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DELAWARE STREET

#116-118 - known as the Dalby House and Store,
1854 to 1870, now owned by Dr. H. A. Carl
~~as dwelling, apartments, and doctor's office~~
(See Photo No. 38)

Summary: The site, 40 feet wide on Delaware Street, was sold by Edward Blake, Jr., to Henry Williams, "saddler" in 1730. No house is mentioned. Henry Williams's brother John, a "carpenter" inherited the property which he sold in 1760 to William Blackburn, carpenter, for 70 pounds, a price that means there was a house on it. William Blackburn died in 1770. His wife and then his daughter, Maria, who was married to William Guthrie, owned the property until 1854, when William and Maria sold it to Edward Dalby as "a lot of land and brick house." Whether the house was of its present size from the beginning is not indicated by the deeds and wills examined, except that the selling price, \$3,000, in 1854 could indicate a large house, and heirs of Lucien Chase say that it was its present size in the 1870's. There is no suggestion of a store in the deeds and wills until Edward Dalby buys it in 1854. William Guthrie's occupation has not been found so far. In an account of a fire which destroyed the repair shops of the New Castle and Frenchtown R. R. in 1840, these shops were behind the house, and the house roof caught fire and burned. From the occupation of the early owners, there may have been a shop behind the house, or in the house in the case of the saddler, who may have been the builder.

Later owners were women from 1868 to 1915, except that Chauncey Holcomb owned it and lived in it for a time after 1905.

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(#118-118 Delaware Street, con't.)

There **is** little on the front of this house, with the exception of its general proportions, which would indicate its **age**. The **dormers** are obviously late; the cornice, the second story sash could be old, but the frames on both floors are of late design as are the first floor sash and doors. The brick work, although **laid flemish** bond, **is** devoid of any early character and **has** likely been replaced. The gable is stuccoed and **with** no openings. Some early windows and frames still remain on the rear of the building.

Since the work on this report started, the first floor windows **and** doors on the left or east end of the facade have been changed to accommodate the doctor's office. **Fortunately,** no early work **was** changed.