

HARMONY AND SECOND STREETS
NORTH OF READ'S ALLEY

#120 Harmony Street
(See Photo #119)

In 1801 William Armstrong, the then owner of the Tile house property, and of the large plot 94' on Harmony Street and 77' on Second Street, began dividing and selling off these properties.

At the sales before 1800, there was no mention of houses on the 94' by 77' plot. In 1801, Armstrong sold the site of #120 Harmony to Thomas Campbell (Camble, Gamble) of Wilmington, a "waterman" for \$120. The waterman may have built the house shown on the 1804 survey plan, or as it was a small frame house it may already have been there.

This frame house was later owned by John Maitland and it was in the tenure of Andrew Meston who kept a tavern here jointly with #118. In all later sales the property was considered one house, half brick (#118) and half frame (#120). In 1863 John Keegan bought it and operated it until about 1882 under the name of "The Rising Sun Hotel."

In 1946, Major James Warner Bellah bought #118, #120, #122 and #124 and shortly thereafter removed #120 Harmony which had long been in bad repair.

The history of the Rising Sun Tavern on Harmony Street has not yet been satisfactorily pieced together in this search. Whether Andrew Meston called his tavern the "Rising Sun" and whether that name was connected with the ship Rising Sun which carried much passenger traffic to and from New Castle, and how long Meston kept the tavern is still to be determined.