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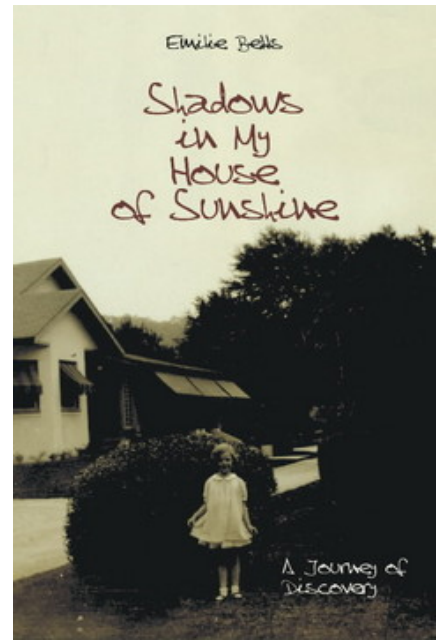
A new memoir offers a personal and historic view of the Lehigh Valley

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Photo courtesy Emilie Betts

Emilie Betts, just to the left of the dog, and some of her family members outside their Easton home about 1925. Her memoir "Shadows in My House of Sunshine" chronicles her life including her early years in Easton.



Emilie Betts, 85, has released the book "Shadows in My House of Sunshine," a memoir detailing her lifelong search for a home that would make her happy. But the search began in Easton. The book offers extensive detail about growing up in the Lehigh Valley during the Depression and World War II years.

What is a home? Sometimes I guess home can be defined as a physical place. But often home is a feeling one gets when they're in the right place with the right people. And it can be a lifelong journey to find the right home. And I can't think of a better memoir that chronicles that search than a book by former Easton resident [Emilie Betts](#) called "[Shadows in My House of Sunshine](#)."

Betts grew up in Easton and she chronicles the Depression era and the World War II years when she lived in the Lehigh Valley as she moved around to many different homes. So it's really interesting to see important historical events through the eyes of someone who lived in Easton. [The book is a really good combination of local history and that lifelong search for the right home. Check out Betts' Web site](#) to find out more about her book and her life.