

J.E. (16)  
DELAWARE STREET

#120 - The Hussey House - now owned and  
used as apartments and a small shoe shop, by E. V. Platt  
(See Photo No. 39)

**Summary:** The vacant plot of ground 31-1/2 feet on Delaware Street, was sold by Edward Blake, Jr. in 1730 to Eliakim **Hussey**, cooper. An indenture for an adjoining property, gives **Hussey's** "new-built" house as part of the bounds in 1738.

In 1754, Eliakim **Hussey**, cooper, sold the property to Joseph Enos, "**cordwainer**". Enos sold it to John Stoops, Sr., **yeoman**, of the town and county of **New Castle** in 1765. In addition to **farms**, Stoops owned other property in **New Castle**, so this may have been for **residence** or only for investment to rent. It was rented to Jean **Tarrent** at the time of **Stoops'** rill - 1772,

John Stoops left the property to his daughter, **who** married (1) John Ford, farmer, (2) Joshua **Donohoe**. In 1781, Cornelia and Joshua became bound to **William** Scott, to pay him \$200 'Or make over this property to him the next year. Both Cornelia and Joehua died without paying the debt or transferring the property. John Ford, her son by her first husband, discharged the obligation in 1796 by **transfer** of the property to heirs of an assignee of William Scott, **The occupation** of **Donohoe** has not been found, nor whether he lived **in** the house; nor whether Jean **Tarrent** continued to rent it after 1772,

From the first quarter of the nineteenth century, **when** the property came **into possession** of Thomas **Turner**, it has **been a store**

or **business** place as well as a dwelling. Alexander Cooper's history of New Castle tells that Thomas Turner had a hat store in this house as early as 1820; that he was succeeded by the firm of G. W. Turner and **Alpheus** Hanson, dry goods; then by Mark Cleaver & **Bros.** Later it was the store of a "Mr. **Buckman**", then of J. E. V. Platt and David Elkington and about 1907 of the **Water** Company,

From the obtainable data this building was erected as a **dwel-**ling in the middle 1730's. The large size bricks **laid flemish** bond, and the narrow tall proportions of its second **story** windows all give evidence to this early date. The two bulk-windows are of the **same** detail as those next door (**#122** and **#124**) and were probably built into **this building** at the same **time** (between 1867 and **1891**), as the two buildings then had a common owner, G. W. Turner. It is interesting to note that these bulk windows **are** wider than the opening behind them, which again points to their late date.

The brick work has been repeatedly painted and there is no indication on the surface that the door was ever any place but in the center of the building, which, however, is hard to reconcile, since the space left to either side is hardly adequate for **two** rooms, **Furhter** research within the building would doubtless **reveal** the original scheme of floor plan.

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