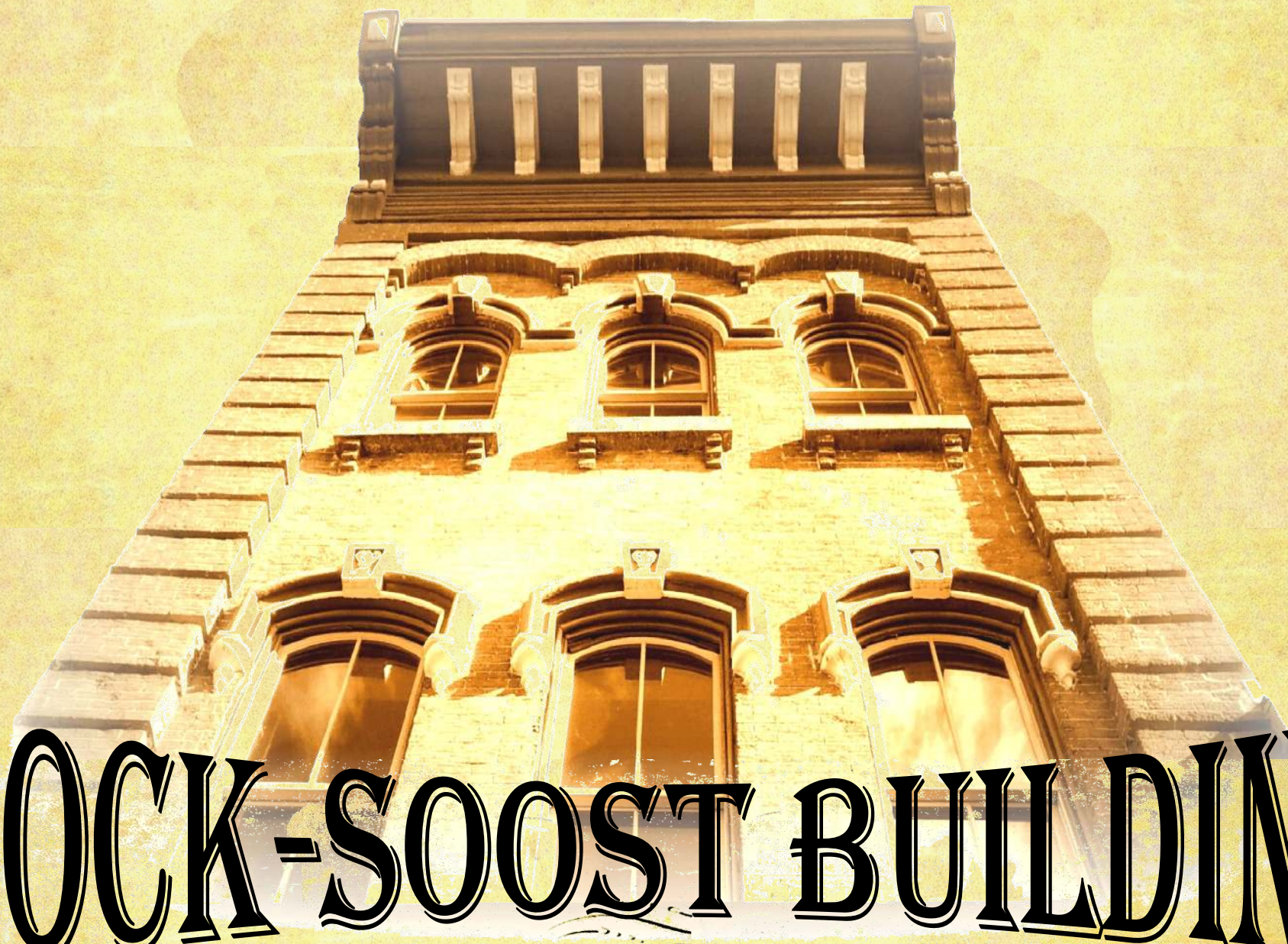

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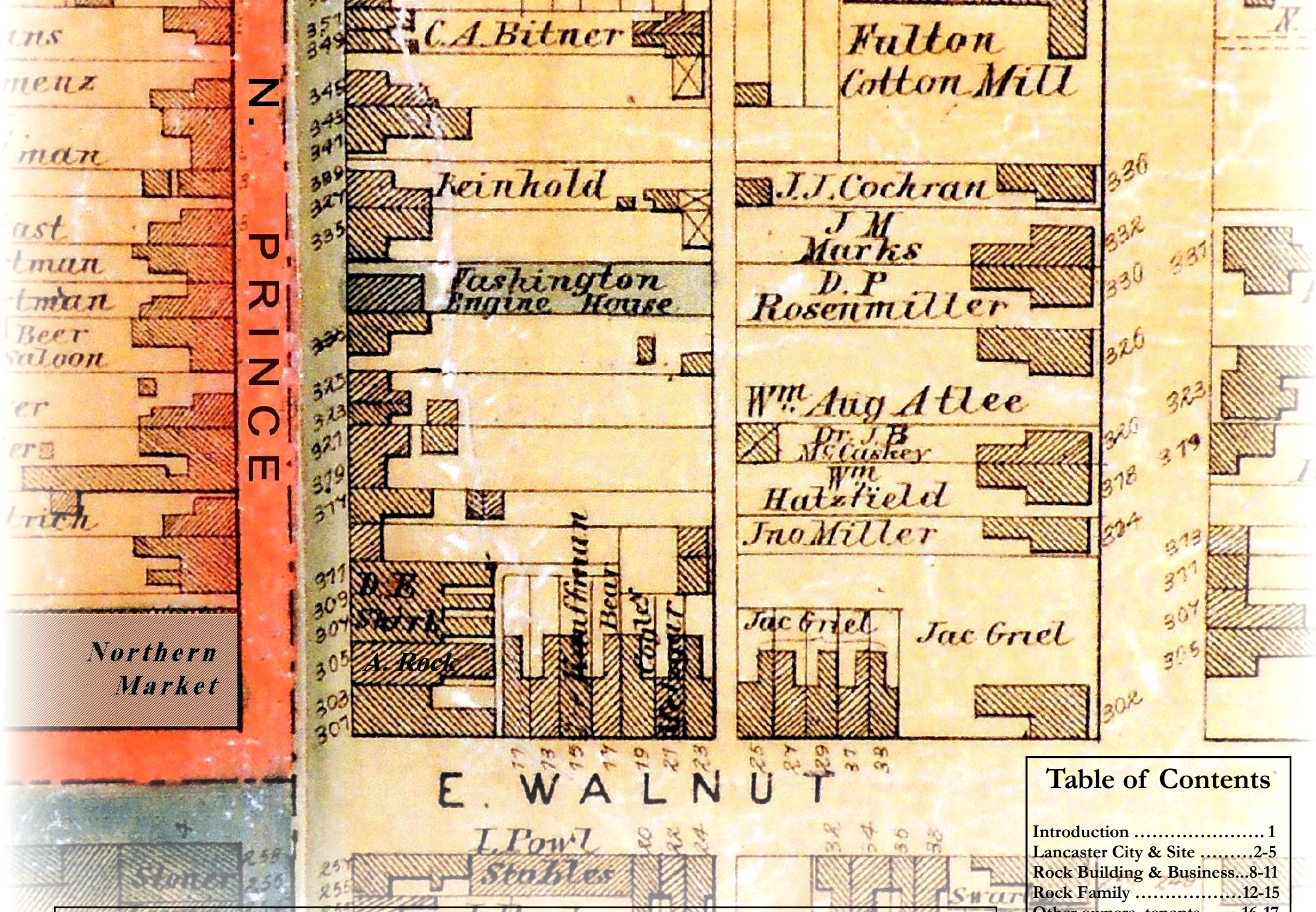

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305 North Queen Street • Lancaster, Pennsylvania

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Produced for

William Scott Soost & Sherry Schoenberger Soost

Commissioned by Jack and Joni Soost

For their son and daughter-in-law, November, 2014.

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Acknowledgements & Introduction

Historic property at 305 North Queen Street, Lancaster, Pennsylvania

The three-story brick building located at 305 North Queen Street in the City of Lancaster was built between 1872 and 1874 for the Rock Family, whose patriarch, Allen Rock (1835-1893) was a well-known craftsman and dealer in boots and shoes. Yet to be discovered are the names of the architect or builder of this late Victorian Era commercial/residential building, which is executed in the Italianate Style. Additional research may reveal these details.

Information about this Lancaster City property and the families associated with it was obtained from the archives of the County of Lancaster, PA; US Census and tax records; maps, newspapers and the many volumes of residential and business directories of the City and County of Lancaster maintained by LancasterHistory.org and Lancaster Public Library.

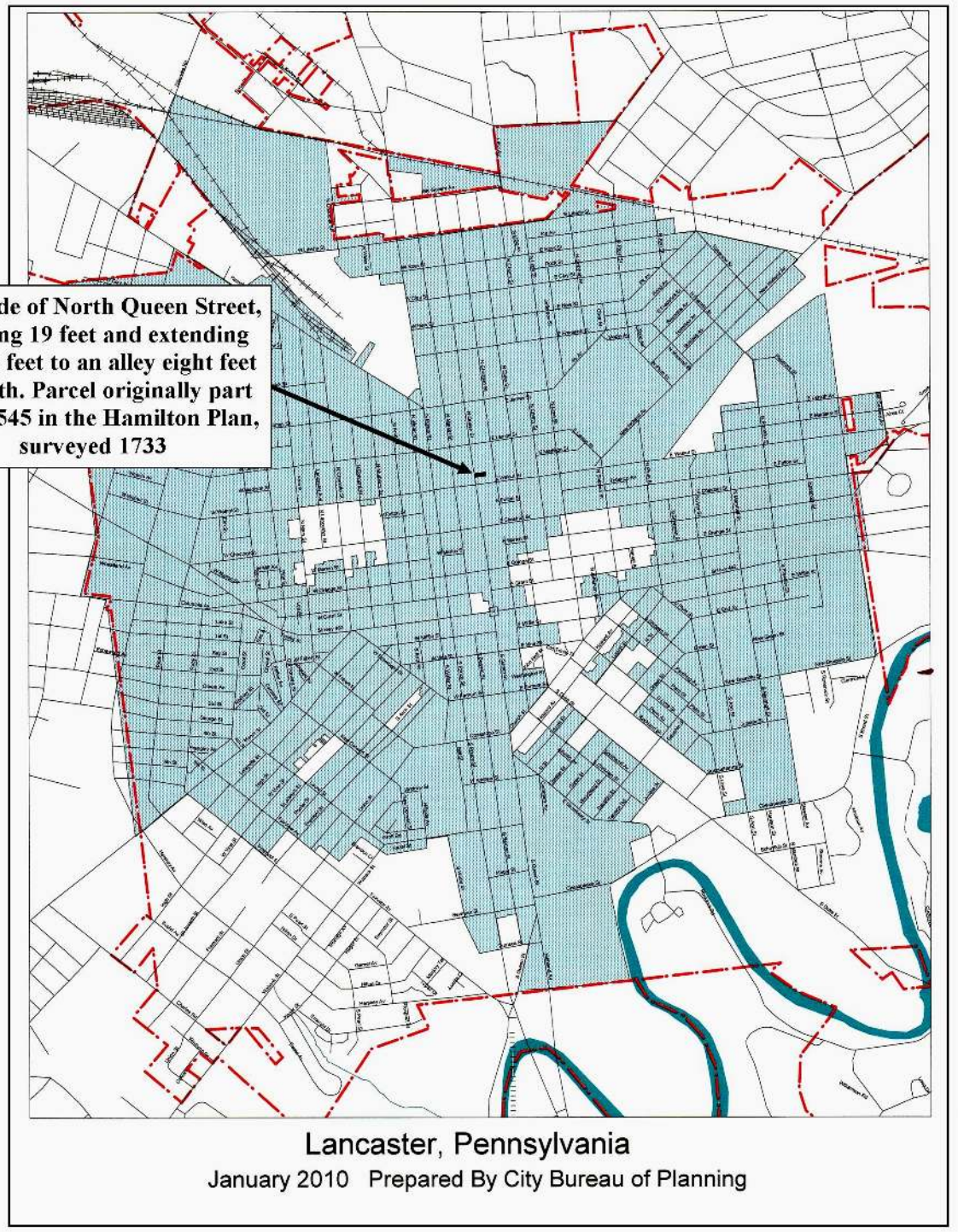
<u>Naming an historic building</u>- When substantial improvements are undertaken on a property, it is customary in the documentation of an historic building to link the names of the owners who are undertaking those improvements with the names of the original or early owners or builders. This is the case with the subject property, based on significant changes planned for the property over the coming years by the current owners, Scott and Sherry Soost. Therefore the property can henceforth be referred to appropriately as The Rock-Soost Building. The family photographs reproduced in this publication are shared courtesy of Daniel Gwinn of Lititz, Lancaster County, PA. Mr. Gwinn is related to the Rock family through his third-great-grandmother, Mary Ann Hornberger (maiden name Cooper), a niece of Allen Rock. Mrs. Hornberger (1852-1915) assembled a family photo album that is now in Mr. Gwinn's possession. In this album she collected photographs of her family and other relatives.

From *Preserving Community Character: City of Lancaster, Pennsylvania* by David B. Schneider. Published by City of Lancaster, Department of Housing and Community Development, 1992. Photograph by Randolph Harris, Lancaster, PA—November 2014.

"The character of a community, its distinctive identity, is defined by its physical, cultural, and social qualities. The City of Lancaster's community character has been shaped by more than 250 years of history, our people, our cultural and social diversity, and the physical environment we created in which to live and work.

"Our generation is fortunate that so much of the city's rich history is still reflected today in a surprisingly intact collection of old and historic neighborhoods and buildings. As other cities and suburban areas increasingly lose this vital link with the social and cultural forces that shaped them, Lancaster's traditional community character is increasingly becoming an asset that can and should be used as a tool to promote economic and social revitalization."

Site Location: Rock-Soost Building
305 North Queen Street, City of Lancaster, PA



Lancaster, Pennsylvania
January 2010 Prepared By City Bureau of Planning

City of Lancaster National Historic District
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Once a colonial town...

"The town of Lancaster was founded in the early 1730s and developed into a regional center serving the surrounding agricultural community. Located at the intersection of major roadways, Lancaster was an important settlement on the primary route of westward expansion through Pennsylvania. By the mid-1700s, Lancaster was one of the largest inland towns in America." The character of the city was then defined by a small but refined core of public buildings and elegant town houses, the architecture of which was mostly based on English and later early American styles, surrounded by neighborhoods of small scale Germanic houses. Of the 709 primary dwellings recorded in the 1798 direct tax for Lancaster City, 72% were one story houses, principally of log or frame construction.

...later an industrial city

"The city's physical growth in its first one hundred and thirty years was relatively modest. In the sixty years following 1880, the City of Lancaster more than tripled in size. This growth was largely a result of the city's industrial and manufacturing expansion during that period. The city which we appreciate today, and the distinctive character that the city has become known for, should be recognized and respected as a product of late nineteenth and early twentieth-century industrial America."

From *Preserving Community Character: City of Lancaster, Pennsylvania* by David B. Schneider, for Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County (Pa.), in collaboration with John Milner Associates. Published by City of Lancaster, Department of Housing and Community Development, 1992.

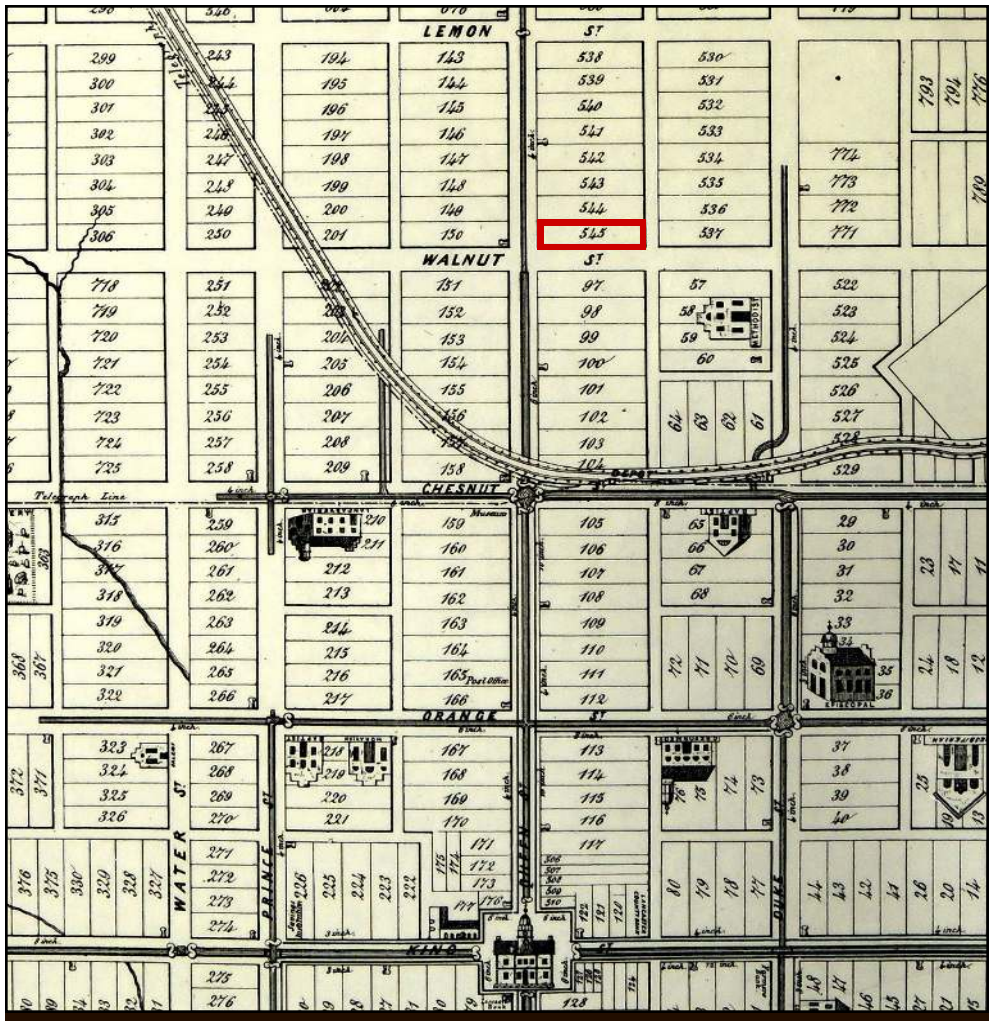
The City of Lancaster National Historic District was included in the National Register of Historic Places in June 2000, encompassing some 12,000 contributing buildings and sites covering 4 square miles, making one of the largest such districts in the United States.

City of Lancaster, Pennsylvania , as viewed from the Southwest. Detail from a print, courtesy Archives of the County of Lancaster.

The present three-bay, 3 story, attached brick building was constructed on a portion of Lot 545 in the Hamilton Plan of Lots, the original town plan of the City of Lancaster. The parcel — 19' X 92' — is located on the east side if North Queen Street; southern boundary about 35 feet north of Walnut Street. The property is located three blocks north from Penn Square, the heart of the Historic City of Lancaster.

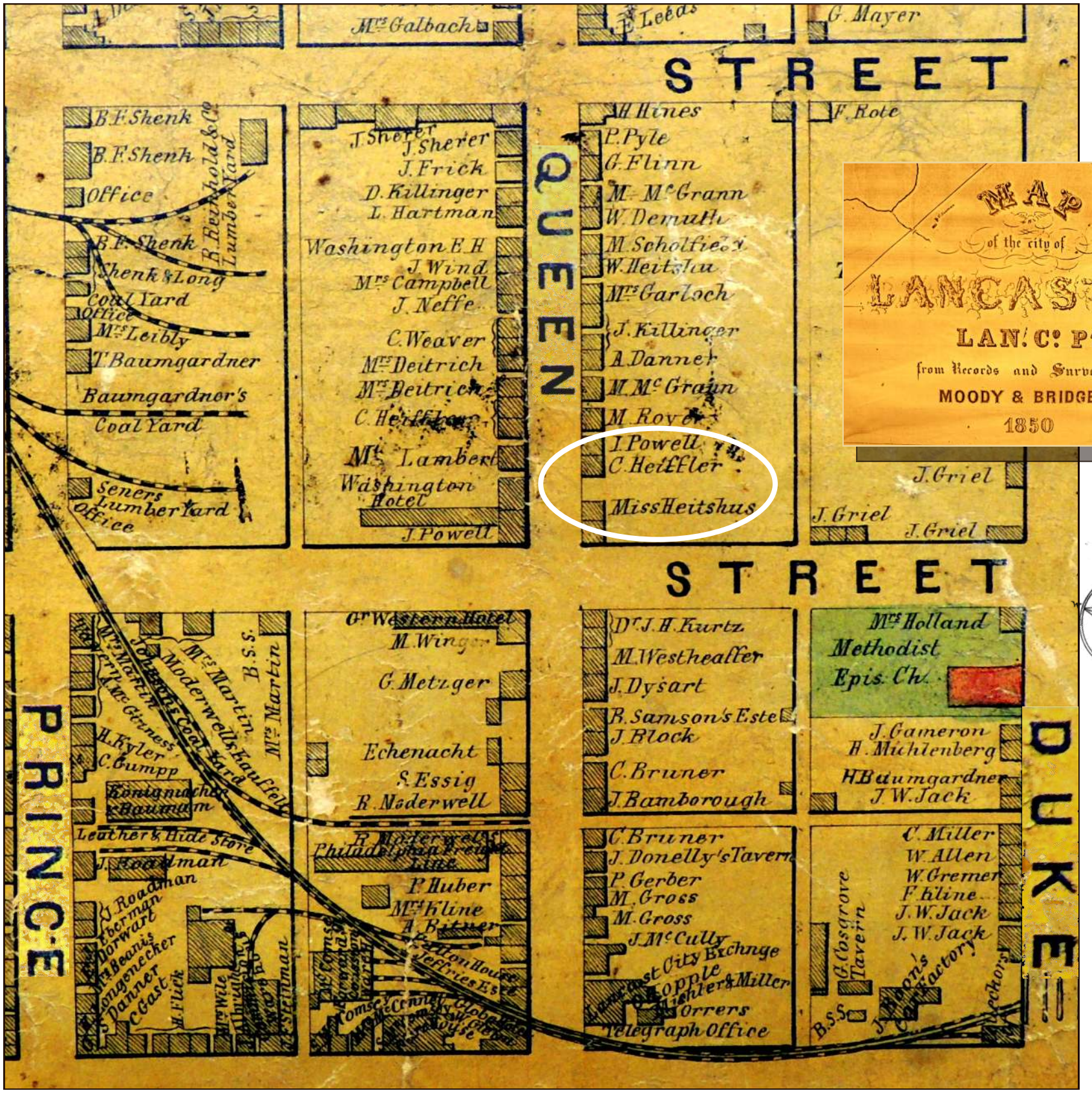
Hamilton's town plan is a traditional grid pattern of mostly straight streets aligned to magnetic North. Typical building lots are rectangular and measure about 1/4 acre. This standard measurement would become the pattern of building and development for most of the present day City of Lancaster.

Development in 300 block of North Queen Street and the immediate neighborhood is a mix of industrial, commercial and residential properties, most of which were built during the mid- to late 19th and early 20th centuries. This was a period of rapid growth, fueled by intense industrial and manufacturing activities, along with a growing service and retail trade citywide.



Detail, *Plan of the City of Lancaster*, by J. Franklin Reigart, 1848

A portion of the original Lot No. 545, fronting 19 feet on the east side of North Queen Street, was acquired and developed in 1872-74 by Allen Rock (shown in red). Original town plan on which this map was based was surveyed in 1733 for Andrew Hamilton, prothonotary of the Provincial Supreme Court, Philadelphia, and conveyed to his son James Hamilton in 1735. Map courtesy, Office of the Mayor , City of Lancaster, PA. Standard lots were 64 feet wide and 245 feet deep, "...large enough to accommodate not only the house but also outbuildings and gardens which many residents would place behind their homes." From *Conestoga Crossroads, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, 1730-1790.* Jerome H. Woods, Jr., 1979.

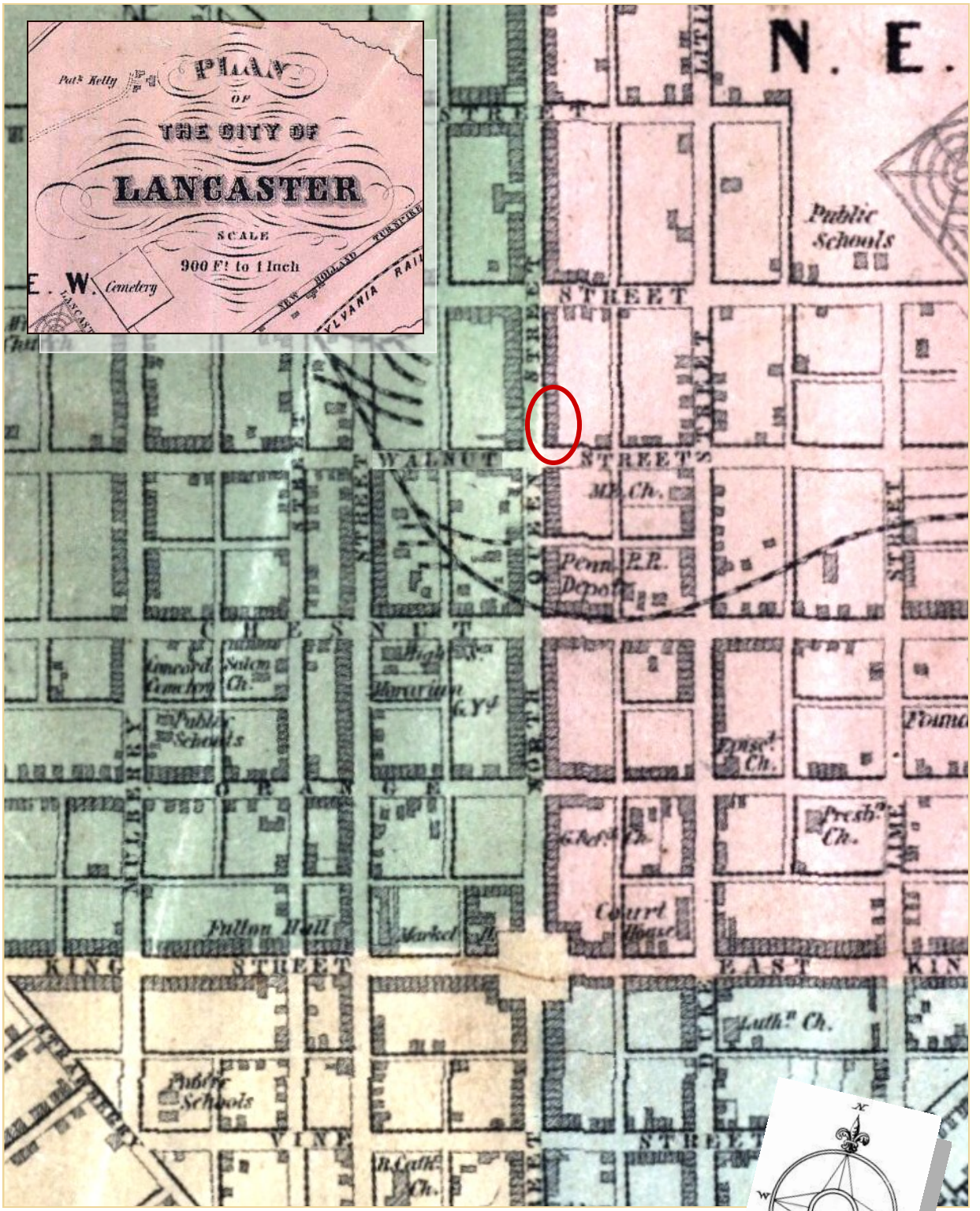


Subject property in white oval. **Contemporary street numbers not assigned at the time of this map publication. This mid-19th century map indicates that no building had yet been constructed on this portion of the original Hamilton Lot No. 545. *Map of the City of Lancaster, PA from Records and Surveys by Moody & Bridgens, 1850*, courtesy Lancaster History.org.**

Family home & business, circa 1874

Standard size buildings on typical lots in atlases and maps from this period are shown in varying ways: earlier maps often indicate simply a run of structures, all with the same dimensions. More contemporary maps tend to show accurate lot dimensions and building "footprints."

The well-known *Map of the City of Lancaster, PA from Records and Surveys by Moody & Bridgens, 1850* (see page 4) shows no buildings on the subject lot, while a similar atlas, *Bridgens Atlas of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, 1864* shown here, displays a simple block shape, similar to other buildings depicted on the street and in surrounding areas.



City of Lancaster, 1864. Site of the future Rock-Soost Building in red circle. Standard lots with typical buildings shown as identical squares, not actual building footprints. Detail of *Bridgen's Atlas of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. 1864.*

The Rock Building & Business

Allen Rock,
about age 30.

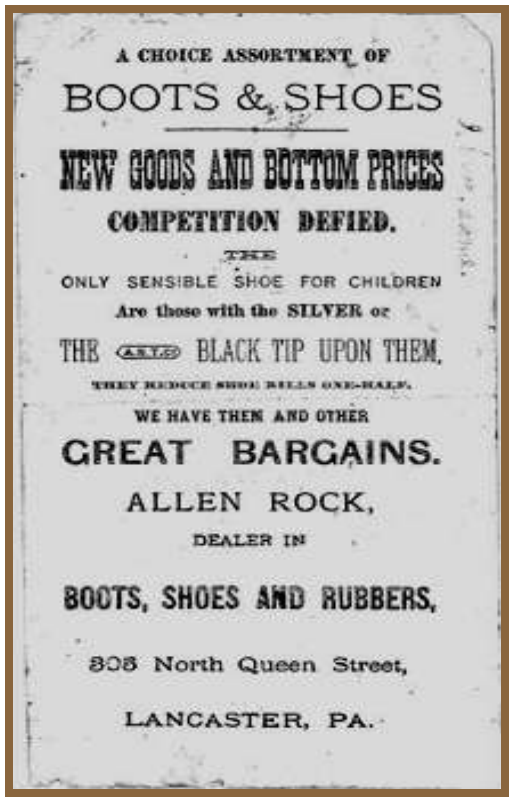
Postage stamp attached to rear of photo indicates image made between August 1864 and August 1866 by Charles W. Eberman, West King Street, Lancaster. Courtesy Daniel Gwinn

The Lancaster City map by T. J. Kennedy of 1858 (page 7) shows a building on the site. Its shape is basically identical to the majority of others across the City. This appears to have been the map-maker's depiction of a typical building — perhaps all single family homes — in a non-specific way.

The *Roe & Colby Map of the City of Lancaster, 1874 (also on page 7*) provides a building footprint identical to the present building.

This is the first graphic depiction of the Rock Family Building at 305 North Queen Street. This illustration conforms with information in deeds, tax records and city directories.

The 1872 deed of sale for this property* from David M. Hess of Philadelphia to Allen Rock of Lancaster, and property tax records show that the present building was constructed after April of 1872 and before the 1874 map publication. The Deed of 1872 shows a lot of current dimensions but including a one story dwelling, indicating the current building was constructed subsequent to the transaction.



Allen Rock advertisements- *Directory of the City of Lancaster,* 1878 (above). *Lancaster Examiner & Herald ,* 5 May 1867. Courtesy, Lancaster Public Library.

Map of Lancaster City, Pennsylvania, drawn & published by T. J. Kennedy, 1858.
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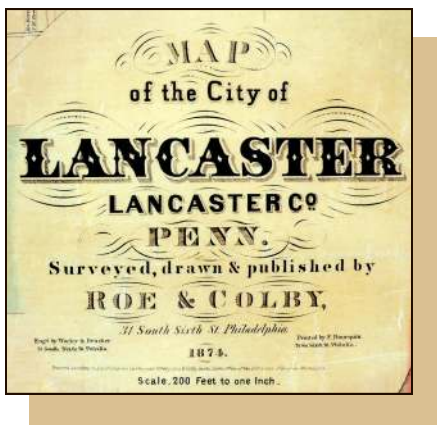

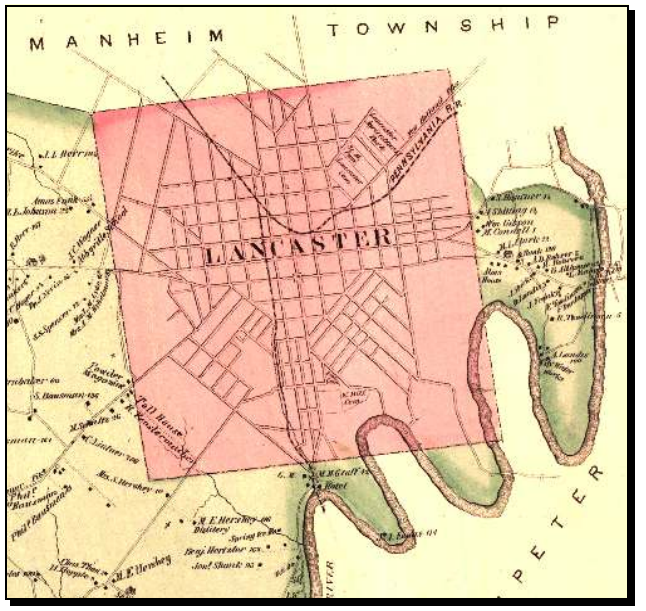

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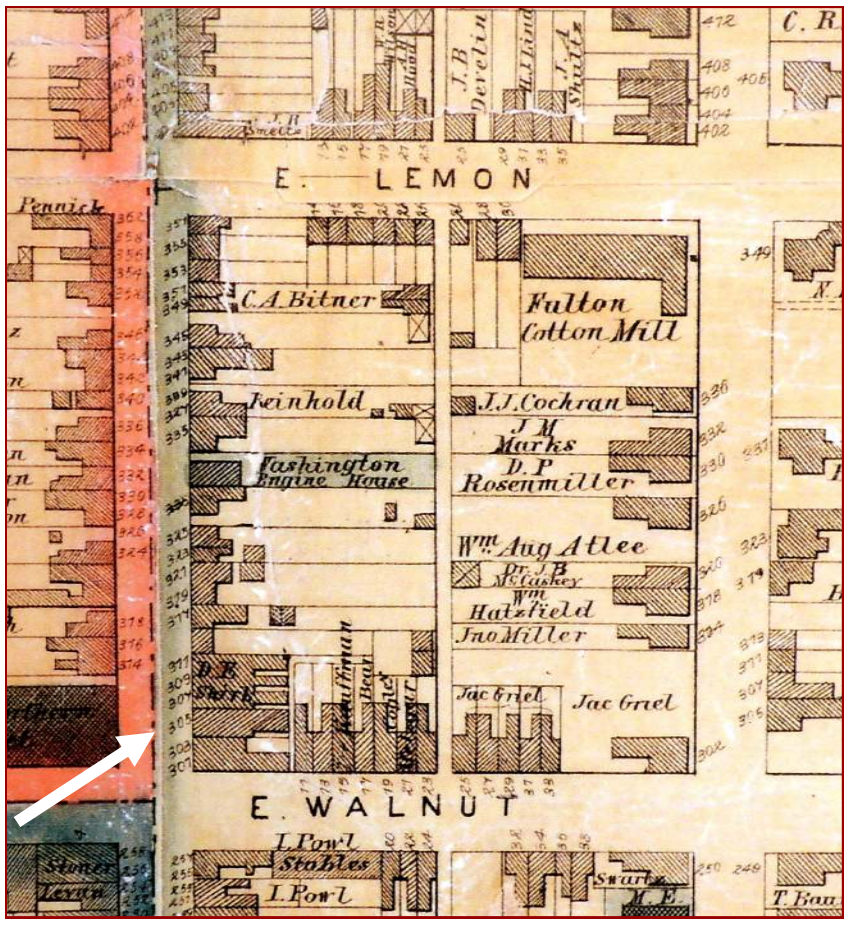
Grid street pattern aligned with magnetic North. From *Combination Atlas Map of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania* by Everts and Stewart, Philadelphia, PA, 1875.



Detail, *Map of the City of Lancaster,* Roe & Colby, 1874. Street addresses and building footprints are consistent with contemporary numbers and dimensions. Courtesy, LancasterHistory.org.

1874

The Rock home and business at 305 North Queen Street

The earliest reference to Allen Rock as a shoemaker in Lancaster appears in the 1857 Boyd's *Business Directory of the City of Lancaster*, page 121. Along with 26 other boot and shoemakers operating in the City, Rock is shown as having a shop on "N. Queen Street ab(above) Chestnut." The same directory does not indicate the location of Rock's residence at this time, when he was about 22 years old.

This reference may be the source of a 2013 article in *The Lancaster New Era* that mistakenly cites the Rock Building dating to 1858, since North Queen Street above Chestnut is approximately the same location of the subject Rock-Soost Building.

In1857, North Queen Street was a growing commercial area and seemed to have a concentration of shoe store and shoe maker shops; 10 of the 26 of these businesses were located within the first four blocks of North Queen.

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No. 3½ North Queen Street, up stairs, Lancaster.

Ritter John, tailor, h 140 Love Lane
Ritz Samuel, lab., bds Fountain Inn
Roadman Aug., cigarmaker, bds E Walnut n Franklin
Robert Peter, groceries, 512 Church h do
Roberts Anthony E., h 27 & 29 N Prince
Roberts Robert, roller, h 324 N Plum
Robeson David, (col'd), coachman, h 529 Church
Robeson Harry, blacksmith, bds Green n S Christian
Robinson Cath., wid. Jno., h 645 Marietta av
Robinson John, stage driver, bds Keystone House
Robinson Margaret, wid. John, h 114 E Chestnut
Robinson Obed, brickl'r, h 319 N Mulberry
Rock Allen, boots and shoes, 305 N Queen h do
Rockafield M., watch'n, h 409 E Strawberry
Rockenstein Bernhard, laborer, h 539 High
Ronk Patton, carpenter, h 122 S Duke
Rooney John, clerk, h 119 S Queen
Rose John, shoem'g, 416 N Queen h do
Rose Mich'l, coachs'h, bds 416 N Queen
Rosenfeld H. J., prop'r Rising Sun Hotel, 237 W King
Rosenfelt Peter, peddler, h 558 N Queen
Rosenmiller D. P., Rev., h 330 N Duke
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Ross Wm., spokefinisher, h 305 S Queen
Rost August, tailor, h 346 Beaver
Roszman Lewis, carpenter, h 75 Low

First popular public record of Rock Family residence and business at this address, showing data collected from previous year. *Barnes' Directory of Lancaster County, 1875-76.*

In 1866 Rock, about age 30, is in business as a shoe and boot dealer at 99 North Queen Street. His shoe sales business is one of 19 operating in the City of Lancaster at this time, along with 7 makers of shoes and boots (Lant's Directory, 1866, Pages 109 and 126).

In 1868, Allen Rock resides on Walnut Street near North Queen. His occupation is listed as "boots" in the City Directory for this year.

On 6 March1870 Lancaster County Sheriff Frederick Myers sold to David M. Hess of Philadelphia* the seized land and buildings of Pennsylvania education pioneer and former City Mayor, Thomas Henry Burrowes. (*For more information about Burrowes, see page 23.)*

*Deed Book Y– Vol. 9– Page 398

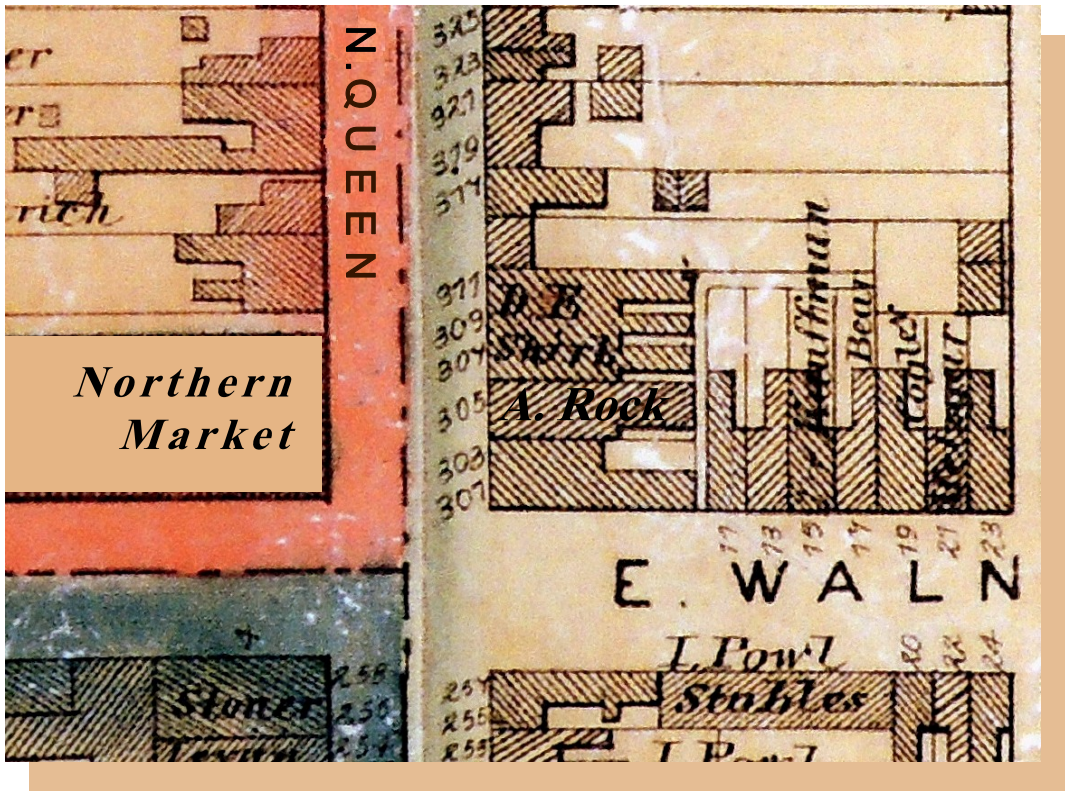
Burrowes' properties are described by the Sheriff's deed as follows:

1) A lot of ground 64 feet - 4.5 inches along N. Queen St. and extending in depth along Walnut Street 245 feet to a 14-foot wide alley, on which is a two-story brick dwelling house with a two-story brick back building attached, stable, hydrants and other improvements thereon, adjoining (to the north) property next described:

2) Also a lot of ground fronting 50 feet on North Queen and extending 245 feet more or less...to a 14 foot alley on which are erected four one story houses, from the estate of the Thomas Burrowes which went unsold due to want of buyers…"

The scheduled sale date was 15 January 1870, but with no buyers biding, a new public sale was conducted and David H. Hess was high bidder at $5,900 for these two parcels. This transaction is instructive in understanding the association of the Allen Rock Family, his shoe business in this area of the City and his ownership of a portion of Lot 1.

Burrowes (November 16, 1805 – February 25, 1871) was the fourth president of Pennsylvania State University, then referred to as the Agricultural College of Pennsylvania, serving there from 1868 until his death 1871. He is believed to have been ill for a long period before passing, so it seems logical that he might have lost his properties in a public sale.



Detail, *Map of the City of Lancaster,* Roe & Colby, 1874. Annotated for this report

Lot 2—with frontage of 50 feet along the east side of North Queen Street — holds four one-story houses. With evidence in the 1857 Directory of Rock's shoe store on North Queen just above Walnut Street, and absent additional information, one can conclude that the young shoemaker, Allen Rock, may have worked and possibly lived as a tenant in one of these modest Burrowes-owned properties.

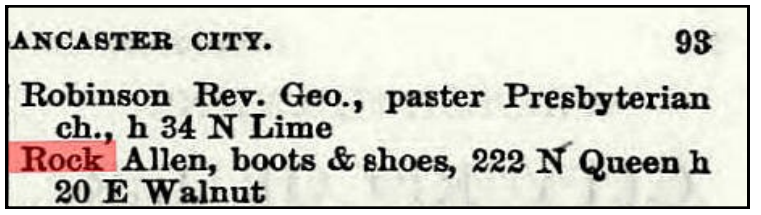
Rock and family are later shown as owning a home on the south side of Walnut Street, between North Queen and Duke Streets, while his shop was in the first block of North Queen.

See 1873-74 City Directory below, showing a new business location. The following year — 1875-76— shows Rock's home and business for the first time at 305 North Queen Street, reflecting changes from the previous year.

City 6th Ward property tax records support these sources: Rock owns four properties in 1872; he is shown as a shoemaker earning $100 a year and owns three properties, each situated on lots designated at "1/4," meaning they measure approximately one-quarter of the standard building lots in the City of 64' 4.5" fronting the street and extending 245 to an alley.

These Rock-owned properties are located at Nos. 20, 142-144 East Walnut Street and were valued at $880, $660 and $660, respectively. The family residence is the higher valued property at No. 20 and the others -- most likely a duplex rental.

In tax records for 1873, showing changes in ownership that occurred the previous year, Rock now owns four properties, including 305 North Queen Street. The Queen Street property is valued at $833, just slightly under the value of his home, which remains at $880 for tax purposes.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Robinson Rev. Geo., paster Presbyterian ch., h 34 N Lime

Rock Allen, boots & shoes, 222 N Queen h 20 E Walnut

Lancaster City Directory 1873-74

Records for 1874 indicate a drastic change in two ways: a re-assessment boosted all values for tax purposes, but the property at 305 North Queen shows the greatest increase: to $6000 -- indicating that construction of the present building was either underway or nearly complete.

Façade style & design

The building's date of construction, construction materials and stylistic features of its distinctive façade reflect Italianate influences from the Late Victorian period.

The first floor commercial level of this combination commercial and residential building is located on the left (southern) two thirds of the building's 19 foot span along the east side of North Queen Street.

This dominant first floor building feature includes a central doorway recessed some 8 feet from the front elevation. Traditional display windows of clean panel glass frame each side of the entry. A leaded glass transom of simple design rests atop the display windows and the entry. The transom is divided into two parts. The transoms and the display windows are framed by wooden pilasters with ornamental features, set on stone plinths.

An identical pilaster and plinth frames the double paneled entry door which is topped by a semi-circular transom. There is a two-step rise from the sidewalk to the door, behind which is a vestibule and another double hung door. Behind the interior door a hallway leads to a staircase that extends up to the second and third floors.

This door entry is given the street address of 305 1/5 North Queen Street in several listings of Lancaster City directories from the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

A bracketed wooden cornice surmounts the two first floor entries, transoms and display windows.

Above the first floor level, the building's red brick is set in stretcher bond and has been sandblasted. The remaining masonry elements appear to be original to the mid-1870s construction

period and are in good condition: cut stone sills , each with simple brick ornamental brackets underneath, give a foundation to a bank of three windows on each of the second and third floors.

All are double hung, wooden, two over two sash thermo pane replacement windows designed to fit the original openings: the three third floor windows are round topped while the second floor top panes are slightly taller than the three above, and are curved at the top and feature a rigid angle meeting the lower vertical sash frame.

All six windows on the second and third floors are topped by ornamental masonry crowns with prominent decorative keystones at center: teardrop motifs on the third floor keystones and floral designs on the second floor keystones.

Three courses of brick are set as linked corbelled arches above the three third floor windows, giving the appearance of a triple "eyebrow."

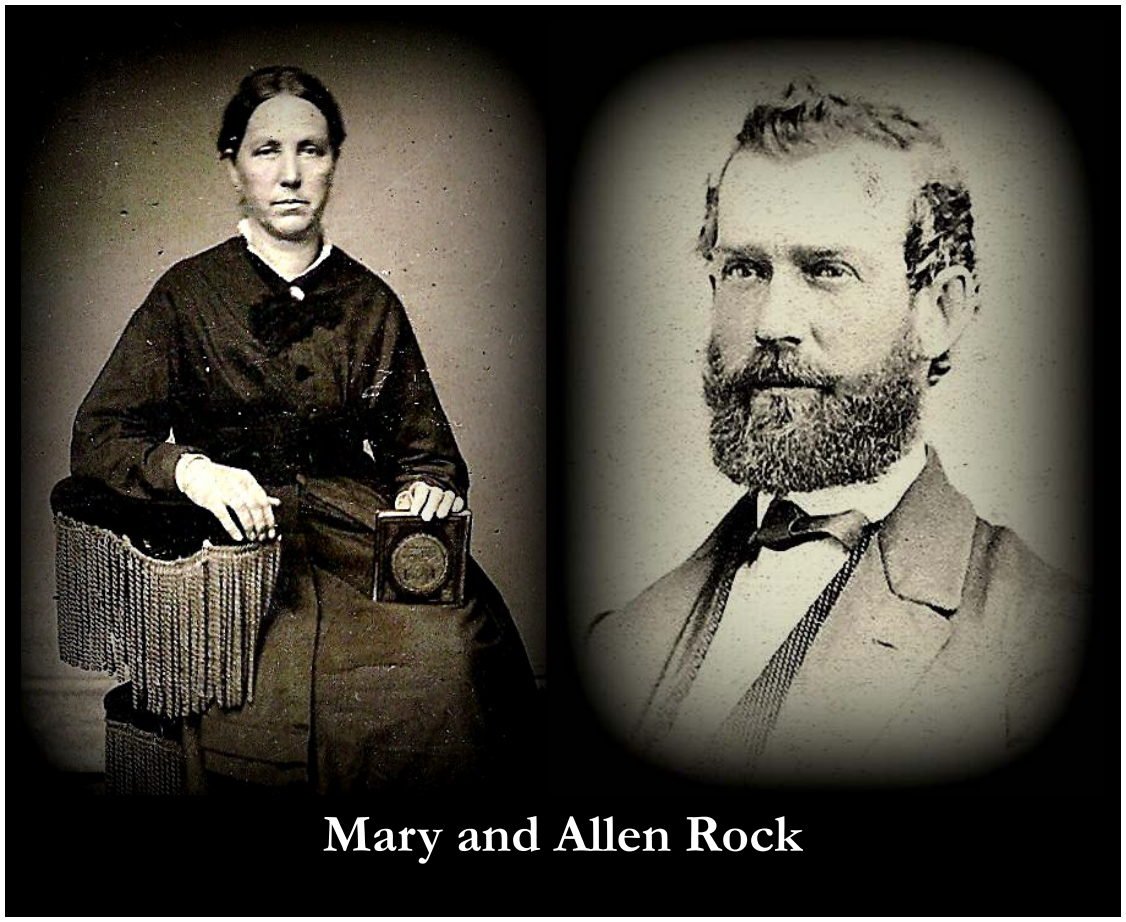
Two corbelled brick pilasters -- each about two feet wide (three full brick stretchers across) frame the six windows that dominate this facade.

The entire facade is surmounted by a heavy wooden bracketed cornice painted dark gray and light grey to match the other wooden features on the lower levels.

Italianate style features:

- Low-pitched or flat roof
- Balanced, symmetrical rectangular shape
- Tall appearance, with 2, 3, or 4 stories
- Wide, overhanging eaves with brackets and cornices
- Tall, narrow, double-paned windows with hood moldings
- Heavily molded double doors
- Roman or segmented arches above windows and doors

The Rock Family

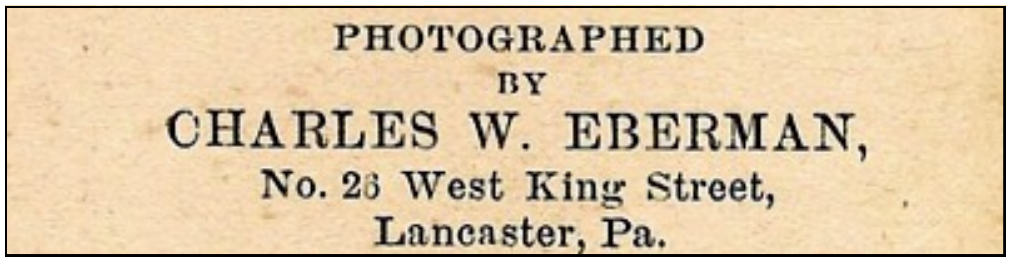


Mary and Allen Rock

The following information is from correspondence with Daniel Gwinn of Lititz, Lancaster County, PA, who has conducted extensive research into his family history, including those who were members of the Allen Rock family.

Mr. Gwinn's third-great-grandmother was the niece of Allen Rock, Mary Ann Hornberger née Cooper born 1852 died 1915 in Lititz, PA.

She assembled a family photo album and collected images of her aunts and uncles, including her uncle Allen Rock (1835-1893) and his wife Mary Shriver Rock (b.1839-1901). Mr. Gwinn believes there was a close family relationship between Allen and his niece since she admired him enough to name one of her own children after him: Allen C. Hornberger (1886-1953).

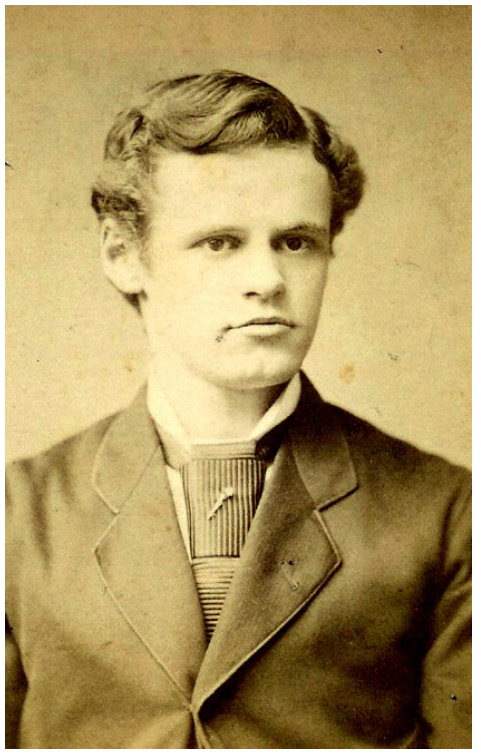


In addition the Hornberger album includes images of notable Americans such as Presidents George Washington and Abraham Lincoln as well as Civil War Union General George B. McClellan.

Mrs. Hornberger is buried with her husband at Millport Cemetery in Warwick Township.

Allen and Mary Rock had two children. Their daughter, Lydia, was born in 1861 and died in 1925. Lydia married the Rev. Daniel Kurtz of Wrightsville, York County, PA.

The Rocks' son William Darlington Rock was born in 1862 and died in 1941. William married Lillian Bomberger in 1890 and the couple moved to Charlotte, NC to open a Woolworth's store. William was previously employed by Woolworth's in Lancaster. He had three children. One of his sons drowned at a church picnic. His daughters had children whose descendants still reside in the Charlotte, NC area.



William D. Rock

Allen Rock's parents were Peter and Mary Graver Rock. Peter died in 1845 when Allen was about 10.

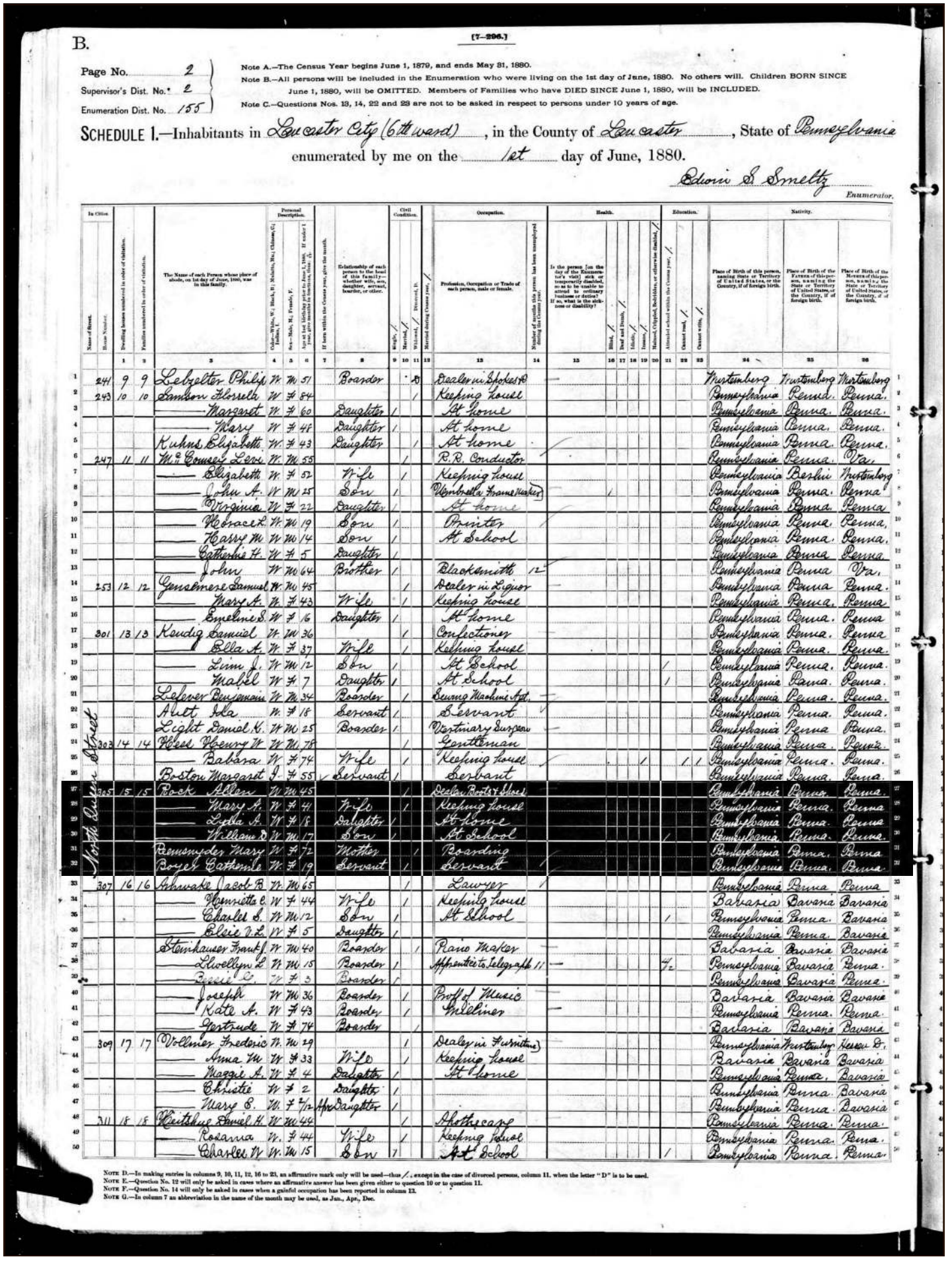
Mrs. Peter Rock remarried Samuel Reemsnyder who died only a few months after they were married. Mary Rock Reemsnyder lived with Allen and his family for a period of time in her widowhood at their home on the upper floors of 305 N. Queen St.

Peter and Mary Rock had 10 children: Obediah, Caroline, Henry (also lived in Lancaster on Lime St. and served in Civil War) Maria, Reuben, Allen, Edward, Miles, Mary Ann, and John.

John died on a military charge at Fort Gilmer outside Richmond, VA while serving in the Union Army. Allen was instrumental in taking care of the matters involved in documenting his brother's death on battlefield so that his mother would receive a Civil War pension. John Rock's name is on his mother's tombstone but his body was never recovered from the battlefield.

For more information about the Rock Family and their relatives, see NOTES, MISCELLANY & ERRATA on Page 23.

Lydia Rock (above) as a young women and as a little girl, posing in the studio of Charles W. Eberman, West King Street, Lancaster. Lydia appears to be about age 6, which would date this photograph to the late 1860s. The photo of Lydia's mother Mary, shown here on Page 12, appears to have been taken at the same sitting at Eberman's Studio. Note the same chair in each scene. If this is accurate, Mary would have been approximately 30 years old.



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Supervisor's Dist. No. 2
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Note A.—The Census Year begins June 1, 1879, and ends May 31, 1880.
Note B.—All persons will be included in the Enumeration who were living on the 1st day of June, 1880. No others will. Children BORN SINCE June 1, 1880, will be OMITTED. Members of Families who have DIED SINCE June 1, 1880, will be INCLUDED.
Note C.—Questions Nos. 13, 14, 22 and 23 are not to be asked in respect to persons under 10 years of age.

SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in Lancaster City (6th ward), in the County of Lancaster, State of Pennsylvania enumerated by me on the 1st day of June, 1880.

Edwin S. Smeltz
Enumerator.

In Office. Name of Street.	In Office. House Number.	Dwelling houses numbered in order of visitation.	Families numbered in order of visitation.	The Name of each Person whose place of abode, on 1st day of June, 1880, was in this family.	Personal Description. Color—White, W.; Black, B.; Mulatto, Mu.; Chinese, Ch.; Indian, I.	Sex—Male, M.; Female, F.	Age at last birthday prior to June 1, 1880. If under 1 year, give months in fraction, thus: 2/12.	If born within the Census year, give the month.	Relationship of each person to the head of this family—whether wife, son, daughter, servant, boarder, or other.	Civil Condition. Single.	Married.	Widowed.	Divorced.	Occupation. Profession, Occupation or Trade of each person, male or female.	Number of months this person has been unemployed during the Census year.	Health. Is the person [on the day of the Enumerator's visit] sick or temporarily disabled, so as to be unable to attend to ordinary business or duties? If so, what is the sickness or disability?	Blind.	Deaf and Dumb.	Idiotic.	Insane.	Maimed, Crippled, Bedridden, or otherwise disabled.	Education. Attended school within the Census year.	Cannot read.	Cannot write.	Nativity. Place of Birth of this person, naming State or Territory of United States, or the Country, if of foreign birth.	Place of Birth of the Father of this person, naming the State or Territory of United States, or the Country, if of foreign birth.	Place of Birth of the Mother of this person, naming the State or Territory of United States, or the Country, if of foreign birth.
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
1	241	9	9	Lebzelter Philip	W	M	51		Boarder		D			Dealer in Tobacco											Wurtemberg	Wurtemberg	Wurtemberg
2	243	10	10	Lambson Horsela	W	F	84					1		Keeping house											Pennsylvania	Penna.	Penna.
3				——— Margaret	W	F	60		Daughter	1				At home											Pennsylvania	Penna.	Penna.
4				——— Mary	W	F	48		Daughter	1				At home											Pennsylvania	Penna.	Penna.
5				Kuhns Elizabeth	W	F	43		Daughter			1		At home											Pennsylvania	Penna.	Penna.
6	247	11	11	McConney Levi	W	M	55				1			R.R. Conductor											Pennsylvania	Penna.	Va.
7				——— Elizabeth	W	F	52		Wife		1			Keeping House											Pennsylvania	Berlin	Wurtemberg
8				——— John A.	W	M	25		Son	1				Umbrella Frame Maker											Pennsylvania	Penna.	Penna
9				——— Virginia	W	F	22		Daughter	1				At home											Pennsylvania	Penna.	Penna
10				——— Horace L.	W	M	19		Son	1				Printer											Pennsylvania	Penna.	Penna.
11				——— Harry M.	W	M	14		Son	1				At School											Pennsylvania	Penna.	Penna.
12				——— Catherine H.	W	F	5		Daughter	1															Pennsylvania	Penna.	Penna.
13				——— John	W	M	64		Brother	1				Blacksmith	12										Pennsylvania	Penna.	Va.
14	253	12	12	Gensemere Samuel	W	M	45				1			Dealer in Liquor											Pennsylvania	Penna.	Penna.
15				——— Mary A.	W	F	43		Wife		1			Keeping House											Pennsylvania	Penna.	Penna.
16				——— Emeline S.	W	F	16		Daughter	1				At home											Pennsylvania	Penna.	Penna.
17	301	13	13	Kendig Samuel	W	M	36				1			Confectioner											Pennsylvania	Penna.	Penna.
18				——— Ella A.	W	F	37		Wife		1			Keeping house											Pennsylvania	Penna.	Penna.
19				——— Linn J.	W	M	12		Son	1				At School									1		Pennsylvania	Penna.	Penna.
20				——— Mabel	W	F	7		Daughter	1				At School									1		Pennsylvania	Penna.	Penna.
21				Lefever Benjamin	W	M	34		Boarder		1			Sewing Machine Agt.											Pennsylvania	Penna.	Penna.
22				Aleit Ida	W	F	18		Servant	1				Servant											Pennsylvania	Penna.	Penna.
23				Light Daniel K.	W	M	25		Boarder	1				Veterinary Surgeon											Pennsylvania	Penna.	Penna.
24	303	14	14	Hess Henry W	W	M	78				1			Gentleman											Pennsylvania	Penna.	Penna.
25				——— Babara	W	F	74		Wife		1			Keeping House									1	1	Pennsylvania	Penna.	Penna.
26				Boston Margaret	I	F	55		Servant	1				Servant											Pennsylvania	Penna.	Penna.
27	305	15	15	Rock Allen	W	M	45				1			Dealer Boots & Shoes											Pennsylvania	Penna.	Penna.
28				——— Mary A.	W	F	41		Wife		1			Keeping House											Pennsylvania	Penna.	Penna.
29				——— Lydia A.	W	F	18		Daughter	1				At home											Pennsylvania	Penna.	Penna.
30				——— William D.	W	M	17		Son	1				At School									1		Pennsylvania	Penna.	Penna.
31				Reemsnyder Mary	W	F	72		Mother			1		Boarding											Pennsylvania	Penna.	Penna.
32				Boyer Catherine	W	F	19		Servant	1				Servant											Pennsylvania	Penna.	Penna.
33	307	16	16	Schwabe Jacob B	W	M	65				1			Lawyer											Pennsylvania	Penna	Penna
34				——— Henriette C.	W	F	44		Wife		1			Keeping House											Bavaria	Bavaria	Bavaria
35				——— Charles L.	W	M	12		Son	1				At School									1		Pennsylvania	Penna.	Bavaria
36				——— Elsie V. L.	W	F	5		Daughter	1															Pennsylvania	Penna.	Bavaria
37				Steinhauser Frank J.	W	M	40		Boarder			1		Piano Maker											Bavaria	Bavaria	Bavaria
38				——— Llewellyn L.	W	M	15		Boarder	1				Apprentice to Telegraph	11								½		Pennsylvania	Bavaria	Penna.
39				——— Ezra L.	W	M	3		Boarder	1															Pennsylvania	Bavaria	Penna.
40				——— Joseph	W	M	36		Boarder		1			Prof of Music											Bavaria	Bavaria	Bavaria
41				——— Kate A.	W	F	43		Boarder		1			Milliner											Pennsylvania	Penna.	Penna.
42				——— Gertrude	W	F	74		Boarder			1													Bavaria	Bavaria	Bavaria
43	309	17	17	Vollmer Frederic	W	M	29				1			Dealer in Furniture											Pennsylvania	Wurtemberg	Hesse D.
44				——— Anna M.	W	F	33		Wife		1			Keeping House											Bavaria	Bavaria	Bavaria
45				——— Maggie A.	W	F	4		Daughter	1				At Home											Pennsylvania	Penna.	Bavaria
46				——— Christie	W	F	2		Daughter	1															Pennsylvania	Penna.	Bavaria
47				——— Mary E.	W	F	7/12	Apr	Daughter	1															Pennsylvania	Penna.	Bavaria
48	311	18	18	Kreitsher Daniel H.	W	M	44				1			Apothecary											Pennsylvania	Penna.	Penna.
49				——— Rosanna	W	F	44		Wife		1			Keeping House											Pennsylvania	Penna.	Penna.
50				——— Charles W.	W	M	15		Son	1				At School									1		Pennsylvania	Penna.	Penna.

North Queen Street

Note D.—In making entries in columns 9, 10, 11, 12, 16 to 23, an affirmative mark only will be used—thus /; except in the case of divorced persons, column 11, when the letter "D" is to be used.
Note E.—Question No. 12 will only be asked in cases where an affirmative answer has been given either to question 10 or to question 11.
Note F.—Question No. 14 will only be asked in cases when a gainful occupation has been reported in column 13.
Note G.—In column 7 an abbreviation in the name of the month may be used, as Jan., Apr., Dec.

Rock Family- 1880 Census

The family home and business at 305 North Queen Street was occupied in 1880 by Allen Rock, 45; wife Mary A. Rock, 41; daughter Lydia A. Rock, 18; son William D. Rock, 17 and Mary Reemsnyder, 72, who was Allen Rock's widowed mother.

Neighborhood notes: this section of Lancaster was occupied mostly by native born residents; those not born in the US tended to be from Germany.

Lancaster Intelli

UMBER 45. LANCASTER, PA., MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1893. SI

WELL KNOWN MEN DIE

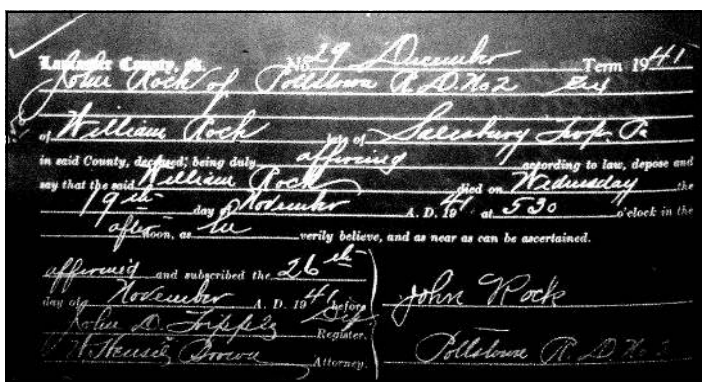
ALLEN ROCK, OF RICHMOND, AND HENRY LINTNER, OF MILLERSVILLE.

The Former a Shoe Dealer Here for Years—Mr. Lintner One of the Extensive Country Cattle Dealers.

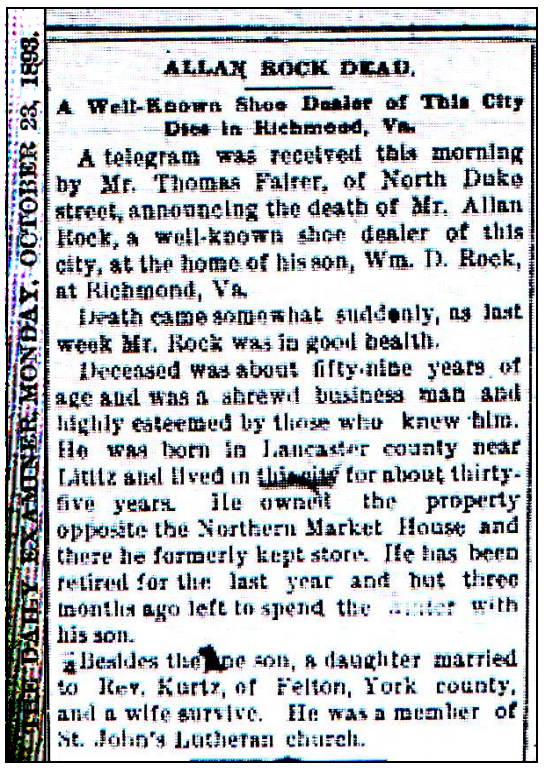
This morning Thomas Fairer, residing at 214 North Duke street, received a telegram from Richmond Va., which brought news of the death in that city of Allen A. Rock, formerly of Lancaster. His death occurred at half past eleven o'clock on Sunday evening at the residence of his son, Wm. D. Rock. No particulars of the death are given, but it is believed to have been sudden.

The deceased was about 61 years of age, and was born somewhere in the neighborhood of New Haven, in Warwick township. When a young man he learned the trade of shoemaking and came to Lancaster about thirty-five years ago. He opened a shop in the building of Bernard Huber, on North Queen street, near the Pennsylvania freight station, where he was for years. He moved to 305 North Queen street, where he had a shoe store and shop up to within two years. He was the owner of considerable property in this city. Of late he had been living retired and recently he and his wife went to Richmond to spend the winter with their son, who keeps a five-cent store in that city. The only other child is a daughter, Lydia, who is the wife of Rev. Daniel Kurtz, a Lutheran minister in York county. The funeral takes place in Richmond on Wednesday.

Allen Rock, his wife Mary, his mother Mary Rock Reemsnyder, Allen and Mary's daughter, Lydia, and her husband Rev. Daniel Kurtz are buried in the same plot at Lancaster Cemetery on Lime Street, Lancaster. Henry Rock is also buried in this cemetery.


Lafayette County, ss. 19 December Term 1941
John Rock of Pottstown R.D. No 2
of William Rock late of Salisbury Twp.
in said County, deceased; being duly sworn according to law, depose and
say that the said William Rock died on Wednesday the
19th day of November A.D. 1941 at 5:30 o'clock in the
afternoon, as he verily believe, and as near as can be ascertained.
Affirmed and subscribed the 26th
day of November A.D. 1941 before John Rock
John D. Snyder Register.
Theuer Brown Attorney. Pottstown R.D. No 2

William Rock died 10 November, 1941.
Lancaster County Death Affidavit, Page 610.


DAILY EXAMINER, MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1893.

ALLAN ROCK DEAD.

A Well-Known Shoe Dealer of This City Dies in Richmond, Va.

A telegram was received this morning by Mr. Thomas Fairer, of North Duke street, announcing the death of Mr. Allan Rock, a well-known shoe dealer of this city, at the home of his son, Wm. D. Rock, at Richmond, Va.

Death came somewhat suddenly, as last week Mr. Rock was in good health.

Deceased was about fifty-nine years of age and was a shrewd business man and highly esteemed by those who knew him. He was born in Lancaster county near Lititz and lived in this city for about thirty-five years. He owned the property opposite the Northern Market House and there he formerly kept store. He has been retired for the last year and but three months ago left to spend the winter with his son.

Besides the one son, a daughter married to Rev. Kurtz, of Felton, York county, and a wife survive. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran church.

The Lititz Record, Lititz, PA. 27 Oct. 1893

Death of Allen Rock.

A dispatch reached Mrs. Lydia Doster of this place on Monday morning announcing the sad intelligence that her brother-in-law Allen A. Rock had died at the residence of his son Wm. D. Rock, at Richmond, Va., at 11.30 Sunday night. His death was sudden, although it appears he had not been in the best of health. About seven weeks ago he was here paying a visit to his relatives and friends, after which he left to spend the winter in Richmond. Mr. Rock was born somewhere in the eastern part of Warwick township. In early life he learned the shoemaking trade and later set up in business in Lancaster, where he carried on the shoe business for about thirty-five years. Besides a wife, he leaves one son and one daughter. He also leaves two surviving brothers, and one sister, viz: E. Z. Rock, of Siegfried's Bridge, Northampton county; Miles Rock, of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Cooper, of Philadelphia. Mr. Rock's age was 58 years.

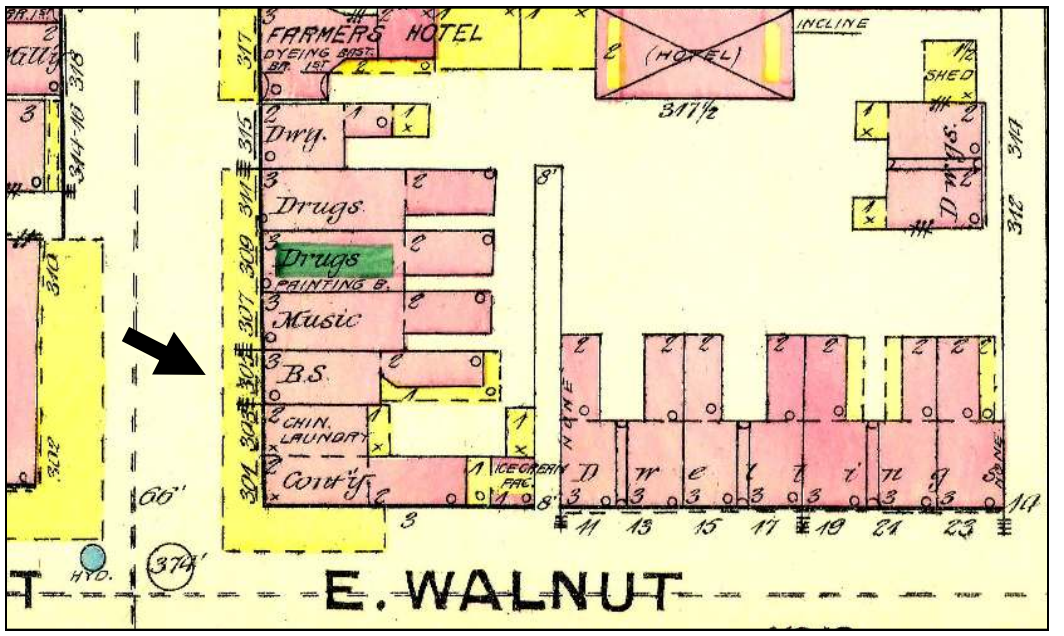
Was a Sister of Mrs. Lydia Doster.

Mrs. Mary A. Rock, maiden name Shreiver, widow of the late Allan Rock, of Lancaster, died at Richmond, Va., on Monday night, after a short illness with erysipelas, aged 60 years. Mrs. Rock spent her winters with her son, Wm. D. Rock, at Richmond and her summers with her daughter, the wife of Rev. Daniel Kurtz, at Wrightsville, York county. She was the mother of the only two children aforementioned. Mrs. Lydia Doster of this borough was a sister. The funeral takes place to-day (Friday) at 2 P. M. from the residence of Mrs. Frances Fairer, 214 North Duke street, Lancaster.

Buyers, sellers, tenants & dealers:
1893-2014

The Rock family owned the property at 305 North Queen Street for the longest period: 54 years from land acquisition and new construction, circa 1872-1874, and with ownership passing from Rock's heirs in about 1926.

Following the death of Allen Rock in 1893, his wife Mary inherited his properties. She apparently moved elsewhere since the Lancaster City Directory for 1894-95 shows the occupants as a dentist, Joseph C. Yoder at the shoe store address, and a tenant, Fabian S. Yecker. The 1896 Directory shows dentist Yoder as both a resident and occupying the storeroom.

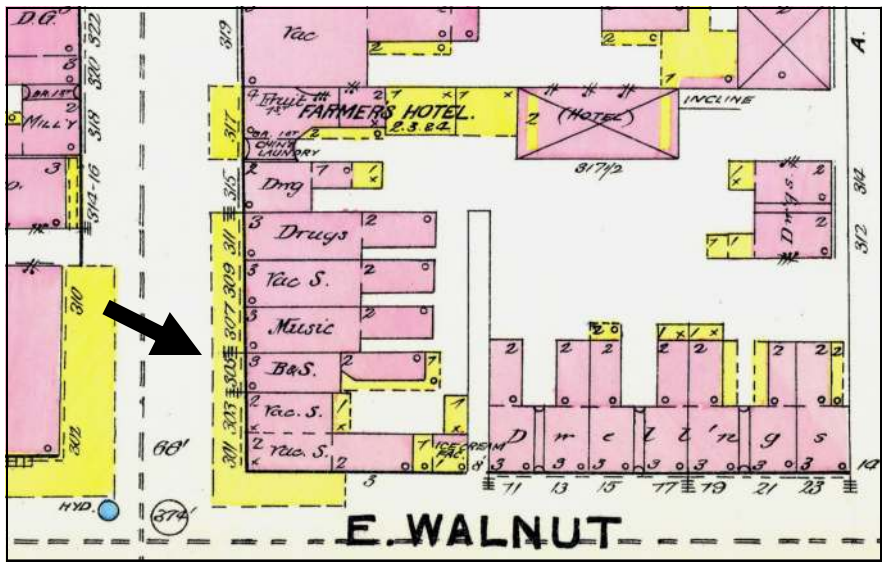


Rock Building, mid-1880s: Light red tint indicates a brick building. "BS" abbreviation for "Boots & Shoes." Yellow tint shows a wooden building or structure. In this case, a wrap-around overhang above the sidewalk, attached in common to several commercial buildings to protect storefronts and shield shoppers from inclement weather. *Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, 1886.*

Yecker remains in the property for about four more years, after which the 1899-1900 business listings show his dental office at 3071/2 North Queen, the adjacent building north. The 305 North Queen storeroom is occupied by another shoemaker, Solomon Buch, while the upper floors appear to be vacant.

About this time, Mary Rock passed away (1901) and her two children inherited the building at 305 North Queen. They continued to lease it to various businesses and residential tenants.

By 1906-07, shoemaker Buch continued his business, while tenants were Henry Geiter and Mrs. Emma Bender. The barber, Edward F. Shrader, was in business on the first floor by 1907-08 and Geiter, a cigar maker, remained as a tenant.



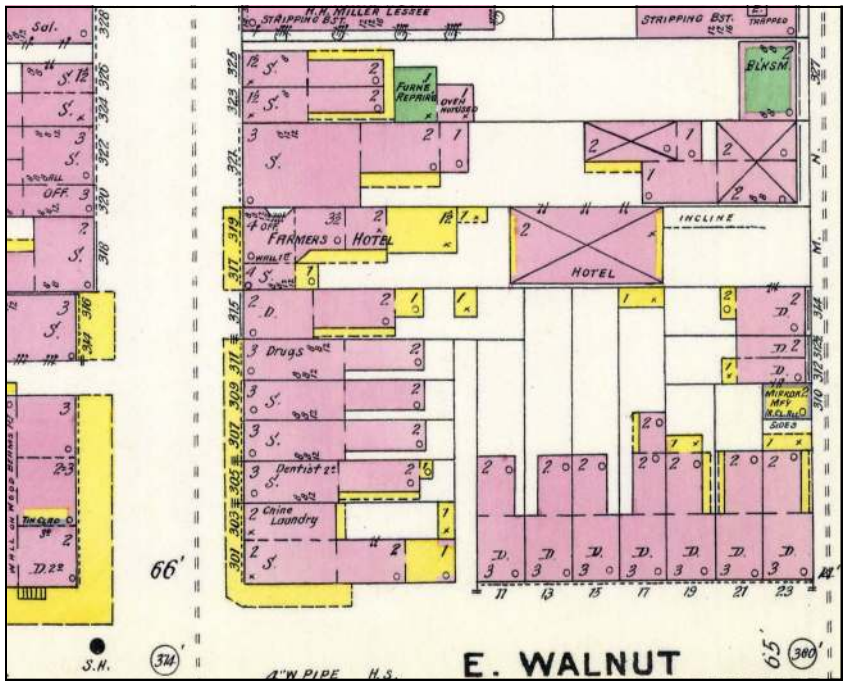
◄ 245' from N. Queen to Christian St. ►

Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, 1891

Shoemaker Buch moved up Queen Street to No. 317. The Directory shows that Shrader was one of some 63 barbers in the City of Lancaster. His residence was at 6 E. Walnut Street, just around the corner from his shop.

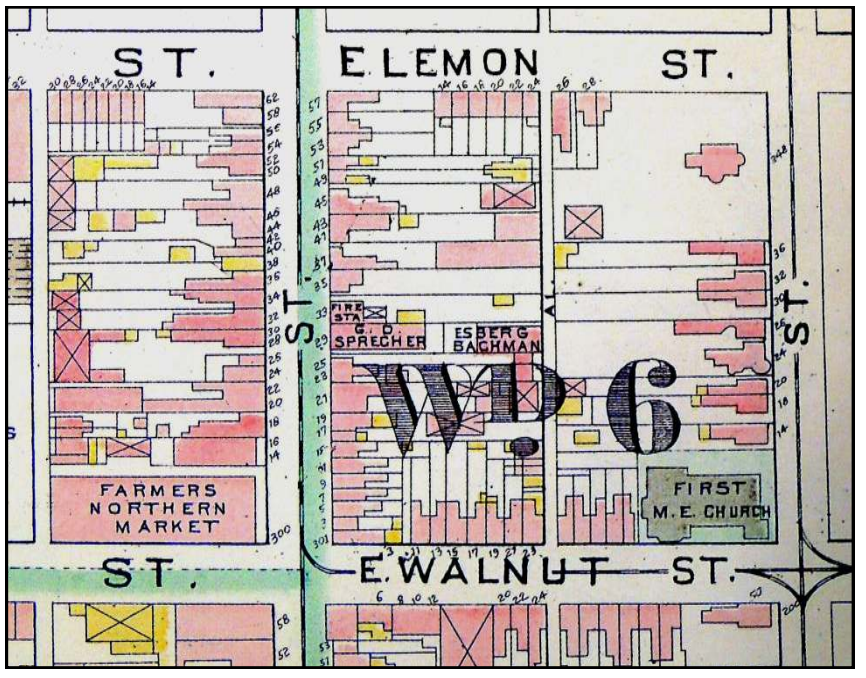
By 1909-10, new residential tenants moved in: Jacob K. and Cora K. Deckert; a Barbara Shrader also lived there.

The City Directory for 1916-17 shows barber Shrader continuing his business while new tenants occupying the upper floors: Harry A. Deverte and an interesting-sounding character, Adam Stork, Jr., who is shown as a musician who belongs to "Stork's Orchestra and Iroquois Band."



Rock Building occupied by Joseph C. Yoder, Dentist.
Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, 1897.

During the first decades of the 20th century, the building stayed in family ownership, at least in part, until about 1910 when William D. Rock lost his one-half ownership in a Sheriff Sale. The circumstances of this loss of property have not been determined, but the seizure involved not only his interest in the subject property but also his interest in three others in the City, including the former family home at 20 East Walnut St. William was then a resident of North Carolina.



Atlas of Lancaster County, PA 1899

William's one-half property interest was conveyed to John E. Snyder by Sheriff A.B. Landis on 26 November 1910. See note on Chain of Title, page 21. Lydia regained full title to the subject property through a purchase from Snyder in the amount of $1900.

Full interest left the Rock Family about the time of Lydia's death in 1925. Her heirs sold the property to Lancaster Attorney Clayton J. Hilton.

Hilton was in a real estate partnership with fellow Lancaster Attorney Harold G. Ripple. Hilton and Ripple invested heavily in Lancaster County real estate. They also engaged in new construction, property rehabilitation and real estate management under the name Guaranty Construction Company.

Lancaster County deed records show scores of property transactions during the mid-20th century among these men and their spouses, either individually or in combination with each other, or under their company name.

In fact, Hilton and Ripple, et. al. bought and sold interest in 305 North Queen Street several times over the years.

In a bit of irony and small-town connectedness, it should be noted that Jack and Joni Soost, who commissioned this report, purchased their present home at 134 East Chestnut Street, Lancaster in 2006 from Dr. Paul Ripple and his wife, Caroline Wholsen Ripple. Dr. Ripple is the son of Harold G. Ripple; he shared memories of the many real estate ventures of his father, his partner and their wives.

Following the years 1926-27 and through 2014, there have been some 17 different owners of the 305 North Queen Street.

CHAIN OF TITLE

305 North Queen Street
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Instrument Number or Deed Book, Volume & Page Number	Grantor-Owner	Grantee-Buyer	Type	Transaction Date
	Steven G. Brickman Daniela J. King Brickman	William Scott Soost and Sherry Schoenberger Soost, Germansville, PA	DEED $290,000)	6 Nov. 2014
5527742	Tung Thann Cao Phuong U. Than	Steven G. Brickman Daniela J. King Brickman	DEED ($179,000)	30 May 2006
Book 7139, Pg.393	Galarza II & Alica Galarza husband and wife	Tung Thann Cao Phuong U. Than	DEED ($72,280)	30 May 2001
6533 263	GALARZ JUAN GALARZA JUAN B SR	GALARZA ALICIA GALARZA JUAN B II	Deed $1-Sale between parent & child	4 Feb. 2000
6228 301	BAKER DUANE E	GALARZA JUAN GALARZA JUAN B SR	DEED ($50,000.00)	20 May 1999
6106 587	MARIANI A J MARIANI ANTHONY MARIANI ANTHONY J JR	BAKER DUANE E	DEED ($600,000) 305 N. Queen ($56,000)	23 Feb.1999- Subject plus several other properties – Warwick Twp.
4565 138	KLINE HENRY N III SATTLER THEODORE S	MARIANI ANTHONY JR	DEED ($2,022.00)	13 Feb. 1995
2271 22	BURRELL MARK M MARIANI ANTHONY J JR	KLINE HENRY N 3RD	DEED	16 Nov. 1987
T59 1030	ROSE MARY T ROSE DOMINICK-EST	JAFFAE HERBERT H JAFFAE KATHRYN E	DEED ($17,000.00)	20 Mar.1970
X34 00360	GUARANTY CONST. CO	RIPPLE ANNA B HILTON HATTIE B	DEED (1/2 interest) ($1.00)	18 Dec. 1940
O31 436	SHERIFF OF LANCASTER COUNTY PA MARTIN CHRISTIAN H MARTIN CHRISTIAN N	GUARANTY CONSTRUCTION CO	DEED ($50.00)	8 Mar. 1934
E32 428	GUARANTY CONSTRUCTION CO	BRICKER, OWEN BRICKER RHODA B	DEED (1/2 interest) ($1.00) Subject to $4000 Mortgage	7 June 1935

Instrument Number or Deed Book, Volume & Page Number	Grantor-Owner	Grantee-Buyer	Type	Transaction Date
H31 137	HIEMENZ H JOHN HIEMENZ EUGENE F SHERIFF OF LANCASTER COUNTY PA	RIPPLE, HAROLD G HILTON, CLAYTON J	DEED ($10.00)	21 Mar. 1933
I31 198	RIPPLE HAROLD G RIPPLE ANNA B HILTON CLAYTON J HILTON HATTIE	GUARANTY CONSTRUCTION CO	DEED ($1.00)	28 July 1933
Z28 493	HILTON CLAYTON J HILTON HATTIE B RIPPLE HAROLD G RIPPLE ANNA B	HIEMENZ H JOHN HIEMENZ EUGENE	DEED ($1.00)	27 Mar. 1928
I-28- 11	HILTON CLAYTON J HILTON HATTIE B	RIPPLE HAROLD G	DEED ($1.00)	5 Jan. 1927
I-28-1	MOONEY MARY E MOONEY EDWARD S KURTZ CHESTER KURTZ SOPHIA THURMAN MUSSELMAN PEARL E MUSSELMAN ROBERT W KURTZ LYDIA S KURTZ	HILTON CLAYTON J	DEED ($18,750.00)	4 Jan. 1927
E28 00073	KURTZ CHARLOTTE-EST WEIDLER ANNIE KURTZ-EST KURTZ OBED H-EST KURTZ HARRY S-EST	RIPPLE HAROLD G		25 May 1926 Dower Release. MISC – NON MORTGAGE
K-20-117	A.B. Landis Sheriff of Lancaster Co. Selling interest of William D. Rock	John E. Snyder	DEED $1,900 One-half interest in four properties including 305 N.Queen	***See note below*** 11/26/1910- Via writ of Fiera Fascia, 11-1-1910, Court of Common Pleas, Suit No.34 – Lydia S. Kurtz vs. William D. Rock
R-10-600	Hess, David M.	Rock, Allen	DEED $10	4/5/1875- Strip of land at rear of 305 N. Queen
D-10-530	Hess, David M.	Rock, Allen	DEED $2,500	4/22/1873- Lot of 19' X 92" with one story frame building

Note: Lydia Rock Kurtz regained full title to the subject property, according to a deed from Snyder and his wife to Kurtz (Deed Book R.Vol.20, page 138). This transaction included four properties, including the subject, with the same consideration as the Sheriff sale: $1900.

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Thomas H. Burrowes:
A biographical sketch

Born November 16, 1805 and died February 25, 1871, Burrowes was the fourth president of Pennsylvania State University, serving from 1868 until 1871.

He also served as Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania from 1835 until 1839, and served as the ninth Mayor of Lancaster, PA. He was born in Strasburg, Pennsylvania in 1805 to Thomas Bredin Burrowes and Ann Henrietta Smith.

In 1868, Burrowes, an individual with much expertise in educational matters for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, was consulted by the Board of Trustees, who were seeking his advice in their search for a new President. The College had been plagued by financial troubles and was in danger of closing its doors. Burrowes suggested that they first and foremost choose a man who held administrative abilities. Burrowes himself was then offered the position of President of the Agricultural College of Pennsylvania (as Penn State was called at the time), but accepted only after the annual salary was raised from $2000 to $3000 per year.

From *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia,* accessed 12-3-14 by R. J. Harris.

***Editor's notes: Burrowes was a long-time member of Saint James Episcopal Church, Lancaster, the parish to which Jack and Joni Soost Family now belong.**

Burrowes owned the property on which the Rock-Soost Building now stands, losing possession through Sheriff Sale in 1870.

Rock Family—Additional Genealogy

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Miles Rock and his family are buried in Washington DC at Rock Creek Cemetery. Obediah, Mary Ann Albright, and Caroline are all buried in different cemeteries in Philadelphia.

Caroline Rock married Richard Cooper had children. They divorced in 1860; her brother Allen served as her "voice" in the court documents. She moved to Philadelphia and operated a saloon there in 1880. Mr. Gwinn descends from her daughter, Mary Ann, who married Martin Hornberger (another civil war vet). Caroline outlived all her brothers and sisters. She remarried in Philadelphia and became Caroline Gekler. Her second husband died in a carriage accident. They had no children from this second marriage. She died in 1906.

Also, Allen's brother Miles Rock attended F&M for a short period and graduated from Lehigh University. He was an astronomer and geographer and was noted as having established the boundary between Guatemala and Mexico. He served in the Union Army Signal Corps during the Civil War. Miles regularly contributed news to the Lancaster paper during his service. He mustered out in 1864.

Mile was an associate of the well-known biologist William Darlington of Chester County. He was also a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. Miles met him in Chester County when he was in training for the military. Miles graduated from Lancaster High with Susan Clarkson, his future wife. She was the daughter of Gerardus Clarkson of Lancaster. Miles and Susan's son, Alfred Rock, was a graduate of Harvard University and their daughter, Amy, was a graduate of Bryn Mawr College. She was a suffragist, and worked closely with Alice Paul and was Vice President of the World's Woman Party. Her married name was Amy Córdoba Rock Ransome.

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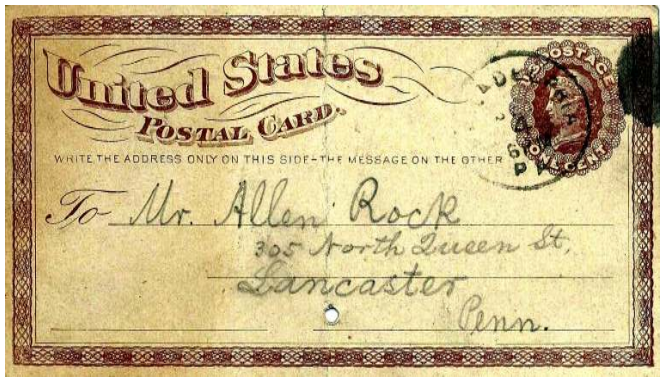

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☞ September 4, 1876, Philadelphia, PA

Post card addressed to *"My Son Allen."*

Rock's mother, Mary, was visiting her family during the national Bicentennial festivities, noting that *"it is only a quarter dollar admission so there are a grate [sic] many that get."*

Signed: *"With love to all. From your Mother."*

Notes, Miscellany & Errata

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Property, neighborhood & family heritage - 1874—2014

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