

# Stratford's History

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## Oldest homes in Stratford

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On March 23, 1889, The Rural Land Improvement Co. took title to what was known as the Hinchmann/Lippincott farm and named it "Stratford".



A General Store, with a foundation dating to 1740, was incorporated into the Borough of Stratford in 1925. The current building was constructed in the early 1850's. Considering its foundation, the Quaker Store is the oldest "partial" building in Stratford.

In 1840, Ephraim Tomlinson (1806-1893) purchased land surrounding Laurel Lake and Big Timber Creek. In 1844, he built a home on his land. The building remains at 710, Laurel



H.G. Smith House, 107 S. Atlantic Ave. The first house built in the village of Stratford, in 1889. Mr. Smith was one of Stratford's developers.

Charles King House, built in 1891 at 201 Princeton Ave. Mr. King, one of the Rural Land Improvement Co. developers, named the newly developed village, "Stratford".



1894 Kaighn/Moore House, 121 Union Ave., housed the Stratford Cash Grocery Store until 1907. The Kaighn family owned the land where Jefferson Health Systems and the Laurel Manor Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center sit.

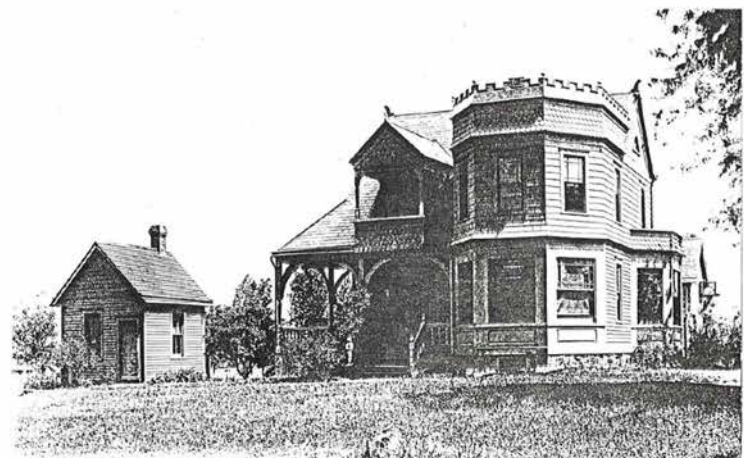


Located at Union and Central Avenues. The original Stratford United Methodist Church was built in 1893. For decades, it was the only church in Stratford. The church was expanded in 1929, 1941, 1955 and 1964.



Wills/Spino House, 211 E. Laurel Rd., built in 1893. Enrico and Rose Spino ran a farm market and egg business from this house for many years.

1894 Marley House, 324 Harvard Ave. The Marley family spans seven generations in Stratford.



Thomas C. Mathews house, built in 1895 at 208 Princeton Ave.



Anna Rebecca Graff House, 209 Princeton Ave., built in 1895. Historian, Robert Faulhaber and his wife, Flossie lived here from 1953 until 1992.