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SOUTHEAST SIDE OF SECOND STREET FROM  
DELAWARE STREET TO THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

#19 East Second Street

(See Photos #106, #105, #107, #112)

Being the first house south of the Presbyterian Church, #19 East Second Street is located on the south half of the Second Street end of Original Strand Plot #4 of George Hale and later of Isaac Tayne the second.

1767

After Tayne's death, the Strand Plot running through to Second Street was divided. Thomas Janvier received the north half and Jan Biske the south half. Jan Biske's half was later acquired by Thomas Janvier. To date no record of this transfer has been found, but it is likely that Janvier received this half lot as one of the surviving heirs of Biske.

Thomas Janvier died in 1728 and in his will he gave this south half of the Tayne lot running through to Second Street to his son Benjamin and the north half (see Presbyterian Manse) to his son John.

In the will of Thomas, he described this southern lot as containing a new frame dwelling on the Strand (see Morrison Garden) with no mention of a house on the Second Street end, which is the site of #19 East Second Street.

In 1746, Benjamin Janvier sold this 30' x 300' to Joseph Hill and in 1770 his widow, Mary Hill, sold it to Thomas Pusey.

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In 1774 Pusey sold the frame house on the Strand end the lot extending to Second Street to Mary Thomas, a widow. Mary Thomas married Richard Janvier and had a daughter, Mary Janvier, who in 1798 sold this property to Samuel Rowan, a carpenter, the widower of Elizabeth, daughter of Mary Thomas and half-sister of Mary Janvier.

In 1812 the estate of James Rowan was sold by the sheriff and this south half of the Tayne lot was then part of James Rowan's properties. James was either the brother or son of Samuel Rowan, and kept a tavern in the frame house on the Strand built by Thomas Janvier.

In the 1812 sale, the site of #19 East Second Street was sold to Abraham See and was described as "fronting on Market Street about 28' and extending back one-half the distance between Market and Front Streets and containing a frame house." This house must have been built after Samuel Rowan bought the property in 1798 and may have been built before 1804 as on the survey plan there is a small house on the site of #19 East Second Street.

In 1826, Samuel Battersby bought this property and by 1829, when he sold it to Alexander Darragh, Battersby had "erected a two-story brick messuage and kitchen."

#19 East Second Street remained in the family of Darragh and that of his daughter, Mary P. Darragh Newton, until 1893. The

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Lenoir family then owned it until the present owner, Charles P. Culp, bought it in 1945.

From all known records and memory of present persons, the present #19 East Second Street has always been a dwelling house with little or no external alterations. It is in very good condition and would need no further work to bring it into its place in a preservation program.