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Dedicated to Promoting the Outdoor Display of Nativity Sets

Merry Christmas

*This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels
sing.
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.*

The Lititz Square

In 1993, the Borough of Lititz, in Lancaster County, almost had to give up the public display of a nativity scene on its public square, until it learned that it does not own the square.

"We found out it was never deeded to the borough," said Sue Barry, Lititz borough manager.

The American Civil Liberties Union had contacted the borough that November and asked authorities to remove the nativity scene and agree never to put another one up.

After the council appointed legal counsel to find ways to keep the crèche on display, the borough discovered it did not own the land that was being used.

Instead the Moravian Church, which also owns Lititz Springs Park, owns the square and has the legal right to display whatever it wants there, Barry wrote in a borough article.

Council gave the nativity decorations to a community organization, which later gave them to Lititz Springs Park Board.

The crèche remains a Christmas season fixture on the square.

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