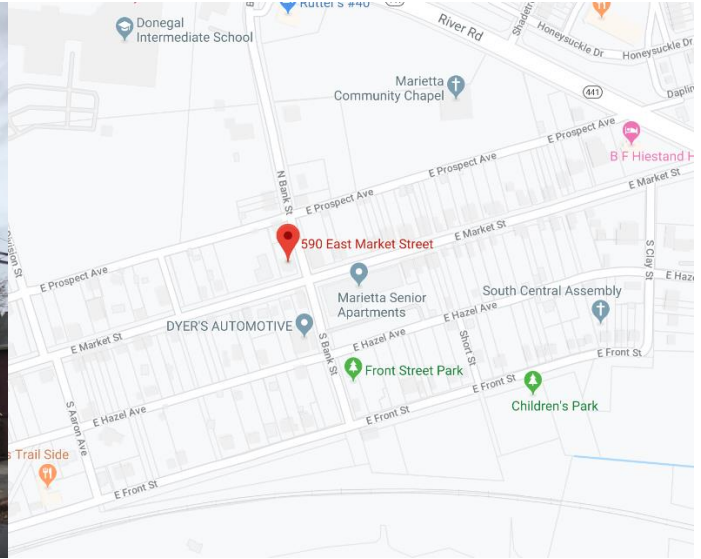


Abraham N. Cassel Residence: 590 East Market Street; Marietta, Pennsylvania



Abstract:

This house was built in 1852 by Abraham N. Cassel (1810-1895) proprietor of Cassel & Son Lumber Yard, established by his father Henry Cassel (1776-1864) one of the founders of Marietta.¹ It was one of the first six brick houses in Marietta.² The bricks were made in England and shipped to Marietta via the Susquehanna River.³ In 1814, after Henry Cassel lost a majority of his wealth with the failure of the Marietta and Susquehanna Trading Company, he sold 45 acres of this land to Captain Judge Jacob Grosh (1776-1860) who established Moravian Town, which was later nicknamed “Bungletown.”⁴ Captain Grosh a native son of Marietta served four years in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and four years in the Pennsylvania State Senate.⁵ After, he served nine years as a judge of the Lancaster County Court of Common Pleas.⁶ Abraham N. Cassel later purchased plot 158 of the land sold to Grosh.⁷ In 1834, Abraham N. Cassel was one of the first school directors elected in his district, a position he held for ten years.⁸ He served as a member of the town council for many years.⁹ Beginning in 1836, he had an active part in the organization of the Marietta Lyceum.¹⁰ He was elected to the State Legislature on the Whig ticket in 1837 and served the sessions of 1837, 1838, and 1839.¹¹ He had active roles in organizing the Susquehanna Institute, the Pioneer Fire Company, the Marietta Lancaster Turnpike Company (President), formed a stock company which published *The Mariettian* which was later sold and renamed *The Marietta Register*.¹² He

¹ *Susquehanna Times*, “McDevitts Were First to Restore One of Marietta’s Fine Old Homes,” July 21, 1976, 4.

² Ibid.

³ Ibid.

⁴ Dainel Kolb Cassel, *A Genealogical History of the Cassel Family in America: Being the Descendants of Julius Kassel or Yelles Cassel, of Kriesheim, Baden, Germany: Containing Biographical Sketches of Prominent Descendants, with Illustrations.* (Norristown, PA: Morgan R. Wills, 1896), 433.

⁵ “Judge Jacob Grosh,” *Find A Grave*, accessed 7 May 2020, <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/107396000/jacob-grosh>.

⁶ Ibid.

⁷ Lancaster County Recorder of Deeds, Search Online Records, Infodex, Document. Book Y, Volume 7, Page 248, 16 January 2020 <https://www.searchiqs.com/palan/InfodexMainMP.aspx>

⁸ Cassel, 436.

⁹ Ibid., 436.

¹⁰ Ibid., 437.

¹¹ Ibid., 437.

¹² Ibid., 437.

was a member of building committee of the Presbyterian Church.¹³ In 1865, he was ordained as an elder.¹⁴ Following his death, ownership of the property was transferred to his sons George Lincoln Cassel, M. D. (1861-1932) and U. S. Congressman Henry Burd Cassel (1855-1926).¹⁵ Congressman Cassel remodeled the house in a Greek Revival style by adding a porch with ionic columns.¹⁶ In 1938, the Cassel family sold the house to Bernard “Barney” McDevitt, the mayor of Marietta, and his wife Kathryn.¹⁷ At this time, the house had been condemned.¹⁸ The McDevitt’s restored the house.¹⁹ McDevitt owned a carpentry company and employed his company in the restoration of the house.²⁰ McDevitt removed the porch and added Classical Revival architectural elements.²¹ Mayor McDevitt owned the house for 40 years.²² This was the first house in Marietta to be restored and launched a historic restoration movement.²³

Prologue

This is one report in a collection of eight reports about historically significant properties in Marietta, Pennsylvania a National Historic District. These reports focus on five prominent families who contributed to the establishment and building of Marietta in the nineteenth century.

The Clark, Mehaffey, Cassel, Spangler, and Rich families feature in this series of reports. The Clark/Mehaffey property is located in former Irishtown. Four Cassel family properties are located in former Moravian Town. Three Spangler (two Spangler & one Rich) properties are located on Fairview Avenue in former Waterford.

The industries and businesses associated with these families and properties are agriculture, lumber, coal, iron, transportation, and retail/distribution of related products. The Rich family is associated with the insurance industry and all the families in this study were involved with local banking enterprises.

Members of these families, representing these industries, associated with these properties, served in local Marietta Borough public service positions and elected to the state and/or federal legislatures, while others were appointed U. S. Ambassadors. Many held state and national leadership positions in the Whig, Republican, and Prohibition political parties.

In 2014, Arcadia Publishing (Charleston, South Carolina) published a book entitled, Elizabethtown College as part of their *Campus History Series: Images of America*, authored by Jean-Paul Benowitz, who teaches History at Elizabethtown College. In 2015, Arcadia Publishing asked Jean-Paul to write a history of Elizabethtown Borough, published under the title, Elizabethtown: Images of America. In the fall semester of 2016 Elizabethtown College began offering an Honors First Year Seminar, taught by Jean-Paul, called “Landmarks and Legends: Learning Local History.” In the spring semester of 217 Elizabethton College began offering an Honors research methods course, taught by Jean- Paul called, “Elizabethtown History: Campus and Community.” These courses helped Elizabethtown College secure a Mellon Grant, in 2018, called “Confronting Challenges with Confidence: Humanities for Our World Today.” Jean-Paul’s courses were supported by this grant as part of the “Development and Delivery of Global and Regional Heritage Studies Courses/Experiences.” The Mellon Grant and these local history courses led to the creation in 2019 of a Certificate in Public Heritage Studies for History majors at Elizabethtown College. These courses are based, in part, on The National Collegiate Honors Council program called

¹³ Ibid., 437.

¹⁴ Ibid., 437.

¹⁵ Book F, Volume 21, Page 491.

¹⁶ John Wentling, Letter to Owner of 590 E Market St, 1994.

¹⁷ Book X, Volume 33, Page 446.

¹⁸ *Susquehanna Times*, “McDevitts.”

¹⁹ Ibid.

²⁰ Ibid.

²¹ Ibid.

²² Book X, Volume 33, Page 446.

²³ *Susquehanna Times*, “McDevitts”.

“Partners in the Parks.” This is an outdoor experiential learning program offered through a collaboration between NCHC and the National Park Service. NCHC also offers programming called “Place As Text” where students immerse themselves in the local community exploring the culture and geography of the local neighborhood. Students are challenged to be sensitive and reflect about the human experience in the local built environment.

In the spring of 2016 the course, “Elizabethtown History: Campus and Community,” involved a partnership with the Lancaster Preservation Trust and Elizabethtown Borough. Students conducted archival and field research in an effort to prevent the historically significant Moose Lodge building in Elizabethtown from being razed. This successful historic preservation project attracted the attention of the Architectural Historian for Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Engineering District 8.

In the spring of 2017 the course, “Elizabethtown History: Campus and Community,” involved a partnership with PennDOT. Students engaged in archival and field research to conduct National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 Reviews of local historic properties. Student research findings were published through the digital humanities project: ArcGIS story maps. Students’ reports were used by PennDOT, Elizabethtown Borough, and the federal Department of Transportation regarding historic preservation initiatives and public works projects concerning rebuilding the Market Street Bridge.



Corner of East Market & North New Haven Streets
Marietta, Pennsylvania

In the spring semester 2019, the course, “Elizabethtown History: Campus and Community,” involved a partnership with RiverStewards, Inc. The students conducted NHPA Section 106 Reviews of historically significant properties in the Marietta Historic District(s) and the Chickies Historic District. The students published their findings online through an ArcGIS map. The students presented their findings at Scholarship and Creative Arts Day (SCAD) at Elizabethtown College on Tuesday 16 April 2019 and at Marietta Day on Saturday 11 May 2019 in Marietta. One of the students in the class, Kyle C. Cappucci, expanded the project for a Summer Scholarship, Creative Arts, and Research Project (SCARP) in the summer of 2019. Cappucci broadened the Community Based Learning project to include Marietta Restoration Associates, Inc.; RiverStewards, Inc.; Rivertownes PA USA, Inc.; and Susquehanna Heritage, Inc. Cappucci expanded the scope of the map beyond historical significance to illustrate the contemporary relevance of Marietta.

Cappucci presented his scholarship to the Marietta Borough Council meeting on Tuesday 9 July 2019 and to the general public at the former First National Bank on Wednesday 17 July 2019. His presentations entitled: “Putting Historic Marietta on The Map: This Place Matters!” illustrated how the scholarship by the Honors students at Elizabethtown College can bring positive attention to the Marietta Historic District, the Chickies Historic District, and the Northwest Lancaster County River Trail. To this end, Cappucci suggested the Marietta Restoration Associates, Inc. take the lead in launching a historic preservation awareness campaign created by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, called “This Place Matters!”

“This Place Matters!” a national campaign, created by the National Historic Preservation Trust, encouraging people to celebrate places meaningful to them and to their communities. Since 2015, participants have shared more than 10,000 photographs of themselves and their favorite places on social media using the hashtag #ThisPlaceMatters.

In the summer of 2020, Kyle Cappucci will work on an Elizabethtown College Summer Scholarship, Creative Art and Research Program

Project entitled: “This Place Matters! The National Trust for Historic Preservation and Economic Revitalization in Marietta, Pennsylvania.” Through this SCARP project Elizabethtown College partnering with various stakeholders in Marietta, will be launching a This Place Matters campaign for Marietta. This campaign is not just public awareness through photography and social media. It is about telling the stories of why these places hold historical significance. Through This

Place Matters, the National Historic Preservation Trust, encourages and inspires an ongoing dialogue about the importance of place and preservation.

This is one report, in a series of eight reports being used to inform the Marietta This Place Matters campaign.

Jean-Paul Benowitz

Wednesday 20 May 2020

Property Details:

The address is 590 East Market Street, Marietta, PA 17547.²⁴ Located on the corner of N Bank St and E Market St, on lots 157 and 158 on the plan of Jacob Grosh’s addition to Marietta.²⁵ The estate was built in 1852.²⁶ The total acreage of the land surrounding the home is eight thousand two hundred seventy-six square feet or 0.19 acres.²⁷ The home is a residential property.²⁸ The house is two and a half stories high and its total square footage is two thousand eight hundred twenty-two square feet.²⁹ It includes two full bathrooms, one half bathroom, four bedrooms on the second floor and two additional rooms on the uppermost floor.³⁰ The first floor of the home includes a center hall that runs from the front to the back of the property, a living room, dining room, kitchen, and a mud room at the rear of the house.³¹ The living room features wood paneling and a plaster ceiling medallion.³² The kitchen has been remodeled and modernized.³³ The total basement area amounts to one thousand three hundred twenty square feet.³⁴ There are a total of four fireplaces on the first floor, one of which is bricked over.³⁵ The fireplaces extend to the second floor, all but one of which are currently bricked over.³⁶ There are two slab porches, one open totaling one hundred eighty-two square feet and one with a roof totaling two hundred eighty-eight square feet.³⁷ The house is connected to the public gas, sewage, and water systems and is hooked-up to electricity.³⁸ The house has two thousand eight hundred twenty-two square feet of electric baseboard.³⁹ The second structure is a storage shed with a wood frame build in 1990.⁴⁰ The total square footage of the shed amounts to ninety-six square feet.⁴¹

²⁴ Interview with Judy Ross, February 19, 2020.

²⁵ Ibid.

²⁶ Ibid.

²⁷ Ibid.

²⁸ Ibid.

²⁹ Ibid.

³⁰ Ibid.

³¹ Ibid.

³² Ibid.

³³ Ibid.

³⁴ Ibid.

³⁵ Ibid.

³⁶ Ibid.

³⁷ Ibid.

³⁸ Ibid.

³⁹ Ibid.

⁴⁰ Ibid.

⁴¹ Ibid.

Deed Search:

In 1814, the ownership of the land was transferred from Henry Cassel and Catharine Cassel to Jacob Grosh (1 January 1814 – 31 January 1814)⁴², John Shelly (31 January 1814 - 23 May 1844)⁴³, Abraham N. Cassel (23 May 1844- 28 December 1895)⁴⁴, Mary Cassel (28 December 1895 – 9 August 1912)⁴⁵, George L. Cassel and Henry B. Cassel (9 August 1912 – 17 March 1913)⁴⁶, H. Burd Cassel (17 March 1913 – 28 April 1926)⁴⁷, Mary E. C. Holloway, William Holloway, Frances P. Bernard, and Arthur Bernard (28 April 1926 – 14 March 1928)⁴⁸, Mary E. C. Holloway, Frances P. Bernard, and Howard Cassel (14 March 1928 – 14 December 1938)⁴⁹, Kathryn A McDevitt and Bernard R. McDevitt (14 December 1938 -8 May 1979)⁵⁰, Eric J. Whitacre and Pamela J. Whitacre (8 May 1979 – 3 December 1984)⁵¹, Bernard R. McDevitt (3 December 1984 – 14 August 1985)⁵², William R. Colmery and Mary E. Colmery (14 August 1985 – 15 March 2000)⁵³, Frank P. Innacola and Judith L. Helt Ross (15 March 2000 – 27 June 2002)⁵⁴, Judith L. Helt Ross (27 June 2002 – Current)⁵⁵.

Architectural Style:

The exterior of the estate was assumed to have been built in the Georgian style. The house has been remodeled to have elements of the Greek Revival and Classical Revival styles. The Georgian style was popular in England in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries and became the most prevalent style in the English colonies in the eighteenth century.⁵⁶ It is based on classical forms from the Italian Renaissance.⁵⁷ This style marked the distinct departure from the more utilitarian style buildings that were common at the time.⁵⁸ The Georgian Style reflected, “a period of colonial growth and prosperity and a desire for more formally designed buildings.”⁵⁹ A main feature of Georgian Style homes seen in this house is the presence of a center hall with a stairwell that splits the house into two sides. Each side has two rooms with a fireplace, totaling to four fireplaces.⁶⁰ This estate has a symmetrical form and fenestration, a side-gabled roof, brick walls, a cornice with dentils, and corner quoins, all of which come from the Georgian Style.⁶¹ The house also features a Georgian Style door.⁶² The Greek Revival style was developed around 1820 as a desire to take architectural inspiration from the ancient buildings of Greece.⁶³ When H. Burd Cassel inherited the property, he made renovations to the house that reflected the Greek Revival Style.⁶⁴ He added the Greek Revival elements of a front gabled roof, a front porch with columns, and added to the front

⁴² Book 7 Page 89.

⁴³ Book Y, Volume 7, Page 248.

⁴⁴ Book Y, Volume 7, Page 249.

⁴⁵ Will L-2-415

⁴⁶ Book F, Volume 21, Page 491.

⁴⁷ Ibid.

⁴⁸ Book Y, Volume 28, Page 299.

⁴⁹ Book Y, Volume 28, Page 301.

⁵⁰ Book X, Volume 33, Page 446.

⁵¹ Book B, Volume 77, Page 328.

⁵² Book S, Volume 90, Page 205.

⁵³ Book Q, Volume 92, Page 399.

⁵⁴ Lancaster County Recorder of Deeds, Search Public Records, Records Search, Instrument Number 4315945, accessed 16 January 2020, <https://searchdocs.lancasterdeeds.com/countyweb/disclaimer.do>.

⁵⁵ Instrument Number 5095023.

⁵⁶ Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission. “Georgian Style 1700-1800” Pennsylvania Architectural Field Guide, <http://www.phmc.state.pa.us/portal/communities/architecture/styles/georgian.html> (accessed 13 April 2020).

⁵⁷ Ibid.

⁵⁸ Ibid.

⁵⁹ Ibid.

⁶⁰ Antique Homes. “Georgian,” Historic Style Guide. <https://www.antiquehomesmagazine.com/historic-style-guide/georgian> (accessed 13 April 2020).

⁶¹ “Georgian Style 1700-1800”.

⁶² Will Jones, *How to Read Houses: A Crash Course in Domestic Architecture* (New York: Rizzoli, 2014), 115.

⁶³ Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission. “Early Classical Revival Style: Roman Classical Revival 1790-1830, Greek Revival 1820-1860,” Pennsylvania Architectural Field Guide, <http://www.phmc.state.pa.us/portal/communities/architecture/styles/early-classical-revival.html> (accessed 13 April 2020).

⁶⁴ John Wentling, Letter to Owner of 590 E Market St, 1994.

façade with corner pilasters.⁶⁵ The attic level window, which has not been changed since the house was built also reflects the Greek Revival style.⁶⁶ The front door of the home has small paned side windows with a rectangular window above the door reflecting the Greek Revival Style and Georgian Style.⁶⁷ The Classical Revival style was popular from 1895 to 1950.⁶⁸ During this time, Mayor McDevitt and his wife renovated the then condemned home into the masterful beauty it is now.⁶⁹ The McDevitts integrated many elements of Classical Revival style into the house including the formal symmetrical design with a center door and rectangular double hung windows.⁷⁰

History of Marietta, Pennsylvania

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As early as 8,000 BC Paleo-Indian settlements, the Susquehannocks flourished along the Susquehanna River with agricultural production and operating complex trade routes expanding throughout the continent. Every river valley and every tributary of the Swatara, Conoy, Chickies, Conestoga, Pequea, and Octorara Creeks has considerable evidence of human habitation in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania prior to European contact.⁷¹

In 1616 Etienne Brule (1592-1633) a French expert in the Algonquin language, who lived among the Susquehanna tribe in western New York, traveled down the Susquehanna River into the Chesapeake Bay. Along the way, Brule explored the tributaries of the Susquehanna River in Lancaster County and encountered the Susquehannock tribes living along the Susquehanna River.⁷²

In 1629 Etienne Brule partnered with the British fur trader Sir David Kirke (1597-1654) establishing trade relations between the Europeans and Susquehannock tribes. By 1680-1690 no Susquehannock villages existed in Lancaster or York Counties. There was a migration to New York to settle among the Iroquois and Seneca and a movement south to Maryland.⁷³

In 1681 British King Charles, II (1630-1685) granted a land charter to Quaker leader William Penn (1644-1718) to repay a debt the King owed to Admiral William Penn (1621-1670). King Charles named it Pennsylvania, meaning Penn's Woods: Penn and Sylvania from the Latin *silva* which translates forest or woods. There were no Susquehannocks living in this region by the time William Penn acquired the land from King Charles, II (1630-1685).⁷⁴

In 1701 William Penn (1644-1718) gave a patent of 3,000 acres of land along the Susquehanna River to George Beale (British). By 1703 Consumed by debt, William Penn (1644-1718) charged his land agent James Logan (1674-1751) to send him in London "bear and buck skins for they [the creditors] bear an advance" and "urge the Pennsylvania assembly to establish a propriety monopoly in the Indian trade."⁷⁵

In 1708 James Logan invited the French Expert Indian language interpreter Peter Bezaillon (1661-1742) to establish a fur trading post where the Conoy Creek meets the Susquehanna River in Bainbridge, Pennsylvania

⁶⁵ "Early Classical Revival Style".

⁶⁶ Ibid.

⁶⁷ Antique Homes. "Greek Revival," Historic Style Guide. www.antiquehomesmagazine.com/historic-style-guide/greek-revival/ (accessed 13 April 2020), Jones, 130, 131..

⁶⁸ Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission. "Classical Revival Style 1895-1950," Pennsylvania Architectural Field Guide, www.phmc.state.pa.us/portal/communities/architecture/styles/classical-revival.html (accessed 13 April 2020).

⁶⁹ *Susquehanna Times*, "McDevitts."

⁷⁰ "Classical Revival Style 1895-1950".

⁷¹ Benowitz, Jean-Paul, *Elizabethtown Advocate*. "American Indians Were Major Part of Development of E-town" [etownpa.com](http://etownpa.com/american-indians-major-part-development-e-town/) <http://etownpa.com/american-indians-major-part-development-e-town/> (accessed May 21, 2019).

⁷² Ibid.

⁷³ Ibid.

⁷⁴ Ibid.

⁷⁵ Ibid.

north 7.5 miles north of Marietta. By 1719 Bezaillion invited the Piscataway tribe to move from Maryland to Conoy Town. They assumed the name Canoise or corn shellers and were called the Conoy Indians.⁷⁶

In 1717 Peter Logan did not only invite French and Indian fur traders to settle between the Conoy and Conewago Creeks along the Susquehanna River, he also sold land to the highest bidders among the Swiss-German (mostly Mennonite) Palatine farmers arriving in Pennsylvania in 1717. Simultaneously there was an influx of Ulster Scots or Scots-Irish settlers. William Penn's sons John (1700-1746), Richard (1706-1771), and Thomas (1702-1775) inherited a great deal of debt when their father died in 1718. The Penn brothers became alienated from Quaker beliefs and did not subscribe to their father's ideals for Pennsylvania.⁷⁷

In 1717 one year before his death, William Penn reserved 16,000 acres in Lancaster County for various tribes as a reserved hunting ground. This promise by William Penn would not be kept by his sons. According to Mennonite historian the Reverend John L. Ruth, Mennonite settlers in Lancaster County anxiously paid up to four times more than the price the Penn brothers were asking for acres. Meanwhile the Scots-Irish settlers encouraged to move here by James Logan started living on the land without title. The obvious defense of one's claim to property was to construct buildings and begin to improve the land, even before it was legally acquired.⁷⁸

In 1719 Robert Wilkins, Scotch-Irish (Ulster Scots; Anglo-Irish Presbyterians), Indian Trader, acquired 300 acres along the Susquehanna River north of Chickies Creek. In 1719 George Stewart, Scotch-Irish, was sold a tract of land east of the Robert Wilkins tract. In 1727 Robert Wilkins sold the tract of Penn land to Scotch-Irish, The Reverend James Anderson, clergy at the Donegal Presbyterian Church (1732) in Mount Joy, in East Donegal Township. Son James Anderson operated the ferry and built the Accomac Inn.⁷⁹

In 1733 George Stewart's son and daughter-in-law, John and Ann Stewart, inherited and sold the James Anderson tract to David Cook. This tract of land was given to his son David Cook whose son, David Cook, laid out the town of New Haven. Additional acres of the Stewart tract were given to David Cook's son James.⁸⁰

Peter Bezaillion built Old Peter's Road, as it is still known in parts of Lancaster County, to facilitate French and Indian fur trading linking Philadelphia to Bainbridge (1719). Bezaillion who, in partnership with the British, challenged France's control over the territory between the Appalachian Mountains and the Mississippi River, a struggle which helped precipitate the French and Indian War. The French found the Algonquin tribes their allies, while the Iroquois sided with the British. Raids of British colonists occurred on both sides.⁸¹

By 1743 The Piscataway tribes had moved away from Bainbridge, migrating north along the Susquehanna River settling in Shamokin. British victories in Quebec (1759) and Montreal (1760) led to France surrendering all of New France to the British. The British took over all French forts on the frontier and became the new authoritarian power for the tribes in these regions during The French and Indian War (1755-1763).⁸²

Between 1775-1783 Marietta played an important role in the American Revolution manufacturing iron and lumber, producing agricultural goods, distilling whiskey, and ferry transportation between Lancaster and York Counties over the Susquehanna River. The capitol of Continental Congress was in Lancaster City on 22 September 1777. Lancaster City was the capitol of Pennsylvania from 1799-1812. York City was the capitol of the Continental Congress from 1777-1778. The Articles of Confederation were drafted and adopted in York thus the establishing the first constituting and government for the United States of America. In 1789 Quaker leader Samuel Wright renamed Wright's Ferry as Columbia and petitioned the new U. S. Congress to make this the location of the U. S. Capitol.⁸³

In 1804 the third generation of Anderson, grandson James Anderson, laid out the town of Waterford. By 1812 James Anderson and James Cook procured a charter from the Pennsylvania legislature and named their

⁷⁶ Ibid.

⁷⁷ Ibid.

⁷⁸ Ibid.

⁷⁹ Marietta Sesquicentennial Souvenir Booklet (Marietta, PA: August 4, 1962).

⁸⁰ Ibid.

⁸¹ Ibid.

⁸² Ibid.

⁸³ Lloyd, Junie, YorkBlog, "How did they get across the wide Susquehanna when there were no bridges?"

<https://yorkblog.com/universal/how-did-they-get-across-the-wide-susquehanna-when-there-were-no-bridges/> (accessed May 23, 2019).

incorporated towns Marietta. The next year, 1813, Anderson's town Waterford and Cook's town New Haven were consolidated including a tract of land owned by John Myers east of Moravian Town and a tract of land owned by Benjamin Long north of Waterford.⁸⁴

In the same year, 1813 John Pedan, James Mehaffey, and Colonel James Duffy purchased 161 acres west of the Anderson tract and laid out Irishtown. The founders named each north-south street after U. S. naval heroes: Biddle, Jones, Decatur, Bainbridge, Morris, Hull, and Porter. The east-west streets named for American sea vessels: Essex, United States, Wasp, and Constitution. United States Street would become Market Street when all the towns were incorporated into the borough of Marietta.⁸⁵

The next year, 1814, the Cassels sell the Neff tract to Jacob Grosh who laid out Moravian Town, known locally as Bungletown. By this time the major industry in Marietta was lumber. By 1814 there were nine lumber merchants in Marietta. Planing mills, lumberyards, carpentry shops, and allied businesses were the backbone of the local economy. Marietta was a waypoint for shipping lumber, bundled into rafts, downriver. In 1807 Henry Cassel established a lumber business on the corner of Third and Bank Streets. In 1848 Henry Cassel was joined by his son A. N. Cassel who in 1872 built a planing mill associated with the business. In 1850 B. F. Hiestand & Sons Planing Mill was established on the Susquehanna River below Chickes Rock with the lumber offices located on the corner of Bank and Second Streets. In 1945 the Hiestand lumber properties were deeded to the Paul W. Zimmerman Foundries Company manufacturing brass, bronze, and aluminum castings. In 1954 Zimmerman Foundries Company, was acquired by the Donegal Manufacturing Corporation, later called Donegal Steel Foundry Company which manufactured carbon, low alloy and stainless steel castings primarily for tanks for the U. S. Army during the Korean War (1950-1953).⁸⁶

During 1812-1814 The Columbia-Wrightsville covered bridge constructed over the Susquehanna River, at the time considered the longest covered bridge in the world. Greatly enhances the economy for Marietta. Between 1812-1815 the War of 1812 between the U. S. and Great Britain began over alleged British violations of American shipping rights, such as impressment, the forcing of American merchant sailors to serve on British ships. American forces unsuccessfully invaded Canada and the British retaliated by burning down Washington, D. C. Within weeks U. S. Forces repulsed sea and land invasions of the British at the Port of Baltimore, particularly Fort McHenry. The war ended with victory for the United States at the Battle of New Orleans. Two companies from Marietta marched to Maryland in defense of Baltimore. One of the companies was called the Marietta Grays commanded by Jacob Grosh.⁸⁷

In 1817 James Anderson built a road over Chickies Mountain, the Old Columbia Pike, linking Columbia, Pennsylvania, formerly Wright's Ferry, (1726) 3.6 miles south of Marietta. Anderson was preparing for the state legislature to build a bridge across the Susquehanna River connecting Marietta to York, Pennsylvania (1741). James Anderson operated a ferry across the Susquehanna River. Two miles north Mennonite Christian Winiker operated a ferry known as Vinegar Ferry.⁸⁸

The Economic Panic of 1819 was the first major peacetime financial crisis in the U. S. following the collapse of the economy in the transition from a colonial commercial status with Europe toward an independent economy. The downturn was driven by global market adjustments in the aftermath of the Napoleonic Wars, its severity was compounded by excessive speculation in public lands. The Pennsylvania legislature did not build a bridge between Marietta and York. James Anderson lost most of his money building the Columbia Pike.⁸⁹

Between 1826-1840 construction of the Pennsylvania Canal system to connect Philadelphia (1682) to Pittsburgh (1669) commenced. The Pennsylvania Rail Road (1846) eventually purchased the Pennsylvania Canal from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.⁹⁰

⁸⁴ Marietta Sesquicentennial Souvenir Booklet (Marietta, PA: August 4, 1962).

⁸⁵ Ibid.

⁸⁶ Ibid.

⁸⁷ Ibid.

⁸⁸ Ibid.

⁸⁹ Revolv. "Panic of 1819" revolv. www.revolv.com/page/Panic-of-1819 (accessed May 21, 2019).

⁹⁰ Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission. "Pennsylvania Canals- 1846" phmc.state.pa.us
www.phmc.state.pa.us/portal/communities/documents/1776-1865/pennsylvania-canals.html (accessed May 21, 2019).

In 1855 Eagle Furnace, anthracite iron furnace, opened. The iron industry in Marietta was dominated by Henry Musselman, Henry Miller Watts of Carlisle, and his father-in-law Dr. Peter Shoenberger, of Pittsburgh. The local iron industry was managed by Watts' son Ethelbert Watts (1846–1919) a U. S. diplomat who played important roles in the Spanish American War, Russo Japanese War, & WW I. These iron plants produced pig iron, sold under the brand name Vesta, transported on the Pennsylvania Canal and later by the railroad. In 1917 the iron plants, known as the Susquehanna Iron Company, sold the furnaces to E. J. Lavino who produced ferromanganese, used for high grade steel, during WW I. The manganese ores came from all over the world & the ferromanganese product was shipped to Youngstown, Ohio, Coatesville, and Pittsburgh. The production of iron ceased in the 1920s and the furnace was dismantled between 1928 and 1934.⁹¹

Between 1861-1865, during the American Civil War Marietta played a role in the Battle of Gettysburg 1-3 July 1863. Women from Marietta organized to prepare linen bandages and baked two wagonloads of bread dispatched to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania (1806) 45 miles west of Marietta. Marietta was protected from an invasion of Confederate troops because on 28 June 1863 Union forces burned the Columbia-Wrightsville covered bridge to prevent an advance of Confederate troops approaching from Wrightsville, York County. The Pennsylvania Rail Road used the bridge piers to support a rail bridge crossing the river from 1868-1896 when it was destroyed by the Cedar Keys Hurricane. In 1810 David Muma built a stone house which David Cassel (1774-1855) turned into a hotel in 1823 called the Perry House Hotel named for War of 1812 Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry (1785-1819). Perry House was a stronghold for Confederate sympathizers of Marietta where Copperheads and Unionists engaged in hostile political debates.⁹²

In the post-Civil War years, by 1876 The Marietta Holloware and Enameling Company was established, by Colonel James Duffy among others, producing hollow castings such as toilet bowls, lavatory basins, cast iron cookware, ink pots for stencils, glue pots, teakettles, and cookware including sauce pans, and skillets.⁹³

In 1882 Dr. H. M. Alexander used the methods of British physician and scientist, Edward Jenner (1749-1823) to create a vaccine for smallpox which he manufactured and sold commercially nationwide and globally. The work began in a chicken house adjacent to his office at 299 West Market Street. He purchased the H. McMullen Farm in the Irishtown neighborhood of Marietta located at Wasp and Biddle Streets and established the first commercial biological laboratory in the United States known as Dr. H. M. Alexander and Company and also as the Lancaster County Vaccine Farm.⁹⁴

By the time of the First World War, in 1916, the heirs of Dr. Alexander sold their shares of the company to the Gilliland Laboratories, Inc. During the Second World War, in 1943 Gilliland Laboratories was acquired by the American Home Products Corporation. The following year, in 1944, The American Home Products Corporation was incorporated into the Wyeth Laboratories, Inc. In 2005 Wyeth Laboratories was acquired by Britain's largest drugs maker, GlaxoSmithKline.

In 1889 Donegal Mutual Insurance Company, formerly Donegal and Conoy Mutual Fire Insurance Company, established on West Market Street in Marietta. During 1960-1961 Donegal built their national headquarters in Colonial Revival style campus on River Road Pennsylvania Route 441 (PA 441).⁹⁵

In 1893 The Columbia and Donegal Electric Railway (C&D), later purchased by The Pennsylvania Traction Company which was acquired by the Conestoga Traction Company (1899) was chartered to build a trolley car line connecting the four miles between Columbia and Marietta and building the Chickies Rock Park. The wooden cars, painted bright blue with yellow trim, were purchased from J. G. Brill Car Company (1868-1954) Philadelphia and the electric lines were installed by Westinghouse Electric Company (1886) Pittsburgh. Trolley tickets were purchased at the Libhart Drug Store.⁹⁶

⁹¹ Rivertownes. "The Furnaces of Rivertownes" [rivertownes.org http://www.rivertownes.org/Features/Furnaces/Marietta.htm](http://www.rivertownes.org/Features/Furnaces/Marietta.htm) (accessed May 21, 2019).

⁹² Marietta Sesquicentennial Souvenir Booklet (Marietta, PA: August 4, 1962).

⁹³ Ibid.

⁹⁴ Ibid.

⁹⁵ Landis, John C., Candlelight Tours of Marietta 1966 to 2015 (Landisville, PA: Yurchak Printing, Inc., 2015).

⁹⁶ Marietta Sesquicentennial Souvenir Booklet, (Marietta, PA: August 4, 1962).

During 1917-1918 the United States declared war on Germany on 6 April 1917 more than two and a half years after the start of the First World War. Before entering the war, the U. S. remained neutral although it was an important supplier to Great Britain and the Allied Powers. The U. S. made its major contributions supplying raw material for the war effort. The U. S. military established the Marietta Holding and Reconsignment Point along the Susquehanna River. The primary mission was to receive and store Quartermaster, Ordnance, Medical, Engineer, and Signal Corps supplies until east coast ports were in a position to receive and ship materials overseas.⁹⁷

During the Second World War, in 1941 the U. S. military expanded the Marietta Holding and Reconsignment Point to accommodate supplying the Lend Lease Act. In March 1941 Lend Lease was enacted distributing food, oil, warships, warplanes, and weaponry. In December 1941, four days after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and the United States, the U. S. Congress declared war against the Japanese Empire. Nazi Germany declared war against the U. S. in response to what was claimed to be a series of provocations by the United States when it was still officially neutral during the Second World War. The United States declared war on Germany.⁹⁸

During this time, 1942-1945 there was an expansion of the Marietta Holding and Reconsignment Point which is officially designated as the Marietta Transportation Corps Depot. The depot encompassed over eight million square feet, over 400 acres, and employed more than 800 civilians in addition to military personnel.⁹⁹

In 1947 Machinecraft, Inc. was established manufacturing automatic food shaping machines for mass production of hamburgers and French fries. The hydraulic valves for the first two air craft carriers built during the Second World War were designed and manufactured by Machinecraft. This technology allowed planes to be kept on an even keel during take-off and landing on the decks of the ships.¹⁰⁰

In 1952 Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation built a natural gas compressor two miles west of the Marietta Air Force Station. This compressor station moves natural gas destined for markets in Philadelphia and New York.¹⁰¹

Between 1953-1955 the Transportation Material Command was established at the Marietta Transportation Corps Depot with the mission of supply control, cataloging, procurement, mobilization planning, and standardization and production engineering. In 1955 Marietta Transportation Corps Depot was transferred from the U. S. Army to the U. S. Air Force which created air station with the primary functions of receipt, storage, shipment, and disposal of Air Force material and equipment.¹⁰²

In 1955 the United States Aluminum Corporation of Pennsylvania USALCO is established. Rectangular twenty-five pound “ingots” smelted from scrap aluminum were produced to make castings for automotive automatic transmissions, pistons, aluminum fry pans, and products for national defense purposes.¹⁰³

In May 1957, New Jersey Shell Casting Corporation was organized and operated until 1961 as a shell molding foundry. The corporation existed under the laws of the State of New Jersey from 1957 to 1979 because Joe Nagy lived in New Jersey at the time of incorporation. In May 1957, the original one room block building on South Decatur Street in Marietta, PA was rented from the U.S. Expansion Bolt Company. On December 9, 1965, New Jersey Shell Casting Corporation purchased the block building from the U.S. Expansion Bolt Company. The original size of the building was 2,700 square feet. Due to the growing needs of the business, the foundry has been expanded over the years and currently houses over 18,000 square feet under roof. In 1962, the business was converted to a non-ferrous brass, bronze and aluminum green sand-molding foundry and remains as such today¹⁰⁴

⁹⁷ Ibid.

⁹⁸ Ibid.

⁹⁹ Ibid.

¹⁰⁰ Ibid.

¹⁰¹ American Oil & Gas Historical Society. Big Inch Pipelines of WWII” aoghs.org <https://aoghs.org/petroleum-in-war/oil-pipelines/> (accessed May 23, 2019).

¹⁰² Wardlow, Chester, Center of Military History. “The Transportation Corps: Responsibilities, Organization, and Operations” historyhttps://history.army.mil/html/books/010/10-19/CMH_Pub_10-19.pdf (accessed May 23, 2019).

¹⁰³ USALCO, “About Us” usalco.com <https://www.usalco.com/company/history/> (accessed May 23, 2019).

¹⁰⁴ New Jersey Shell Casting Corporation. “Our History” njshell.com <http://njshell.com/history.htm> (accessed May 29, 2019).

In the 1970s, a large part of the Marietta Transportation Corps Depot became the Armstrong World Industries Ceiling Manufacturing Plant. Currently part of the Marietta Transportation Corps Depot is owned by the General Services Administration (GSA). The GSA portion of the site is used for the storage of a variety of ores including manganese, chrome, beryl, zinc, and lead in the form of ingots. Access to both portions of the site is restricted by perimeter fencing which has either locked gates or is guarded. The current property owners are: AWI (302.4 acres); GSA (67.5 acres); AAAA Enterprises, Inc. (39.9 acres); PADOT (23.27 acres); Richard C. Yunginger (36.40 acres); and Frederick W. Bushong et ux (9.6 acres).¹⁰⁵

This property is a superfund site which means the federal government, through the Environmental Protection Agency, has identified parties responsible for hazardous substances releases to the environment and has either compelled them to clean up the sites or it may undertake the cleanup on its own using the Superfund (a trust fund) and costs recovered from polluters by referring to the U. S. Department of Justice.¹⁰⁶ Sites managed under this program are referred to as “Superfund” sites established as the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980. The EPA identifies sites such as Marietta Transportation Corps Depot because they pose or had once posed a potential risk to human health and/or the environment due to contamination by one or more hazardous wastes. Marietta Transportation Corps Depot is currently registered as an Active superfund site by the EPA. However, it is not on the NPL (National Priorities List), which means the EPA does not consider it one of the nation's most hazardous waste sites.¹⁰⁷

Established in 1970, Lawn Equipment Parts Company (LEPCO) is a family-owned and operated wholesale distributor of quality outdoor power equipment, parts, and accessories. Originally, LEPCO operated as an after-market parts distributor to independent lawn equipment dealers. Today, we handle nine major brands of power equipment and continue to supply aftermarket parts to over 1,300 dealers in the northeast region. Over the years, LEPCO has continued to grow, becoming one of the preferred distributors in the industry. Maintaining their reputation for outstanding customer service to its dealers continues to be their everyday focus. LEPCO's continued goal is to provide quality products and services to groups of independent dealers who, in turn, can provide a higher level of service and support to the end-users for all the brands represented. They sell exclusively to retail dealers in Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania.¹⁰⁸

In 1981, Rich Kushner opened Swedish Motors at 7 North Decatur Street, advertising that his employees had a unique knowledge of Swedish cars and foreign parts. His niche was more than enough to preoccupy his technicians, some of whom have been with Rich since their service doors opened. Today, Swedish Motors offers the same reliable auto service while also selling and restoring preowned and vintage vehicles.¹⁰⁹

Jagtrux, Inc, a contract/common carrier for tractor trailer transportation was incorporated in 1982 by Jim Germak. In 1998 Jagtrux, Inc. purchased an abandoned locomotive repair shop in Marietta, originally built in 1942, and completely renovated the building. Eventually Jagtrux acquired surrounding property and expanded into a seventy-five-acre facility with a full-service shop, cross dock facilities, and secure trailer storage lots. Germak established a strong relationship with Armstrong World Industries becoming a Core Carrier for Armstrong's facilities in Marietta.¹¹⁰

B.N. Excavating is a second-generation family business, specializing in residential, commercial and agricultural excavating services. Bob Nafziger started the company in 1986, after working as an employee for an excavating company in the area for over 15 years. Bob started the company with a single backhoe, dump truck and track loader and steadily built relationships with area contractors to build the business. Today, B.N. Excavating has grown from a small, one-man operation to a trusted leader in the excavating industry throughout Lancaster County and beyond. Headquartered in Marietta, PA, the company is now home to an experienced team

¹⁰⁵ ProPublica. “Marietta Air Force Station” [projects.propublica.org](https://projects.propublica.org/bombs/installation/PA39799F1509009799)

<https://projects.propublica.org/bombs/installation/PA39799F1509009799> (accessed May 23, 2019).

¹⁰⁶ Wikipedia. “Superfund” [Wikipedia.org https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Superfund](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Superfund) (accessed May 23, 2019).

¹⁰⁷ GovInfo. “Hazardous Waste: Information on Potential Superfund Sites” [govinfo.gov https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/GAOREPORTS-RCED-99-22/html/GAOREPORTS-RCED-99-22.htm](https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/GAOREPORTS-RCED-99-22/html/GAOREPORTS-RCED-99-22.htm) (accessed May 23, 2019).

¹⁰⁸ LEPCO. “About Us” [lepco.com http://lepco.com/about-us/](http://lepco.com/about-us/) (accessed June 13, 2019)

¹⁰⁹ Swedish Motors. “About Us” [swedishmotors.com http://www.swedishmotors.com/about-swedish-motors](http://www.swedishmotors.com/about-swedish-motors) (accessed May 29, 2019).

¹¹⁰ Jagtrux. “Our Story” [jagtrux.com http://jagtrux.com/dotnetnuke/AboutUs/OurStory.aspx](http://jagtrux.com/dotnetnuke/AboutUs/OurStory.aspx) (accessed May 23, 2019).

of full-time excavators and a diverse line of professional excavation equipment that can meet the excavating needs of small businesses, home owners and agricultural operations.¹¹¹

R & T Mechanical, Inc. was founded in 1987. R & T Mechanical is a contracting company which provides services including plumbing, heating, air-conditioning, and other similar work. R & T is in the East Donegal Industrial Park along with several other companies and organizations including Hess Auctioneers, LLC, Jaxtrux, Inc, Vanguard Modular Building Systems., LLC, and Hiltz Propane.

Founded by Matt Hiltz, a mechanical engineer who has many years of experience in the propane industry, Hiltz Propane Systems is family-owned and operated and comprised of a dedicated crew of propane installation and repair professionals. Specializing in complete turnkey propane system design and installation services, Matt and his dedicated crew bring extensive experience to the table in the areas of LPG system design, engineering, plant connection, fitting and maintenance services.¹¹²

Established in 1998, Vanguard Modular Building Systems, LLC acquired Schiavi Leasing Corp., the predominate modular builder and regional supplier of modular classrooms in Maine since 1986, as a wholly owned subsidiary. Vanguard successfully expanded on Schiavi's already extensive modular construction capabilities to include distinctively engineered and designed multi-story permanent modular buildings, while retaining the requirements for temporary modular space of all sizes and configurations. Vanguard's experienced modular sales and construction management teams are in offices throughout the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts, enabling us to effectively serve more than 20 states. They provide construction management services and quality temporary and permanent modular buildings to the education, commercial, construction, healthcare, oil and gas, government, and religious markets.¹¹³

Hess Auctioneers, LLC began operations in June 2007 when John Hess (Hess Auction Group), Phil and Roger Garber (GFI Transport), and Jim Germak (Jagtrux), recognized a need for public truck, trailer and equipment auction and consignment auction in the Mid-Atlantic region. Since the company is conveniently located close to Harrisburg, Lancaster and York, the current site is convenient, secure and allows consignors to bring their equipment to the site in advance of the auctions, so buyers can preview the inventory.¹¹⁴

Lancaster Recumbent opened in December 2014, and today, the shop has over 75 different types of recumbent cycles – and continues to grow. The shop moved to a new location at 103 West Market Street in March 2018 – a larger space (for more cycles) located a block and a half off the Northwest Lancaster County River Trail in Marietta, PA. Lancaster Recumbent offers rides for all of life's cycles, new and used semi-recumbent and recumbent cycles, offers personal customizations and adaptations to meet your specific needs. Lastly, they offer repairs and maintenance for practically anything with wheels – from recumbent to traditional upright cycles, from strollers to wheelchairs and walkers.¹¹⁵

In September 2017, after seven, sometimes controversial, years in the making, Pennsylvania's first large-scale commercial soybean-processing facility was opened at 1609 River Road in Conoy Township. Perdue Agribusiness's new \$60 Million soybean-processing plant has been long touted by Perdue as a boon to farmers from Lancaster County and the region, saving them transportation costs. The plant has received strong endorsement from local agriculture and business groups.¹¹⁶ The state gave Perdue an \$8.75 million grant to build the plant in Pennsylvania. With processed water coming from the adjacent Lancaster County Waste-To-Energy Facility on the same campus, as well as steam, Perdue AgriBusiness said the plant is the most environmentally friendly soybean plant in the country. Perdue said the facility would have the lowest rate of hexane emissions of

¹¹¹ B.N. Excavating. "About Us" bnexcavating.com <https://www.bnexcavating.com/about-us.php> (accessed May 29, 2019).

¹¹² Hiltz Propane Systems. "About Us" hiltzpropanesystems.com <https://www.hiltzpropanesystems.com/about-us/> (accessed June 13, 2019)

¹¹³ Vanguard Modular Building Systems. "Vanguard History" vanguardmodular.com <https://vanguardmodular.com/vanguard-history/> (accessed June 13, 2019).

¹¹⁴ Hess Auctioneers. "About Us" hessauctioneers.com <https://www.hessauctioneers.com/about-us/> (accessed May 29, 2019).

¹¹⁵ Lancaster Recumbent. "About Us" lancasterrecumbent.com <https://lancasterrecumbent.com/about-us/> (accessed May 29, 2019).

¹¹⁶ Lancaster Online. "After long fight, Perdue to open \$60M soybean-processing plant Monday in Conoy Township" lancasteronline.com https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/after-long-fight-perdue-to-open-m-soybean-processing-plant/article_a709d652-9f98-11e7-88a9-238ddeda959e.html (accessed May 29, 2019).

any soybean-processing plant in the United States. The plant will process soybeans and turn them into soymeal for livestock and dairy farms. The plant has 35 permanent employees. Perdue said its construction generated 150 jobs and the plant will spawn 500 jobs in crop production and transportation. Gov. Tom Wolf said, “This plant is a game changer for farmers in Pennsylvania, opening new lanes of supply, new markets, and new opportunities in the commonwealth’s agricultural economy.”¹¹⁷

Texas Eastern Pipeline (TETCo) is a major natural gas pipeline which brings gas from the Gulf of Mexico coast in Texas and Louisiana up through Mississippi, Arkansas, Tennessee, Missouri, Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Pennsylvania to deliver gas in the New York City area. It is one of the largest pipeline systems in the United States. It is owned by Enbridge. Enbridge connects people to the energy they need to help fuel their quality of life. In the United States alone, more than two million miles of pipelines deliver petroleum and natural gas products. Every year, Enbridge invests in the latest technology and training to meet the high environmental and safety standards our neighbors expect, and to keep pipelines the safest, most efficient and most reliable way to move energy resources.¹¹⁸ Marietta has its own Compressor Station off River Road and has a direct connection to this major national phenomenon.

Genealogical Context & Property Purpose for the Cassel Family

In 1681, William Penn traveled to Kriesheim, Germany to preach.¹¹⁹ There he met three Mennonite brothers, Heinrich, Johannes, and Julius Cassel.¹²⁰ The Cassels and Penn recognized common denominators between the Anabaptists and Quakers, particularly a commitment to peace and nonresistance.¹²¹ Penn told the Cassels about a large tract of land in America, which had been granted to him by King Charles II.¹²² Penn promised ownership of land to the Cassels for them to settle and enjoy religious toleration.¹²³ The first Cassel family immigrated to America in 1686.¹²⁴

In July of 1727, John Cassel and his brother Julius departed Rotterdam, Netherlands, on the ship “Friendship,” and arrived in America in October of 1727.¹²⁵ When they arrived, they stayed with their brother Hupert, in Skippack, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.¹²⁶ Hupert immigrated to America in 1686.¹²⁷ John Cassel moved and settled in Hempfield Township, Pennsylvania.¹²⁸ John Cassel’s son, Abraham Cassel was born shortly after the family arrived in America.¹²⁹

Abraham Cassel purchased 560 acres of land in Rapho Township, Lancaster County Pennsylvania.¹³⁰ This community was later named Sporting Hill.¹³¹ David Cassel, a grandson of Abraham Cassel, founded the town of Sporting Hill in 1800. The town was originally supposed to be named Casseltown.¹³²

Henry Cassel, the great-grandson of John Cassel was born on the Sporting Hill homestead.¹³³ In 1806, he and his wife, Catharine Cassel, purchased 162 acres of land in what is now known as Marietta from Henry Asher,

¹¹⁷ Lancaster Online. “10 facts about the new \$60M Perdue soybean plant in Conoy Township opening today” [lancasteronline.com https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/facts-about-the-new-m-perdue-soybean-plant-in-conoy/article_a062b1b8-a216-11e7-8cac-d7d57ce2f935.html](https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/facts-about-the-new-m-perdue-soybean-plant-in-conoy/article_a062b1b8-a216-11e7-8cac-d7d57ce2f935.html) (accessed May 29, 2019).

¹¹⁸ Wikipedia. “Texas Eastern Transmission Pipeline” [wikipedia.org https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Texas_Eastern_Transmission_Pipeline](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Texas_Eastern_Transmission_Pipeline) (accessed June 13, 2019)

¹¹⁹ Cassel, 13.

¹²⁰ Ibid., 14.

¹²¹ Ibid., 14.

¹²² Ibid., 14.

¹²³ Ibid., 14.

¹²⁴ Ibid., 14.

¹²⁵ Ibid., 429.

¹²⁶ Ibid., 429.

¹²⁷ Ibid., 14, 429.

¹²⁸ Ibid., 429, 430.

¹²⁹ Ibid., 430.

¹³⁰ Ibid., 430.

¹³¹ Alexander Harris, *A Biographical History of Lancaster County: Being A History of Early Settlers and Eminent Men of the County: As Also Much Other Unpublished Historical Information, Chiefly of A Local Character*, (Lancaster PA: Elias Barr & Co., 1873), 133.

¹³² Manheim Boro “Manheim Central Region Comprehensive Plan,” 26 February 2020.

¹³³ Cassel, 430.

the executor of Catharine's father's estate.¹³⁴ Henry was President of the old Marietta bank and a lumber baron. He was one of the founders of the town of Marietta.¹³⁵ Here, they had five children.¹³⁶ In 1814, after Henry Cassel lost a majority of his wealth with the failure of the Marietta and Susquehanna Trading Company, he sold 45 acres of this land to Jacob Grosh.¹³⁷ Grosh laid the land into numbered plots in January 1814.¹³⁸ Grosh named this community Moravian Town which was later nicknamed "Bungletown."¹³⁹

Henry Cassel was one of the founders of Marietta.¹⁴⁰ He was involved in the town's lumber industry in its early days. For years, he thrived socially and economically in the town.¹⁴¹ He was the president of the old Marietta bank, and oversaw the construction of properties on the land he purchased from Asher.¹⁴² One such property was 606 E. Market St, also known as "the Linden House".¹⁴³

However, the war of 1812 took a toll on Cassel—and he suffer great economic losses following the conflict. A decade later, the Henry Cassel mansion would be sold at a sheriff's sale.

Abraham N. Cassel was born to Henry and Catherine Cassel in 1810.¹⁴⁴ He worked at a country store in Bainbridge between ages eleven to fourteen to help the family make money.¹⁴⁵ At age fifteen, he apprenticed as a hatter in Marietta.¹⁴⁶ He soon started his own hatting business.¹⁴⁷ In 1834, Abraham N. Cassel was one of the first school directors elected in his district, a position he held for ten years.¹⁴⁸ He served as a member of the town council for many years.¹⁴⁹

Beginning in 1836, he had an active part in the organization of the Marietta Lyceum, he was an attendant for many years.¹⁵⁰ He was elected to the State Legislature on the Whig ticket in 1837 and served the sessions of 1837, 1838, and 1839.¹⁵¹ In 1844, Plot 158 was transferred to Abraham N. Cassel and he built one of the first six brick houses in Marietta, a two-story home, on the land.¹⁵² The bricks used in the house were made in England and brought by boat to Marietta.¹⁵³

In 1847, Abraham N. Cassel married Mary Jane Stahl.¹⁵⁴ The couple had seven children, only two of which, George Lincoln and Henry Burd, would survive to adulthood.¹⁵⁵ He had active roles in organizing the Susquehanna Institute, the Pioneer Fire Company (officer from 1849 to 1868, Treasurer for 14 years), and the Marietta Lancaster Turnpike Company.¹⁵⁶ Abraham N. conformed a stock company that published "The

¹³⁴ Book 7, Page 89.

¹³⁵ Cassel, 433.

¹³⁶ Ibid., 433.

¹³⁷ Ibid., 436.

¹³⁸ Marietta Sesquicentennial Souvenir Booklet (Marietta, PA: August 4, 1962).

¹³⁹ Ibid.

¹⁴⁰ Cassel, 433.

¹⁴¹ Marietta Sesquicentennial Souvenir Booklet.

¹⁴² Cassel, 433.

¹⁴³ *Susquehanna Times*, "Marietta Zoning Hearting Board," July 04, 1979, page 12,

[https://panewsarchive.psu.edu/lccn/sn89077138/1979-07-04/ed-1/seq-](https://panewsarchive.psu.edu/lccn/sn89077138/1979-07-04/ed-1/seq-12/#date1=01%2F01%2F1789&city=Marietta&date2=12%2F31%2F2010&searchType=advanced&language=&sequence=0&index=17&words=Cassel&sort=relevance&county=&frequency=&ortext=&proxtext=cassel&phrasertext=&andtext=&rows=20&dateFilterType=yearRange&page=3)

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¹⁴⁴ Cassel, 436.

¹⁴⁵ Ibid., 436, 438.

¹⁴⁶ Ibid., 438.

¹⁴⁷ Ibid., 436.

¹⁴⁸ Ibid., 436.

¹⁴⁹ Ibid., 436.

¹⁵⁰ Ibid., 437.

¹⁵¹ Ibid., 437.

¹⁵² Book Y, Volume 7, Page 249, *Susquehanna Times*, "McDevitts".

¹⁵³ *Susquehanna Times*, "McDevitts".

¹⁵⁴ Cassel, 437.

¹⁵⁵ Ibid., 437.

¹⁵⁶ Ibid., 437.

Mariettian” which was later sold and renamed “The Marietta Register.”¹⁵⁷ Despite its many owners and names, this was the longest surviving newspaper in Marietta’s extensive journalistic history.¹⁵⁸

He was a member of building committee of the Presbyterian Church.¹⁵⁹ In 1865, he was ordained as an elder and was the ruling elder for over thirty years.¹⁶⁰ He entered into the lumber business after shutting down his hatter business.¹⁶¹ Abraham N. Cassel retired at age eighty-five and passed away on 28 December 1895 in his home.¹⁶² He was loved and trusted by the community.¹⁶³ He was described as being sunny, with genial nature, and strong convictions.¹⁶⁴

H. Burd Cassel was a Republican member of the U. S. House of Representatives. In 1881, he was a member of the Republican Lancaster County Committee and chairman in 1883. He was a delegate to the 1896 Republican National Convention before serving from 1898-1900 in the Pennsylvania State House of Representatives. He served as Chairman of the House Committee on Accounts during his time in Congress. In 1909, during the sixtieth Congress, he was convicted of fraud related to the construction of the Pennsylvania State Capitol. H. Burd Cassel was caught bribing \$10,000 in “hush money” to keep his scandal secret.¹⁶⁵

Dr. George L Cassel, M.D (1861-1932), born to Abraham Cassel and Mary Stahl, was a medical doctor for all of his career. He gained his medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1884. He married Mary Horne Cadwallader, and had three children: Miriam who married Donald Matthews in 1919, George Lincoln who became a Captain in the Dental Corps during World War I, and Charles Cadawallader. Miriam had three children of her own: George Cassel Matthews who died in 2017, Donald H. Jr, and Miriam Haddad.

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John Cassel soon moved away from his brothers and settled in Hempfield township, PA.¹⁷⁵ John Cassel’s son, Abraham Cassel was born shortly after he arrived in America.¹⁷⁶

¹⁵⁷ Ibid., 437.

¹⁵⁸ *Susquehanna Times*, “A Bit of History,” March 29, 1978, 12. [https://panewsarchive.psu.edu/lccn/sn89077138/1978-03-29/ed-1/seq-](https://panewsarchive.psu.edu/lccn/sn89077138/1978-03-29/ed-1/seq-12/#date1=01%2F01%2F1789&city=Marietta&date2=12%2F31%2F2010&searchType=advanced&language=&sequence=0&index=14&words=Abraham+Cassel&county=&frequency=&ortext=Abraham+Neff+Cassel&proxtext=&phrasertext=&andtext=&rows=20&dateFilterType=yearRange&page=1)

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¹⁵⁹ Cassel, 437.

¹⁶⁰ Ibid., 437.

¹⁶¹ Ibid., 437.

¹⁶² Ibid., 438.

¹⁶³ Ibid., 439, 440.

¹⁶⁴ Ibid., 439, 440.

¹⁶⁵ https://spiderbites.nytimes.com/1907/articles_1907_05_00005.html

¹⁶⁶ Cassel, 18.

¹⁶⁷ Ibid., 14.

¹⁶⁸ Ibid., 14.

¹⁶⁹ Ibid., 14.

¹⁷⁰ Ibid., 14.

¹⁷¹ Ibid., 14.

¹⁷² Ibid., 429.

¹⁷³ Ibid., 429.

¹⁷⁴ Ibid., 14, 429.

¹⁷⁵ Ibid., 429.

¹⁷⁶ Ibid., 430.

Abraham Cassel purchased 560 acres of land in Rapho Township, Lancaster county PA 1747. This land was later referred to as Sporting Hill.¹⁷⁷ There he built a log house and started a family.¹⁷⁸ David Cassel, a grandson of Abraham Cassel, founded the town of Sporting Hill in 1800.¹⁷⁹ The town was originally supposed to be named Casseltown.¹⁸⁰

Henry Cassel, the great-grandson of John Cassel was born on the Sporting Hill homestead.¹⁸¹ In 1806, he and his wife, Catharine Cassel, purchased 162 acres of land in what is now known as Marietta from Henry Asher, the executor of Catharine's father's estate.¹⁸² Henry was President of the old Marietta bank and a lumber baron.¹⁸³ He was one of the founders of the town of Marietta.¹⁸⁴ Here, they had five children.¹⁸⁵ In 1814, after Henry Cassel lost a majority of his wealth with the failure of the Marietta and Susquehanna Trading Company, he sold 45 acres of this land to Jacob Grosh.¹⁸⁶ Grosh laid the land into numbered plots in January 1814. Grosh named this community Moravian Town which was later nicknamed "Bungletown". Plot 158 of this land was then sold to John Shelley on 31 January 1814.¹⁸⁷

After his father sold the land to Grosh, Abraham Cassel worked at a country store in Bainbridge between ages eleven to fourteen to help the family make money.¹⁸⁸ At age fifteen, he apprenticed as a hatter or a millinery in Marietta.¹⁸⁹ He soon started his own hatting business.¹⁹⁰ In 1834, Abraham N. Cassel was one of the first school directors elected in his district, a position he held for ten years.¹⁹¹ He served as a member of the town council for many years.¹⁹²

Beginning in 1836, he had an active part in the organization of the Marietta Lyceum, he was an attendant for many years.¹⁹³ He was elected to the State Legislature on the whig ticket in 1837 and served the sessions of 1837, 1838, and 1839.¹⁹⁴ In 1844, Plot 158 was transferred to Abraham N. Cassel and he built one of the first six brick houses in Marietta, a two-story home, on the land.¹⁹⁵ The bricks used in the house were made in England and brought by boat to Marietta.¹⁹⁶

In 1847, Abraham N. Cassel married Mary Jane Stahl.¹⁹⁷ The couple had seven children, only two of which, George Lincoln and Henry Burd, would survive to adulthood.¹⁹⁸ He had active roles in organizing the Susquehanna Institute, the Pioneer Fire Company (officer from 1849 to 1868, Treasurer for 14 years), the Marietta Lancaster Turnpike Company (Present).¹⁹⁹ He was on the executive committee of the Marietta Literary Society with Barr Spangler.²⁰⁰ Abraham N. conformed a stock company that published "The Mariettian" which was later

¹⁷⁷ Harris, 133.

¹⁷⁸ Ibid., 133.

¹⁷⁹ Manheim Boro.

¹⁸⁰ Ibid.

¹⁸¹ Cassel, 432, 433.

¹⁸² Book 7, Page 89.

¹⁸³ Cassel, 433.

¹⁸⁴ Ibid., 436.

¹⁸⁵ Ibid., 436.

¹⁸⁶ Ibid., 436.

¹⁸⁷ Book Y, Volume 7, Page 248.

¹⁸⁸ Cassel, 436, 438.

¹⁸⁹ Ibid., 438.

¹⁹⁰ Ibid., 436.

¹⁹¹ Ibid., 437.

¹⁹² Ibid., 437.

¹⁹³ Ibid., 437.

¹⁹⁴ Ibid., 437.

¹⁹⁵ *Susquehanna Times*, "McDevitts".

¹⁹⁶ Ibid.

¹⁹⁷ Cassel, 437.

¹⁹⁸ Ibid., 437.

¹⁹⁹ Ibid., 437.

²⁰⁰ *The Weekly Mariettian*, November 24, 1860, Pennsylvania Newspaper Archive,

[https://panewsarchive.psu.edu/lccn/sn88080883/1860-11-24/ed-1/seq-](https://panewsarchive.psu.edu/lccn/sn88080883/1860-11-24/ed-1/seq-3/#date1=01%2F01%2F1789&city=Marietta&date2=12%2F31%2F2010&searchType=advanced&language=&sequence=0&index=0)

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sold and renamed “The Marietta Register.”²⁰¹ Despite its many owners and names, this was the longest surviving newspaper in Marietta’s extensive journalistic history.²⁰²

He was a member of building committee of the Presbyterian Church. In 1865, he was ordained as an elder and was the ruling elder for over thirty years. He entered into the lumber business after shutting down his hatter business. Abraham N. Cassel retired at age eighty-five and passed away on 28 December 1895 in his home. He was loved and trusted by the community. He was described as being sunny, with genial nature, and strong convictions.

Following Abraham’s death, his house was willed to his widow for her natural life and widowhood. Abraham willed the house to his two sons following the death of his widow in 1912. His son, George, was a doctor who had offices in Philadelphia and Lancaster. He and his wife conveyed interest of the home in 1913, leaving it to his brother, congressman H. Burd. H. Burd Cassel remodeled the house and added a porch and Ionic order columns to the front of the home.²⁰³ At this time, H. Burd was living in his own house next door, so the family home was occupied by tenants, including Major Simon B. Cameron, one of Lancaster County’s most distinguished citizens.²⁰⁴

In 1938, the Cassel family sold the house to Bernard “Barney” McDevitt, the mayor of Marietta, and his wife Kathryn. At this time, the house had been condemned. The McDevitt’s restored the house. They removed the porch and added the current Greek Revival architectural elements. They removed most of the back wing of the house, reducing it to a single room. They owned the house for 40 years. The Cassel house was the first house in Marietta to be restored at the time. The McDevitt’s launched a restoration movement in Marietta by fixing up the Cassel house.²⁰⁵ McDevitt owned a carpentry company and employed his company in the restoration of the house.²⁰⁶

Barney McDevitt was born in 1911 in Marietta to long time member of the Borough Council, Paul McDevitt.²⁰⁷ Barney graduated from Marietta High school in 1929.²⁰⁸ After graduating he moved to California and worked as a stunt rider in Hollywood.²⁰⁹ He returned to Marietta in 1935 to worked with horses and taught riding.²¹⁰ In 1938, he started a contracting and hardware business.²¹¹ The same year, he married his wife Kathryn.²¹² Barney served on the Borough Council from 1940 to 1952, and again in 1965.²¹³ He was a committeeman, tax assessor, and member of the sewage committee.²¹⁴ He began his role as mayor in 1966.²¹⁵

Barney McDevitt was committed to restoring the town of Marietta, he said, “I expect that Marietta will become a Historic Town.”²¹⁶ He collected old photos of Marietta and requested that anyone with old photos or information about local history to contact him.²¹⁷

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²⁰¹ Cassel, 437.

²⁰² John Wentling, Letter to Owner of 590 E Market St, 1994.

²⁰³ Landis, 2.

²⁰⁴ John Wentling, Letter to Owner of 590 E Market St, 1994.

²⁰⁵ *Susquehanna Times*, “McDevitts”.

²⁰⁶ *Ibid.*

²⁰⁷ *Susquehanna Times*, “Barney; ex-equestrian Hollywood stuntman and ex-mayor,” 16 March 1977,

²⁰⁸ *Ibid.*

²⁰⁹ *Ibid.*

²¹⁰ *Ibid.*

²¹¹ *Ibid.*

²¹² *Ibid.*

²¹³ *Ibid.*

²¹⁴ *Ibid.*

²¹⁵ *Ibid.*

²¹⁶ *Ibid.*

²¹⁷ *Ibid.*

Barney resigned as mayor after seven and a half years due to health reasons.²¹⁸ In 1978, the McDevitts sold the house to Eric J. Whittacre and his wife.²¹⁹ The Whittacres owned the house for 5 years.²²⁰ While living there, Eric worked as a Product Development Scientist at the M&M/Mars factory in Marietta.²²¹ Whitacre added wood paneling to the interior of the house.²²² The couple divorced and sold the house back to Barney McDevitt in 1985.²²³ The next year, McDevitt sold the house to William “Bill” Colmery and his wife Mary “Beth” Colmery.²²⁴ The Colmerys were both graduates of Temple Law School.²²⁵ Bill Colmery researched the history of the house to get the house listed on the Pennsylvania Historic Register.²²⁶

In 2000, the Colmerys sold the house to Judy Ross and Frank Innacola.²²⁷ In 2002, Innacola transferred his share of the property to Judy Ross.²²⁸ Ross is very passionate about historical preservation and renovation.²²⁹ When Ross first moved into the house, the exterior was painted white.²³⁰ She had the paint removed to reveal the original brick underneath.²³¹ She has restored the interior of the home as well.²³² She opened the fireplace in the kitchen that had been bricked over.²³³ She also removed tile that had been added to the kitchen floor to reveal the original hardwood floors underneath.²³⁴ Ross has many projects planned for the house to restore it to its former beauty.²³⁵

²¹⁸ Ibid.

²¹⁹ Book B, Volume 77, Page 328.

²²⁰ Book S, Volume 90, Page 205.

²²¹ Eric Whitacre, LinkedIn, accessed 7 May 2020, <https://www.linkedin.com/in/eric-whitacre-2a21707>.

²²² Interview with Judy Ross, February 19, 2020.

²²³ Book S, Volume 90, Page 205.

²²⁴ Book Q, Volume 92, Page 399.

²²⁵ Beth Colmery, Email, February 13, 2020.

²²⁶ Ibid.

²²⁷ Interview with Judy Ross, February 19, 2020.

²²⁸ Ibid.

²²⁹ Ibid.

²³⁰ Ibid.

²³¹ Ibid.

²³² Ibid.

²³³ Ibid.

²³⁴ Ibid.

²³⁵ Ibid.

Appendix: Historical Photos:



Front of home prior to 1938



Back of home prior to 1938



Front of home, 1976



Back of home, 1976

Appendix: Current Photos:



Front of home, 2020



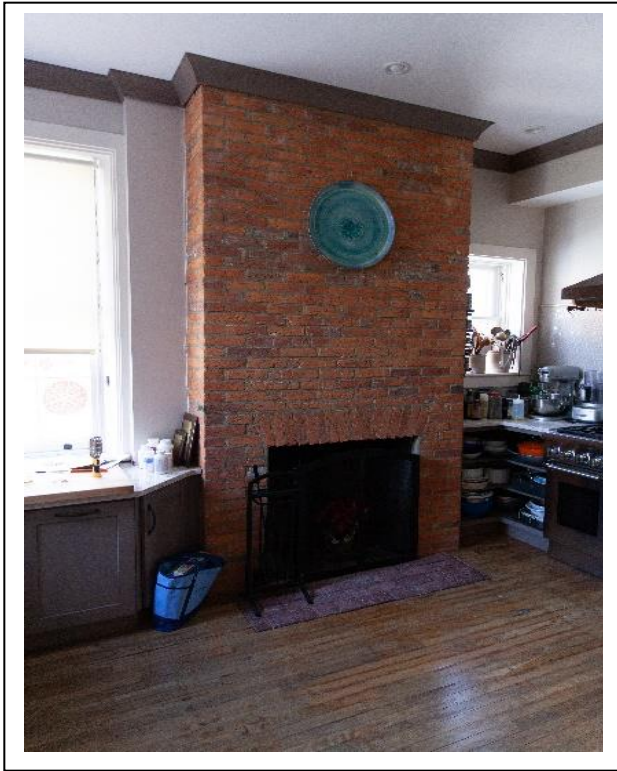
Back of home, 2020



Ceiling medallion in Living Room, 2020



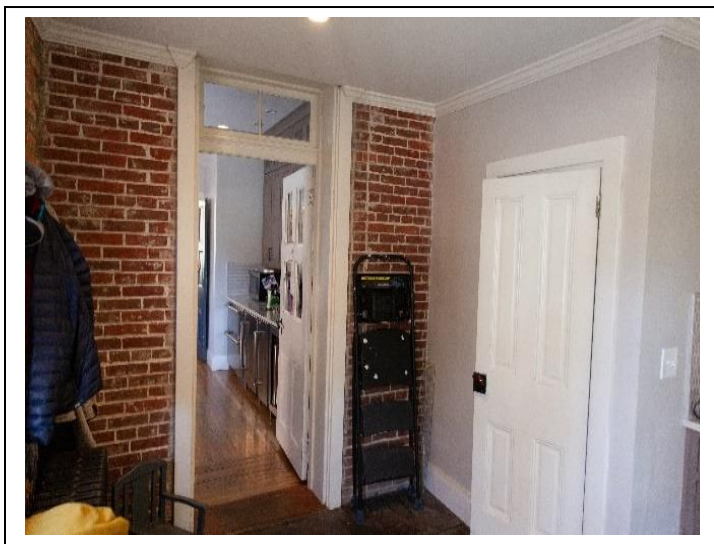
Front of home, 2020



Kitchen fireplace, 2020



Mud room in back of home, 2020



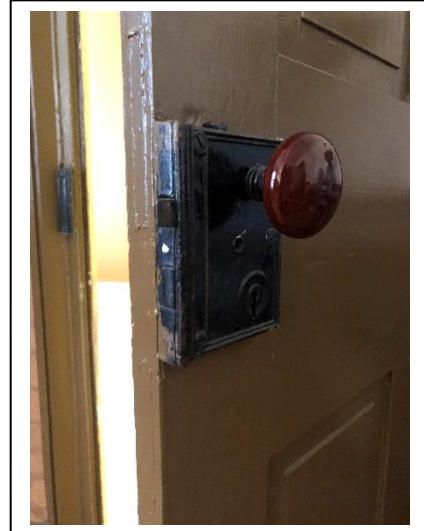
Mud room in back of home, 2020



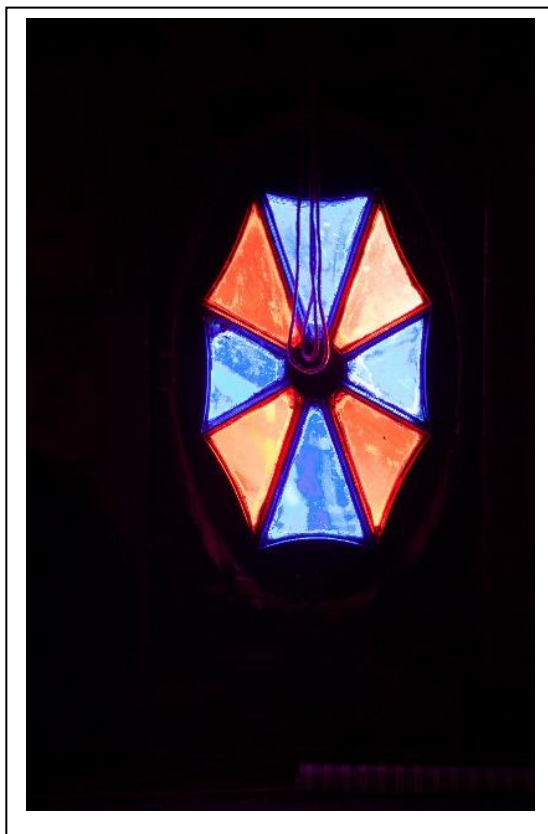
Original Cassel safe in dining room, 2020



Remains of old outdoor stove, 2020



Original doorknob, 2020



Original Oeil-de-boeuf attic window, 2020