

## DELAWARE STREET

#128-130 - New Century Club  
(See Photo No. 42)

Summary: The New Century Club building is on part of the Thomas Allet to Joseph Hill property (see Summary #126), that was sold by the heirs of Mary Hill to Dr. Henry Colesberry in 1809. Dr. Colesberry bought 61 feet along Delaware Street containing the brick house #200, and so far as records and traditions tell, the remainder of the plot was vacant along the street, but may have had a shop or other buildings at the rear. The deed, after conveying the house (#200) and lot, adds, "together with all and singular houses, buildings, gardens, fences.....", the usual phrasing in deeds for a house and out-buildings, but may include dwellings of lesser importance than the main house.

In 1826, Dr. Colesberry's daughter, Elizabeth (married to Lorenzo Thomas) inherited the undivided property. In 1851, Elizabeth and Lorenzo sold the whole to Howell J. Terry, who was a lawyer or an official (even the heirs talked to so far aren't sure of his occupation or profession).

In 1865, Howell Terry sold #200 to Maria R. Booth. He kept the remainder of the plot and built the house that is now the New Century Club, (So far, no heir has been found who knows the date of its erection, but Miss Ann Platt, a granddaughter, is said to know). The Terry heirs sold to the New Century Club in 1916 for \$3,000. The building had not been kept in good repair, but was

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too well-built to need major **renewal**. The mothers and grandmothers of present-day persons in **New Castle** are **quoted as saying** that enough **bricks** went **into** the house to build a **whole row**; and as **all the work** was done by the **day** under supervision of the **owner**, its cost was excessive.

The building is **imposing** and in its original form externally, and although late, **seems** a consistent example of its **time**.

.....Detailed history on file.....