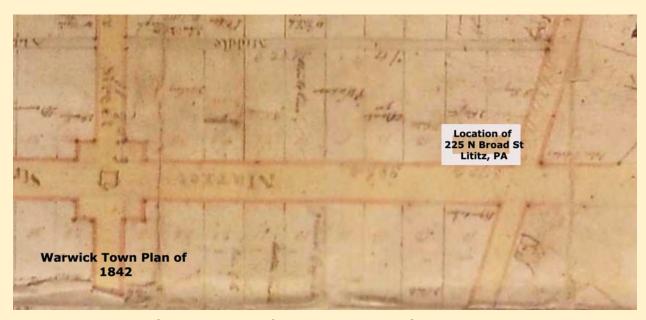


# **Deed Chain for 225 North Broad Street**

Werner and Elaine Stolp	Joseph Lee Butson; widower. Janet died May 2, 2009.	7/24/2006 Instrument #6108458 \$275,000 (recorded 2013)
Joseph Lee Butson and Janet Faye Butson	Jack S. Watson and Lydia K. Watson	04 June 1976 X68, page 254.
Jack S. Watson and Lydia K. Watson	Henry J. Snavely, Samuel Snavely, Mildred Snavely, James Snavely, Doris Snavely,	26 Oct 1961 F51, page 238 \$50,000
Henry J. Snavely and Edna B. Snavely	lda M. Erb	Z34, page 318 27 March 1941 \$15,000
Samuel Erb and Ida M. Erb	Israel Erb and Sarah B. Erb	D20, page 124 31 March 1899 \$3,500
Israel Erb and Sarah B. Erb	David B. and Martha Landis	2 July 1896
David B. and Martha Landis	T. Frank Evans	3 Dec 1894
T. Frank Evans	Christian Diehm	K11, Page 452 11 Jun 1878
Christian Diehm	John W. and Lucetta Rauch	1 Apr 1861 (part of lots 9,11,13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, and 27 in the plan of the town of Warwick.
John W. and Lucetta Rauch	Frederick Zitzman	11 Dec 1835- part of 66 acres
Frederick Zitzman (high bidder at Sheriff sale)	Nicholas Stroh	

The property where 225 N. Broad Street is located was originally part of the Nicholas Stroh farm. It included 66 acres of land north of Lititz. Nicholas Stroh was the first owner of the Warwick House Hotel. After his death, Frederick Zitzman purchased the property at sheriff's sale and the town of Warwick was laid out into lots. In December of 1835, John Rauch purchased a portion of the farm. When he sold it 25 years later, the property was described as numbered adjoining lots. Only a portion of the lots are the site of 225 N Broad Street.

John William Rauch was the son of John Henry and Anna Christina (Stohler) Rauch and was the first Bretzel (now called pretzel) baker in Lititz, PA. In 1814 he married Barbara (Rudy) - five children from this marriage, second wife was Anna Rosina (Busse) - two children from second marriage, third wife was the widow Lucetta (Ritter) Wolle. John Rauch was prominent in Moravian church music as a tenor singer and trombonist. John and Lucetta Rauch sold the property to Christian Diehm.



The original plan for the town of Warwick called for a town square at Market and N. Liberty Street as seen in this 1842 map. The location of 225 N. Broad street at the intersection of N. Broad and Market Street is marked in white. The only structures on this plan are the Bricker House on the bottom right and just south on N. Broad street the Warwick House Hotel. (out of frame)

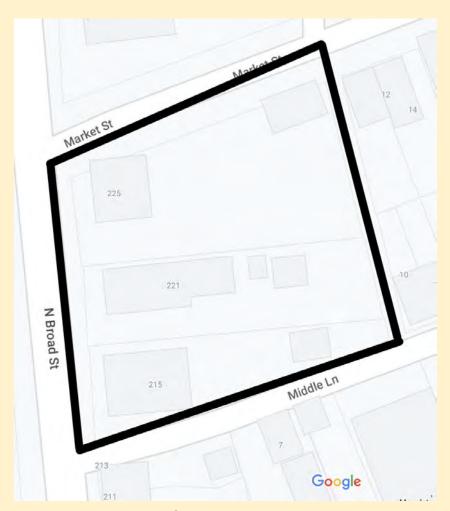
Christian Diehm owned the property from 1861-1878. Christian was the youngest of a large family, being born on the "old Lititz farm." He lived in the Lititz area his entire life. Christian's obituary stated he lived in the same house in Warwick from 1837-1883 when he passed. This was certainly not



(https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/117230350/christian-diehm)

225 N. Broad Street. His occupation was a shoemaker. He also ran a store in Warwick at the corner of Lincoln Ave and N. Broad Street. (Lincoln Ave was once called Orange Street before Warwick became part of Lititz.) Christian was married to Amanda O'brien and had five children. His wife died in 1837 at 25 years old. Christian remained a widower for over 40 years.

Christian spent the last eight months of his life bedridden. He was buried at the Salem Evangelical Graveyard at Kissel Hill in 1883. When Christian Diehm sold a portion of his land to T. Frank Evans in 1878, the property at 225 N. Broad Street included "a lot of ground" starting at Middle Alley, running north along Lititz Road (N Broad Street), East to an alley, South to Middle Lane and back to the beginning point.



This modern map of the area shows the dimensions of the property in 1878. Based on Deed Book K -11, page 452. The focus property at 225 N Broad can be seen at the top left.

wate in the town of Warwick, Lancaster County and State of Penna, bounded and described as follows; Beginning at a givet a corner of Litiz extrect and Middle alley, thence northwardly along Litiz street; one humared and mining six feet eix inches to a point a corner of Litiz and Market Streets, thence eastwardly along Market Street one hundred and Ninety feet to a post adjoining lands of Christian Diehm, thence conducardly along lands of said Christian Diehm: One Hundred and minety one feet to middle alley, thence westwardly along said alley two hundred and twelve feet to the place of beginning.

Description of the property in 1878 according to Deed book K11, page 452.

### T. Frank Evans

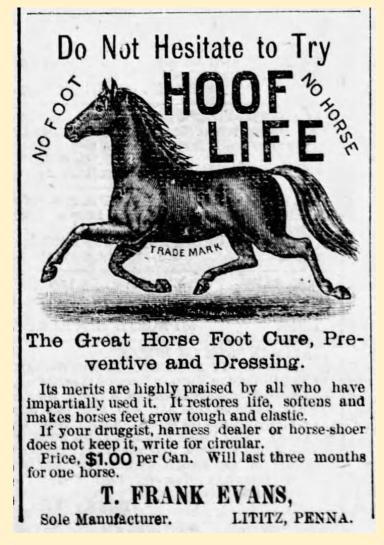
It was most likely Thomas Franklin Evans and his wife, Clara, who built 225 N. Broad Street. T. Frank Evans was born in 1851 in East Petersburg, a son of John and Susan Evans. He was educated at the Lititz Academy as a youth and returned to the academy for advanced courses. He also attended a Poughkeepsie business school and Millersville Normal School. In 1877, he married Clara Lesher and according to a news article, "built a fine home" in Warwick. It was most likely the fall of 1878 when the home was built since they purchased the property in June of that same year.

WE TAKE pleasure in announcing to the farming community of Lancaster county, that Mr. T. Frank Evans has been appointed agent for the sale of the McCormick Mowing Machines and Harvesters in this county.

These machines have a world-wide reputation, and at the Centennial attracted more attention than any other machine on exhibition. They are said to be capable of doing more work, and doing it easier, than any machine in the market.

Mr. Evans is well known as an excellent business man, perfectly reliable and honest in all his representations. We therefore congratulate the McCormick Company and the farmers of Lancaster county in his appointment is their interests. In February, 1878, an announcement was made that T. Frank Evans was appointed agent for the McCormick Mowing Machines and Harvesters. Frank Evans spent most of his life in the farming industry as a drover and later an inventor. He developed two different products which he manufactured and sold from Lititz. He sold a hoof ointment and later developed a temporary shoe for a horse to protect the horses hoof until a permanent shoe could be made.

8 Feb, 1878, Lititz Record, page 3.



Frank and his wife Clara had five children, three living to adulthood.

When T. Frank Evans sold the property, it was described as having 67 feet of frontage on N. Broad Street and a depth of 190 feet. It also includes the general description of the house, a two story brick dwelling house with a frame stable. They may have sold the property because of marital or financial problems.

Despite outward appearances, their marriage was troubled and it eventually became too difficult for them to continue. Clara left her husband in April 1896 and took the children to Reading, PA.

Frank stayed in the Lititz Springs Hotel for a time, but later removed to Lancaster, where he boarded at a hotel on Prince Street.

On December 8th of 1896, the forty-five year old man returned to Lititz. He requested a key from his nephew to use his father's tobacco warehouse near the Warwick House Hotel. The following day, his body was discovered with two gunshot wounds to his head, both self-inflicted.

Clara Evans lived until 1925. She was living with her daughter at 937 E King Street, Lancaster, PA at the time of her death. She was buried at the Lesher Family Cemetery at Reamstown, Lancaster Co., PA.

Piece of land in Warwick township, containing a two-storied brick dwelling house, with frame kitchen attached, frame stable, etc. Sold as the property of T. F. Evans to D. B. Landis, for \$100.

17 Nov 1894, Lancaster New Era, page 1.

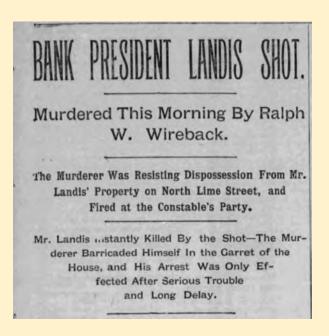
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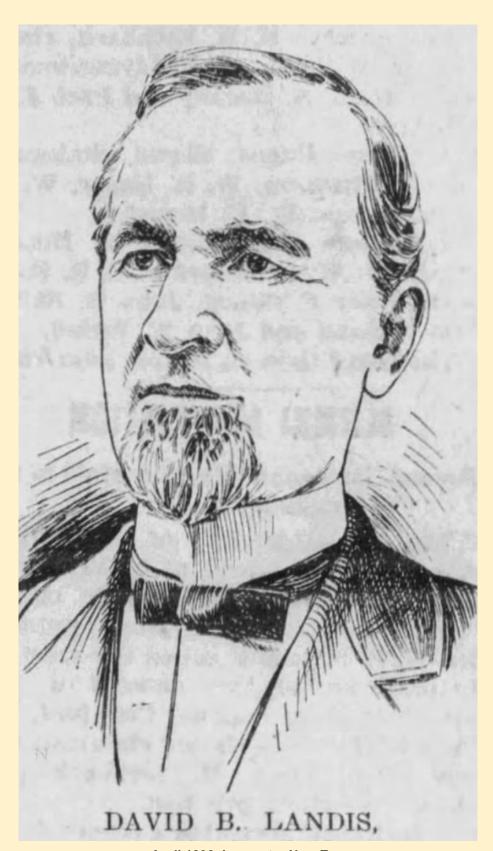
21 Nov 1894, Lititz Record, page 2.

David B. and Martha Landis owned the property for about 18 months, December, 1894 - July, 1896. It appears he purchased the property as an investment. David B. Landis's name can be found purchasing real estate in different parts of the county. In an 1895 article concerning saloons in Lancaster City, D. B. Landis stated he has lived in the vicinity of 39 E Chestnut Street for the last 4 years. He may have rented the property at 225 N Broad Street. He was familiar with the area however, because he was a brewer in Lititz from 1873-1885. D.B. Landis was involved in numerous

business adventures including a printing company, D. B. and Sons milling manufacturer, a knitting mill manufacturer, and a president of the Conestoga National Bank. The sale of the property in Lititz was two years before D. B. Landis' death. He was shot to death attempting to evict one of his tenants from 241 N. Lime Street, Lancaster.

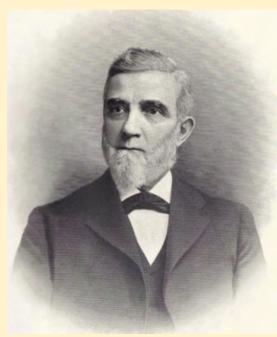
(7 April 1898, Lancaster New Era, page 1.)





April 1898, Lancaster New Era.

Israel and Sarah B. Erb purchased 225 N. Broad Street in 1896 and held it until 1899 when it was deeded to Samuel Erb and his wife Ida Erb. Ida Erb's estate sold the property in 1941, making the Erb family the longest residences of the property to date.





Israel Erb and his wife, Sarah (early photo)

Israel Erb was a well known Lititz resident. He grew up on a farm north of Lititz along Memorial Road. The Erb family had owned the 80 acre farm for many generations. They were of the Mennonite faith. Israel was educated at Lititz, attending Beck's School for Boys. He was the president and/or founder of numerous financial institutions including The Lititz National Bank, Northern Trust Savings of Lancaster, and the Agriculture Fire Insurance Company. In 1905, Israel and Sarah lived at 46 E Main Street, Lititz, currently the Atlas General Store. His bank, sometimes referred to as the Erb Bank (Lititz National) was next door at 40 E Main Street. Unfortunately, bad loans bankrupted Israel in 1909. He was forced to sell his family farm and assets. He and his wife moved to Virginia to manage a farm. Shortly before his death, in 1917, they had lived in Seaford, Delaware. He was brought back to Lititz to be buried at the Erb's Mennonite Cemetery. His wife, Sarah, moved back to Lititz and lived until 1930.

Samuel B. Erb (1861-1904) and Ida Erb (1863-1940)

Samuel Erb and Ida Rupp married in 1879 when he was 18 years old and she was 16. In the 1880 census, they were living with his parents, Samuel and Anna Erb. The 1900 Federal Census includes Samuel and Ida Erb and

Death of Samuel Erb, of Warwick. Samuel B. Erb. the well-known distiller, died at his home on North Broad street, Warwick, on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock in consequence of an attack of apoplexy which came upon him at 1 o'clock on Friday afternoon and left him in an unconscious condition from which he never rallied. He had an attack on the 29th of May that left him in an enfeebled condition in spite of his always robust appearance and florid complexion. Mr. Erb was a son of the late Samuel Erb, a well-known farmer and director of the Lititz National Bank, and was born near Millport. He occupied the home farm until about six years ago when he purchased the home of the late Frank Evans at Warwick which he occupied at the time of his death. He was forty-three years old a few days before he died. Mr. Erb was a highly respected citizen, a kind neighbor, a good husband and father, a genial companion. In politics he was a Republican. He was a pupil of John Beck's Academy. Mr. Erb was the owner of the Rome distillery, a director of the Lititz National Bank, one of the three owners of the Keystone Underwear Mills, and a director of the Lititz Water Company. He was also interested in the Wellington Starch Company. A widow, who was Ida Rupp, of near Akron, survives, and two daughters, May and Anna, also a sister, Mrs. Andrew Lane, of Warwick, The funeral was held on Tuesday morning, with services at the house at 9:30 o'clock and at 10 o'clock at the Moravian Church. Interment was made in the Moravian cemetery. The Rev. A. H. Hottenstein, of East Petersburg, and the Rev. E. S. Hagen, of Lititz, officiated.

their two daughters, May, aged 14, and Anna, aged 8 years. Samuel Erb died unexpectedly at 43 years old in 1904. His obituary describes his extensive business dealings before his untimely death.



Samuel B. Erb ran the Rome Distillery from 1895 until his death in 1904.



The Keystone Underwear Mill on W. Main Street, Lititz. Both Israel Erb and Samuel Erb were owners.

Henry J. Snavely and Edna B. Snavely (1941-1961) (1895-1959) (1899-1953)

Ida Erb's estate sold 225 N. Broad Street to Henry and Edna Snavely in 1941 for \$15,000. Henry Snavely was a well known auctioneer. His sales just down the street at the Warwick House drew buyers from all over the county. In 1940, Henry Snavely was living at 38 Front Street as a widower with his parents. A year later, he is married (July 1940) and purchased 225 N. Broad. His new wife was the community nurse in Lititz. In 1950, Henry and Edna were still at 225 with a son, 14 year old, James.

# Gold-Headed Cane, Presented In 1887, Brings \$75 At Sale

A gold-headed cane was sold for \$75 to Simon Snyder, of near Clay, at a public sale of the Ida M. Erb estate at Lititz Saturday afternoon.

The cane, which belonged to the late Mrs. Erb's father-in-law, bore the inscription on the gold: "Presented Oct. 27, 1887, to Samuel Erb, by directors and employes of the Lititz National bank." It was the occasion of his 50th wedding anniversary. He was president of the bank.

More than 1,100 other items were sold, the auction lasting from noon to 6:45 p. m. at the Erb residence at Market and North Broad street. The two-story brick dwelling itself was bought by the auctioneer of the sale, Henry J. Snavely, for \$4.500.

There were other bidders, and C. Walter Miller, of Lititz, did the bidding for Snavely.

Dr. C. E. Lane, Lititz, bought a grandfather's clock for \$325 and a walnut glass cupboard with rattail hinges for \$87. Simon Snyder, a relative of the late Mrs. Erb, bought a gooseneck sofa for \$18.50. Mrs. Harry J. Lamparter, Lancaster, bought a writing desk for \$25. A chest of drawers brought \$17, and a small glass pitcher, \$7.50.



#### 14 Nov 1959, Intelligencer Journal (Lancaster)

PUBLIC AUCTION
225 N. Broad St.
Lititz, Pa.
November 13th & 14th—10 A.M.
Hipplewhite desk, 2 walnut Dutch
cupboards, Grandfather clock, high
chest of drawers, corner cupboard,
6 Windsor chairs, 2 Victorian sotas,
chests, dropleaf tables, washstands,
spinning wheels, brass kettles, Ironstone china, pattern glass, Currierlves prints. Guns, lamps, dolls, bells,
coins and linens.
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HENRY J. SNAVELY
Terms by SAMUEL and
JAMES SNAVELY
Owen Hershey, Attorney
William J. Hinden, Auctioneer
Diehm & Herr, Clerks
Exhibition Thursday 12 to 8.

September 12, 1957– Henry Snavely will auction off a rare penny at the Snavely's Bazaar at the rear of 225 N Broad Street. (Lititz Record, 14 Sept. 2017 page A10)



A public sale at the Warwick House on North Broad Street, Lititz, PA.

# New Executive At Lititz Bank

Jack S. Watson, Pittsburgh, has been appointed an assistant to the president of the Farmers National Bank of Lititz, President Paul H. Bomberger announced today.



The Farmers National of Lititz has a branch bank at Lancaster Shopp in g Center. Watson, auditor of Peoples Union Bank and Trust Co., Pittsburgh, will join the Lititz bank staff on Aug. 1.

watson He is a graduate of University of Pittsburgh where he has also done post-graduate work. He has served as business development manager and on the bank planning committee of the Peoples bank. Jack S. Watson and Lydia K. Watson (1961-1976)

### ACTIVE MASON

He is active in the Chamber of Commerce, Boy Scouts, and is a member of the Board of Managers of the Baptist Orphanage and Home Assn. and Jeannette Lodge 750, F. & A.M. and the Scottish Rite bodies of the Valley of Pittsburgh.

Married to the former Lydia Kingan of Greensburg he is the father of five sons ranging in age from two years to 16 years. He and his family will move to Lititz in July.

## Watson Is Director Of Lititz Mutual Ins.

Jack S. Watson, vice president and director of the Farmers National Bank, Lititz, has been appointed a director of Lititz Mutual Insurance Company and Penn Charter Mutual Insurance Company, Lititz.

His appointment was made during the July board meetings of the companies and filled the directorships left vacant by the recent death of John L. Hamaker, Ephrata.

Watson is active in civic and church affairs and is the father of five sons.

Henry H. Gibbel, secretary of the Lititz Mutual Insurance Company and Penn Charter Mutual Insurance Company, made the announcement.



Jack S. Watson and Lydia K. Watson are buried in the Lititz Moravian Cemetery. Jack died in 2010 and Lydia in 2011.

Joseph Lee Butson and Janet Faye Butson (1976-2013)





<u>Janet Faye Lefever Butson</u>, 67, of 225 N. Broad St., Lititz, died Saturday at Hospice of Lancaster Co., Mount Joy.

Born in Lancaster Co., she was the daughter of the late David C. and Bertha Neff Baker Lefever. She was the wife of Joseph Lee Butson and they had celebrated their 47th wedding anniversary on April 21st.

Janet was a member of the Lititz Moravian Church. She enjoyed antiquing and doing needlework.

Surviving in addition to her husband are 3 sons, Gary Lee (Melissa Goodling) Butson, Maytown, Denver Scott (Rhonda Keyser) Butson, Brooklyn, NY, Randy Jay (MeShell Jamison) Butson, Lancaster; 5 grandchildren, David, Brendan, Bryce, Jackson, Maybelle; 2 great granddaughters, Kayla, Alexis; 2 brothers, Wayne Baker Lefever, Willow Street and David C. (Carol) Lefever, Jr., Millersville. She was preceded in death by a son, Chad David Butson.

Joseph Lee "Butz" Butson, 74, of 628 Front St., Lititz and formerly of 225 North Broad Street, Lititz passed away on Saturday, October 24, 2015 at his home surrounded by his family. He retired from the U.S. Navy in January 1977 after a 20-year career during which he had served in Attack Squadron 85 with carrier air wing 17 (CUA17) as a component of the U.S. 6th fleet embarked on board USS Forrestal (CUA59). After the Navy, Butz worked for ALCOA Mill Products retiring in July 1999.

Enlisting in the U.S. Navy in 1957, Butz served aboard the USS Randolph (CUS15), Military Sea Transport Services Atlantic (MSTS), USS Forrestal (CUA59), and served one tour of duty in Vietnam from September 1966 through September 1967. He also served as personnel office supervisor during two Mediterranean deployments July 1974 and in January 1977 aboard USS Forrestal and is a plank owner at the US Navy Memorial in Washington, D.C. He transferred to the U.S. Navy Fleet Reserve on January 27, 1977. During his career he was awarded the following: Combat Action Ribbon, Navy Unit Commendation, \*Four Good Conduct Awards, Navy Expeditionary Medal (Cuba), Nation Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with 2 bronze stars, Vietnam Gallantry Cross, Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Unit Citation, and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

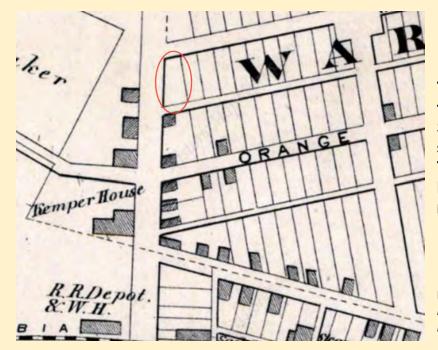
Butz was a member of the Lititz Moravian Congregation, American Legion Post #56 in Lititz, life member of the Lititz VFW Post 1463, and a member of the ALOG Fleet Reserve Branch #166 in Virginia Beach, VA. He enjoyed attending auctions, collecting antique Victorian furniture, jewelry caskets, listening to jazz, spending time with his family poolside and on the patio telling jokes.

Butz was not overweight; he was six inches too short. He never slept in front of football games; he just checked his eyelids for light leaks. He never drank unless he was alone or with somebody, and only on days ending in "Y". Butz wouldn't kid you if he didn't like you, and he probably kidded you, because he liked everyone. He answered the phone "your nickel" or "Duffy's pool room, Arch speaking," and had a (most likely inappropriate) joke for almost every occasion or topic. He lived his life fully and with a sly grin and big laugh, and loved being "on the right side of the dirt."

Butz jumped out of an airplane (with a parachute) for his 74th birthday despite (or because of) his terminal diagnosis and said that the best part of that experience was not the exhilaration of falling through the clouds but the thrill that his whole family had come out to watch him do it.

Born in Lancaster, he was the son of Joseph Earl and Lillian G. (Miller) Butson. He was married to Janet Faye (Lefever) Butson 47 years when she passed in May 2009. Surviving are three sons Gary Lee, married to Melissa Gooding, Maytown; Denver Scott, married to Rhonda Keyser, Brooklyn, NY; Randy Jay, married to E. Meshell (Jamison), Lancaster; a sister, Doris (Butson) McCreary, Lititz; and a grandson, David, and his partner Colleen Faish, Denver. He has four additional grandchildren: Brendan and Bryce, Lancaster, Maybelle, Brooklyn, NY, and Jackson, Maytown, PA; and three great grandchildren, Kayla, Alexis, and Landon, all from Denver, PA.

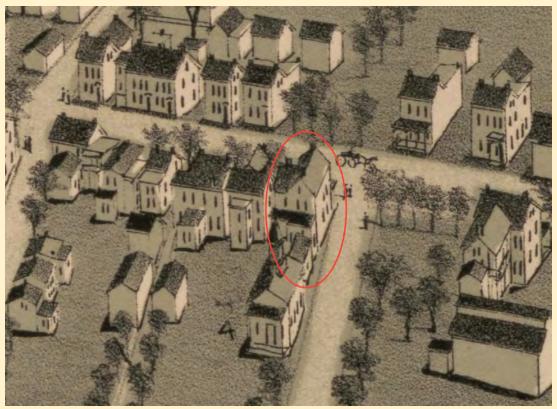
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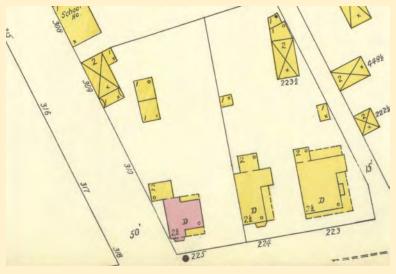
# Maps of 225 N. Broad Sites

The red ellipse shows the lot of 225 N. Broad Street in 1875 with no structure located there. This certainly dates the house post 1869 and more likely 1878.

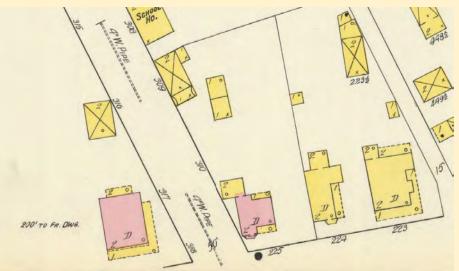
Everts & Stewart. Combination Atlas Map of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. 1875.



1887 View by Fowler (enlarged portion) where Market Street meets North Broad. 225 N. Broad Street marked with red ellipse. Directly behind the frame stable is the former Warwick School marked with a number 4.



1904 Sanborn Fire
Insurance Map. Notice the
frame addition offset to
the rear of the brick
structure. It was an
attached kitchen.



1912 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map.

### **Summary:**

225 North Broad Street was built c. 1878 by Thomas Frank Evans and his wife Clara Lesher Evans. The overall style falls into the Romantic Revival Style of architecture common from 1850 to 1880. Specifically, 225 N Broad has many identifying features of the Italianate style. The most predominant feature is the overhanging eaves with large bracketing on the front west facing facade as well as the north and south elevations. The porch includes chamfered posts and decorative brackets. A double entry door and narrow arch topped windows also contribute to this style of architecture. The front facade has red sandstone foundation walls. The Market Street facade and porch foundation are both limestone. The two story bay windows topped with a balustrade and finials rise to a single full arched attic window. The overall "L-shaped" asymmetrical design is also conventional of Italianate architecture.

The 1905 picture and later descriptions of the property include an attached frame kitchen in the rear of the property. The 1904 Sanborn map confirms a one story wood frame addition. The 1905 picture of the home shows a two story frame addition. This is confirmed in the 1912 Sanborn map. The addition was described in a sale advertisement as an "attached kitchen." The east facing rear of the property was altered sometime after 1912. The offset kitchen addition was removed and some time later a larger screened in porch was added with a second story veranda. The stable at the intersection of Market Street and the alley appears to be original. Other wood framed outbuildings on the property that existed in 1904 and 1912 were removed.

The former owners of 225 N. Broad Street were prominent community members. Their businesses, religious associations, and community involvement mirrored the industry and values of Lititz.

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