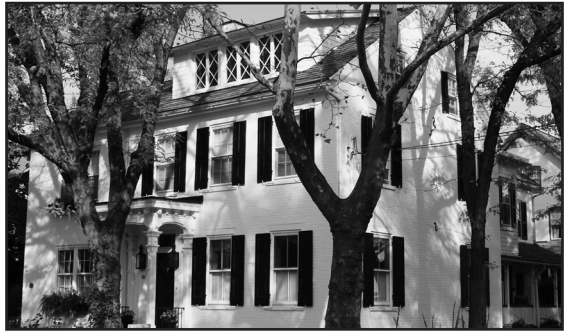


## 438 High Street

This c1865 brick home was among the earliest houses constructed on the former United Brethren (Moravian Church) lands east of Bethlehem that were opened to non-Moravian purchase and settlement following the end of Church authority in municipal affairs in 1845.

Notable names associated with the property include Augustus Wolle, a Moravian merchant who was one of the founders of the Saucona Iron Company, later known as the Bethlehem Iron Company. Wolle was directly involved in the railroads serving the Lehigh Valley as well as being an active real estate investor, a business entrepreneur, and one of the founders of South Bethlehem. The Wolle family has deep roots in the Moravian Church and is closely associated with the Bach Choir.

The next owner, David J. Godshalk, was a Civil War veteran and the preeminent journalist in Bethlehem. As a young man, he learned the printer's trade and discovered his passion for writing. At the suggestion of Brigadier General William E. Doster, Godshalk and a partner commenced publication of the weekly Chronicle (General Doster later became Godshalk's partner in the newspaper), which was the first of several publications in the Lehigh Valley that would bear Godshalk's imprimatur.



Goldshalk was also the founder, publisher and editor of the Bethlehem Globe Times, the first daily newspaper in Bethlehem. After the Bethlehem Globe Times was purchased by the Times Publishing Company, Godshalk acquired ownership interests in the Easton Daily Express and later the South Bethlehem Star. Daughter Hannah followed her father into the newspaper business, becoming associate editor of the Star and the Bethlehem Globe Times. The Godshalk family resided in the house for sixty years.

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