

150-Year-Old Former Nick Nack Shoppe

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This charming old house with the green shutters is located at 997 Skippack Pike, on the left, as we leave the country club. Its owner used to sell ice cream from her front porch.

Built in 1872, the building has a stone foundation, partly protected with stucco. The deeply recessed front door indicates that the walls, covered with siding, are probably built of stone.

According to one of the prior residents, the house had a front porch, half enclosed by windows and with its outside entrance. Starting around 1949, her grandmother ran a little store called the Nick Nack Shoppe from that porch. For decades, it sold toys, candy and ice cream. The Breyers Ice Cream Company supplied a lighted sign for the front yard. In the 1980s, the property became the Dwyer real estate firm. When the porch was removed is unknown, and the historical society is searching for a photograph of the house with its porch.

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