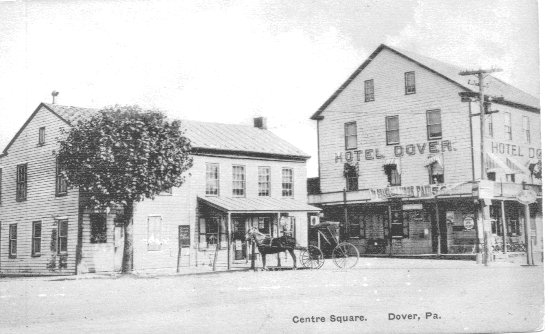
**DOVER HOTEL  
AROUND THE TURN OF THE CENTURY**



Because it was situated on the well traveled road to Carlisle, the community of Dover saw its first “public house” erected as early as 1752.  It was that year that Gerhart Graeff (later Graves) asked the justices of York County for a license to accommodate those using the road which was described as “greatly burthened with travelers passing…”

The hotel seen on the post card was operated by George Darron beginning in 1809.  The business was handed down later to Darron's son, and still later to the grandson of the original owner.

In 1859 the business became the property of the Wiest family and remained in that family until 1889.

The Hotel Dover served travelers as well as local citizens for more than 100 years.  With the coming of the Railroad Age and then the Age of the Automobile, intermediary stops like this one were forced out of business.  The Hotel Dover, like many other such inns, became a sad casualty of the changing times.

Today, 2004, Tom’s Exxon Gas Station and the Drovers Bank are located where the Hotel once stood.

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