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..... Distance 1.08 Miles

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Buildings in the Unit Block of East Centre Street

These beautifully restored buildings, from the late 1800s, give a sense of what downtown Shenandoah looked like in its heyday. As mining grew, Shenandoah also continued to grow with a population of nearly 30,000 in 1920.

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Historical Marker: The Coal Strike of 1902

The anthracite coal strike of 1902 was based on a call by 150,000 miners for higher wages, shorter workdays and the recognition of the United Mine Workers' Union. The threat of losing the heating fuel for homes lead President Theodore Roosevelt to intervene by appointing a commission that suspended the strike, however the miners did receive an increase in wages and reduction in work hours.

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Mrs. T's Pierogies

Mrs. T's Pierogies was started in Mary Twardzik's Shenandoah home kitchen by her son Ted Twardzik using his mother's recipe. The company soon out grew the small kitchen and moved to its current location on Centre Street where millions of pierogies are produced each week. Mrs. T's Pierogies are now sold nationwide in all fifty states and have been featured on both the Food Network and Cooking Channel.

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Bicentennial Park

Bicentennial Park is at the site of an old coal breaker. It was formerly called Babe Ruth Park. Today, it is home to the Girls' Softball league as well as a gathering place for young families. Plans are underway for expanding the activities at the park, especially for children.

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Corner of Centre and Main Streets

This corner has many historical references. The two historical markers for the Dorsey Brothers and Little Lithuania are on the northern side of the street. Shenandoah was settled by many waves of ethnic groups. Today, this spot is on the parade route of the annual Parade of Nations in which about 20 nationalities march each year celebrating the ethnic diversity of Shenandoah.