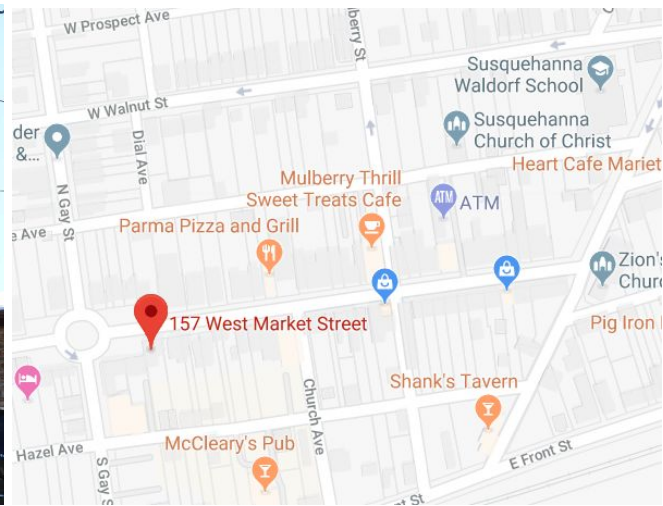


Kramer Eagle House
157 West Market Street, Marietta, Pennsylvania



Abstract:

In 1813 John C. Kramer built this Federal Adam Style house (1780-1840) where he operated a dry foods business in town. Kramer was a land speculator and positioned this house strategically on Market Square.¹ He sold lots and laid out the town of Gainsburg Dauphin County. In 1848, ironmaster, Stephen F. Eagle (1814-1899) proprietor of the Eagle Anthracite Iron Furnace established in 1855. The widow of William H. Eagle (1832-1878), a lumber merchant and nephew to Stephen Eagle, Sara W. Humphreys Eagle (1830-1919) owned the home from 1862-1920. In the 1920s a storefront window was added originally for a florist shop and later an antique store.²

Property Details:

157 W. Market Street Marietta PA, 17547 was built in 1813 and is known as the Kramer Eagle house due to the two prominent families that had resided there at one point in time. Inside the residence, there is 3488 square feet and an additional 231 feet in the garage, not connected to the residence.³

¹ Landis James C. *Candlelight Tours of Marietta 1966 to 2015* (Landisville, PA: Yurchak Printing, 2015), 75.

² Ibid.

³ Lancaster County Recorder of Deeds, Search Online Records, Records Search, Instrument Number: 420-53770-0-0000, accessed 10 April 2019. <http://lancasterpa.devnetwedge.com/parcel/view/420537700000/2019>.

Deed Search:

Thomas Anderson (?-30 May 1743)⁴ James Anderson (30 May 1743-?)⁵ Abraham Cassel (?-7 April 1813)⁶ John C. Kramer (7 April 1813-?)⁷ Michael Breneman⁸ GAP John Shertzer (28 March 1827- 22 March 1831)⁹ John Hertzler (22 March 1831-7 April 1831)¹⁰ James Steele (7 April 1831- 15 June 1835)¹¹ Joseph McDowell (15 June 1835- 10 April 1848)¹² Stephen Eagle (15 June 1848- 27 February 1855)¹³ John H Grove (27 February 1855- 29 March 1855)¹⁴ Elizabeth Eagle (29 March 1855- 24 September 1920)¹⁵ Sara Eagle (24 September 1920- ?)¹⁶ Anna Eagle (?- 24 January 1927)¹⁷ Charles Earl Sill (24 January 1927- 3 June 1946)¹⁸ Edwin Campbell (3 June 1946- 26 January 1951)¹⁹ Harry Campbell (26 January 1951- 13 April 1963)²⁰ Stanley Huber (13 April 1963-?)²¹ Erik Marsh (?-Current)²²

Architectural Style:

The Kramer Eagle house was built in 1813 and was built in Federal Style architecture practices. It was constructed out of indigenous blue limestone as well as locally produced brick. Federal style houses like this one are have a list of identifiable features including classical details, a side gabled or hipped roof, and symmetry. This style is also recognized for a fanlight window above the front door²³, being two or three stories high, side lights flanking the door, decorative molding, decorative door crown or porch entry, and Tripart or Palladian windows. This style became popular after the American Revolution and reminded popular until around the 1820s.²⁴

⁴ Book H Page 172.

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ Book 7 Page 31.

⁷ Book 7 Page 31

⁸ Acquired land from Sheriff's sale after Kramer lost his fortune. Landis, James C. *Candlelight Tours of Marietta 1966-2015*. (Yurchak Printing: Landisville PA, 2015) 74.

⁹ Book H Volume 5 Page 137.

¹⁰ Book F Volume 6 Page 168.

¹¹ Book F Volume 6 Page 169

¹² Book G Volume 7 Page 412.

¹³ Book H Volume 8 Page 412

¹⁴ Book H Volume 8 Page 418.

¹⁵ Book K Volume 8 Page 531.

¹⁶ Book C Volume 9 Page 284.

¹⁷ Landis, 74. Sara Eagle left the house to her daughter, Anna Eagle. No deed recorded the transfer for the property, making the exact date unknown.

¹⁸ Book P Volume 24 Page 520.

¹⁹ Book I Volume 28 Page 249.

²⁰ Book I Volume 38 Page 164.

²¹ Book H Volume 41 Page 503.

²² Lancaster County Property Tax Inquiry.

²³ Jones, Will. "How to Read Houses *A Crash Course in Domestic Architecture*." (New York: NY Quarto Publishing, 2017) 131.

²⁴ Pennsylvania Museum and Historical Commission. "Federal Style 1780-1820." Pennsylvania Architectural Field Guide, accessed 7 April 2019, <http://www.phmc.state.pa.us/portal/communities/architecture/styles/federal.html>.

A garage has been added to property. The house is 3488 square feet and the garage is 231.²⁵ The double windows in the front of the building is believed to have been added in the 1920s in order to run a business out of the residence.²⁶ During this time, the house became apartments in the upstairs, and a shop in the bottom half. For commercial reasons, a door was added to the side of the house as well. This was to be used as a business entrance instead of coming through the main door. In the 1980s, restoration began to turn the residence back into a single-family dwelling.²⁷

Historical Context and Purpose:

The property was given to James Anderson (05/14/1721-06/01/1790) esq by Thomas Anderson. This was the first transaction of the land. John C. Kramer was the person who owned the land when the structure was first built. He was a land speculator and within the town he owned a dry goods store. The town was flourishing during the War of 1812. The structure was believed to have been built around 1813. There was a depression immediately following the war, and most of the affluent people in the town either went bankrupt or packed up and left town. Unfortunately for Kramer, he lost his money and the house was sold in a Sheriff's sale to Michael Breneman.²⁸

Stephen Eagle (10/22/1814-12/09/1899) was married to Elizabeth Eagle (07/17/1816-09/19/1899) and was a prominent ironmaster during his time in Marietta. He had accumulated a sizable fortune during the years prior, and during the Civil War.²⁹ The steel industry in Marietta caused an economic boom throughout the town.³⁰ The steel was being exported via railroad and created a hot spot for industrial labor and war production, within the town.

John H. Grove 01/13/1825-04/06/1901 was a medical doctor who practiced in Marietta. He served during the Civil War and obtained the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He served until 1865.³¹

The house remained in the Eagle family and was purchased by Sarah Eagle, wife of William Eagle, who was nephew to Stephen Eagle.³² William was a successful lumber merchant in Marietta.³³ He was also instrumental at establishing a church in town purchasing suitable space in order for this church to reside.³⁴ Sara had left the house to her heirs, and after her death, the house got passed onto Anna Eagle.³⁵

²⁵ Lancaster County Property Tax Inquiry.

²⁶ Landis, 74.

²⁷ Ibid.

²⁸ Landis, 74.

²⁹ Ibid.

³⁰ Alarie Lyn Baker. *The Scoop on Marietta A Small River Town*. (Landisville, PA: Yurchak Printing, 2011).

³¹ Pilcher James Evelyn. *Journal of the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States*. Vol. 10. (Carlisle, PA: The Association of Military Surgeons), 1901-1902, 97.

³² Landis, 74.

³³ Ibid.

³⁴ Alarie.

³⁵ Landis, 74.

Edwin Campbell ran flower/vegetable showroom out of the house during his time of ownership.³⁶ This transition of the house to a flower shop, required a lot of renovation to the property. A side door was added as a business entrance, and double window was added to the front of the house in order to display the goods being sold.³⁷

Late owner Patricia Anthony ran an old antique shop, known as Eagle Antiques, out of the house as well. During this time, she had renovated the house back into a single-family dwelling in order to preserve the history the house had in relation to the town.³⁸ The house is one of the four prominent buildings found on the main square of the town. It is also close to the Susquehanna River, the railroad, and now the new recreation trail. The shift in the house becoming a modern shop, showed the changes from an industrialized workforce, to a more recreational town. After the steel production in town stopped, people had to find a new way of making money. The town had focused more on locally sourced goods as a means of making money instead of exporting goods. Therefore, the house being located on the main square of the town in very important to the success of the businesses ran out the dwelling.³⁹

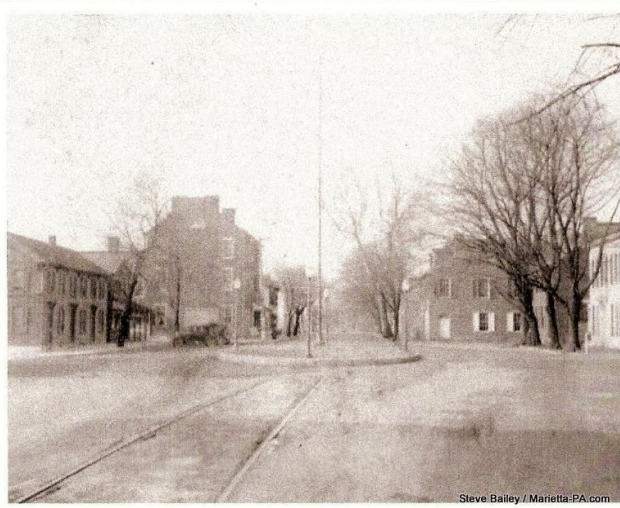
Appendix Historical Photos:

³⁶ Alarie.

³⁷ Ibid.

³⁸ Landis, 74.

³⁹ Alarie.



Contemporary Photos:



