REMEMBERING WHAT WAS AND WHEN

Neighborhood Stores
Of
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And
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REMEMBERING WHAT WAS, AND WHEN

In the mid 1700's the Moravians settled in this area. Their settlement encompassed almost 491 acres and was a closed community for Moravians only. A Moravian could build and own what he built but would not own the land. The land belonged to the Moravian congregation.

Non-Moravians who wanted to live in the area established a village on the north side of Lititz Run just before Front Street. Building lots were laid out in 1811 and the village of Warwick grew.

In 1855 the lease system was abolished in Lititz. Residents could now own their house and the land on which it was built, instead of owning the house and paying rent to the Moravian Church for the land. Lititz was incorporated as a borough in 1888.

In 1915 Lititz Borough limits were extended north to include the village of Warwick. Further expansion included West Warwick (west of North Broad Street), Leaman tract (northeast of five points which was east of North Cedar and north of Front), and finally south almost to Kissel Hill.

The article titled “1902 Grocery Prices” is from the March 31, 1932 issue of the Lititz Record newspaper. A copy of this article will be found at the end of “Remembering.” It describes the difference in availability of groceries and the changes in prices that came about in 30 years in Lititz and Warwick Township. Just imagine what the differences would be now!

The article lists shredded wheat, farina, and oatmeal as the cereals offered in 1902. Today, in 2018, visualize in your head the long aisles filled on both sides with cereals, stacked higher than can be reached, and only with cereals. Shredded wheat has become multi-flavored, sugar coated, dried fruit enhanced and smaller instead of the initial offering of a block of what looked like straw that filled the bowl. NOT my favorite, but it can still be found on the shelves.

Green grocers carried fresh vegetables. Butcher shops were the places to go for meats and most had a slaughter room behind the shop. Confectionaries sold candies and sweets while bakeries had the breads, cakes and cookies. Need a tool, nail or screw, you went to the hardware store, and dried foods (nuts and fruit) were another separate store. Dry good stores were where the house wife went for household goods such as yard goods, pots and pans, blankets, and much that went into furnishing a home and making it livable. Shopping down town was much like attending a farm market like Green Dragon or Roots where there were many different stands selling just one line of goods. Out in the country and away from town, the general store became the store to go to with the original one stop shopping for rural residents.

As towns grew larger, small neighborhood stores began to appear. If you lived in town and had a front room that was not often used, it could become a store room (as they were called) or a small shop to serve the neighborhood. This is where memories start to kick in as people remember where they were sent by their mothers to get a loaf of bread or can of beans, or even some sliced sandwich meat (spiced lunch meat/straight bologna). The bread was wrapped in wax coated paper; the sandwich meat in waxed paper and then butcher paper (sometimes tied with string. No tape, no plastic bags with twist ties or zipper tops! When the bread was all, my mother emptied the crumbs, opened and folded the waxed paper and used it to run her hot iron across when she was ironing. It made the iron glide more smoothly. (This was before Teflon coated surfaces.) Remember the glass-front penny candy case? Candy was not just a penny a piece, but sometimes as many as five pieces could be gotten for that penny. These are my memories!

Everyone will have a different memory of what was in the way back when. I had three brothers and when we compare our childhood memories, we all have different versions of the same happenings. 1902 prices would be great, but we would not have the choices that line our grocery shelves now. As I write this almost 120 years have passed, and over 100 years since the article was written. Life does keep marching on!
In identifying sources used I have included the information in the body of the article. The Lititz papers: The Lititz Record [LR]; The Lititz Express [LE]; The Lititz Record-Express [LRE]; Directory of Lititz and Northern Lancaster County 1926-1927 [DLNLC 1926-1927]; Directory of Lititz and Northern Lancaster County 1916-1917 [DLNL C 1916-1917]; Directory of Lititz 1960; The Lititz-Warwick Directory 1912 will be written out. Information was also found at the Lancaster County Recorder of Deeds site and will be so noted. What was supposed to take a few months has turned into a few years. I learned an awful lot about Lititz and the area surrounding it. Happy Hunting!

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BEFORE HOME FREEZERS

Many families had a home garden where they raised vegetables and fruits. Extra produce that was not used was preserved for winter use by canning, drying, smoking. With the advent of ice plants, food could be prepared for freezing at home and then taken to the Frozen Food Locker to be frozen. The locker had individual drawers that locked, and customers could pick up their food when needed.

Many town homes had a small chicken coop in the back yard of their homes where chickens were kept for eggs and when the chickens no longer produced eggs, they became Sunday dinner. Other animals could be brought to the locker where they were butchered and then frozen.

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In the building will be a chill room where foods are placed when first brought to the storage house, a freezing room where they are quickly frozen in temperatures of 15 to 20 degrees below zero, and the locker room. There will also be a place where farmers can have their beef, pork or lamb reduced into roasts, steaks or chops before being frozen.

The equipment in the building will be new and the rooms will be insulated with 6 to 8 inches of cork in order that the proper low temperatures can be maintained.

Farmers particularly will benefit from the new service, for at a small cost, they will be able to preserve meat, fowl, fruits and vegetables for future use without the trouble and expense of salting, smoking, curing or preserving.

Townsmen can take advantage of low prices, buy a supply of meat, fish, fowl or fruits and vegetables and keep them in a locker until they wish to use them.
Leed’s Locker Service served the Lititz area through the 1940’s into the early 1960’s when they closed their doors.

Leed Plant
To Close On December 31

The J. M. Leed Food Locker plant at 255 Springs Avenue, will close on December 31, it was announced yesterday by J. M. Leed, owner and operator.

He stated that due to the prevalence and convenience of home freezers, the locker rentals are no longer sufficient to make it a profitable business.

The plant was opened 25 years ago, in November, 1938, in a new brick building containing 450 individual lockers. The plant consisted of three compartments: the cooling room, the freezing room and the sub-zero storage room. From there the foods went directly into the individual lockers. There was a large demand for the lockers, and many hunters began storing game there even before the plant was completed.

Leed’s Locker Service

Closing Out Sale

Our locker plant will be closed after January 4th. We offer the following items at reduced prices while they last.

Breyers Ice Cream - $1.00 for 2 qt. package
Quality House Ice Cream - 59c for 2 qt. package
Ice Milk - 75c for 2 qt. package
Regency French Ice Cream - Quarts - 75c — Pints - 40c
All Breyers Pints - 25c per package

20% discount on all boxes, wrapping paper, plastic and cellophane bags in stock.

Come early and save!

Leed’s Locker Service
Bank Turns Old Ice House into Computer Center

Thursday, November 29, 1973

The old frozen food locker plant on North Lane is now full of computer equipment.

Taken over by Farmers First National Bank, the building was remodeled and last summer converted into a data processing center that serves all the bank’s nine offices in Lancaster County.

The conglomerate of buildings that stood in front of the locker plant were torn down in October and a new building is now being put up in front of the old locker plant to serve as headquarters for several of the banks other departments, including the bookkeeping, proof, and audit departments.
51 North Broad Street was Leaman’s Lititz Springs Grocery. J.B. Kauffman opened a meat market in 1920 at 53 North Broad. It became Ranck’s Meat Market in 1948 with a new slaughterhouse erected behind the shop and continued into the 1970’s.

Linnaeus Shelly ran a store at 101 North Broad Street from 1880 until his death in 1912. In 1913 Clayton Zartman, a teacher at the Pine Hill School took over the business. Groceries were no longer sold in the store by 1957.

The grocery store at 201 North Broad Street had many different names: Witmer’s (ca 1923-1931); Sharp’s (ca1931-1947); Ed Maharg’s North Side Market (1947-1953); Todd’s Self Service and then Maharg’s until 1958.

202 North Broad Street was the location for Uncle John’s Market. Some ads mentioned that peaches would be for sale at Bomberger’s barn. He had fresh fish for sale on Mondays. You could send him a post card or look for the red truck on Monday.

15 South Broad Street, Originally built in 1878 as a hardware store, became the Lititz Food Market in 1939. It was the 4-Star Bakery in 1945, then housed a 5 & 10 and followed by a clothing store.

In 1910 Howard D. Bollinger had a smoked meat and confectionary store at 25 South Broad Street. In 1912 it was H.D. Hollingers’, followed by Albert Gochenauer in 1923 and Galen Minnich’s Delicatessen in 1942.
47-49 South Broad Street began as a general store in 1878 under the management of H.E. Miller. In 1925 N.A. Trimmer bought and ran the business until 1949 when he retired and the building was sold.

226 South Broad Street was a confectionary store in 1916, a confectionary/general store, an Accommodation Store, and then Bollinger’s Grocery Store. Bollinger’s relocated the store to 233 South Broad Street in 1938.

About 1912 320 South Broad Street was the site of Eberly’s General Store. In 1932 it was known as Weber’s South End Store. By 1940 C.S. Kauffman was the proprietor to 1972 when it was sold to Carl Enck. It ceased to be a store location by 1982.

Turkey Hill Minit Market was built in 1964. In 2018 it was a Chinese restaurant.

Hiestand’s opened in 1957 at 743 South Broad Street. In 1968 ownership changed and it became Bob’s Save Rite. In 1978 Save Rite built a new store north of Lititz.

Weis Markets opened at 740 South Broad Street in 1964. It was remodeled in 1969 and has continued to grow.
In 1922 an ad appeared for the Green Grocery of Harry Adams announcing home delivery on Saturdays with “Things You Need for the Holidays.”

Annie Hershey had a store in her home at 146 North Cedar Street. Son Elmer took over the store and it was moved around the corner to North New Street.

Now listed as 342 N. Cedar Street, this site at North Cedar Street and Lincoln Avenue, was where Jerry Adams had his garage and sold groceries. The address was then 408 North Cedar Street.

Hinkle’s Food Market is listed in the 1960 Directory of Lititz.

Carl D. Huber operated a dressed poultry and fresh egg business at 41 East Front Street for 22 years. He sold the business to Clarence R. Landis in 1949. Landis continued the business at the same location.

91 and 93 East Front Street at the location known as Five Points housed a butcher store on the west side and a grocery store on the east side.
205 East Front Street also used the address of 201 East Front Street. It was originally a Lanco/Red Rose store in the late 1940’s. Went out of business in 1960.

After being in the grocery business in Lexington since 1892, G. Studenroth relocated to 217 East Front Street in 1910 until 1938.

LIBERTY STREET

In 1932 part of this residence at 237 East Front Street was converted into a store room and offered a full line of groceries. It was a grocery store until early 1971 when it closed.

118 Liberty Street was listed as Benny’s Market in 1946/47.

MAIN STREET - East

17 East Main Street was built as a home for General John Sutter. It was remodeled by Pfautz Bros. as a department store. Trimble’s Hardware was here for many years and the building was restored to its original appearance.

Right (east) side of 21 East Main Street was Trimmer’s and then Harris’s Variety Store. Note: 3 windows on 2nd floor. 19 East Main Street (left side) has 4 windows on 2nd floor. Was originally two separate building.
22 East Main Street is the right (west) end of the building and originally housed John Zook’s Book Store with The Express Printing office in the rear. A Red Rose Grocery (ID’d in ads as 22 East Main Street) occupied the premises to ca 1946.

28-30 East Main Street was first the location of Tshudy’s Store in 1877. J. Stump in 1887 was followed by White Front Cash Store, Pfautz Brothers, and finally a branch of Ford’s whose main store was located at 353 East Main.

National Consumers held their Grand Opening at 43 East Main Street in 1925. This 3 story brick building was known as the Hotel Sturgis. Also listed as 45 East Main Street. In 1930 Hess’s Fruit Market sold fresh produce and seafood in season.

Lutz’s Meat Market was founded by B.F. Lutz in 1895 in the rear of 15 East Main Street. The bank drive thru lanes were the site of a farmer’s market operated by Lutz. In 1927 Lutz’s sons, Ben and John, joined in the business and it was relocated to 53 East Main Street.

55 East Main Street opened as the American Store Company in 1919 and continued in business as an American Store through the 1940’s.

75 East Main Street in 1893 was advertised as Enck’s, Original Lititz Baker and Confectionary, W.D. Enck. The location continued as a bakery and confectionery store into the early 1940’s before becoming a restaurant.
110 East Main was the site of Hartranft Grocery Store in 1933. Later Kelly’s Deli was in business here, and Isabella’s Ice Cream was at this location in 2018.

The limestone portion (122 East Main Street) was erected in 1762 as a two story with a gable roof. It was the Moravian Congregational store, operated by John Fenstermacher. The log expansion was built when Nathaniel Wolle bought the store.

353 East Main Street was Fisher’s Grocery, Fisher’s East End Store 1937. Frank Ford, Sr. & Jr. operated the store until 1954 and then sold only the business. Rhen’s Grocery closed in 1955. In 1967 the property was sold. It would become a sub shop.

The 370 East Main Street store built in 1924 by J.M. Dietrich, would be sold in 1930 To V. Wagner who sold it to Elsie Becker in 1939. It was known as Becker’s East End Grocery until 1962 when the business was sold to the Perini’s. It would still be known as the East End Grocery into the 1970’s.

Harvey Haddad held the Grand opening for his West Main Self-Service Market at 31 West Main Street in 1949.

An ad for Shirk’s Grocery Store at 15 Maple Street appeared in the 1959 Lititz Record-Express.
NEW STREET - East

119 East New Street was the site of the Natural Food Store in 1936.

Bucher’s Boiled Ham highlighted an add in 1930 for this store 153 East New Street

A. Lloyd George had a green grocery at his home at 216 East New Street in 1930.

A NEW Store on NEW STREET was the opening line of the ad that introduced Howard Hollinger’s store at 230 East New Street

NEW STREET - North

7 North New Street begun in 1959 as Hurst’s Restaurant would be Hershey’s Restaurant by 1963. Annie Hershey would be doing the cooking.

Hershey’s Grocery originally located at 146 North Cedar Street, relocated to 9 North New Street in 1956 and continued as a grocery store until 1969.
ORANGE STREET – West

Begun in 1907 at 20 West Orange, the Yellow Front Cash Grocery would be closed by early 1909.

SECOND STREET – East

Originally built as a dwelling and a store, 50 East Second Avenue would be a grocery store thru 1965.

SPRUCE STREET – South

7 South Spruce Street was the site of a grocery store from 1903 into the 1940’s. Michael’s, Lancaster Cash Grocery Store, Hacker’s, Hosler’s, Grayvill & Hammond, and Dietrich’s were the names attached to this site.

Koehler’s Grocery store was open for business 26 South Spruce Street. Grand Opening held in November 1946 and closed in January 1947. Mr. Koehler was a volunteer fireman and could not tend the store and respond to fire calls.

WEST END AVENUE

Snyder’s Grocery when it opened in 1934, Harding’s from 1946 into the 1960’s. The store had a slogan that appeared on their envelopes; “The Store with the Stupid Clerks”. They liked to laugh at 134 South Spruce Street.

115 West End Avenue was Gonder’s grocery store in the 1940’s. 1950 it was taken over by the Wagaman’s and closed in 1953.
North Broad Street

51/53 North Broad Street

1902  The LOCAL NEWS GOSSIP column reported that B.B. Leaman would open a new grocery on Saturday (March 29). It was described as a neat store room illuminated with electricity and an up-to-date stock of fresh goods. [LR 3/28]

1910  On the 1st of April, B.B. Leaman was in fine new quarters using the name Lititz Springs Grocery. [LE 4/1]

1915  The partnership of J.M. Leed and Benjamin M. Leaman was organized April 1st to take over the store of Mr. Leaman’s father. B.M. Leaman would conduct the retail part which included two truck routes, and J.M. Leed would take over the wholesale fruit and vegetable business whose headquarters were at 231 North Shippen Street in Lancaster city. The business name would now be Leaman & Leed and the name Lititz Springs Grocery still appeared in the ads.

1918  A branch store of Leaman & Leed opened at the five points at Front & Cedar Streets with Walter Smith as Manager

1920  A separate Leaman & Leed Shoe Company opened for business on April 3rd in the now empty store room at 53 North Broad Street. In 1928 the shoe business was dropped from the site and a meat market opened Friday, February 3rd under the management of J.B. Kauffman, the former White Oak butcher.

1924  A branch store opened in Rothsville with Abram Shaak as Manager

NOTE: The source of the information for the entries back through 1910 is from an article that appeared in the The Lititz Record Express on March 30, 1939.

1934  The partnership of Leaman & Lead was dissolved after 17 years of doing business together. The store was now known as Leaman’s Store and run by B.M. Leaman, son of the original owner. [LR 1/4]

1936  Added to the ads were a phone number, 271, and the words “free delivery” to entice customers with the convenience of shopping at Leaman’s Store.

1948  Opening on Friday October 19, Ranck’s Meat Market (adjoining B.M. Leaman’s Store) carried a complete line of home-dressed beef, pork and veal and specialized in their own make of sausage, pudding and scrapple. Open daily except Thursday. Slaughtering was done off premises. [LRE 10/25]

1951  February of this year, Vernon W. Ranck and Roger S. Martin purchased the business of B.M. Leaman. Vernon Ranck continued to operate the butcher shop side of the building and Roger Martin took over the grocery side. The business retained the name “Leaman’s Store” and the ads declared “free delivery” and to “Dial 6-2171” for that service. [LRE 2/1]

1959  The opening of Rancks’ new modern slaughter house was announced. It was located at the rear of Ranck’s Market, and was a 1½ story cement block building with storage space for 24 beef halves, a cutting room, and modern slaughter equipment that had been approved by the State Department of Health. [LRE 9/17]
1960  In September Vernon Ranck purchased Leaman Grocery Store from Roger Martin. Partitions were removed and both departments of the building were combined. A grand opening of Ranck's Market was held in October 1960 with “free delivery” and “estimates given” appearing in the ad. [LRE 10/20]

1972  The escape of 1,050 pound steer from the holding pen at Ranck’s made the newspaper in June. It was described as taking off up the middle of West Lincoln Avenue where it was finally caught and shot by Vernon Ranck. A tow truck was called to take it back to the market. [LRE 6/20]

1973  In December the Lititz Record-Express featured an article about Vernon Ranck and his meat market being busy during the first week of Deer Season. They processed 80 deer turning them into neat packages of bologna, chops, steaks and burgers for hunters from all over Lancaster County. Vernon had been in the butchering business since he was nine years old and had started learning the trade at Lutz’s where he worked with Robert “Sketch” Mearig. He started butchering deer when he was 16. Vernon Ranck was a native of Lititz. [LRE 12/6]

101 North Broad Street

1880  Linnaeus Shelly established a store opposite the Warwick House which he ran for 32 years until his death in November 1912. (L. Shelly obituary – LR 11/28]

1913  On March 20th, The Lititz Record carried an article about C.S. Zartman who had previously been a teacher in Warwick Township at the Pine Hill School. He had decided to discontinue “dispensing knowledge to young Americans” and would engage in “dispensing sugars, coffees, cereals and the like” from the store business in the property that had been occupied by the late L.H. Shelly. The store room would be completely renovated and enlarged with the entire first floor being utilized. It would be a Garden Spot store since he was getting his supplies from a Garden Spot Wholesaler. Free deliveries to all parts of town, and phone orders were offered. The store opened before the end of April.

1941  A Grand Opening Sale of Zartman’s “Remodeled and Enlarged” store was held in July. Groceries, dry-goods, and notions were sold. [LRE 7/10]

1954  41st Anniversary Sale held. [LRE 5/6]

1957  A large ad for “Big Grocery Close-Out” with goods being sold at or below cost. The grocery department was being closed to gain more room for other lines of merchandise. [LRE 11/14]

1959  Clayton Zartman died in August and the operating of the business was taken over by his son, Robert Zartman. [LRE 8/27]

1961  The beginning of the close out sale of Zartman’s was begun in March. By this time only dry goods were sold, no food products. A public sale was held for the final dispersal of merchandise and to empty the building.

1963  The property known as Zartman’s store was purchased in March by Charles and Ruth Haines and it would be used for an appliance store.

201 North Broad Street

Before 1880  A general store located at Broad Street and Orange Streets in Warwick was operated by J.F. Diehm and Linnaeus Hunter Shelly.

1886  Stoner & Son was the name of the store at this location. Groceries as well as other household items (no hardware) were sold. [LR 9/24]

1900  Wm. Stoner & Son’s, advertised a reduction in winter goods that they did not want to carry over to the next season, and that the grocery department would always be well stocked with the best and most seasonable goods at excellent prices. [LR 2/16]
1908  J. Buck (Joseph) had begun remodeling his building at Broad and Orange Streets in Warwick. He would be starting a grocery store. [LR 11/19]

1909  A disastrous fire struck in January and the headline on the article declared that Joseph E. Buck’s store house and dwelling were ruined. The cost of the building was $4,800 with improvements running the cost up to $7,500. The value of the store stock was $2,000. The loss amounted to $3,000 which was covered by insurance. The store had recently been rented to Joseph Miller of Hopeland who was to take it over on April 1. In about six weeks the store had been completely restored. [LR 1/7]

1909  In July J.P. Miller, Grocer, advertised Miller’s New Store at Broad & Orange Streets, Warwick (Stoner’s Old Corner). [LR 7/23]

1909  In September Joseph Buck sold the property to H.G. Hagenberger and this appears to be backed up by a large ad in the May 5, 1910 Lititz Record for a Great Reduction Sale that was being held at Hagenberger’s at the corner of Broad and Orange Streets in Warwick. The next week a smaller ad thanked the people in the area for their past patronage and hoped for more.

1912  J.C. Felker was the proprietor of the Warwick Grocery at Broad and Orange in Warwick in ads from June 1912 and September 1913. Among the goods that carried were Brinser’s Corn Meal, Jersey Sweet Potatoes, Dry Beef and Bologna that was said to be extra good, but not cheap. Free delivery was available.

1913  This ad appeared for Frank’s General Store (Felker’s Old Stand). [LR 10/30]

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

That B. Frank has bought from J. C. Felker the store known as the Warwick Grocery. It will be turned into a general store and a complete line of Groceries, Notions and Men’s Furnishings will be carried. Prices will be the lowest for good goods that the market affords. We are here to to stay and ask the public to give us a call.

Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded.

We have replenished the Grocery line with a complete stock

Frank’s General Store
Corner Broad and Orange Sts.  (Felker’s Old Stand)  WARWICK

A Few of Our Specials for Saturday Only

50¢ Men’s Dress and Work Shirts 39¢
$1.50 and $1.75 Men’s Trousers $1.25
50¢ Men’s Heavy Fleece Lined Underwear at 39¢
$2 Heavy Corduroy Trousers, $1.59
7¢ Boy’s Sweaters 45¢

There appears to have been an upheaval in the ownership of the property about this time. The Sheriff of Lancaster County, Milton Eby stepped in and the property was sold to satisfy debts of Jacob Felker owed to George Buch. Edna Frank was the tenant of this property at the time of the proceedings. It appears from a deed trace that George Buch owned the property from April 1914 to October 1923, but no ads were found for this location other than a small one in the Lititz Directory of 1916-1917 for Jacob Eberly’s Grocery Store at Broad Street and Lincoln Avenue.

(Lincoln Avenue had been known as Orange Street before Lititz joined with the village of Warwick in January of 1915. This change was made to avoid the confusion of having a Broad and Orange Street intersection just four blocks south.)

1923  The sale of the property by George Buch to Levi and Emma Witmer occurred in October. The sale price was $1,000 in cash and $2,000 secured by a bond and mortgage held by Buch. The store was run as a Garden Spot Store selling groceries and general merchandise. There was no
weekly advertising by the Witmer’s. They had an ad only in the Lititz Directory for 1926-1927. They seemed to depend on the neighborhood residents to know where they were and what they sold. After Levi died in February 1940 Emma sold the property to Barton L. Sharp. Sharp had been renting the property from the Witmer’s and operating a general store. Sharp assumed the mortgage that was on the property.

1932 A 1st Anniversary Sale was held for Sharp’s Store at Broad Street and Lincoln Avenue. Groceries as well as dry goods and notions were advertised. Free delivery was featured and a phone number, 54-M, was in the ad. [LR 9/29]

1933 In November the opening of the Modernized Lanco Store, Sharp’s Store, was advertised in June. Music by Riley Lausch and his Red Rose Rhythm Boys was featured along with grocery specials and cigarettes (Lucky Strikes, Camels, Chesterfields and Old Golds) for $1.00 a carton. [LR 6/23]

1941 In July B.L. Sharp had a Grand Opening Sale for Sharp’s Gift Shop at this location. Groceries were still sold and Pyrex, Cameras, Vases, Jardinières, and Chocolates had been added to their merchandise line. Barton Sharp held the title to this property at 201 North Broad Street from 1941 to 1967 and several different store names appeared in the ads. [LRE 11/13]

1947 Advertising for Ed’s Food Market, formerly B.L. Sharp, phone 533-J appeared and continued to appear for this location into 1952. Ed’s featured dietetic foods that were specially prepared for use in starch and sugar restricted diets. [LRE 7/31]

1953 Maharg’s Northside Market, proprietors - Ed and Sylvia Maharg, were listed in an ad that supported stores being closed on Saturday.

1954 A Grand Opening announcement for Todd’s Self Service Food Market appeared in June, but was a short-lived name that appeared in the 1955 and 1956 Lititz Community Show Programs and then appeared no more. Todd’s Food Market celebrated their 2nd anniversary in April 1956 with a special sale. [LRE 6/24]

1957 In May Maharg’s North Side Market held a re-opening Sale with the availability of phone orders. It was now air conditioned, free delivery was available and a phone number of MA6-2268 was listed. [LRE 4/18]

1958 See ad to left. [LRE 1/16]

In February a notice again appeared that emphasized “For Sale – Will Sacrifice to a Quick Buyer This Week”. And with this final sale groceries would no long be sold at 201 North Broad Street.

(This location had the lay-out to accommodate two separate stores. Groceries and dry goods/house-wares were sold on the one side and a gift shop operated by Barton Sharp
used the other side. When the groceries were completely discontinued, Sharp used the site to carry more photographic supplies and camera stock.)

1967 While the business was sold and operated by different proprietors, Barton Sharp retained ownership of the real estate. He finally sold the property in June.

1973 The front façade was remodeled and Cam Tech occupied the site.

202 North Broad Street

1944 In November Uncle John’s Market selling apples, cider and potatoes advertised that delivery would be made in town. [LRE 11/23]

1945 In April John Peter’s Ad was for fresh fish every Monday starting April 30th. Customers were to “look for the red truck and it would blow the horn.” If you wrote your order on a post card and mailed it to Uncle John, your order would be delivered. In August Uncle John advertised that he would have peaches on sale every week at Bomberger’s barn. [LRE 8/16]

1946 He again advertised peaches for sale at the former Henry Bomberger Warehouse. [LRE 8/29]

1947 Word came that John Peters had died in Arizona where he had gone for his health. He was 66 and had retired 4 years previously to Lititz. [LRE 11/20]

361 North Broad Street

1926 Edward Heidrick had a Green Grocery here. (Green grocers usually sold just produce. This name and location was only found in the 1926-1927 Lititz Directory.)

One-quarter mile north of Lititz on North Broad Street was a seasonal business that lasted 20 years from 1948 to 1968. Ivan Adams used the site in front of the Adams Trailer Court to sell watermelons and cantaloupes that were brought up from southern states. Advertised as field ripened they could be purchased icy cold, right from a large tank filled with water in which large chunks of ice floated. He sold both wholesale and retail and a half of a melon could be bought if the whole one was too much. He also advertised Free Delivery. It was a tradition for our family picnic that my uncle, Ivan Behmer, would take us kids in the back of his pick-up truck to get the biggest watermelon in the tank. I remember the sound of his hand as he “thunked” the melon to make sure it was ripe. This was a special summer memory that many in the Lititz area shared.
South Broad Street

15 South Broad Street
1878 This building was erected in 1878 by A.R. Bomberger & Co. and sold hardware. The building was enlarged in 1905.
1916 The property was sold to William Amer and did business under the name of Amer’s Hardware Store
1935 was the last year that this location was known as Amer’s Hardware store. The owner of the building, William Amer, died December 11, 1935. In order to settle the estate the property was sold at public sale to H.J. Pierson and in that same month passed into the hands of Daniel Withers.
1939 A newspaper article reported that the new owner of the Amer Building, D.G. Withers, would make extensive alterations and was negotiating with a grocery concern to locate in the building. [LRE 11/11]
1940 Advertisements appeared for the opening of the Lititz Food Market. The proprietor was Chas. L. Moyer. The new food market would open on Friday, February 23 at 7:30 a.m., and both English and Pennsylvania Dutch were spoken. The next week the ad welcomed mothers with the declaration that there was no need to park your baby carriage on the sidewalk since there were plenty of parking spaces inside the store and the aisles were broad. You could serve yourself or service was available.

   In July shoppers were offered a chance to win a free trip to Atlantic City with the Lanco Grocers on July 17 by making a purchase and receiving a ticket for entry into the contest. [LRE]
1941 At the beginning of the year there was a new proprietor. It was announced that Arthur L. Dupler of Elizabethtown would take over managing the store and it would continue with self-service and wait-on service. Telephone orders would be accepted and deliveries made to anywhere in town. The cashing of paychecks would be available with the grand opening on January 30.

   BUT, in August of 1941 The Lititz-Record published an article headlined “Local Grocer Takes A Powder.” According to Dan Withers, owner of the building, Arthur Dupler, manager of the Lititz Food Market had had enough of the food market business. On Saturday Dupler had backed up his truck after work, loaded a truckload of articles, and later returned the truck to where it had been purchased. Withers at this point attached property of the market on a landlord’s warrant and stated that there were no plans for the future.
1945 The 4-Star Bakery, operated by Ted Stauffer, was the occupant according to an ad that appeared in the paper. Nothing more was found that indicated a grocery store was ever again
located at this address. After this time it was operated as a 5 & 10 type variety store and eventually a clothing store. [LRE 5/17]

25 South Broad Street

1910 Howard D. Bollinger bought the smoked meat and confectionery stand conducted for years by J. B. Fasnacht & Co. [LE 9/16] [LR 9/15]

“H.D. (Howard) Bollinger, NEW MAN AT AN OLD STAND” announced that he had bought the good will and fixtures of Fasnacht’s Confectionary and smoked meat store. [LR 9/22]

1911 H.D Bollinger at 25 South Broad Street has a good stock of “Summer Eatables” (cheese, ham, bologna, peanut butter, frankfurters, garlic links, and dried beef). [LR 6/8]

1911 “FOR SALE – I offer for sale the good will and fixtures of my Smoked Meat and Confectionery Store, No. 25 S. Broad St., Lititz. This is an old established stand enjoying a fine patronage and is an excellent opportunity for someone desiring to start in business. Possession given at once. For particulars call at the store or write. H.D. Bollinger” [LR 12/14 & 12/21]

1912 H.D. Hollinger is the proprietor. (Note: It is now Hollinger, not Bollinger.) Smoked meats, Cheese, Clams, Confectionery, Fruits and Vegetables are on the list of goods along with “All kinds of Fish". The ad states that purchases are direct from Philadelphia with the result that the very best goods on the market are available at the lowest possible price. [LR 7/4]

1912 This information appeared in the September 26 issue of The Lititz Record. “H.D. (Hiram) Hollinger this week sold the good will and contents of his confectionery and green grocery store at 25 S. Broad Street to Charles A. Smith.” [9/26]

1916 In the Lititz Directory for 1916-1917 Ezra Habecker was listed as the proprietor of a provision store at this location. Stock carried included smoked meats, bread, confectionery, oysters, and fruit. No street number is mentioned.

1923 An ad appeared for Gochenaur’s Handy Store, proprietor Albert Gochenaur. Vegetables in season were sold as well as an assortment of meat and cheese. “Phone your order to us and we will deliver it to your home.” [LR 3/3] No phone number listed in the ad as the dial system did not go into effect until November 29, 1949. This phone and delivery message continued to appear until 1939.

1942 Galen B. Minnich opened Minnich’s Delicatessen at this location in June of 1942. Advertised were homemade baked beans, potato salad, a big variety of cold meats, groceries, cheese, fresh fruits and vegetables. The store was open seven days and
evenings a week. Oysters and clams were carried in season. Advertisements for “Galen Minnich – Oysters, Clams, Fish-Haddock-Perch Fillets” were found in the yearly Community Show Programs of 1952, 1955 and 1956. No address given. Groceries, meat and cheese were still offered.

27 South Broad Street
1916 “Levi H. Rudy – Provision Store” and “Rudy’s Meat Store” at this address were listed in the Lititz Directory of 1916-1917.

29 South Broad Street
1947 In June W.K. Mellinger had a Grand Opening of his Red Rose Store newly located at 29 South Broad Street. (Previously located at 22 East Main Street.) Phone orders were available for home delivery. In August an announcement was made in the Lititz-Record Express that the store would be under the new management of Dot and Al Taft as owners and Mr. Hacker would “continue to serve you as in the past.” (Wilson Hacker was the manager when the store was on East Main Street and apparently came along when it relocated.)

1948 A two day Grand Opening was held on January 23 and 24 with C.L. Moore named as the proprietor. The Manager was W.E. Hacker. Home deliveries were still available.

1949 An ad in the Lititz Record-Express issue of December 1 was the last to be found for this store or any grocery store at this location. It stated that the store was under new management with W.E. Hacker as manager, and included an odd phrase that would have been understood by the people of that time. “Come and See Pop.”

47-49 South Broad Street (Corner of Broad Street & Orange Street)
1878 H. E. Miller at Broad and Main Street. [LR 12/31]
1881 H. E. Miller, Broad St. [LE 9/10]
1882 It was announced that a new proprietor would be operating the former H.E. Miller store. [LR 4/28]
1882 Stump’s store, successor to H.E. Miller would carry material, ladies skirts, all kinds of fancy goods, and a full line of groceries, always on hand, was offered. [LR 5/12]
1883 Advertisements for Stump’s Store appeared in the newspapers as early as April 1882, but it was not until October of 1883 that the location of the corner of Broad and Orange Streets appeared. Dry-goods as well as household items and groceries were stocked.
1884 Stump’s Store ad carried a location at the corner of Broad and Orange Streets, Lititz. [LR 4/11]
1886 The Grand Opening at H. E. Miller’s Store at the corner of Broad and Orange Streets was announced. The enlarged and remodeled store would open on or about December 1st. The Grand Opening took place December 4th. [LR 11/19 - 12/3]
1887 A small article in the paper related that Jeremiah Stump had rented the Tshudy store stand and dwelling. He thought that about the first of May he would open the store, but would continue at Broad street until his present lease expired.
NOTE: Apparently the store location at Broad and Orange was two separate stores with H. E. Miller on one side and Jeremiah Stump’s on the other side.

1889 The first advertisement was found for H.E. Miller, Dry Goods and Groceries located at the corner of Broad and Orange Streets in Lititz. Both Lititz papers, The Record and the Express carried the ad. [LR 7/5] In that same paper an ad for Stump’s Store was found with Main Street as the location of the store. No street number was ever mentioned.


1894 In March H.E. Miller announced that he was leaving the business and that the Messrs. Doster and Miller were the new owners. The ad stated that Doster & Miller, successors for H.E. Miller, had assumed full control of the store stand of H.E. Miller. Produce would be taken in exchange for goods with the highest market prices given. [LR 3/9]

1899 The dissolving of the partnership of Doster & Miller was announced by I.H. Doster and H.C. Miller. [LR 9/1]

1899 H.C. Miller’s Corner Store has bargains from the firm of Doster & Miller with all goods sold regardless of cost. New goods expected in by September 28. [LR 9/22]

1909 H.C. Miller and Bros. at Broad and Orange listed with Independent phone number 57. [LR 12/16]

1913 H.C. Miller & Bros. announced the dissolution of partnership with a big sale. [LR 3/6] By April 10 the ads were for Chas. R. Miller and the stock still included groceries.

1916 The advertisement for C.H. Miller (sic) Department Store in the Lititz Directory of 1916-1917 listing 47-49 as the street numbers for this location.

1925 In April Miller & Habecker (see Habecker at 25 South Broad Street) had a Garden Spot Store in this area. In June Noah Trimmer bought the grocery business of E.E. Habecker known as Miller & Habecker Department Store. E.E. Habecker remained in charge. Prior to this Noah Trimmer was located in the Rudy Building at 29 East Main Street.

1925 Trimmer’s Broad Street ran an ad for “Week-end Grocery Specials.” The date was October 22. The next week’s issue carried an ad for Trimmer’s Department Store with a special offer of a “Kitchen Queen Coffee Maker for half price with a purchase of one pound of El Capitan Coffee.”

1942 N.A. Trimmer was included in a product advertisement in the September 3rd issue of the Lititz Record-Express that was sponsored by Lux and Rinso (dish and laundry detergents) for all the stores in the area that carried their products.

1945 After the June 28 Issue of the Lititz Record-Express groceries no longer appeared in the ad for N.A. Trimmer.

1949 Noah Trimmer retired and it was announced that his business at Broad and Orange Streets would be closed and the building sold. [LR 9/8 & LR 10/3]
226 South Broad Street
1916 Mrs. Linville Dellinge operated a confectionary store at this location which also housed her husband’s printing business. [DLNLC 1916-1917]
1926 The store was now described as both a confectionary and a general store. [DLNLC 1926-1927]
1931 M.M. Bond’s Accommodation Store was now at this location, and according to two ads found in the March newspapers was stocked with canned fruits and vegetables. In July the business was bought by the (E.R.) Bollinger who operated it for the next seven years.
1936 Free delivery was advertised. [LR 6/11]
1937 A phone number was advertised. [LR 11/26]

233 South Broad Street
1938 Bollinger’s Store: “Today we’re in our new store (across from former stand).” The formal opening was announced and included a cordial invitation to inspect the new store and partake of food samples and watch a Heinz Demonstration. [LR 2/12]
1962 In October Grace Bollinger, proprietor of Bollinger’s Grocery Store, sold the business and property to Lillian and Harry Hoffman. Hoffman’s Red Rose Store continued in business for eight years.
1970 In October Lillian Hoffman announced that she could no longer manage the store by herself. A public sale of ‘Grocery Store Contents and Equipment’ was held. The building would be converted into two large apartments. [LRE 10/1]

320 South Broad Street
1909 David Eberly and his wife Sallie bought 8800 square feet of land on the west side of the Lititz to Lancaster Turnpike from James Brobst, a widower. The deed included a restriction that no building could be erected within 14 feet of the west side of the turnpike in order to allow for a sidewalk. In the time span from 1909 to 1916 a home with a store room at the front was built on an empty lot and the business was opened.
1932 “Ben H. Weber, who has purchased the former Eberly Store on South Broad Street and has remodeled the room, is having bargain days today, tomorrow and Saturday to clear out some odds and ends before his opening in about two weeks.” [LR 10/27] (The property was still owned by the Eberly’s. Only the store stock and equipment was being sold.)
1932 Weber’s South End Store held its formal opening in December. [LR 12/8]
1936 Weber’s was affiliated with LANCO and Red Rose grocery suppliers. [LR 1/10]
1938 Weber’s carried a complete line of groceries and Perfection Oil Ranges. [LR 5/22]
1940  “I wish to thank my many patrons for their fine co-operation during the past seven years in which I was in the grocery business here. Starting next Monday Weber’s South End Grocery will be operated by Mr. Clinton S. Kauffman. Benjamin H. Weber”. In the same issue an article reported the sale of Ben Weber’s store to Clinton Kauffman after 7½ years of Weber’s proprietorship. Later in the year an ad appeared for “C.S. Kauffman South End Store, Telephone 214-R, open for business.” [LRE 6/20]

1948  “Kauffman’s Self Service Store, Phone 214R, We Deliver.” [LRE 1/8]

1952  The Lititz Community Show Program carried the ad for C.S. Kauffman & Son indicating the inclusion of a second generation helping in the store.

1953  “Kauffman’s Self-Service Variety Store, Phone 6-2173, Free Delivery Daily, Convenient Parking.” Circle Green Stamps were added as a shopper incentive. [LRE 4/2 & LRE 5/14]

1959  Ads in September listed hours as appears here.

1960  “Harold H. Kauffman, Retail Grocer” appeared in the Directory of Lititz. Harold was the “& Son” from the 1952 ad.


1972  An ad in the Lititz Record in April thanked the “Customers and Friends of Kauffmans Market” for their patronage over the previous 8½ years. An article in The Lititz Record reported that Kauffman’s Market and the building containing the market had been sold to Carl Enck. The business was purchased from Carl Miller and the building from Kauffman. [LRE 4/6]

1972  Enck’s Country Market offered free delivery and listed its hours as Monday-Tuesday, 7-5:30; Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 7-9; and Saturday, 7-5. The housewares and clothing stock had been closed out with a 10% discount sale in April. [LRE 5/11]

1982  Enck’s went out of business. A bank had foreclosed on the property. Two large supermarkets had been built just a few blocks south of Enck’s Country Market, one in 1957 and the other in 1964. A mini-market had opened in the 1960’s.

721 South Broad Street
1968  An advertisement appeared in the Lititz Record-Express for Turkey Hill Minit Markets. [LRE 10/17]

740 South Broad Street
1964  Weis Markets – Opening Wednesday, January 8, 1964 at 9 a.m.
743 South Broad Street
1957  Hiestand’s Market, “Grand Opening Sale Thursday thru Saturday, October 10-11-12.” [LRE 10/10]
1958  Hiestand’s announced their affiliation with American Family Supermarkets. [LRE 3/27]
1967  Hiestand’s Market was sold to Save Rite Markets in September. They would continue to redeem Top Value Stamps. The Grand Opening took place on October 19, 1967. Save Rite Markets also had a store on West King Street in Lancaster. [LRE 9/14]
1968  Bob’s Save Rite, “Now locally owned & operated “ had a Grand Opening Sale with two weeks of special prices as advertised in Lititz Record-Express issues of Nov. 7 and Nov. 14. [LRE 11/7]
1978  Bob’s Save-Rite moved from this location to a new building on Route 501 north of Lititz.

Cedar Street [North]

130 North Cedar Street
1922  Harry Adams had an advertisement in the newspaper to announce that he had started a green grocery in his home. He also had a wagon to sell his produce door-to-door through-out town every Saturday morning and would sell only choice goods. [LR 12/21]

146 North Cedar Street
The earliest ad I found for Mrs. Annie Hershey’s store was in 1948. In the 1940 Federal Census Amos H. and Annie Hershey were living at 146 North Cedar Street. Her husband Amos, age 65, had no occupation listed, but Annie, age 54, was listed as a laundress. Their son, Leon, also lived there and was the proprietor of a ‘gasoline filling station.’ In the obituary for Amos Hershey in June of 1964, he was described as a retired tobacco dealer and farmer. The grocery store was always known as Annie Hershey’s store. Annie died in 1984 at the age of 98. She resided at Pleasant View Home near Manheim for 10 years.

1948  Advertisement of meats, groceries, fruits and vegetables, as well as ice cream available at Mrs. Annie Hershey’s store. Phone number listed was 62R. [LRE 11/25]
1955  Appearing in the Lititz Community Show program was an advertisement for Annie Hershey’s store selling meats, groceries, fruits, vegetables and ice cream, and also Tydol gas and oil.
In 1956 Annie’s son Elmer Hershey and his wife Margie took over the business and moved it to North New Street just around the corner from Annie’s original site. History of this will be found at the North New listings.

1965  A public sale of restaurant equipment, household goods and antiques would be held on the premises at 146 N. Cedar Street. The sale, advertised by
Annie Hershey, did not include the property. [LRE 5/20]

1971 On Saturday, June 16, a public auction of real estate and personal property was held by Annie Hershey [LRE 6/17]

400 North Cedar Street
1960 Hinkle’s Food Market listed as a retail grocer. [1960 Directory of Lititz Penna.]

408 North Cedar Street (North Cedar Street and Lincoln Avenue) (This location now carries the address number of 342 North Cedar Street)
1925 A photo of Jerry K. Adams and his Auto Garage appeared in the February 19 issue of The Lititz Record.

Jerry K. Adams Picked Good Location for Auto Garage

On what for years was waste land, at the apex of North Cedar street and Lincoln Avenue, Jerry Adams did some visualizing and built a garage and supply house. He bridged the San Domingo creek, and put up an artistic building for his business, conforming with the V shape of the streets. It might be called the house of many gables. It provides a fine display room for the cars of which he has the agency—the Oldsmobile and the Studbaker.

He sells supplies, such as gasolines, oils, tires and other accessories. Jerry is on the job, a hustler, and is making good as an auto salesman, going beyond what friends believed was possible for this section.

He also sells cigars and candy, believing in getting out of the business all that’s possible, and besides as has proven itself, little sales and a chance to converse has led to bigger sales. Mr. Adams isn’t afraid to work and can be found on the job from daybreak to bedtime. It shows what can come out of an idea and steady push.
1927  “The New Auto Repairing Shop of Jerry K. Adams in the newly erected building on North Cedar street has been opened for business.” [LR 3/24]

1936  J.K. Adams store appeared as part of an advertisement in the newspaper on behalf of the sellers of Lux Soap. [LR 1/16]

1936  “Sudden Flood Damages Store.” A sudden cloudburst in the vicinity of Halfville caused the Santa Domingo Creek to reach the highest flood stage recorded.

The greatest damage was caused at Jerry Adams’ store, where grocery stock in his cellar was submerged and ruined. Men worked all day Saturday getting the stock out of the basement and cleaning it off with a hose, salvaging whatever was worth keeping. Borough fireman pumped water from his cellar and several others in the vicinity.

Mr. Adams said the water rose inside of 20 minutes and the first gush of water was like an ocean wave. The stream went down to normal in about one hour.

1938  The Jerry Adams Grocery appeared in a manufacturer’s ad for Lux soap. [LR 5/26]

1946  Free delivery and a phone number were now appearing in the ad for Jerry Adams. [LRE 11/25]

Front Street

Front Street and north of Front Street was known as the Village of Warwick. The street now known as North Cedar Street was formerly East Front Street. After the Village of Warwick merged with Lititz on January 15, 1915 the street was renamed. This intersection of Front, Cedar, and Liberty Streets was called five points.

Front Street

1894  Wm.Gantz will open a grocery store at his residence on Front street, Warwick, about Monday next. It is to be called the East Warwick Grocery. [LR 3/23]

This ad appeared in the Lititz Record issue of April 6, 1894. Mr. Gantz did not appear in the Federal Census for this area in 1900.

East Front Street

1905  P. F. Bollinger, Proprietor, announced the opening of the Front Street Cash Grocery on October 14. [LE 12/1]

Phares and Minnie Bollinger were the proprietors.

41 East Front Street

1949  “Huber’s Dressed Poultry and Fresh Eggs, Phone 624-M” [LRE 4/28]

Clarence Landis Operating Business - Huber’s Dressed Poultry service, formerly operated by Carl D. Huber, has been purchased by Clarence R. Landis, 41 East Front St., who will continue the business. Mr. Landis announced that he will continue the same
policies which has made this business a thriving one for the past 22 years Mr. Landis will deal in both dressed poultry and fresh eggs. He will make regular deliveries throughout the borough as before.

Five Points
1909  “N. B. Leaman is fitting up two rooms of his property at the Five Points with two show window glasses 7 by 8 feet. The one store room will be occupied by Milton D. Bender as a meat market, who will take possession on April 1st. B. F. Lutz will occupy Bender's place on Main Street after that date.”  [LR 2/4]

91 East Front Street
1916  Milton Bender Butcher Store.  [LDNLC 1916-1917]
1926  “D.M. Bender & Son, Meat Market – D. Milton Bender”  [DLNLC 1926-1927]

93 East Front Street
1910  J.B. Hernley Five Point Cash Grocery carried fancy and staple groceries as well as fine bananas, oranges and lemons. This advertisement was published in the 1913 Lititz-Warwick Directory.
1916  J.B. Hernley listed as the proprietor of the Five Point Grocery located on the northwest corner of East Front and Cedar streets.  [DLNLC 1916-1917]
1918  B.M. Leaman (of Leaman & Leed Grocery on North Broad Street) opened his first retail branch store at Five Points. The main store was on North Broad Street.  [Article in LRE 3/30/1939]
1952  Clair’s Grocery, Roy E. Clair, Proprietor.  [LRE 11/6]
1955  Advertisement for Clair’s 5 Point Store’s that appeared in the Lititz Community Show program offered daily delivery of orders.
1959  Clair’s Grocery offered Fresh and Frozen Food as advertised in the Lititz Community Show program. In the May 14 issue of the Lititz Record-Express free delivery was offered and a phone number, MA6-6307, to call for this service.
Weekly advertising in the local newspaper did not appear for Clair’s Grocery. The ad in the May 14 issue was an ad sponsored by Colgate-Palmolive and covered 14 different stores.

205 East Front Street (also used address of 201 East Front Street)
1938  Roy L. Wallace Lanco/Red Rose store appeared in manufacturer ads for Lux and Rinso soap products.  [LRE 12/1] [LRE 9/3/1942]
1940  Roy L. Wallace store participated in a manufacturer ad with a special offer for El Capitan Coffee.  [LRE 12/5]
1948  Wallace offered free delivery and included a phone number in his ad.  [LRE 11/25]
1950  Burkholder’s Grocery store offered free delivery with hours of 6:30 a.m. – 9 p.m.  [LRE 5/11]
Burkholder’s Grocery now included a phone number along with merchandise delivery. Hours now 7:30 a.m. – 9 p.m.  [LRE 8/3]
1951  Burkholder’s Grocery was advertised as a Lanco Home Owned food store.  [LRE 1/1]
A First Anniversary Sale was held on May 3, 4, & 5. [LRE 5/3]

1952 Rufus Burkholder was manager of this grocery store for 2½ years. [LRE 11/6]

1955 Burkholder’s Grocery Store celebrated their Fifth Anniversary. Free delivery was available for call-in orders. [LRE 5/12]

1960 Burkholder announced that the store was going out of business and advertised 20% off all merchandise. [LRE 2/11]

**217 East Front Street**

1910 A brief article stated that George H. Studenroth had been in the grocery business since April 1, 1910. [LR 2/26/1925]

1916 An ad for Geo. H. Studenroth, General Store appeared. [DLNLC 1916-1917]

1934 Two boys stole $7 from the cash drawer of Studenroth’s store. [LR 5/3]

1938 An obituary appeared for “Veteran Lititz Grocer” George Studenroth. He had lived in Lititz since 1909 and also operated a store in Lexington. [LRE 3/24]

**237 East Front Street**

1932 A.S. Sharp has converted part of his residence at 237 East Front Street into a store room and will offer a full line of groceries. He is a member of Lanco Service Stores. His son, Barton Sharp, had operated a store at North Broad & Lincoln Streets. [LR 3/10] [LR 2/26/1925]

1936 Home delivery was available. [LR 1/16]

1939 A.S. Sharp had a Seventh Anniversary Sale. [LRE 4/6]

1942 A.S. Sharp participated in a manufacturers group ad for Lux and Rinso products. [LRE 9/3]

1943 Mr. and Mrs. Adam S. Sharp celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at their home at 237 East Front Street. [LRE 2/18]

1948 An advertisement appeared for Brubaker’s Grocery. [LRE 11/25]

1951 A public sale of the premises at 237 East Front Street was held on October 27th to settle the estate of Adam S. Sharp. [LRE 10/4]

1952 Brubaker Grocery advertisement the Lititz Community Show Program included frozen foods.

1953 Brubaker’s Grocery Store began closing at 6 p.m. on Saturdays effective 6/1. [LRE 5/14]


1971 It appears that Brubaker Grocery Store did not use the newspaper as an advertising medium. The next item to appear in the Lititz Record Express [LRE 4/1] was this ad.
Liberty Street

Liberty Street
1940  W.H. Burkhart participated in a manufacturer's ad for purchasing a pound of El Capitan Coffee and a Kitchen Queen Coffee Maker for $1.24. [LRE 12/5]

This ad is large, but very interesting. It also includes the other grocery stores in the area that carried the same products.

118 Liberty Street
1946  The opening of Benny's Market was announced. Adams County apples, green vegetables and oysters were advertised. The store would be open all day and evenings. The proprietor was Walter (Benny) White. [LRE 9/26]

1947  In February an ad for steaming clams, oysters, fish, vegetables and fruit appeared.

120 Liberty Street
1948  Zimmerman's Grocery ran an advertisement periodically for about two years.

1950  Liberty Food Store, Earl Steinmetz, proprietor advertised free delivery. The store had been open since November 1949. [LRE 8/17]

Lincoln Avenue (East)

142 East Lincoln Avenue
1948  This was the only advertisement found for Mrs. Christ's neighborhood store. It was in the Lititz Record-Express on November 23, 1948. It seems to be that many of these smaller stores did not advertise, but depended on the neighbors for their sales.
**East Main Street**  (North side is odd numbers. South side is even numbers.)

**Introduction**
Throughout the recorded history of Lititz, Main Street (later to be known as East Main Street) was constantly changing. In the earliest days, Church Square in what is now the 100 block of East Main Street, was the center of activity with most needed businesses located in that area. As the population grew and the inhabited area grew, so did the business center. Some businesses remained in the same location for years. There were also “floating businesses” such as Uncle John’s Fish Market in the mid 1940’s at 311 East Main Street in 1943 and at 202 North Broad Street in 1945; and John Peters Apple Market at 9 East Main that ran an ad in March of 1944 for Stayman and Golden Delicious apples. There was no indication that they were the same person, but most likely were. These businesses were seasonal and only needed a place to sell from for a few months a year and were usually close to the center of town for shopper convenience. Many of these seasonal businesses sold their goods from a small truck that would follow a standard route through town.

**15 East Main Street**
An article in The Lititz Record of May 25, 1972 was published when Ben Lutz retired and sold his meat market. It mentioned that his father had started the family business in 1895 at the rear of 15 East Main Street and at the turn of the century had opened a farmer’s market where the drive-thru area of the Susquehanna Bank (BB&T) is now located. When Ben and his brother, John, joined their father in the business in 1927, the store was moved to its present location at 53 East Main Street.

1926  The rear of 15 East Main Street was the location of a central meat market run by B.F. Lutz on Saturday afternoons and evenings. [DLNLC 1926-1927]

**17 East Main Street**
1922  “Pfautz Bros. to have Opening of New Building” was the headline of a local newspaper article. (See 28 East Main Street for previous location.) On Saturday, November 25th Pfautz Bros would hold a grand opening of their new department store on Main Street. A concert would be given by the Brunswick Orchestra. A public rest room for the ladies was located on the 2nd floor, and free phone service, both Bell and Independent, was available. An advertisement in the same paper gave the new address as 17 East Main Street and stated that the firm, consisting of Roy and Robert Pfautz, had started in business in the old Rudy building (27-31 E. Main St.) in 1911 with a very small stock of merchandise and a very small space. [LR 11/23]

1926  “Pfautz Bros. Dept. Store on the Square” [LR 2/11]

1936  “Store Stock Sold” - William G. Johnstone, Jr., trustee in bankruptcy for Robert E. and J. Roy Pfautz trading as Pfautz Brothers Department Store, held public sale Friday afternoon and sold the entire stock of merchandise to A. Taylor of Philadelphia for $4,285. Also sold were a sedan automobile for $61, a delivery truck for $35, and a junked car for $6. Another article stated that A. Taylor of Philadelphia will reopen the Pfautz Brothers Department store in the near future to dispose of the stock and perhaps continue in business here. [LR 1/30]
Read every item on this sheet, as we can supply you with many articles that you were forced to buy out of town prior to opening our new store. Allow us to serve you. We are offering the greatest collection of Reliable Shoes, Dry Goods, Floor Coverings, Sweater Coats and Groceries.

**Drug Department**

A COMPLETE LIST OF DAILY SPECIALS

**Pharmacy**
- Coughs, colds, flu, burns, cuts, scratches, etc.
- Cold remedies, cough drops, etc.
- Feminine needs

**Ladies' Department**
- Hosiery, stockings, undergarments
- Socks, shoes, boots, slippers
- Handbags, umbrellas, parasols

**Men's Department**
- Hats, suits, coats, ties, shoes
- Neckties, socks, undergarments

**Dry Goods Dept.**
- We carry the largest and best assortment of Dry Goods in 921 St. Booka Brothers
- Wool Dres Goods in large sizes
- Confidence and Bids, fresh to order

**The Best Lehman Bogeys**
- 13c each

**Williamson Thread**
- 5c each

**Silk and B. M. C. Crochet Cotton**
- 10c each

**Ladies' Department**
- Dresses
- Sportswear
- Underwear
- Hosiery
- Gloves
- Scarves
- Neckwear

**Men's Department**
- Suits
- Sportcoats
- Ties
- Underwear
- Hats

**Footwear**
- Shoes
- Boots
- Slippers

**Groceries**
- Biscuits, tea, coffee, sugar, salt
- Fruits, vegetables, dairy products

**Ladies' Department**
- Dresses
- Sportswear
- Underwear
- Hosiery
- Gloves
- Scarves
- Neckwear

**Men's Department**
- Suits
- Sportcoats
- Ties
- Underwear
- Hats

**Footwear**
- Shoes
- Boots
- Slippers

**Groceries**
- Biscuits, tea, coffee, sugar, salt
- Fruits, vegetables, dairy products

**Dinner Ware**
- Made in Japan, dinner set for 12, dinner plates, bowls, cups, saucers, plates, etc.
- Plates, bowls, cups, saucers, etc.

**Girls Dept.**
- Dresses
- Skirts
- Blouses
- Sleepwear
- Tights
- Gloves
- Handbags
- Accessories

**Boots & Shoes**
- Men's, women's, children's
- Dress shoes, casual shoes, boots
- Hiking shoes, work shoes, gym shoes

**Gentlemen's Department**
- Suits
- Sportcoats
- Ties
- Underwear
- Hats

**Footwear**
- Shoes
- Boots
- Slippers

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- Biscuits, tea, coffee, sugar, salt
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**Dinner Ware**
- Made in Japan, dinner set for 12, dinner plates, bowls, cups, saucers, plates, etc.
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1936 The next issue of the newspaper carried a large ad for the Bankrupt Sale of Pfautz Bros. Store. Everything, including fixtures, had to be sold. The sale would begin Thursday, Feb. 6, at 9 A.M. and would be conducted by Penn-Jersey Auctioneers. [LR 2/6]

A month later a notice appeared as if the original sale had not succeeded. An auction sale of Pfautz Bros. Store on E. Main St. would start Friday, March 27, at 10 A.M. and would continue until everything was sold, including the entire stock of dry goods, groceries, oil cloth, linoleum, etc., and fixtures. “Everything Must Be Sold!” [LR 3/26]

1936 On Saturday, June 27th, P.T. Trimble & Sons (Philip T. Trimble) opened their cash hardware store at this location.

20 East Main Street
1936 Rosey’s Ice Cream moved into the vacant Haines Shoe Store. [LR 3/22]

22 East Main Street
This location was the site of the Lititz Book Store in 1905 when John Zook, the proprietor, published “Historical and Pictorial Lititz.” This publication contained an alphabetical listing of the persons living in Lititz and Warwick. Historical information and advertising of the day makes this book a treasure trove of information for the researcher. John Zook owned The Express Printing Co., Inc., located in Lititz, and he published the “1926-1927 Directory of Lititz and Northern Lancaster County,” “Directory of Lititz and Northern Lancaster County 1916-1917,” and the weekly newspaper “The Lititz Express.”

1936 A store run by Vernon Gibson was included in a group advertisement along with eleven other stores for Lux Products. [LR 1/16]

1938 “Red Rose Food Store, Phone 171, We Deliver.” [LR 5/26]

1940 Vernon Gibson participated in a special blanket ad for El Capitan coffee. The customer could buy a pound of El Capitan Coffee and a Kitchen Queen Coffee Maker for $1.24. The regular price was $2.52. [LRE 12/5]

1945  Wilson Hacker was manager of the Red Rose Store, and a phone number for delivery of orders appeared in ads. [LRE 6/7 & 6/11]

1946  An advertisement announced that the Red Rose Store was now being run by W.K. Mellinger with Wilson Hacker as manager and had moved to 27 South Broad Street. Stock carried was fresh meats and groceries. [LRE 12/5]

22½ East Main Street
1949  Conroy’s Ice Cream Store advertised. [LRE7/28]
1950  Now at this location was a store listed as Dorwart’s Ice Cream Store under the new management of Donald Dorwart. [LRE 6/5]

23 East Main Street
1925  Oysters were sold by John Hartranft located in the Harris Building. [LR 10/14]
1953  An ad for Harris Variety Center included ice-cream and delicatessen products. [LRE 8/27]

27-29 East Main Street
1913  An advertisement gave this location for Pfautz Brothers. Dry goods, groceries, notions, and country produce were carried, and S & H Green Trading Stamps were given. [Lititz-Warwick Directory 1913] Pfautz Brothers moved to 17 East Main Street in 1922.
1916  An advertisement for Trimmer’s 1-25 Cent Store gave its location as 27 East Main Street in the Rudy Building. [DLNLC 1916-1917]

27-31 East Main Street
1925  Groceries would no longer be sold from this location. The Rudy Building was being remodelled to accommodate R.M. Spacht’s businesses as a funeral director and a furniture dealer. The front of the first story would be torn out and filled in with limestone. Inside there would be open stairways to the third floor, an electric elevator, a funeral auditorium and casket display room on the third floor, and morgue of the latest design, leaving plenty of room for the display of furniture. A building would be erected at the rear of the store for storage, a cabinet shop and a garage. [LR 11/19]
1967  Spacht’s was still at this location.

28 East Main Street (sometimes listed as 28-30 East Main St.)
1877  Tshudy’s Store on Main Street carried buckwheat flour, cornmeal, Hecker’s Self-Rising Flour and a general line of family groceries and other general merchandise. [LR 10/19]
1887  In January notices began appearing for auctions and sales to be held at Tshudy’s Store. H.H. Tshudy was retiring and the store was closing. The auctions were held every Wednesday until March 4th when the ad
changed to Closing out Sale at Tshudy’s Store on Friday March 4th. In the “This and That” column in March 18th, there is a notice that Tshudy’s store stand is still for rent or sale and another notice “On Tuesday, 22d inst., there will be a public sale at Tshudy’s store or household goods, &c.”

1887 Article in the Record that Jeremiah Stump rented the Tshudy Store Stand and dwelling. He will move into the dwelling, but the store will not be open until about May 1st. He currently has a lease for the store stand on Broad Street. [LR 4/1] On May 6th the store is declared moved and ready with better facilities and a larger stock. May 13th it was reported that Jerry Stump was in Philadelphia making new purchases for his already well-filled store.

1889 Typos still happen. [LR 2/15] (See ad to left.)

1894 E.H. Grube issued an invitation to the public to come to his Grand Opening on Saturday, April 7. “Everything New! Everything Open for your Inspection! Everything at Rock Bottom Prices!” E.H. Grube, Successor to J. Stump, Main St., Lititz. [LR 4/6]


1903 Witmyer’s Store, D.C. Witmyer, proprietor listed a Phone Number, 42; Goods Delivered Free; and Levan’s Pastry Flour. [LR 7/3]


1911 D.G. Witmyer, proprietor of the White Front Cash Store, sold his entire interest in the store to Roy and Robert Pfautz, with ownership changing hands on August 1. The new owners intend to carry a full line of the latest goods. [LR 7/27]

1913 An article headlined “Enlarging Their Store Room – Pfautz Brothers” reported: “The proprietors of the White Front Store on East Main Street will shortly have a larger and better store. They are adding to the building 35 feet more in the rear, which with the present quarters will give them 80 feet of store room. There will also be many new improvements added with an open stairway to the second floor. The latest improved walker bins and shelving will be installed and groceries will be under glass in the most sanitary system. The change is to be completed by May 1st.” [LR 3/20]

The Grand Opening sale on May 15 celebrated the event by giving double S&H Green Stamps. Music was provided by Hackman’s Orchestra. [LR 5/8]

1916 An advertisement for Pfautz Bros. Department Store gave the address as 28-30 East Main Street. [DLNLC 1916-1917]

1919 The business was still located at 28-30 East Main Street and advertised a second location at 7 South Spruce Street. [LR 8/14]

1922 Pfautz Brothers Department Store moved to 17 East Main Street. [LR 11/23]
1926  A&P Tea Company Grocery Store. [1926-1927 DLNLC]

30 East Main Street
1942  An advertisement carried the news that Ford’s Market would be holding the Grand Opening of a branch store at 30 East Main Street. Their main store address was 353 East Main Street. [LRE 2/26]

32 East Main Street
1916  An advertisement for H.H. Royer, Provision Store (butcher) advertisement ran in two publications. [LR 6/2 & DLNLC 1916-1917]

41 East Main Street
1916  An advertisement for the B.H. Lutz Provision Store, Butcher appeared. [DLNLC 1916-1917]
1924  Edward Heidrick announced that a new fruit and produce store would open in the Hertz storeroom about February 1st. He would carry a line of produce at the lowest prices and would handle both retail and wholesale sales. [LR 1/31]
1927  Ed Heidrick advertised potatoes for sale. He had two cars of Fancy Selected Irish Cobblers available at $5.00 for a 150 pound bag. [LR 3/17] Two weeks later he had a railroad car of Fancy Michigan Russets for $5.50 a bag and a car of Fancy Heavyweights at $5.00 for a 150 pound sack available on April 1, 2, and 3. The phone number to call was 321-R-3. [LR 3/31]
1967  Location of the Lititz Sports Center.

43 East Main Street
1925  National Consumer Stores Co., Inc. ran an advertisement for their Grand Opening of “the finest grocery store in Lancaster County.” The fixtures were all steel, and it was the best lighted store with service and quality offered. [LR 4/23] In May their ad announced that they paid highest prices for eggs. [LR 5/14] “We Deliver Your Orders Free of Charge.” [LR 11/12]
1926  Now advertised as Old Glory Coffee Company formerly National Consumers Stores. Ads for this store were found until August 1931.
1971  Harry Miller’s Bargain Town Grand Opening. [LRE 12/9]

45 East Main Street
1930  Advertisement: “Hess’ Fruit Market, Grand Opening of 100% Fruit Store With New Ideas.” Stated in the ad was the declaration that they would carry a smaller amount of stock at a lower price so that there would be a quicker turnover of product that would be fresher. It appears that fresh vegetables would be sold as well as sea foods in season. [LR 2/13] There was no further advertising. In 1934 this business’s location was advertised as 43 E. Main Street.
48-50 East Main Street

1899  The Lititz Record carried a notice that the firm of Doster & Miller at 47-49 South Broad Street, by mutual consent, would be dissolved about September 15. All claims against the partnership and all indebtedness to the partnership should be settled on or before the dissolution date. The notice was partnered by I.H. Doster and H.C. Miller. [LR 9/1] Doster & Miller were located at 47-49 South Broad Street. H.C. Miller’s Corner Store continued at that location.

1899  I.H. Doster’s new store would open on Main Street, the 2nd door east of the bank, opposite the Hotel Sturgis which was at Sturgis Lane & East Main Street. All goods offered for sale would be fresh and new. [LR 10/20]

1900  Telephone No. 40. [LR 1/26]

1911  Free delivery of goods. [LR 1/5]

1916  I.H. Doster’s ad featured groceries and specials for that week. [LE 3/3]

1917  “I.H. Doster, Opposite Hotel Sturgis, Phone 140, Goods delivered free.” [LR 10/11]

1925  “I.H. Doster, Garden Spot Store.” [LR 4/16]

1926  “Doster’s Department Store.” [LR 1/28]

1936  “I.H. Doster and Paul A. Doster will have separate stores with Paul Doster selling groceries andIsrael Doster selling dry goods and notions.” “Paul A. Doster announced the opening of his new and modern grocery store while his father, I.H. Doster, announced the continuation of his dry goods and notions business in separate rooms in the Doster Building. The grocery business would now be essentially self-serve with all merchandise within easy reach of customers. All new shelving, an electrically refrigerated meat case, vegetable rack and other fixtures of the latest type would be installed. [LE 6/25]

1937  “I.H. Doster Sells Store Business to Reading Man.” It was reported in the newspaper that I.H. Doster, a well-known local merchant, had disposed of his dry goods and notions business to Lambert G. Rehr of Reading. Mr. Doster was one of the oldest merchants in town and had been service the people of the community for 43 years. He started in business at Broad and Orange Streets in 1894 and in 1899 erected the large building on East Main Street and continued in business there. Mr. Doster wanted to retire and had started in that direction by dividing his business with his son, Paul Doster, operating the grocery. At that time the large store was divided into two modern stores.

   “Mr. Rehr will open next at 50 East Main Street with a complete line of dry goods, notions, hosiery, shirts and other articles.” [LR 4/1]

48 East Main Street

1934  Hess Fruit Market: fresh fruits and vegetables, fish, clams and oysters. [LR 3/6]

1938  Doster’s Second Anniversary Specials advertised. [LR 6/16]

1948  The name of the store appeared in ads as Paul A. Doster Store and included a phone number and an offer of free delivery. [LRE 1/8]
1949  It was now known as Dosters’ Super Market and free parking behind the store for customers was advertised.  [LRE 2/3]

1950  First Birthday of Doster’s as an IGA Food Store.  [LRE 8/3]

1958  Doster’s Super Market “Grand Reopening Sale” advertisement appeared in the newspaper. The store had doubled in size and featured a new self-service meat department, a new produce department and a new frozen-food department. All these improvements were intended to give the customer a larger selection when grocery shopping. Automatic checkouts had also been installed.  [LRE 6/19]

1967  Doster’s Super Market Better Food Buys appeared in the last advertisement to be found for this grocery store. A thorough search of the local papers turned up no further advertisements for Doster’s after the June 22 issue of The Lititz Record-Express which was now the only Lititz newspaper being printed. The Express and the Record had merged in 1937.

49-51 East Main Street

1947  “Good News, another new Acme Super Market will open next Tuesday, May 27 at 49-51 E. Main St., Lititz, Pa. Watch for our opening circular with new lower prices.”  [LRE 5/22]

“Acme Super Markets, Lititz’ Newest Food Market, now open.”  [LRE 5/29]

1949  Acme Super Markets was owned and operated by American Stores Company.  [LRE 6/28]

49 East Main Street

1972  Appearing in the August 24 issue of The Lititz Record-Express was the announcement that the Lititz Book Store owned by Bill Bell would now be located at this site. It had formerly been the site of the Lititz Laundromat, Herb’s Deli, and the ACME Store.

53 East Main Street

1927  An article in The Lititz Record of May 25, 1972 was written on the occasion of the retirement of Ben Lutz and the sale of his meat market. In it is mentioned that his father had started the family business in 1895 (rear of 15 East Main Street) and at the turn of the century opened a farmer’s market where the drive-thru area of the BB&T (Susquehanna Bank) is now located. When Ben and his brother, John, joined their father in the business in 1927, the store was moved to its present location at 53 East Main Street.

“New Central Market House Open for Business on Saturday, July 23, 1927” stated The Lititz Record. A more detailed report was found in an article headlined “To Occupy New Market House, B.F. Lutz, Propr. of Market House” and included the following:

The new Central Market House, west of the American Store, will be open for business the first time on Saturday. The old market house is being torn down this week and some of the building material is being used for the erection of an addition in the rear of the new market house. When the new place is entirely completed, with full floor space, requiring several more
weeks, an official opening will be held with a special attraction. Lititz will have one of the finest market houses of any town its size in the State. [LR 7/21]

1955 Lutz and Sons celebrated 75 years in business serving Lititz and vicinity with their own slaughtered meats. They were open daily and offered free delivery. The Farmer’s Market was open Saturday from 9 A.M. to 6 p.m. [LRE 5/26]

1972 Ben Lutz retired and sold the business to James Benedict of Manheim, who also owned Spring Meadow Farm Market. [LRE 5/25]

55 East Main Street

1919 The first advertisement for the American Stores Co. ran in the September 18th issue of The Lititz Record. No advertising for this store was found in the other Lititz paper, The Lititz Express.

1921 For a short time the ads run by American Stores Company identified the store as the ASCO Store.

1923 In the August 9th edition of the Lititz Record this notice was run by the American Stores Company.

1924 “American Store Being Enlarged: Additional room is being made at the American Store by building an addition to the rear. This will enlarge the store room ten feet in length and provide a storehouse of 10 x 14. A new floor will be laid. Additional room was much needed.” [LR 11/13]

1935 The new American Store would open for public inspection, and the people of the community were invited to view the modern grocery. Additional stock had been ordered and placed on the shelves. [LR 8/15]

1940 American Stores Co. had a Home Services Bureau, under the Direction of Elsie Carol, and as a service sponsored a “Dividends For Homemakers” radio show that aired at 8:45 AM on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday on the radio station WCAU.

1943 Grocery ads appeared for this store in the local newspapers on a weekly basis. Then in the June 20 issue of The Lititz Record, this notice appeared: “American Stores Co. Special Notice: Our manager (Richard Adams) has been drafted into the Army. Mr. Elmer (Dutch) Harding will have
charge of our local store. He will be assisted by Mr. Victor Kauffman. These local men earnestly solicit your patronage.” [LR 6/20]

1945 American Stores Co. – An open letter to the public was published concerning prices and control of prices because of the rationing of food and supplies needed for the armed forces during World War II. [LRE 1/18]

74-76 East Main Street
1917 J.L. Hosler, grocer was listed at this address, and an ad in the same directory referred to “The Quality Grocer, John L. Hosler, Jr., Proprietor.” [DLNLC 1916-1917]

1917 A headline in the in the Lititz Record of February 2, 1917 stated that “Hosler’s Grocery and House in Ruins. DESTROYED BY FIRE ON SATURDAY. Building and Contents Practically Destroyed—Fireman, Because of Frozen Hose, Prevented Doing Their Usual Quick Work.”

75 East Main Street

1905 “Large Variety of Holiday Goods at W.C. Enck’s Wholesale and Retail Bakery and Confectionary.” [LR 12/27]

1907 “Bollinger’s Confectionary, Bakers of Bread, Candy Makers, Ice Cream, Cakes, Dew Drops and Oysters in Season.” This could be read in a photograph of the store taken about 1907. It appeared in “Historical View of Lititz,” that contained selected photographs from the collection of Robert “Sketch” Mearig and compiled by Charlene Van Brookhoven.

1916 John Troutwine operated a confectionary store, Lititz Springs Candy Company, with a list of merchandise that included confectionary (candy), ice cream, soda water, sundaes, AND oysters in season. [DLNLC 1916-1917]

1924 Grand Opening on Saturday, November 15, 1924, at the new confectionary store. J. Albert Hall, Proprietor. Music furnished for the occasion. [LE 11/13]

1937 Stark’s Confectionary has Breyer’s Ice Cream. [LR 11/18]

1946 Location of The Weldwood Restaurant owned and operated by Richard Rader. [LRE 2/7]


1958 “Nick’s Restaurant & Cut Rate.” [LRE 3/10]

1962 Public Sale of Restaurant Equipment and Merchandise by Nick Mastromatteo. [LRE 4/26]

78-80 East Main Street

1926 Clayton Stehman, Green Grocer was listed at this address. [1926-1927 DLNLC]

1931 Grand opening announced for Stauffer Bros., a new meat market at the corner of East Main and Cedar Streets and successor to Stehman Grocery Store. The public was invited to inspect the store on Thursday night, May 14, but no meat would be sold until Friday 7 A.M. “A fine assortment of canned goods would be offered.” [LR 5/14]

In 1938 the four properties at the corner of East Main and Cedar Streets were sold to the US Government as the location for the new post office. Clayton Stehman owned the corner lot and Dr. C.D. Lane owned the adjoining three lots. In March 1940 the post office moved to this location. The building was dedicated October 19, 1940. (see photo below)
110 East Main Street

1933  “A New Grocery Store Is Born”. [LR 9/21]
1936  P.H. Hartranft was listed as a seller of Lux Soap Products in manufacturer sponsored multi-store ads that appeared in the January 16, 1936 and May 26, 1938 issues of the Lititz newspapers.
1938  Mrs. P. Hartranft at this address. [LRE 12/1]
      Pierce Hartranft died in 1946. In the 1940 Census it was his wife who was listed as the shop keeper. Carrie died in 1960 and had been the proprietress of Carrie’s Dress Shop and before that a grocery store.
1971  Site of Kelly’s Deli. No opening information for Kelly’s or closing information for Hartranft’s.
122 East Main Street

1762 The original building erected in 1762 was limestone and two stories high with a gable roof. The façade of this building is five bays wide with a central doorway. The store occupied the east side. The original structure was numbered as 120 East Main street. The addition, built when Nathaniel Wolle bought the store, was three stories high with a flat roof and was numbered 122 East Main street.

In 1762 Mathias Schady (Tschudy?), a Philadelphia Moravian, erected the building. The Congregational Store was opened by John Christian Fenstermacher in 1764. Until 1828 this was the only store in Lititz and served the Moravian Community and those living in northern Lancaster County. Other shopkeepers who ran the Congregational Store after John Fenstermacher (who died in 1767), were Jasper Payne, John Becker, John Levering, Samuel Grosh and Ferdinand Lennart.

1854-1859 The expansion by Nathaniel Wolle would be the used for the store. Until Lititz became an open community and outsiders could own property, the store had been the Congregational Store. Now it would become Wolle’s Store, also known as the Old Lititz Store.

1877 The Old Lititz Store, Nath’l. S. Wolle. [LR 9/21]

1893 R.N. Wolle advertised that the following: “We Pay 24 cents for Eggs, 22 cents for Roll Butter, 24 cents for Print Butter, 9 cents for Lard, 6 cents for Carpet Rags.” [LR 12/22]

1896 Wolle’s Bee Hive Store, R.N. Wolle. “We have a few Barrels left yet of good sour apples. Price is 25¢ a Peck. Try our own make of mince-meat…. If you have Sunlight Soap card, please bring it in and get a piece of soap for it.” [LR 1/10]

After Nathaniel Wolle died in 1899, his son Robert N. Wolle would assume proprietorship of the store. After Robert’s death his wife and sons, Nathaniel and Theodore, conducted the business.

1913 “R.N. Wolle Est., Telephone No.58, Goods delivered free.” “Seasonable” Merchandise and a Wagon were offered for sale with the following description: “It is a second-hand Board Wagon in good condition. Will be sold cheap. Apply to R.N. Wolle estate, Lititz.” [LR 2/6]

1915 The following is from the column “Events Concisely Told” found on the front page of the Lititz Record on Thursday Morning, October 14, 1915: “Messrs. Nathaniel and Theodore Wolle, who have been conducting the store of the late R.N. Wolle on East Main street have dissolved partnership, the change taking effect last Saturday. This old reliable stand will be conducted by the R.N. Wolle estate, as it was prior to the two sons taking the business. Mr. Nathaniel Wolle and wife intend leaving for the middle west in the latter part of the week, with prospects of locating in Indianapolis, Indiana.

1920 The Wolle Property on East Main Street, the oldest store in Lititz, was to become a factory. “Mrs. Alice Wolle, widow of Robert N. Wolle, rented the store property to Joseph Halpern of Philadelphia who expects to convert the old store building into a cigar-box factory.” The last sentence of this article from the April 23 issue of the Lititz Express states: “Thus an old Moravian landmark will pass into the hands of strangers.”
139 East Main Street
1927 An ad announced that J.F. Schleith would open a new meat market on Saturday, May 14, 1927, in the room with Stark’s Green Grocery in the Enck Building on East Main Street. It would be open Saturdays only from 3 to 10 P.M. [LR 5/12]

1936 “W.E. Stark, Phone 278-R, Oysters, Clams, Sea Foods, Fresh Fruits and Vegetables.” [LR 10/1]

1937 “W.E. Stark, Phone 278-R, Fresh Fruit, Fresh Vegetables, Cantaloupes.” [LR 6/7]

1941 Warren Stark’s ad offered “Chesapeake Bay Shad, strictly fresh, shipped to us daily direct from the Bay. There’s a difference.” Other merchandise included fruits, vegetables and groceries. [LRE 3/27]

1941 Warren E. Stark’s special of the next week offered fresh fish, fillets and steak fish – salt water oysters with the phone number 178R to call for orders. [LR 10/16]

353 East Main Street
Fisher was the earliest name of a grocer to be associated with this address. Herman Fisher, or his estate, was the owner by deed of this property from April 21, 1887, through January 4, 1938, when it was sold to Frank Ford.

1889 “The East End Grocer keeps dry goods, groceries, glass and Queensware and buys and sells country produce. H. Fisher” [LR 7/5]

1890 “Fisher, The East End Grocer,” sold groceries, dry goods, and country produce. [LR 3/7]

1905 An advertisement announced the purchase of Fisher’s Store Stand (stock and fixtures) on East Main Street by E.E. Kautz. [LR 9/22]

1907 An East End Grocery advertisement appeared that listed E.E. Kautz as the proprietor. [LR 5/2]

1907 Two months later it was announced that Elmer Kautz had sold his grocery store and his notion store stock and fixtures to Ira Niess “who took possession last week.” [LR 7/11]

1907 Fisher & Co’s. Store, East Main St. Come to the old stand for the very best. [LR 8/1] [Sounds like H. Fisher did not much care for the new proprietor.]

1908 Shoes were added to the merchandise sold by Fisher’s East End Store, [LR 12/10]

1909 An announcement was made that shoe repair had been added at the East End Store by proprietor H. Fisher, and that he had secured the services of a first-rate cobbler. [LR 2/25]

1930 Herman Fisher, 80, died. When he was 24 years old he had begun business as a saddler and in 1887 had opened a general merchandise store at 353 E. Main Street, which he conducted until his death. [LR 11/20]
1932  “Buys East End Store - Isaac Pfautz has purchased from Mrs. Jennie Reedy the stock and fixtures of the East End Store, E. Main Street, operated for many years by H. Fisher, Mrs. Reedy's father, and took possession this morning. Mr. Pfautz intends to handle a full line of groceries and notions.” [LR 1/14]

1936 Advertisement for Isaac K. Pfautz, East End Store, Phone 278-M. [LR 3/26]

1937 “Oysters and clams are opened while you wait.” [LRE 10/21]

1938 The property at 353 East Main Street was sold by Herman Fisher’s estate to Frank S. and Laura Ford with the property transfer occurring January 4. [Deed book I, Vol. 33, p. 460]

1939 Found in the Classified Section: [LRE 2/9] (Was it cheaper to run a classified ad than a regular business ad?) This appears to be the last ad to appear for Pfautz. The property was sold and from the Grand Opening info below the new owners would be the proprietors.

1940 The Grand Opening of Ford’s Market was announced. “Don’t Miss the Mechanical Man in Our Window.” Frank Ford, Jr. was listed as the proprietor and his father, Frank S. Ford, Sr. was to continue as a district supervisor for the A. and P. Tea Company. [LRE 7/12]

1942 The opening of a branch store of Ford’s Market at 30 East Main Street was announced. Frank Ford, Jr. was identified as being a private in the Army, heralding the beginning of the war years. [LRE 2/26]

1943 “Do You Have Your Share of Canned Goods Before Rationing Goes Into Effect? Items To Be Rationed Will Not Be Sold Anywhere Next Week. We Are Prepared To Fill Your Orders. Don’t Go Hungry Through Your Neglect To Buy Now!” Both store addresses are listed. [LRE 2/18]

1944 Season’s Greetings are extended to the public by William Cobley, F.S. Ford, and Pfc. Frank S. Ford, Jr. [LRE 2/28]

1948 Now open evenings. No mention of 30 East Main St. [LRE 11/25]

1949 “Open Evenings – Listen to Music While You Shop. 30 E. Main St. is a Service Store. 353 E. Main St., the Self-Service Store.” A summer schedule was instituted with longer hours. [LRE 7/24]

1950 Sunday hours added. [LRE 9/14]

1951 The 11th Anniversary Sale was announced with the offer of 5 pounds of sugar given with each $10 order. A new phone number was listed. [LRE 8/9]

1952 The store continued to be advertised as a general merchandise store.

1954 Only food was listed in the ads from early in this year, and by September large “Going out of Business” sales were being held. On October 14 a public sale was held for the store property and dwelling. The deed for the property did not change hands.
An ad appeared in the newspaper for “The New Rhen Store” (formerly Ford’s Market) thanking the people of Lititz and vicinity for the welcome from the people of Lititz and area on the opening of their store at 353 E. Main Street. [LRE 12/16]

1955 Ads continued to appear for Rhen’s Grocery through the year, advertising men’s, women’s and children’s clothing and sporting goods. In November this appeared: “Rhen’s Store – Going Out of Business with their full line of toys reduced 15 – 20%.” There was no mention of groceries. The final reduction of 1/3 off all toys was announced in the issue of December 15.

1967 The property was sold by Frank S. & Laura M. Ford to Phares M. & Cathryn D. Ecenroad for $10,000. A Grand Opening ad appeared in the July 6 issue of The Lititz Record-Express. In the August 24 issue an ad appeared for Ecenrode’s Sub Shop at their new location. (The old sub shop being at 69 E. Main St.) [Deed Book W, Vol. 56, p. 98]

In September and October the newspaper ran articles stating that the Lititz Zoning Commission had received complaints from neighbors about noise from the pinball machines and pool tables and that they had to be removed. In March 1968 a summons was issued for non-compliance.

370 East Main Street
1922 J. Madison Dietrich, Jr. bought Town Plan Lot 78 (66 feet by 200 feet) from Sarah Habecker on April 3. The short end fronted on E. Main Street and the long side was along Locust St. He paid $4,500 for it. [Deed M, Vol. 25, p. 339]

1924 J. Madison Dietrich, Jr. bought a lot from Franklin G. Buch on April 1. It measured 36 feet by 200 feet with the short side fronting on E. Main St. He paid $3,200 for it. [Deed Book W, Vol. 26, p. 28]

In the “Events Concisely Told” column in April it was reported that J. Madison Dietrich has started to stake off a vacant lot on East Main Street for a store and dwelling house. The dimensions of the building will be 28 by 40 feet.” [LR 4/10]

From the same column in May: “The cellar excavation for Dietrich’s
new bungalow and store house on East Main street is almost a solid mass of rock and much time is lost in getting them out, to say nothing about the cost.” [LR 5/24]

And again from “Events Concisely Told”: “Madison Dietrich will open a grocery store this Friday in the building which he recently built on East Main Street.” An advertisement in this issue announced the grand opening of “New Modern Grocery on October 10, 1924. Don’t Miss the Week-end Specials at this store. J.M. Dietrich” [LR 10/29]

1925 J.M. Dietrich advertised his store as being a Garden Spot Store. This meant that he received supplies and merchandise from Garden Spot Wholesalers located in Lancaster.

1926 Regular advertising was not found in the local newspapers for this store, but in the “1926-1927 Directory of Lititz and Northern Lancaster County” an ad appeared for J.M. Dietrich Grocery Store.

1930 Victor Wagner bought 370 East Main Street from J. Madison Dietrich for $8,000. No advertising was found for Wagner’s store, but Mr. Wagner did have small ads for “Victor Wagner, Teacher of Voice Culture. Studio: 370 E. Main St., Lititz, Penna., Phone: 243R” These ads were found in several issues of The Lititz Record in late October and early November.

1931 A newspaper article reported that there had been a death at the site of a gas-leak repair on East Main Street. Howard Zook had been working in the bottom of the hole in the street, and some children playing nearby noticed that the worker was not standing up. They ran to the nearby Wagner store to report to Charles Gundrum, who was working in the store that a man was sleeping in the hole. [LR 4/23]

1939 Victor Wagner, after being elected Burgess of Lititz Borough in 1938, sold the property to Elsie Becker, Widow, for $5,000 in March. The property was described as “a piece of ground on which is erected a 2 ½ story cement block store building known as 370 East Main Street.” [Deed Book Z, Vol. 33, p. 414]

1939 Grand Opening announced in the Lititz Record Express in April.

1956 Becker’s East End Grocery held a 17th Anniversary Sale. Phone orders would be taken and deliveries made. Convenient parking could be found in the rear of the store. [LRE 4/19]

1962 A short article entitled “East End Grocery Trades Hands Tuesday” reported the sale of the business of Becker’s East End Grocer to James Perini on Tuesday, August 28. The store would continue to be known as East End Grocery. An advertisement in the same issue added “self-service” to the copy. [LRE 8/30]

1963 “1st Anniversary Sales” were held for the East End Grocery.

1974 Elsie Becker (Mrs. Harry Becker) died on March 30 at the age of 79. Her obituary reported that she had retired in 1962 as the proprietor of the East End Grocery. She had operated the store since 1939 and had been a widow since 1936.

In July the property was sold by Eugene Becker, son of Elsie Becker, who held the property jointly with his mother since 1968. The new owners were L. James & Betty L. Perini who had bought the grocery business from Elsie Becker when she retired.

Ads were included through the 1970’s in the Fourth of July Programs printed for the holiday celebration in Lititz.
1985  In November this property was sold to Hok Lam Sitt and became a Chinese Restaurant and Take-Out. Groceries would no longer be sold from this neighborhood store.
2018  A major renovation/remodeling is taking place. It appears that it will become a residence.

649 East Main Street
1948  Ads appeared for the “Lititz Community Market – Fruit Market, Meat Department with many new stands.”
1954  John McGee held a public sale of this property which included a 30x50 foot barn on Saturday, November 27, 1954.

West Main Street
Unlike East Main Street, which continued on to Rome and then Rothsville, there was and is still only one block of West Main Street before it is brought to an abrupt halt by Spruce Street. The “1926-1927 Directory of Lititz and Northern Lancaster County” listed on the south side of West Main, a barber shop, the Keystone Underwear Co., and several homes. On the north side was a Tobacco Warehouse, several homes, and John Helman, a dealer in antique furniture.

31 West Main Street
1949  “Grand Opening” was held on Friday Feb. 4th of a new self-service grocery store on West Main Street. [LRE 2/3]
1950  S & H Green Stamps were added as a shopping incentive in January and in March Haddad’s Grocery celebrated their 1st Anniversary with a special sale. [LRE 5/8]

No more advertising was found for this corner grocery store. When Harvey Haddad died in 1984 he was listed at living at 31 W. Main Street, and after his wife Mary died in February 2004 the Estate of Mary Haddad sold the property to Lititz Mutual Insurance Company
New Street (East)

119 East New Street
1936  The Natural Food Store sold sun-dried fruits, candies made with raw sugar or honey, and other foods in their natural states. Call 209-W.  [LR 12/17]

142 East New Street
1948  An ad for Mrs. Anna Taylor Christ listed Bomberger’s Mince meat, frozen peas and frozen lima beans, Bordens cheese, Breyer’s ice cream, and Helman’s mayonnaise. This was the only ad found for Mrs. Christ’s establishment.  [LRE 11/23]  (This house was among those razed when the Lititz Mennonite Church enlarged their parking lot.)

153 East New Street
1930  “For the Fourth of July Buy Bucher’s Boiled Ham for Lunches and Sandwiches.” The location was given as New and Water Streets.  [LR 7/3]

216 East New Street
1941  A. Lloyd George started a green grocery at his home and had a wagon that covered the town every Saturday morning, carrying “choice goods only.”  [LRE 3/13]

In April George advertised that people would find his truck on the Lititz streets on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday selling fresh fruits and vegetables, and if they missed it they could call 105-W or drop a card to receive service.  [LRE 4/10]

230 East New Street
1938  The only ads for this location were in the April 14th and May 12th editions of the Lititz Record Express. How long the NEW Store on NEW STREET was in business is unknown.

NONE of these stores appeared to have been in business very long. If there was a front room with a separate entrance from the rest of the home, a small neighborhood store was easily opened. It was before the advent of the larger grocery stores, and served only the immediate area. The above were found in the time span from 1930 to 1948.
New Street (North)

7 North New Street
1959  Hurst’s Restaurant and Fountain advertised Home Cooked meals at reasonable prices. Open weekdays from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. and take-out orders were available. Plenty of Parking Space. Thelma Hurst was listed as the Proprietor.

9 North New Street
1956  Hershey’s Self Service Grocery Store was opened for business by Mr. & Mrs. Elmer S. Hershey, and was around the corner from the former Annie Hershey Grocery Store at 146 North Cedar Street. [LRE 4/12]

Grand Opening advertisement appeared in the Lititz Record-Express on 5/3.
1958  Hershey’s Self Service Grocery Store announced a new schedule. The store would be closed Sunday, and open at 6 a.m. Monday through Saturday, closing at noon on Tuesday, 9 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, and 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. [LRE 10/30]
1959  A special sale was held for the store’s third anniversary. [LRE 4/10]

In a feature article about local businesses the statement was made that this modern market was built 3½ years ago. [LRE 10/08]
1961  Hershey’s Grocery celebrated its fifth anniversary with Mr. & Mrs. Elmer S. Hershey as the proprietors. [LRE 5/11]
1963  Hershey’s Restaurant reopened on Monday, January 6, with hours from 5 a.m. – 9 p.m. Mrs. Annie Hershey would be doing the cooking under the new management of Sam. (Sam was not further identified.) [LRE 12/26]
1966  Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Hershey of Hershey’s Grocery at 9 North New Street thanked everyone for their business and patronage. [LRE 1/27]
1966  Graham’s Grocery (formerly Hershey’s Grocery) opened February 2 under the management of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Graham. A special opening sale was held March 17–18–19. [LRE 3/17]
1968  Graham’s Grocery announced their new shoe department. [LRE 5/23]
1969  Graham’s announced a Going Out of Business Sale. All merchandise had to be sold. Also listed were four carts and a meat block. Anything not sold by noon on Friday, March 21, would be sold at public auction Friday night starting at 6 p.m. [LRE 3/13 & 3/20]
Orange Street

20 West Orange Street
1907  J.W. Musser of the Yellow Front Cash Grocery advertised delivery of goods to all parts of town.  [LE 2/22]
1909  Yellow Front Cash Grocery, J.W. Musser, proprietor, advertised Jersey sweets and Irish potatoes and the finest fresh groceries.”  [LE 1/1]
Mr. J.W. Musser, the West Orange street grocer, bought a property at Mechanicsburg and will move there next spring.  His store will be for sale and is a good opportunity for an ambitious young man. [LE 2/5]

East Orange Street

1909  Found in the “Column of Local Events” was the following announcement: “Lemon Miley, who some time ago lost an arm at the Sturgis Bakery, is about to start a green grocery at his home on East Orange street.”  [LR 12/16]

Second Avenue

50 East Second Avenue
1930  It was reported in The Lititz Record that Frank Korte was building a dwelling and store on Second Avenue, where he planned to establish a grocery store.  [LR 5/29]
NOTE: Frank Korte was the name used in this notice, but in the announcement following in the October paper the name is George Y. Korte.  [LR 10/30]
1932  Found in the classified section: “FOR SALE—Store Property at the corner of Second Avenue & South Cedar Street.  See George Y. Korte, above address.”  [LR 5/19]
1947  Hirst’s Grocery advertised weekend specials at the address of 2nd Avenue & Cedar Street.  [LRE 1/2]
1949  A coupon for a free box of Muffets, a wheat biscuit cereal, was featured by Hirst’s Grocery.  [LRE 8/25]
1953  The last newspaper advertising found for Hirst’s was the notice that they would close on Saturdays at 6 p.m., effective June 1.  [LRE 5/30]
1960  Through the 1950’s advertisements for Hirst’s Grocery were found in the Lititz Community Show programs.
1961  Kopp Purchases Hirst Grocery  was headline on the article when this property changed hands.  Mr. & Mrs. Charles Kopp bought the property from Mr. & Mrs. R.G. Hirst.  [LRE 10/26]
1963 and 1964  Kopp’s Grocery had advertisements in the Fourth of July programs for their store at Second Avenue and Cedar Street.
1965 In the Lititz Record-Express on December 2nd a request was printed to help Charlie close out.

1968 A zoning variance application for an appliance store at 50 East Second Avenue (Second Avenue & Cedar Street) was denied. [LRE 9/19]

Spruce Street

7 South Spruce Street (also referred to as 9 South Spruce Street)

1903 Fresh groceries and oilcloths! Oilcloths in this instance were actually floor coverings similar to linoleum. The ad says Grocery and Provision Store, and that would cover many different items.

1907 Lancaster Cash Grocery Store opened in Henry Michael’s old store with A.J. Canter as the proprietor. It was announced as the opening of a “new and up-to-date” grocery store selling groceries and notions. [LR 5/30]

The “People’s Popular Column” featured “Items of Minor Mention, so to Speak, but of Interest to the Average Reader at Home and Abroad.” An item related that A.J. Cantner [sic], who operated a grocery store at H. Michael’s stand on Spruce street, finding that the business was not a go, had packed up and returned to Lancaster.” [LR 7/4]

1909 Appearing in a short article was the information that Mr. Wilson Hacker had opened a grocery at 7 South Spruce Street and his trade was steadily growing. [LE 12/09]

1910 On May 6th Wilson E. Hacker advertised that his goods were always fresh, had smoked meats of all kinds, his coffee and teas were the best, and had country fresh butter and eggs. Goods could be delivered all over. On June 9th the declaration to the left appeared in the paper. Mr. Hacker did not heed the previous gentleman’s predicament.

1913 Spruce Street Grocery, John L. Hosler, proprietor advertised delivery of goods at no extra charge. Their stock included canned goods, fresh fruits and “Pure Sap Maple Syrup” for 15 cents per bottle. [LR 10/13]

1916 Graybill & Hammond, Grocery Store. [LE 1916]
1922 Dietrich’s Bros., Ind. Phone No. 72-H, advertised “pure food, full line of groceries and notions.” [LR 6/5]

1923 In an article in the newspaper it was reported that Dietrich Bros., who conducted a store on Spruce Street, had dissolved their partnership. The business was now in charge of Amos W. Dietrich. His brother, J. Madison Dietrich, formerly a school teacher, has other prospects in view. (See 370 East Main Street.) [LR 5/3]

1930 Dietrich’s Store: “Our Motto is to give efficient service and to furnish the best merchandise at lowest prices consistent with the market.” [LR 6/6]

1932 Dietrich’s tenth anniversary sale advertised [LR 3/31]

1934 Dietrich’s twelfth anniversary sale. [LR 3/29]

1940 An obituary appeared for Amos W. Dietrich. He was in the grocery business in this borough for approximately 16 years and died Wednesday, July 24th. [LRE 7/25]

Also found in this first block of South Spruce Street were the butcher services offered by John F. Schleith. In the 1913 papers his location was given as 25 South Spruce, and in the 1926-1927 Directory of Lititz and Northern Lancaster County, it was 4 South Spruce and 8 South Spruce.

**26 South Spruce Street**

1946 Koehler’s Grocery store held its Grand Opening on Saturday, November 29th. Christ Koehler was the proprietor. A complete line of groceries was carried, including Gollam’s ice Cream. Free delivery was offered on all orders of $1.00 or more. [LRE 11/27]

1947 Ads continued through the end of January but no more appeared. A grandson of Christ Koehler explained that Christ had closed the store because his wife would not tend it when he had to respond to fire calls as a volunteer fireman.

**134 South Spruce Street**

1934 Snyder’s Grocery. [LR 3/8]

1936 An attempted hold-up occurred at the store of Mrs. C.B. Snyder on South Spruce Street. [LR 10/1]

1936 Snyder’s Grocery participated in supplier-sponsored ads along with other stores in the area that carried their products. In this issue it was for Red Rose stores. [LR 1/16]

1942 Snyder’s participated in manufacturer-sponsored ads for Lux and Rinso products. [LRE 9/3]

1943 A special notice was run by American Stores Company (ACME) that Mr. Elmer (Dutch) Harding, assisted by Mr. Victor Kauffman, would have charge of the local store in place of manager, Richard Adams, who had been drafted. [LRE 6/20]

1946 Elmer Harding took possession of this store on Dec. 4, 1946.
1947  Harding’s Groceries (formerly Snyder’s), phone 437-J-1, offered delivery. They gave and redeemed S & H Green Stamps. [LRE 3/13]

1951  Harding’s Grocery store stayed open until 5 p.m. on Thursday, 7/26, and closed all day Friday due to the death of Elmer’s mother, Mrs. Anna D. Harding, 70, who died July 23rd. [LRE 7/26]

1953  Harding’s Grocery store began closing at 6 p.m. on Saturdays. [LRE 5/14]

1958  Elmer Harding broke his knee when he slipped while stepping into a boat at Harding’s cottage below Holtwood along the Susquehanna River. [LRE 8/14]

1959  E.H. Harding listed the store’s phone number as MA6-2105 in a Colgate-Palmolive manufacturer’s ad. (MA was the 2 letter version of MADISON.) [LRE 5/14]

1966  The obituary for Mrs. E.H. Harding (Elizabeth M. Harding) was published. [LRE 2/10]


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**West End Avenue**

115 West End Avenue

In late 1939 property on West End Avenue was sold to Charles and Agnes Keath by David and Sallie Eberly. The deed described the property as a 2-story frame house with an attached garage. The 1940 Federal Census listed the occupants of the house as Ralph W. & Lilly E. Sonder (sic) with their three daughters whose ages were 21, 20 and 17. Ralph was the only person listed with an income of $1200 from his job as a machinist. Also listed was the fact that he did have additional income but not the source of the income. It appears that the daughters and wife were working in the store.

1940  Gonder’s Store participated in a manufacturer’s advertisement for El Capitan Coffee and a Kitchen Queen Coffee Maker for only $1.24. [LRE 12/5]

1947  R.W. Gonder, Phone 361-W, offered free delivery on all orders over $2.00. No Sunday Sales. [LRE 2/27]

1948  The last ad to be found in the Lititz paper was headlined Nucoa Oleomargarine - 37 cents.

1950  Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Wagaman announced that they had taken over the grocery store at 115 West End Avenue. Phone orders and delivery were available, and the store would be closed on Wednesday afternoons and open all day Thursday. [LRE 4/6]

1953  Wagaman’s Grocery was closed permanently on Saturday, May 2nd. 10% off all groceries and canned goods was offered that weekend. The Wagaman’s thanked their customers for their patronage. [LRE 4/30]
HARDING'S GROCERY —
Before the age of the supermarket, Lititz was the home of several small family-operated groceries, including Harding's Market located at 134 S. Spruce St. These photos show the store during its heyday in the 1940s and 1950s. (Above) Elmer "Dutch" Harding displays some of his store's many fine products, some of which are still popular today. (Right) Betty and Elmer Harding are ready to help you find the frozen foods that you need. The service was friendly, and the store's slogan, which appeared on its envelopes, was "The Store with the Stupid Clerks," indicating they had a sense of humor there.
WARWICK TOWNSHIP

In 1941 Steely’s Self Store opened at 502 Lincoln Road just off Brunnerville Road. It was sold at public sale in 1962 and it reopened as Gantert’s Groceries in 1963. It closed in 1967 and the site became a transmission repair shop and then a used car lot.

BRUNNERVILLE

The southwest corner of the Brunnerville crossroads was the site of the first store in Brunnerville (1820’s). In 1877 it was replaced with a new dwelling house and store and continued as a general store into the late 1950’s. In 1966 the building was sold and converted into apartments.

KISSEL HILL

At the corner of West Woods Drive and Lititz Pike was Jerry Hertzler’s gas station/store/coffee shop. To the rear was the site of the Kissel Hill Community Market held every Friday. This was in the late 1940’s into the mid 1950’s

LEXINGTON

A general merchandise store has been located at 1099 Elbow Road since 1850. Built by Jacob Hershey, it continued as a grocery store until 1969. It was known as Lexington Grocery and was self-service.

This store and warehouse was built in 1947 and did business under the name of Midway Market being located midway between Lexington and Brunnerville on Lexington Road. It continued as a grocery store into the 1970’s.
307 Meadow Valley Road was the site of a general merchandise store known as Calvin Hines General Merchandise in 1913. Amos Shrom and then Melvin Christ had the store into the 1960’s.

2164 Main Street was the location of a business that included gas pumps, a coal oil pump, and a transportation service for workers, school children and weekend bus trips as well as a grocery store. The store closed in 1940 with the others services closing in 1936.

A deed from 1907 describes this property as a 2½ story frame dwelling house with one part being occupied as a general retail store. This was when S.G. Graybill included his store in an ad with others who sold Lux soap products.

Cited as the 2nd oldest store in Rothsville, ads were found for this site from 1884 – 1978. The store occupied the left side of this building at 2101 Main Street.

Leroy Mellinger sold groceries from the Red Rose Grocery Store at 7-9 Church Street from 1940 to 1960. His son had a restaurant in the other half of the building.
Warwick Township

While Lititz Borough had an abundance of neighborhood stores, the small villages found in Warwick Township usually had only one or maybe two stores, and they were truly general stores, carrying many different products rather than just groceries.

The information about these stores was gathered from the Lititz Borough newspapers and area directories. Of course, everybody in the vicinity of that village knew where the store was, and addresses were not included in what few ads appeared. The name of the village in which they were located was considered enough.

Some of the material for the short paragraphs describing the history of each village was found in “History of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania” by Ellis and Evans in 1883.

Brunnerville

The location of the earliest store in Brunnerville was at the southwest corner of the main crossroads of Brunnerville Road and the road that led to Lexington to the west and Pine Hill to the east. It was a building that contained both a hotel and a store built by a Mr. Maelstrom in the mid 1820’s. Mr. Maelstrom is a mystery person. (No first name, no description. Just a name.) No more information about this man was found. The hotel/store became a stopping place for teamsters on their way from Philadelphia and Harrisburg to Philadelphia. From “Images of America, Warwick Township, Lancaster County” by Cory Van Brookhoven, Abraham Eichler and his wife bought the property in 1827. The hotel moved to the northeast corner in 1861 and was no longer part of the store location. In 1883 the general store was run by John B. Wissler. There was a post-office, and the village contained about thirty houses. It appears that newspaper advertising was not used in the earlier history of this store location. Special notices about store locations sometimes appeared in the personal, miscellaneous, or what's happening columns. No large ads were found until 1909 when E.G. Geyer’s ad appeared in the Lititz Record.

The following obituary supplies some information about the Wissler family in Brunnerville.

“Mary Wissler, maiden name Bauman, wife of Ezra Wissler, died at Brunnerville on Sunday morning. She had been very sick since last May, mostly with an irritated stomach, which had not retained any nourishment for over five weeks.

She had two sons, Aaron Wissler, proprietor of the Brunnerville foundry, and John B. Wissler, of the Brunnerville store.

During the fifty-four years of their wedded life they had no funeral in the family. The last evening of her life she prayed so loud that she could be heard on the second floor, asking to be taken to her heavenly home and be relieved, of further suffering. About 2 o’clock in the morning she commenced praising the Lord and saying she was now going; at 2.30 she passed peacefully away. She was born July 25, 1808; died August 22d, 1886. Age 78 years and 28 days. The funeral took place on Wednesday morning at the Hammer Creek Meeting House, where a large concourse of people met to witness the last sad rites. Revs. Christian Risser and Christian Bomberger officiated.” [LR 8/27/1886]

1877 “In place of the old store building and hotel, a new dwelling house and store occupies its site (the hotel now being opposite), and is owned and conducted by J.B. Wissler, a brother of Aaron Wissler.” [LR 9/14]

1878 A full line of Black Cashmeres at Wissler’s store, Brunnerville. [LR 9/13]
“Horace Buch, for two years a clerk in Wissler's Brunnerville store, goes to the Farmersville store on the first of next month. [LR 3/2]

“Mr. Harry Stump, clerk in J. B. Wissler's store at Brunnerville, is sick and his position is being filled by J. H. Enck.” [LR 4/2]

Wissler sold the store to Elmer G. Geyer. [Images of America, Warwick Township, Cory Van Brookhoven]

According to this advertisement the store carried a complete stock in nearly everything, and included fabrics, peaches, tobacco muslin, paint, men’s shirts, pants and overalls, hardware, paint and glass, and an elegant framed picture, 23x27 inches, for only 39 cents. Country produce was taken in trade with highest prices allowed. [LR 4/15]

The Old Reliable Brunnerville Store advertised that they had a great variety of items for sale. Included now is an offer for a ‘hornless talking machine’ free with cash purchases of $25. Shoes are on sale at and below cost with sizes to fit almost any foot. Oil cloth (linoleum) rugs, groceries, and TNT are also offered. [LR2/6]

E.G. Geyer sold the Brunnerville store to Rev. A.G. Fahnestock. The article that appeared in this paper indicated that Rev. Fahnestock would put his brother, Samuel, in charge of the Brunnerville store. It also stated that he (Rev. A.G.) had been doing well with his Lexington store. Mr. Geyer was retiring because of bad health with the change to take place as soon as Mr. Geyer found a suitable home to move into. [LR 9/11]

“On the 16th, 17th and 18th of this month (February), A.G. Fahnestock will take stock account at the Brunnerville store, preparatory to taking over the store. During those three days the store will be closed and the post office will be open only 20 minutes before and 20 minutes after mail time. Patrons there should bear this in mind to avoid disappointment. [LR 2/12]

This is the beginning of a large ad for the Grand Opening as announced by A.G. Fahnestock. [LR 3/18]

Demonstration and Double Stamp Day featured at The Brunnerville Store on March 26th to celebrate the anniversary date of the Grand Opening. [LR 3/17]

The Brunnerville Store had a special closing out sale of electric wash machines and phonographs due to lack of room. [LR 11/13]

Brunnerville Store, A.G. Fahnestock, took advantage of the manufacturer ad for Lux Soap products. [LR 1/36]

Marlin Lauver of Lititz purchased the Brunnerville Store from A.G. Fahnestock. [LRE 8/11]
1944  In the obituary for Ivan Bushong, it was stated that he had purchased the Brunnerville Store from Earl Lauver less than a year ago. Before that he had a store at Kissel Hill. [LRE 10/5]

1945  The Brunnerville Store, Warren M. Bushong, Prop. An invitation by Warren and Jerry (Bushong) was extended to the public to patronize the store and see their full line of groceries, hardware, gifts, and general merchandise. [LRE 12/13]

1946  “Brunnerville Store To Sell Norge Appliances, and Motorola Radios”. Warren Bushong, the present proprietor of the store, wants to make it one of Lancaster County’s most complete general stores. The store was originally run by his father, Ivan G. Bushong, and when Warren was discharged from the Service in August 1945, he came back as the directing head of “this prominent Brunnerville establishment.”


1959  Wolf’s General Store, phone MA6-2761 [LRE 5/14]

About 1960 this building was sold to James Varick who then sold it to Russel Keith in 1966. Keith converted the building into apartments.

Lincoln Road at Brunnerville Road was the location of a second general store in Brunnerville. The first advertising found in the Lititz newspapers for this location was for Steely’s Store in Brunnerville. Information found in advertising indicated that Steely opened this store in April of 1941.

1959  Steely’s Store celebrated their anniversary with a sale held during the whole month of April. [LRE 4/9]

On July 9 public sale was held of a 2½ story dwelling and 2 story business property being used as a general merchandise and grocery store that has been in operation for 17 years. Property and merchandise was offered separately or as a whole. The sale was held with terms by Vernon and Ida Steely.

On Aug. 10-14 public sale was held at Steely’s General Merchandise and Grocery Store in Brunnerville. All merchandise would be sold with the store equipment sold on Friday, August 14. Sale held by Ida Steely and Vernon Steely.

1960  A short descriptive article about “Vernon Steely’s General Store in Brunnerville being completely stocked in every department.” [LRE 9/29]

1962  “In Appreciation” notice appeared in the Lititz Record-Express of May 17th.

1963  Gantert’s Groceries held the grand opening of their newly remodeled store. S&H Green Stamps were offered. [LRE 2/28]

Gantert’s announced that their Grand Opening would be held over due to the bad weather on the original date. [LRE 3/7]
1967  This property went thru foreclosure and was sold to satisfy debts. Groceries were no longer sold from this site. It was Beachy’s Automotive repairs specializing in transmission repairs and then used cars sales were at this location.

About the year 1856 there was a carriage manufactory established by Urias F. Hartranft at the extreme northeastern end of the village of Brunnerville. He moved to Brickerville and then returned to Brunnerville and located his business more locally. [LR 9/14/1877]

The Brunnerville Coach Works owned by T. Jeff Hartranft, Carriage Builder, had advertisements in the Lititz Record starting in April 1886.

An announcement by T.J. Hartranft owner of the new Brunnerville store appeared in the October 19, 1894 Lititz Record. The map of Brunnerville in Stewart’s & Evans Atlas of 1899 indicates that T.J. Hartranft had a home with a separate carriage works building on the east side of Brunnerville Road midway between the crossroads and Lincoln Road.

Kissel Hill

The village was named Kissel Hill after an early settler, Nicholas Kissel. In the mid 1800’s the name was changed to New Haven, but reverted to Kissel Hill in the early 1900’s, because there was another New Haven in the county. Found in “History of Lancaster County” by Ellis & Evans published in 1883 is the note that George B. Shober engaged in mercantile pursuits at New Haven until 1855 when he retired. There was also a hotel located there. The population was almost 200 people.

At the intersection of East Woods Drive with the Lititz Pike (now the site of a restaurant) was the location of the home of Beaver Stauffer and his wife, Beatrice “Beatie.” The front of the house served as a store from 1938 to the early 1950’s. At that time the property changed hands, and Mrs. Brookmyer turned it into a private residence. It was razed when the restaurant was built in the early 1970’s.

This information was taken from a caption of a photo in “Images of America, Warwick Township, Lancaster County” by Cory Van Brookhoven. I had been Cory’s second set of eyes in checking facts and was dismayed when this statement turned out to be not quite the true representation of the building and its history.

It is a true statement to say that there will always be more to learn about our history, and what is written down as fact will most likely be changed by additional research uncovering unknown facts.
Checking the deed history of this property to find when a store was first known at this site, I found that Mrs. Brookmyer owned the property until October 2, 1972 when it was sold by Grace B. Stauffer, Attorney-in-Fact for Elizabeth H. Brookmyer also known as Lizzie Brookmyer, to Global Restaurants, Inc. Elizabeth died January 19, 1974 having outlived her daughter, Beatrice Stauffer. She was 99 years of age.

Searching for information about the small grocery stores that were part of Kissel Hill has turned up some interesting information. I have been fortunate in having a friend who grew up in that area and knew about who lived where and when they lived there, as well as the intertwining of families. Her family attended the Salem Lutheran Church and she accompanied her mother as the area “happenings” were gathered about Kissel Hill news for the Lititz newspaper.

1920  E.K. Singer bought 8 acres and 11 perches from Daniel Buckwalter. Mention of buildings on this property is made in the deed recorded on May 4th in Deed Book N, Volume 24, page 341. “The improvements thereon consist of a two and one half story frame store building, frame barn, frame wood shed, and frame hog pen.”

1921  A reduction sale was advertised by E.K. Singer of Kissel Hill. A 20% reduction was offered on men’s, women’s and children’s clothing. Parke stamps were offered on all groceries bought at the store, except sugar. A ten cent purchase was rewarded with one Parke stamp. [LR 3/17]

Later in this same year a small article reported that while E.K. Singer of Kissel Hill was outside his store for a few minutes, someone stole a bag containing between $25 and $30 dollars. Mr. Singer knew who had taken the money, and if the money was returned no name would be mentioned, but the matter would be placed in the hands of the state police if it was not returned. [LR 10/21] (The location of this store, other than Kissel Hill, was not mentioned.)

1924  Found in the Sale Register column was the following: “Friday, Oct. 24—At the Kissel Hill store, said store property, 2 lots along turnpike, and 5-acre tract of land east of trolley in that village, by E.K. Singer. Sale at 2 P.M. Store does a good business.” [LR 10/23]

In the Lititz Record of the next week, Oct. 30, was the notice that the store property and lots owned by E.K. Singer at Kissel Hill offered at public sale were withdrawn because the bids were not considered adequate.

1929  Public auction will be held on all kinds of merchandise on Saturday evening at the store of E.K. Singer on Kissel Hill. [LR 7/11]

1930  Property was conveyed by Emanuel K. Singer by way of Sheriff Sale to S.W. Buch. Eight acres and eleven perches with improvements were sold for $4,927.44 according to the deed found in Deed Book L, Volume 30, page 235.

1939  Property transferred on October 11, 1939 by S.W. Buch and B. Catharine Buch to C.M. Brookmyer and wife for the sum of $1.00 as found in Deed Book O, Volume 35, page 406. The size of the property was 57 perches indicating that the store segment was separated from the larger parcel of land in the previous deed. It was described as part of the parcel transferred in
1942  C.M. (Christian) Brookmyer died in March and Elisabeth, Christian’s widow, became sole owner of their jointly held property by right of survivorship. The land on which the store was located contained 57 perches (about 1/3 acre).

The store was called “Brookies”, “Bushey’s” (Ivan G. Bushong operated the store), and “Tim’s”. Valentines were sold when Tim Stauffer minded the store and were known as Tim’s Times. Molasses was pumped from a wooden barrel into the customer’s glass jar; pretzels were sold by the pound and dispensed in brown bags tied with a red string; and many varieties of penny candy tempted the younger eyes.

Ownership of the store property did not change hands again until 1972 when it was sold to Global Restaurants, Inc. The buildings were razed and “Your Place” specializing in Italian food was built. Elizabeth Brookmyer died in January of 1974.

ON the west side of the Lititz Pike where West Woods Drive intersects with the Lititz Pike was a gas station and a small store. It was owned and run by Jerry B. Hertzler. Grover Boone took over the service station and coffee shop in December of 1954. [LRE 2/14]

In 1955 a Grand Opening was announced of the Kissel Hill Community Market at the rear of the Gulf Gas Station. Hours in operation would be Fridays from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Free parking was available. Also mentioned was that the bus stopped at the gas station. [LRE 3/3] In April hours were advertised as 2 to 9 p.m. [LRE 4/28]

TROLLEY STOP/STORE/POST OFFICE
When the trolley ran from Lancaster to Lititz, the route of the track crossed from the east side to the west side of the Lititz Pike just before the road to Owl Hill. It was at this point that the house situated beside the track became the trolley stop.

1907  “Andy Dunlap Makes the Best Ice Cream.” [LR 8/1]
1913  A.L. Dunlap was the Postmaster at Kissel Hill. His store room served as a store and trolley stop as well as the post office. [Lititz Warwick Directory] The post office closed in 1918.
1919  A.L. Dunlap of Kissel Hill advertised that an eight room frame house along the trolley line and pike was for sale. One room was used as a store. There was a 1 ½ story kitchen attachment along with a shed, pig
sty, and attached chicken house. The house was in good repair and was on two acres of land. [LR 9/11]

1921 Andrew L. Dunlap sold this property to William F. Sheaffer. The date of the deed is March 21, 1921. The recording date was March 28th. No further mention was made of a store at this location.

In 2015 the building that housed this trolley stop, store and post office stood at the same location, close along the Lititz Pike where the trolley tracks had crossed the highway before its juncture with Owl Hill Road. Early photos show a front porch with a small grassy area between the porch and the road. In 2015 the porch is gone, and the road is almost too close to the house. In 2017 it became even closer.

Owl Hill

1954 Martin’s Grocery ran “Real Week-End Specials” sales and was open all day Sunday. [LRE 8/12]

Note: No precise location was given in the ad for this grocery store, but Ken Martin is listed at the SE corner of Brevity Lane and Owl Hill Road. Perhaps this was in the old school house building?

Stauffer’s of Kissel Hill occupied the area just north of the intersection of Owl Hill Road with the Lititz Pike that is now home (2017) to a gas station and a fast food restaurant, Burger King.

History tells us that the Stauffer family sold their extra garden produce at a market stand located south of Kissel Hill. It was destroyed by fire in 1935. The family moved to the top of the hill along the Lititz Pike in a red brick house and in 1937 garden produce was sold at the site next to it. The ad appearing at the left was in the November 22, 1939 Lititz Record-Express.

An ad in the February 27, 1958 Lititz Record-Express issue listed meats, fresh poultry, cold cuts, and cheeses to be available on Fridays from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Produce was available on Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

In 1968 they celebrated their 35th anniversary with a “Big Sale”. [LRE 3/28] [LRE 5/11/1972] Many people were familiar with the sloped and bumpy floors of this market, and knew they had to hang on to their shopping cart to keep it from rolling. Fresh locally grown vegetables and fruit were available, and at the end of Saturday hours, prices on produce were reduced drastically. The store did not open for business on Sundays and some of the produce would not survive the closed-for-business day. No air conditioning in those days.

By 1972 there were four locations: Oregon Pike near Roseville Road, Rohrerstown, and Leola along with the original location on Kissel Hill. In 1984 a deed transferring property on the Lititz Pike near the intersection with Millport Road was filed in the Recorder of Deeds office at the Lancaster Court House, and in 1985 a new store opened at the site on March 13. The Grand Opening Celebration ran from April 29 to May 11. When Jim Stauffer was being interviewed for the news article about the opening of the new store, he remarked that parking would be improved and that another plus would be a level floor. This referred to the sloping floors of the old Lititz Store on Kissel Hill. [LRE 5/9]
Stauffers of Kissel Hill is in business at 1050 Lititz Pike and has additional stores open throughout southcentral Pennsylvania.

**Lexington**

In the early 1800’s Lexington was known as Dundee. The village was renamed Lexington when the post-office was established in the late 1890’s. In 1883 there was no store in the village, but there were about 160 people, a hotel, a wagon-maker, a saddler, an undertaker, seven carpenters, two shoemakers, five butchers, one tailor, and two blacksmiths. (“History of Lancaster County Pennsylvania” by Franklin Ellis and Samuel Evans - 1883.)

According to a caption in “Images of America, Warwick Township” by Cory Van Brookhoven, a store was built by Jacob Hershey in 1855 at the crossroads of Chestnut Street and Elbow Road. A deed search does verify that Jacob Hershey and his wife Barbara sold the property to Jacob R. Hershey and his wife, Fannie, in 1859. In checking the Federal Census records for 1850 and 1860, it appears that Jacob R. Hershey was the son of Jacob and Barbara Hershey. Jacob R. sold the property in 1861 to Ezra Reist. In turn it was sold to Samuel Shreiner in 1870. Samuel Shreiner (Schriner/Schreiner) was listed in the 1880 Federal Census as a merchant in Lexington. He had a wife, Sarah, and five children. On April 1, 1892, Israel Erb (for the benefit of creditors of Samuel Shreiner) sold the property to Christian Hernley. Shreiner’s problems might have been the reason why no store was listed in Ellis & Evans at the time of their publication in 1883.

In 1894 there was a post office with the general store. Hernley held title to the property until April 1923 when he sold it to Samuel Fahnestock. The ad to the left was found in the Lititz Record of October 9, 1919. A.G. Fahnestock was the Rev. A.G. Fahnestock who ran a store in Brunnerville. Apparently he owned the Lexington store and his brother, Samuel, ran the general store at this location for 11 years. It was sold to William & Cora Wise and Marlin Wise in 1934.

The property was sold to Robert Donmoyer in 1954 and remained under his management until 1971 when the property, building and merchandise were sold at public auction. It is now houses several apartments.

Further information on this store site was found in the obituary of Lemon B. Studenroth that appeared in The Lititz Record of Nov. 16, 1911. Lemon B. Studenroth “was born near Lexington. At the age of fourteen years he entered the store of John B. Wissler at Brunnerville as a clerk and served for fourteen years. He then clerked for fourteen years in S.D. Schreiner’s store at Lexington and then succeeded Mr. Schreiner in the business from 1892 to 1909. At that time, he moved to Lititz and took over the store and dwelling where he died at the age of 64.” (Corner of Front and Water Streets.)
1892  When the store property was sold to Christian Hernley in 1892, it was rented to George H. Studenroth, who continued to operate a general store at this location. [LR 2/26/1920]

1908  Clarence Dillman leased the Lexington Store. [LR 10/29]

1910  The Old Lexington Store, proprietor Clarence Dillman, carried general merchandise and country produce. [LR]

1913  From the “Lexington Doings” [LR 4/3]

1951  W.R. Wise & Son advertised their LANCO Home Owned Food Store. [LRE 1/1]

1954  A “Grand Opening” of the Lexington Grocery as a self-service store was held on August 5-7. “40 Free Door Prizes” were offered with the store staying open until 10 P.M. each night during the special event. [LRE 8/5]

1955  Robert G. Donmoyer was listed as the proprietor of the Lexington Self Service Grocery. An anniversary sale was held. [LRE 7/14]

1959  An article appeared in the newspaper that police were keeping a closer eye on the Lexington Grocery after Robert Donmoyer, proprietor, notified them that there was a car with four men loitering outside in a suspicious manner just prior to closing. Police patrol was increased in the area. [LRE 2/19]

1956  From 1956 through 1964 advertising appeared for this store in Lititz Community Show Programs, Fourth of July Programs, and the Directory of Lititz, Penna. During this time only one ad appeared in the paper and that was in the Lititz paper of August 23, 1962

1969  “GOING OUT OF BUSINESS” - Lexington Self Service Grocery began the final steps for closing down this store. 20% off on merchandise only was offered. Equipment and store building with living quarters were also being sold. [LRE 7/24 & LRE 8/14]

1969  “Public Auction” was advertised to be held on October 18th. Grocery items, hardware items and household goods would be sold according to the sale announcement.
Grocery store equipment was also listed. Over 500 free gifts would be given away and free shopping bags would be available. [LRE 10/9]

1970

It was not until October 10, 1970 that the public auction of real estate and household goods was held. The real estate consisted of a large commercial and residential property that would be sold at 1 P.M. It was described as an excellent investment opportunity in that the property could be used as a retail store with antiques, groceries, and appliances being used as examples of types of stores, or easy to convert into several apartments. [LRE 10/8]

Across the street from the Lexington Grocery was Markley’s Meat Market. As early as 1913 ads appeared in the Lititz-Warwick Directories for Edwin Markley and J.M. Markley who were butchers in Lexington.

Information gathered from the obituaries of Edwin Markley (died 1960) and Abram Markley (died 1992) indicates that the butchering/meat market business was begun in 1879/1880 by J. (James) Monroe Markley who was the grandfather of Edwin and closed in 1986 by the grandsons, Abram L. Markley and James L. Markley. They also operated a stand in Central Market in Lancaster city.

Midway was located midway between Lexington and Brunnerville on Lexington Road. The property was purchased in 1947 by Norman & Amanda Carpenter. Two tracts of land were involved, one at the corner of Dridge Hill Road and Lexington Road, and one east of this lot. The corner lot remained listed as unimproved and a store/warehouse was built on the adjoining lot.

1948

The Midway Market, Amanda K. Carpenter, Prop. Invited the readers to shop where there is plenty of parking space. Offered in the ad were quality groceries, candy, ice cream and tobacco. Dressed chickens were available at all times. Open evenings ‘til 10 p.m., Sundays all day. [LRE 10/14]

1951

Midway Market advertised that they stocked everything for the table. Amanda Carpenter was the proprietor. It was a Red Rose Store that carried Pleezing smoked meats, Sinclair Gasoline and Motor oils, fruits, vegetables. [LRE 7/12]

Carpenter’s sold the property to the Mann family in 1969. A dwelling was built on the corner property. Property deeds were used to pinpoint the date.

1970

305 East Lexington Road between Lexington and Brunnerville is the location of Mann’s Grocery found in the 1970 Program for the Fourth of July celebration in Lititz.

Charles and Violet Noll bought the property in 1976. No advertising was found. The Property was sold at public sale in 1983 to the Metzger Family who filed for bankruptcy 1985. The property reverted to the Nolls who then sold the property in 1988 to Richard Haller. Ownership in 2012 was held by the Richard & Irene Haller trust. A consignment shop was there until 2017.
Millport
This village was laid out in lots in 1813 by the Wisters and contained about 40 houses. This was found in the “1883 History of Lancaster County” by Ellis and Evans.

This area was also known as Disston or Disston View. David K. Good was officially listed as postmaster for Disston from March 1891 until December 15, 1902. As smaller post offices were consolidated, this location’s service became part of the Oregon post office. In 1906 this property was sold at Sheriff’s Sale to settle the debts of David Good. Tracing the deeds, the address of this property in a 2004 deed is identified as 821 Disston View Drive.

The deeds for this property also showed that it was a general retail store at least until 1955 when it was sold by the Estate of Sheaffer Graybill. In the mid 1930’s the store advertising was part of the LANCO Store ads. In the early 1950’s the name, S.G. Graybill, appeared in manufacturer product ads for Lux soap. No other advertising was found.

Millway

The village of Millway was given its name by the company of the Reading and Columbia Railroad. It is located along their tracks. According to the “1883 History of Lancaster County” by Ellis and Evans, the first settler was George Eby who about 1733 took up land on Hammer Creek at the junction of the Cocalico Creek. He built what is said to be the first mill on Hammer Creek. There was also one general store kept by Simon U. Eichenberger. There were two blacksmiths, three millers, a tobacconist, a baker, a shoemaker, a coal dealer, and an undertaker, and also two large oil storage tanks which were part of the oil pipe line that cut through that area.

Postmasters are listed for Millway starting with Edward Shenk who was appointed April 15, 1889. Following him were William Moore appointed March 25, 1903; John H. Reitz appointed February 13, 1909; Galvin (Calvin) Hine appointed July 15, 1914; and then Amos S. Shrom appointed May 1, 1924 and June 4, 1924. This was found recorded in “Appointments of U.S. Postmasters, 1832-1971.” There were no more appointees for Millway found in this book, and a notation on the record states that the post office was discontinued December 19, 1955. Effective December 31, 1955 mail would go to Lititz.

Note that street addresses were not given in advertising. The town was so small that everyone knew their locations.

1913 Calvin Hines General Merchandise was the headline on an ad that offered general merchandise and groceries at reasonable prices. Stock was kept up-to-date. [Lititz-Warwick Directory, 1913]

1913 An ad for Eichenberg’s Store offered general merchandise in the Lititz-Warwick Directories for 1913 and 1916-1917.
1925  A.S. Shrom, established April 1, 1924, carried Groceries and Hardware. [LR 2/26]
1951  Amos S. Shrom is a Lanco Home Owned Food Store. [LR 1/1]
1955  Public sale notice by Amos Shrom appears in the paper. Being sold were the brick building and store equipment. [LR 7/14]