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Mount Union's Ethnic Diversity

Mount Union is the most ethnically diverse municipality in the region. That is largely due to employment opportunities spurred by the three brickyards in town, Harbison Walker Refectories, General Refractories and North American Refractories. African American, Eastern European, German, and Irish peoples flocked to Mount Union for jobs in the brickyards. Mount Union was home to twelve different churches with different denominations.



The Pennsylvania Railroad (PRR) Freight Station

This building is the only surviving PRR structure in town. In 1993, the exterior was restored to its original style and renovations were made to the PRR office on the first floor and the workers quarters on the second floor. The building now serves as a senior center.



Mount Union Brickyards

Mount Union was home to three brickyards. The Harbison Walker Brickyard was the first plant in the United States constructed exclusively to manufacture silica brick. At its construction in 1899, it was the largest silica brickyard in the world.



Peduzzi's Confectionery

Built in 1913, this popular meeting spot was home to a soda shop and a lunch corner. The owner, Mr. Peduzzi, was an Italian stonemason who came to Mount Union to help construct the stone railroad arches.



Sharrar House

This stone building is the oldest surviving commercial structure in Mount Union. Constructed in 1841, its lower level was a store and the street level was a residence. The Mount Union Historical Society restored the building to its original appearance.

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