

DELAWARE STREET

#126 - owned by heirs of Eugene L. Chase
(See Photo No. 41)

Summary: Edward Blake's property (which he Inherited in 1696 and sold off in plots #110 to #124) ended with the west line of the "Harvey house", (122-124). The Chase house and lot next door on the west, is on the eastern end of the tract along Delaware Street that extended west from this line to Third Street and that belonged originally to **Emilius** and **Mathias deRingsh**. The tract was bought from the **deRingshs** by Peter Alrichs in 1670; sold by Alrichs to **Reynier Vanderculen** in 1683. Vanderculen sold it off in plots. The Chase house and lot is part of the land sold by Vanderculen to Dr. **Gerardus Wessells** (150 feet beginning at the west line of the Blake property, #124, and extending to one foot west of the Penn house). The tract was later owned by Thomas Allett, innkeeper, left by him to his wife in 1721 and by her sold in 1722 to Joseph Hill, wheelwright, and Isaac Janvier, "joyner". In 1724, by a division of the property, Isaac Janvier took the part of the plot including the Penn house and Delaware house, and Joseph Hill the part from the east line of the Delaware house to the west line of the Harvey lot, #124. The part Joseph Hill took was not divided until 1808, when the children of Col. John **Stockton** and his wife Ann (niece of **mary** Hill, wife of Joseph) sold this narrow fronted strip of 21 feet to John **Zimmerman**, "shopkeeper". The deed reads: "with houses, buildings, gardens, fences, etc.", for \$420, but no **specific dwelling** or house is mentioned. This **narrow** lot ran back into the meadow behind it about 284 feet **tapering** off to a point after 167 feet, and may have had an entrance at the back to shops **behind the house.**

(Chase property,. continued)

What kind of shop John Zimmerman had in New Castle and where has not been determined. He owned another property and in 1804 he was appointed by the town council as the town treasurer. He "declined to give bond and security as required by law" and John Bnos was appointed in his stead. In 1812, the commissioners ordered a contract made with John Zimmerman for lighting and taking care of the public lamps at \$40 per annum.

In 1854 James and Maria Rogers sold #126 to James Flanagan (no occupation mentioned) for \$800, "with a two-story frame house, etc., erected thereon." James Rogers had bought "the same lot of land and premises" for \$538.50 at sheriff sale in 1830, the former owner having been Martin Kennedy, late of New Castle.

In 1872, James "Flanigan" of New Jersey and Julia his wife sold this property as previously described to Lucien M. Chase for \$2,300. Chase built the existing brick dwelling and store in 1876. He was a former wheelwright and carriage builder who retired from that business to start a stationery store, which business he began at #116-118 Delaware Street.

Obviously late, from both historic and visual search, this building has no historic or architectural merit.

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