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The Jehovah's Witnesses are moving out of their Brooklyn home and settling into a location in Warwick, New York, according to The New York Times.

Even though the church has yet to secure permits to build on the newly-acquired Warwick property, Therealdeal.com reports that the Jehovah's Witnesses is selling properties in Brooklyn Heights with a combined asking price of \$18.8 million and they belong to the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society entity of the church. The properties as reported in The New York Times include two town houses, two brownstones and a carriage house.

In addition to properties in Brooklyn Heights, the Jehovah's Witnesses has been selling properties throughout the borough, which would signal the end of its 102-year presence in New York City.

According to The New York Times, the church moved its headquarters to Brooklyn from Allegheny, Pa. in 1909 due to its proximity to the shipping and publishing industries, which made it possible to print their publications such as Watchtower magazine.

"Brooklyn was known as the city of churches," Richard Devine, a Jehovah's Witness spokesperson on property management said. "It was a center for progressive religious thought, and it seemed the right location. It did serve us well for a long, long time, but we've grown."

The church has already moved its printing presses to Walkill, N.Y. and Devine said that the church could operate more efficiently by consolidating operations into one campus.

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