

HISTORIC SITE

THIS WAS THE SITE OF THE FIRST AMISH MEETINGHOUSE IN AMERICA. THE ORIGINAL STRUCTURE WAS BUILT CIRCA 1795 AS A PLACE OF WORSHIP AND SCHOOL FOR GERMAN-SPEAKING PEOPLE IN THE AREA. THE MEETINGHOUSE WAS SOLD IN 1827 AND WAS USED AS A SCHOOL, A BAPTIST CHURCH AND A PLACE OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLY FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS, THEN REFERRED TO AS "UNION HALL." THE TOMBSTONES OF THE MEETINGHOUSE MEMBERS AND FOUNDERS LAY DIRECTLY ACROSS THE STREET WITHIN THE WALLS OF THE "UNION GRAVEYARD". UNION HALL WAS DESTROYED BY FIRE IN 1895, BUT REMNANTS OF THE ORIGINAL STONE FOUNDATION REMAINED ON THIS SITE INTO THE MID 20TH CENTURY.

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