

History of Strasburg

A party of Pennsylvania Germans came to Franklin Township in 1810 and settled about a mile from Strasburg's present site on Broad Run. Strasburg is located in the east and central part of Franklin Township, the last township to be formed in the county. It was originally included within the boundaries of Lawrence Township, then Wayne Township. It was in the latter part of 1827 that Strasburg was formally surveyed and laid out by John Folck. Originally, the Strasburg town site embracing 47 lots, ranged on both sides of what today is Wooster Avenue, the north and south highway from Canton to New Philadelphia, Dover and points south

In 1872, the Cleveland, Lorain, and Wheeling Railroad, now a part of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad was built. The Garver Brothers established in the late 19th Century what was to become known as the "World's Largest Country Store." It closed in the 1970's and is now the site of an antique market each weekend. In the late 1930's the Baltimore and Ohio had a passenger train from Wheeling to Cleveland and it stopped at the Strasburg Station for passengers. Farming and lumbering kept men busy. In the early 1890's Grant Ganagy influenced a Cleveland Company to make fire brick here. In July of 1982 the first Corn Festival was held. This has become an annual event featuring roasted corn, a car show, and cornhole tournaments.

Today, Strasburg is a prosperous village located at the junction of Route 250 and I-77. An estimated 13,000 vehicles pass through the village each day. Strasburg now has about 2,000 residents and over 100 businesses. Strasburg has made progress since those days of 1828 and is still going forward with new businesses and new homes.

If you wish to receive more information on the History of Strasburg contact the Tuscarawas County Convention and Visitors Bureau at 124 East High Avenue, New Philadelphia, Ohio, 44663, call (330) 602-2420, or visit our website at www.ohiotimelessadventures.com. For further information contact the Tuscarawas County Public Library in New Philadelphia at (330) 364-4474 or the Tuscarawas County Historical Society at the Tuscarawas Campus of Kent State University at (330) 339-3391 Extension 47494.