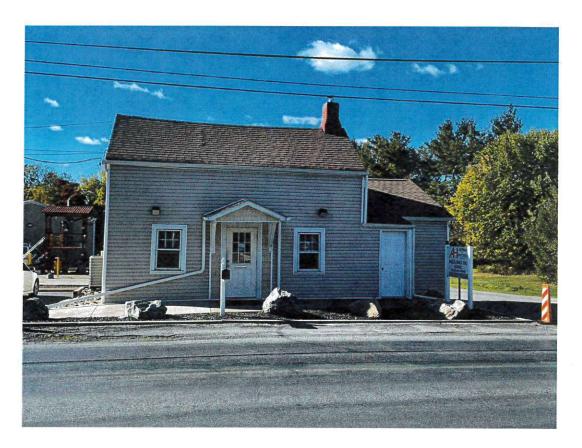


# GREAT SITE



# Industrial Drive Easton PA 18042



**Doug Frederick** 

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#### **Doug Frederick**

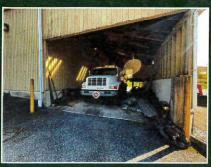
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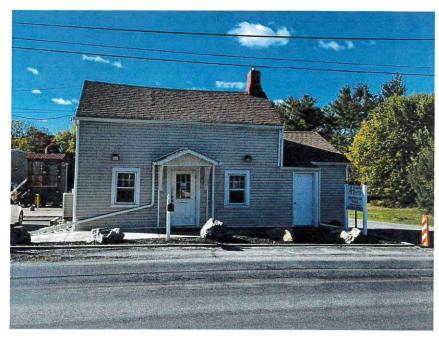








## Industrial Dr



Great site with interesting zoning and terrific access to I-78 and and Morgan Hill Rd. in Easton. Multiple tax parcels comprise 3.1 acre site with retail visibility and industrial use zoning. Take a look at this property currently used as fuel oil company features a 1915 circa farmhouse renovated structure used as offices with complete HVAC/heatpump and newer roof plus 3 phase electric to the property. Warehouse/5 bay truck building inclusive of scales, loading areas, covered storage, etc. Many uses possible to repurpose the property completely or take advance of buildings amenities already in place. Many operational features include camera system, alarms, extensive tank monitoring, testing and safety features built into the current business operation. Don't hesitate on this significant size property at a fantastic location.

MLS# 748508 Offered At \$1,500,000

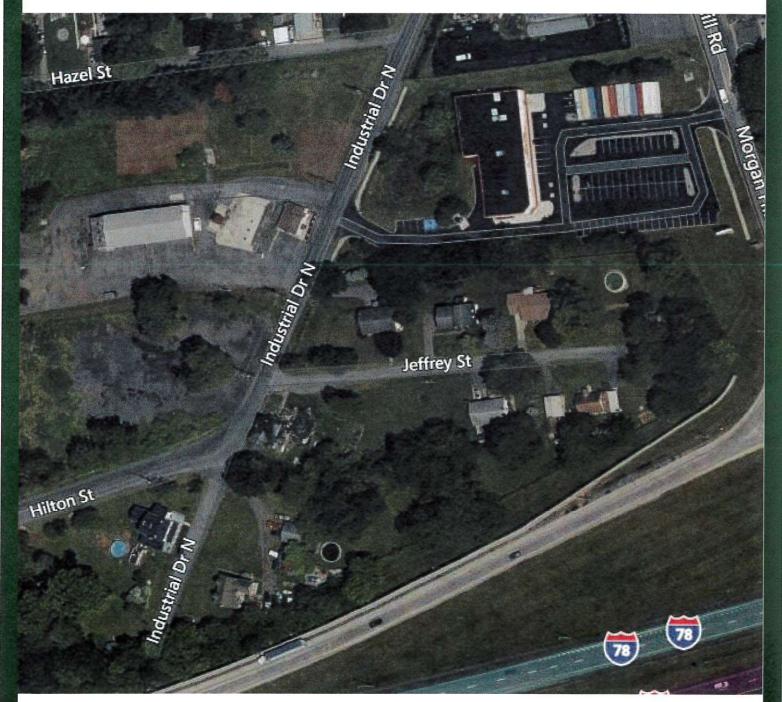






3500 Winchester Road ● Suite 201 ● Allentown, PA 18104 Phone: **(610)** 398-0411 ● Fax: **(610)** 398-7294 ● LehighValley.HannaCRE.com

## Aerial View of Industrial Drive Easton PA 18042







#### Client Full w/ Photos

Page 1 of 3 \$1,500,000

LP:

Industrial Drive, Easton 18042

MLS® #: 748508

Area:

46 - Northampton

Status:

Available

County: Northampton

SubDiv:



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Directions:

From I-78 take exit 75, north on Morgan Hill Rd., left on Belmont St., left on Industrial Dr. to property on

right.

**General Information** 

Commercial

Prop Type: Yr Built:

1915

Price/SF:

Sub Prop: SF:

Industrial, Retail 4,000

SF Src:

Front: AVI SF: Lot Acres:

3.100

Lot SF: Cross St

School D:

135,036

Easton

Lot Src:

Occupancy:

Spc Cond:

Not Applicable

**Listing Information** 

Payment:

90+ Days Possesion:

Tax ID:

M9NE1C 16 16B 0310 **Building/Site Information** 

#Stories:

Blq SF:

4,000

# Doors: CAM SF: Location:

Rail Service:

Office SF:

1,300

Parcel:

Truck:

12-14 Feet

Busns Nm:

Surface Typ:

Black Top, Gravel

Included:

Real Estate Only

Potent Use:

Apartments, Auto Service, Carwash, Church, Hotel/Motel, Medical Service, Warehouse

Construction:

Concrete Block

3 Phase, 50-200 AMP

**Utility Information** 

Heat:

Electric, HVAC

Cool:

Central AC

Water: Utility:

Public

Sewer:

Septic

\$1,345.68

\$1,682.10

Financial Information

Cnty Taxes:

Mun Taxes:

Sch Taxes:

\$7,011.24

Ttl Taxes: \$10,039.02

Cnty Asmt: Dd/Dc ID:

\$124,600.00 2016033956 Poss Finance:

Cash, Conventional

Zn Cde:

**Industrial Business** 

**Photos** 



#### Client Full w/ Photos































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LOCATION

**Property Address** 

Industrial Dr

Subdivision

County

Northampton County, PA

PROPERTY SUMMARY

**Property Type** 

Residential

Land Use

Vacant Land

Improvement Type

Square Feet

#### GENERAL PARCEL INFORMATION

Parcel ID/Tax ID

M9NE1C 16 16B 0310

Alternate Parcel ID

4967-01-7811-8009

Easton City

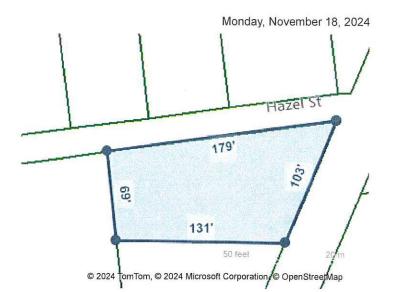
Municipality District/Ward

2020 Census Trct/Blk

147/2

Assessor Roll Year

2023



0310

#### **CURRENT OWNER**

Name

Aerni Robert C

**Mailing Address** 

5101 Kesslersville Rd Easton, PA 18040-6716

#### SCHOOL ZONE INFORMATION

Ada B. Cheston Elementary School

Easton Area Middle School 5-6

0.3 mi

Elementary: K to 4

Distance

Primary Middle: 5 to 6

2.4 mi

Easton Area Middle School 7-8

Distance 2.4 mi

Middle: 7 to 8

Distance

Easton Area High School

2.0 mi

High: 9 to 12

Distance

#### SALES HISTORY THROUGH 10/14/2024

Date

Amount

**Buyer/Owners** 

Seller

Instrument

No. Parcels Book/Page

Document#

12/11/2016

\$27,700

Aerni Robert C

Wilson Cindy L & Wilson Warren E Jr

Warranty Deed

2016-1/278479

771/565

6/1/1989

\$1

Wilson Cindy L & Warren E Jr

2016033956

TAX ASSESSMENT

Appraisal

Amount

Assessment

Amount

Jurisdiction

Rate

Appraisal Year Appraised Land 2023 \$33,600 **Assessment Year** Assessed Land

2023

City Of Easton

District

24.95

Assessed Improvements

\$16,800

Easton Area School

County Of Northampton 10.8 70.85

**Appraised Improvements** 

Total Tax Appraisal \$33,600 **Total Assessment** 

\$16,800

**Exempt Reason** 

**Exempt Amount** 

**TAXES** 

Tax Year City Taxes

**County Taxes** 

SSD Taxes

**Total Taxes** 

2024

\$419.16

\$181.44

\$1,190.28

\$1,790.88

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Area of minimal flood hazard, usually depicted on FIRMs as above the 500-year flood level.

42095C0287E

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Minimal

07/16/2014



LOCATION

**Property Address** 

180 Industrial Dr N Easton, PA 18042-7327

Subdivision

County

Northampton County, PA

PROPERTY SUMMARY

**Property Type** 

Residential

Land Use

Vacant Land

Improvement Type

**Square Feet** 

GENERAL PARCEL INFORMATION

Parcel ID/Tax ID

M9NE1C 16 16 0310

Alternate Parcel ID

4967-01-7811- 301 Easton City

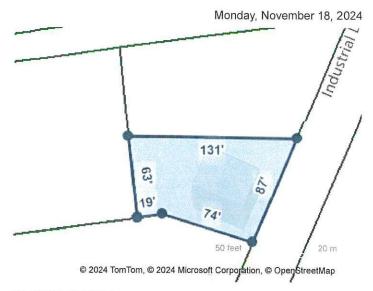
Municipality District/Ward

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Assessor Roll Year

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Distance

SALES HISTORY THROUGH 10/14/2024

Date Amount **Buyer/Owners**  Seller

Instrument

No. Parcels

Book/Page Or Document#

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Aerni Robert C

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2020-1/16586

7/1/1997

\$1 \$1

Garrecht William B

2020002137

19971/79058

12/1/1994

TAX ASSESSMENT

**Appraisal** 

Amount

Assessment

Amount

Jurisdiction

Rate

Appraisal Year Appraised Land 2023 \$27,200 Assessment Year Assessed Land

2023

City Of Easton

Easton Area School District

24.95

Assessed Improvements

\$13,600

County Of Northampton 10.8

70.85

Appraised Improvements

Total Tax Appraisal \$27,200

\$13,600

**Exempt Amount** 

**Total Assessment** 

**Exempt Reason** 

**TAXES** 

Tax Year

City Taxes

**County Taxes** 

SSD Taxes

**Total Taxes** 

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LOCATION

**Property Address** 

190 Industrial Dr N Easton, PA 18042-7327

Subdivision

County

Northampton County, PA

PROPERTY SUMMARY

**Property Type** 

Industrial

Land Use

Nip, Warehousing/Manufacturing

0836

Improvement Type

Warehouse

Square Feet

5302

GENERAL PARCEL INFORMATION

Parcel ID/Tax ID

M9 107

Alternate Parcel ID

4967-01-7608-5590 Williams Township

Municipality District/Ward

2020 Census Trct/Blk

147/2

Assessor Roll Year

2023



**CURRENT OWNER** 

Name

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Mailing Address

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0.3 mi

Elementary: K to 4

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2.4 mi

Primary Middle: 5 to 6

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2.4 mi

Middle: 7 to 8

Distance

Easton Area High School

2.0 mi

High: 9 to 12

Distance

SALES HISTORY THROUGH 10/14/2024

Date

Amount

Buyer/Owners

Aerni Robert C

Seller

Instrument

No. Parcels

Book/Page Document#

692/787

TAX ASSESSMENT

Amount

Assessment

Amount 2023

Jurisdiction

Rate

Appraisal Year Appraised Land

Appraisal

2023 \$49,600

Assessment Year

\$24,800 County Of Northampton 10.8

2.25

Total Tax Appraisal

\$88,800

Assessed Land

Williams Township

Appraised Improvements

\$138,400

Assessed Improvements

\$44,400 \$69,200 Wilson Area School District

60,466

**Total Assessment Exempt Amount** 

**Exempt Reason** 

**TAXES** 

Tax Year	City Taxes	<b>County Taxes</b>	SSD Taxes	<b>Total Taxes</b>
2024	\$155.70	\$747.36	\$4,184.25	\$5,087.31
2023	\$155.70	\$747.36	\$4,142.80	\$5,045.86
2022	\$155.70	\$747.36	\$4,122.17	\$5,025.23

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2020	\$155.70	\$816,56		\$4,061.07		\$5,033.33	
2019	\$155.70	\$816.56		\$4,061.07		\$5,033.33	
2018	\$155,70	\$816,56		\$3,981.42		\$4,953.68	
2017	\$155,70 <sup>°</sup>	\$816,56		\$3,861.71		\$4,833.97	
2016	\$155,70	\$816,56		\$3,633,00		\$4,605.26	
2014	\$276.80	\$747.36		\$3,549,96		\$4,574.12	
MORTGAGE HIS No mortgages were	STORY found for this parcel.	<u>.</u>		A1-W			
PROPERTY CHA	ARACTERISTICS: BUI	LDING					
Туре	Warehouse	Condition			Units		
Year Built	1985	Effective Yea	ar		Stories		
BRs		Baths	F	Н	Rooms		
Total Sq. Ft.	4,000						
Building Square Fe	eet (Living Space)		Buildin	g Square Feet (Other	r)		
- CONSTRUCTION							
Quality			Roof Framing				
Shape			Roof Cover Deck				
Partitions			Cabinet Millwork				
Common Wall			Floor Finish				
Foundation			Interior Finish				
Floor System			Air Conditioning				
Exterior Wall			Heat Type				
Structural Framing			Bathroom Tile				
Fireplace			Plumbing Fixtures				
- OTHER			Dullella a Data Carre				
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Building # 2	ARACTERISTICS: BUIL						
Туре	Residential	Condition			Units		
Year Built	1915	Effective Yea			Stories		
BRs	4.000	Baths	F	Н	Rooms		
Total Sq. Ft.	1,302		0				
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Quality			Roof Framing				
Shape			Roof Cover Deck				
Partitions			Cabinet Millwork				
Common Wall			Floor Finish				
Foundation			Interior Finish				
Floor System			Air Conditioning				
Exterior Wall			Heat Type				
Structural Framing			Bathroom Tile				
Fireplace			Plumbing Fixtures				
- OTHER		·	<b>3</b> :				

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0836

Occupancy

**Building Data Source** 

PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS: EXTRA FEATURES

No extra features were found for this parcel.

PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS: LOT

Nip, Warehousing/Manufacturing

Lot Dimensions

Land Use Block/Lot

Lot Square Feet

67,082

Latitude/Longitude

40.671821°/-75.217421°

Acreage

1,54

PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS: UTILITIES/AREA

**Gas Source** 

Public

Road Type

Paved

**Electric Source** 

Public

Topography

Level

Water Source

Public Public District Trend

Sewer Source
Zoning Code \*

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School District

Wilson Area School District

**Owner Type** 

\* Verify with Township

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Subdivision

Plat Book/Page

Block/Lot

District/Ward

Description

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Block: 10 /Lot: 7 /School District: 08-Wilson Area /Outbuilding Value: 22400

**FEMA FLOOD ZONES** 

Flood Risk

Minimal

Zone Code

BFE

Description

scription

above the 500-year flood level,

FIRM Panel ID

FIRM Panel Eff.

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#### MLS Tax Su Powered by CRS Data

LOCATION

**Property Address** 

Glendale St PA

Subdivision

County

Northampton County, PA

PROPERTY SUMMARY

**Property Type** 

Residential

Land Use

Vacant Land

Improvement Type

Square Feet

GENERAL PARCEL INFORMATION

Parcel ID/Tax ID

M9NE1C 16 16A

Alternate Parcel ID

4967-01-7708-9833 Easton City

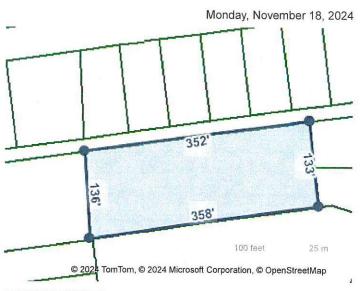
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SALES HISTORY THROUGH 10/14/2024

Date

Amount

Buyer/Owners

Seller

Instrument

No. Parcels

Book/Page Or Document#

2/1/1991

\$17,000

Aerni Robert C

7/1/1987

\$12,900

Aerni Robert C

822/202

TAX ASSESSMENT

Appraisal

Amount

Assessment

Amount

Jurisdiction

Rate

Appraisal Year Appraised Land 2023 \$50,000 Assessment Year

2023

City Of Easton

District

24.95

**Assessed Land** 

\$25,000

County Of Northampton Easton Area School

10.8 70.85

Appraised Improvements

**Total Tax Appraisal** \$50,000 Assessed Improvements

\$25,000

**Total Assessment Exempt Amount** 

**Exempt Reason** 

**TAXES** 

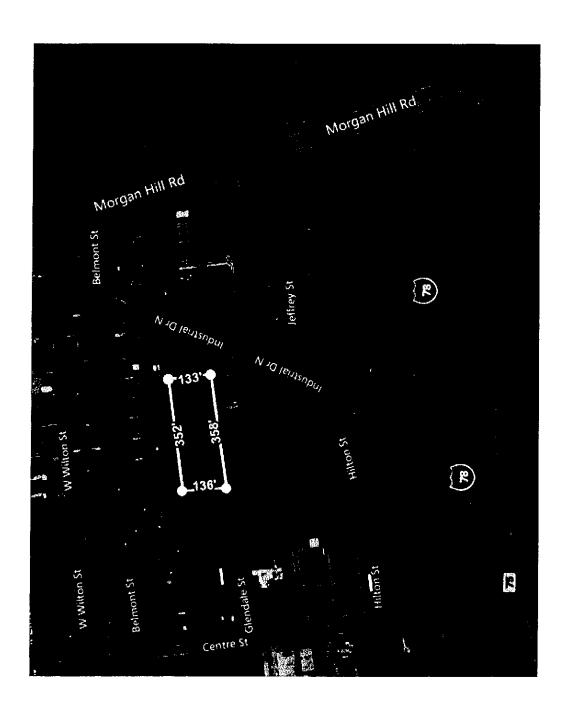
Tax Year City Taxes 2024 \$623.75 2023 \$623.75

**County Taxes** \$270.00

\$270.00

**SSD Taxes** \$1,771.25 \$1,733.00

**Total Taxes** \$2,665.00 \$2,626.75





Map for Parcel Address: 50 Hilton St Easton, PA 18042-7331 Parcel ID: M9 9 3 0836



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#### City of Easton

123 S Third Street Easton, PA 18042 Phone: 610-250-6600

#### Welcome to the City of Easton, PA

Whether you are a resident or a visitor, we trust that you will find these pages to be useful and informative. For residents, we hope that you will find the information needed for you to attend meetings, get involved in a committee, pay a bill or download a form or information on any of our many municipal services. For visitors, we thank you for coming to our city and invite you to visit its rich colonial history, special events, and its bright and colorful future. We encourage both residents and visitors to check back often as this website will change often as we add information regularly.

Easton is a full-service city that constantly strives to provide the most effective and efficient municipal services to both our residents and visitors. From a dedicated, full-time professional fire department, to a fully accredited police department, we work hard to provide our residents and visitors with a "Clean and Safe" environment.

In addition to our historic downtown district, we are equally proud of our diverse and architecturally rich neighborhoods.

Enjoy a walking tour of our historic sites, a leisurely horse-drawn carriage ride through our historic district, or a pleasant mule-drawn canal boat ride along Hugh Moore Historic Park. For real excitement, bring your children to The Crayola Experience and our National Canal Museum. Easton is also home to Lafayette College, one of the finest institutions of higher learning in America and one that is in the top 10 schools in the country for a four-year graduation rate. Downtown Easton also offers a diverse array of shopping and dining opportunities, from casual to formal. And yes, we are the home of Larry Holmes, the Hall of Fame boxer who held the Heavyweight Boxing Title for more than seven and a half years. A bronze statue honoring Mr. Holmes, a.k.a the "Easton Assassin," overlooks the scenic Forks of the Delaware, where the Lehigh River cascades into the mighty Delaware River on its trip to the Delaware Bay. The County Seat for Northampton County, Easton is located within an hour of New York City, Philadelphia, and the Pocono Mountains.

Come and enjoy our sites, our attractions, and most of all, our residents.



#### **Demographic Information**

- Population
  - o 28,883 3.67% 1-year growth
- Median Age
  - o 35.5 0.281% 1-year decrease
- Poverty Rate
  - o 16.5% 6.12% 1-year decrease
- Median Household Income
  - o \$62,642 7.55% 1-year growth
- Median Property Value
  - o \$150,500 13.8% 1-year growth
- Employed Population
  - o 14,142 6.93% 1-year growth

#### History

#### The Shaping of Easton

In 1736 Thomas Penn, son of William Penn, and Benjamin Eastburn, Surveyor General, selected and surveyed the "Thousand Acre Tract" of land at the confluence of the Delaware and Lehigh Rivers. William Parsons and Nicholas Scull began their survey for a town in the 1750s at a spot called by the Indians "Lechanwitauk" or "the Place at the Forks." The new town was to be called "Easton" in the new county of "Northampton", after Thomas Penn's wife Juliana Fermor's home estate of Easton-Neston, Northamptonshire, England. The Great Square (now known as Centre Square) was, and remains, a gathering place for residents and travelers. In fact, on July 8, 1776, the square was the site for one of only three public readings of the Declaration of Independence. This historic event is celebrated each year on Heritage Day, when thousands gather to join in reenactments of the reading and to revel in entertainment, good food, and fireworks over the Delaware and Lehigh Rivers.

#### Bachmann Tavern

On the northeast corner of Northampton and Second Streets is the Bachmann Tavern, the oldest building remaining in the city. The land deed was secured from the Penns by John Bachmann, its builder. The building served as a tavern and long-time residence of George Taylor, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. The tavern was visited by George Washington and Ben Franklin. It was, like many taverns, a social center of colonial times, and often served as a courtroom until the original courthouse was completed in 1765.



70% of the building's original fabric is intact. The upper windows are original, as is the interior. In 1991 the stucco was removed from the exterior, revealing the date marker of 1753. The Bachmann Publick House is owned and operated by the Northampton County Historical and Genealogical Society.

Surveyor William Parsons designed the city in a grid pattern radiating from the Great Square. The original courthouse was erected in the square in 1765 and demolished in 1862 when the new, existing courthouse was built on the Seventh Street hill.

The Great Square has been the site of the oldest, continuously operated outdoor Farmer's Market since 1791. It is also the site where Robert Levers read the Declaration of Independence to the gathered public on July 8, 1776, standing on the steps of the courthouse. The Civil War Monument that now stands on the old courthouse site, is a 75-foot tall obelisk topped by what is locally called "The Bugler." Formally named the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument, the obelisk was designed to honor all of the armed forces who fought in the Civil War and was dedicated to local veterans in 1900. Each year, the monument is shrouded by a one-hundred-foot Peace Candle, which is ceremoniously lit the Saturday evening after Thanksgiving and remains on display through January.

#### The Canal Years

With the completion of the Lehigh Canal in 1829, the lands along the Lehigh River attracted great industrial development. The movement of coal brought capital and investment to Easton. All along Canal Street was built one of the largest industrial manufacturing centers of America during the 1830s and 40s. Easton continued to prosper as a center for industry, manufacturing, commerce, and culture at the Forks of the Delaware and along the great rail lines.

#### Easton Public Library



The Easton Library Company was organized on July 4, 1811, as a subscription library with a \$5 membership fee per person. The book collection consisted of 700 titles, mostly gifts, and was housed in the front room of the home of Peter Miller on Third Street. After many financial crises following the Civil War, the library reorganized and assumed a new name, Easton Public Library Association. In 1895, the Easton School District assumed financial responsibility for library service to the community and for the formation of the Easton Public Library. A new building was erected on the site of the German Reformed and Lutheran burial ground. Only two burial plots remain on the site, that of William Parsons, and Mamie Morgan.

The land was purchased from the church by public subscription for \$4,000. The building was built and equipped with funds donated by Andrew Carnegie. The library was dedicated in 1902 and opened to the public in 1903. In 1913 an addition was added, again funded by Andrew Carnegie. A third addition, dedicated on September 28, 1968, completed the building as it stands today.

#### Lafayette College



On Christmas Eve 1824, the Easton Centinel carried a notice calling upon residents of Northampton County "friendly to the establishment of a **college** at Easton" to meet three days later at White's Hotel on Centre Square. Led by James Madison Porter, a prominent local lawyer; Joel Jones, another lawyer and graduate of Yale; and Jacob Wagener, a local miller's son notable for his interest in mineralogy and botany, the assembled citizens worked out a plan for a college "combining a course of practical Military Science with the course of Literature and General Science pursued in the Colleges of our Country."

Because the country was then in a fever over the farewell tour of the aged Marquis de Lafayette, whom Porter had met in Philadelphia the previous August, the founders voted to name their new college for the French hero of the Revolution as "a testimony of respect for (his) talents, virtues, and signal services....the great cause of freedom."

The Governor of Pennsylvania signed the new college's charter on March 9, 1826, but getting the charter proved to be considerably easier than launching the College. In 1832, the Rev. George Junkin, a Presbyterian minister, agreed to move the curriculum and student body of the Manual Labor Academy of Pennsylvania from Germantown to Easton and to take up the <u>Lafayette College</u> charter.

#### Larry Holmes Drive



The next stop on our tour takes you down Larry Holmes Drive, appropriately named in 1983 for Larry Holmes, World Heavyweight Boxing Champ from 1978 to 1985. He was undefeated for a record 13 years. Larry calls Easton home, having lived here since age 5. At age 13, he quit school to help support his family and worked as a shoe shine boy, learning to box at the local gym. At age 23, Holmes beat Rodell Dupree in his first professional bout. He is ranked as one of the top ten heavyweights in the world, with an incredible record of 68-5, including 41 knockouts.

Larry Holmes today is a successful entrepreneur with various real estate holdings, including the L and D Plaza where a vast array of the champ's memorabilia is on display.