

1960

The population of Grove City reached 8,342. The population of Pine Township was 3,431. This represented a combined population increase of 1,719 over the 1950 census.

This photograph shows buildings located on Broad Street decorated for Christmas in the 1960's.

Note:

All the buildings pictured were razed to build College Towers.



The photograph shows the Christmas decorations of the time.

Hoffman's Gun Shop is on the corner, with Quaker Dry Cleaner adjacent to it and then Shaffers Wallpaper and Paint. Note the painted advertisement for Shaffer Wall Paper and Paint on the third story of the building. Television antennas can also be seen on the roof adjacent to Shaffer's building.

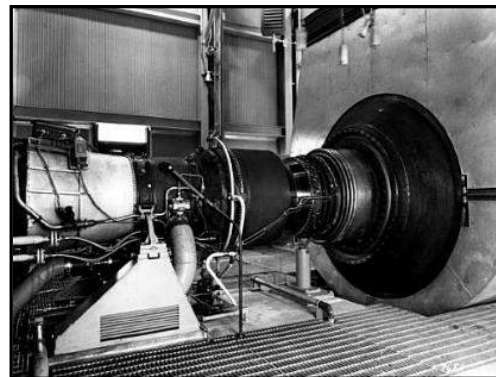
In 1960, Cooper-Bessemer introduced the world's first industrial jet-powered gas turbine engine. (Another source 1959) (See 1965)

Note:

This engine was developed to meet the challenge of General Electric's new combustion gas turbine engine, which threatened to supplant several of Cooper's engines in the pipeline transmission market.

Cooper-Bessemer, working with Columbia Gas Transmission Company, installed the world's first "base-load aeroderivative industrial gas engine" in a compressor drive usage at Clementsville, KY.

This gas turbine compressor was produced with Pratt & Whitney Aircraft. A J57 turbojet engine was modified for the project. The J57 engine was used to power Boeing 707 jets. The modified engine, the GG3, generated 10,500 horsepower and powered a Cooper-Bessemer pipeline compressor.



1961

Context:

On May 25, 1961, President John F. Kennedy announced a manned moon-landing project stating "landing a man on the Moon by the end of the decade" a national goal.

On May 13, President Kennedy ordered 100 "special forces" troops to South Vietnam.

The Viet Nam War accelerated quickly and became a major socio-political for the generation

Radio equipment was installed in the Grove City fire department's trucks.

Grove City College added the North Hall to the Mary Anderson Pew Dormitory.

Interstate 79, the Raymond P. Shafer, Highway opened to the public.

Note:

The Interstate 79 roadway was constructed through Mercer County in the early 1960s. Construction of Interstate 79 in Pennsylvania commenced in 1961 and finished in 1979.

The roadway north of PA Rt 965 opened in 1961 followed by the opening of the roadway south of PA Rt 965 in 1962. In 1963 construction began on the roadbed from the Mercer County line to the Route 58 overpass.

In 1967 I-79 was connected to Interstate 80 (see 1967).

The proximity and increased accessibility these roads to Grove City was a major to influence on the culture and growth of the area

By the end of October 1970 the road was open to traffic from Erie to north of Pittsburgh.



Context:

President Kennedy sent federal troops to the University of Mississippi to quell riots to enable the school's first black student James Meredith could attend classes.

The Supreme Court ruled segregation unconstitutional in all transportation facilities.

The Department of Defense ordered full integration of military reserve units.

On February 20, John Glenn became the first American to orbit the earth.

Arcweld Manufacturing Company was renamed SATEC.

Note:

In 1968, SATEC Systems Inc., a joint venture company, was established by combining the Baldwin/Sonntag products of Warner & Swasey, with the Arcweld products of SATEC. SATEC was an acronym for Space Age Testing Equipment Company.

Warner & Swasey and Shenango Furnace Company each held a 50% share. On September 4, 1987, SATEC Systems, Inc. was incorporated with William H. Newton III as the President.



In August of 1998, Instron® Corporation purchased SATEC System Inc..

In 2003, the SATEC division was renamed the Industrial Products Group. This division was established to market and manufacture SATEC's traditional static hydraulic testing equipment as well as other testing equipment. Instron continued developing new static hydraulic universal testing machines. SATEC remained the brand name for Instron's hydraulically powered universal testing machines.

The Pine Instrument Company was established.

Note:

The Pine Instrument Company was incorporated on March 5, 1962 with Theodore G. Hines as President and Gloria L. Hines as Secretary.

The company was established to design, manufacture, and supply asphalt testing equipment for the asphalt industry including paving contractors, state highway departments, and the Federal Highway Administration.



Over the years Pine Instrument continued to expand its products and services, providing electronic contract manufacturing and assembly services, as well as manufacturing

electrochemistry research equipment. Pine marketed these products internationally to major institutions of higher learning and major corporations.

Pine Research Instrumentation, Inc was incorporated in August 2005 with Joseph D. Hines as President and Theodore G. Hines as Vice President. In September of 2005, Pine Instrument II was incorporated with Joseph D. Hines as President. The name Pine Instrument was registered in December of 2005.

In 2007, Pine Instruments began an 18,000 square foot expansion of their manufacturing facilities.

James V. Perry established an FM radio station, WEDA Grove City.

Note:

WEDA first broadcast was on September 19, 1962.

WEDA broadcast on 95.1 MHz. Over the year's ownership, format and call signs changed. The Federal Communications Commission lists the following Call Sign history for the station (March 13, 2011):

Call Sign History	Current Call Sign: WWGY Facility ID Number: 74469
Call Sign	Begin Date
WWGY	06/03/2004
WICT	03/14/1997
WICT-FM	03/29/1996
WICT	12/21/1994
WRKU-FM	10/10/1988
WEDA-FM	08/16/1978

As of 2011, WWGY Grove City was owned by FOREVER BROADCASTING, LLC. of Hollidaysburg, Pa. and was broadcasting with a country music format.

1963

During the sixties downtown Grove City was a dynamic viable shopping district.

Note:

Richard G. Jewell, who was to become a President of Grove City College, was a college freshman during this time..

In October 2008, Jewell reminisced about the downtown in an article he wrote for the publication "A Moment for Grove City College." He recalled that Grove City was "a vibrant location. It was a place be and to shop." In the article, he mentioned several downtown businesses:

Three department stores –	Meyers, G. C. Murphy, and J. C. Penny
Two hardware stores –	Flowers and Sloan's
Dad's Restaurant –	next to the Tower Church
King's Shoe Store –	with hundreds and hundreds of shoes
DeFrance Drug Store –	with a soda fountain and stools that swiveled 360 degrees
And a Pool Hall	

He concluded: "So, all in all, the downtown had the variety of even a big city. Friday night was the night to be in town and Saturday also was an important day to shop."

1964

Context:

Congress passed the Civil Rights Act declaring discrimination based on race illegal.

Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech at the civil rights march on Washington, DC (Aug. 28).

Margaret McCoy was murdered in her Home. The crime was never solved.

Note:

Margaret McCoy was a 78-year-old music teacher who was found murdered in the basement of her home on South Center Street. Her body was discovered when a neighbor visited to check on her and her invalid sister. Potatoes were found cooking on the stove.

Police reported her body was found bound with a clothesline in the basement of her home. She had been bludgeoned to death. A claw hammer was found lying near the body. The hammer was believed to be the murder weapon.

McCoy had taught elementary school and had been the principal of Central School before retiring. She had been the organist at East Main Presbyterian Church for 31 years.

McCoy lived with and cared for her invalid sister, Alice, who was paralyzed and had lost her speech.

Calcium Chloride Sales, Inc. was incorporated.

Note:

On September 8, 1964, Calcium Chloride Sales, Inc. was incorporated with James C. Mclean as President, William Patton as Vice President, and Larry L. Bowie as Secretary and Treasurer.

On March 5, 1971, the name Grove City Concrete Products Co. was registered by Larry L. Bowie. On January 18, 1979, the name, Grove City Concrete Products Co, was registered to Calcium Chloride Sales Inc.

Corporate changes were also made in 1973 and 1986.

Calcium Chloride Sales developed several product lines including calcium chloride, chemicals, concrete and cinder block, brick manufacturing, and contract hauling, general freight and, Long-Distance.

1965

These photographs show the Grove City Police Department and the Volunteer Fire Department in 1965.

Police Department



Fire Department

In 1965, Cooper-Bessemer changed its name to Cooper Industries, Inc

Note:

Cooper-Bessemer had grown into a large, diverse company including the electrical, automotive, and tools and hardware industries. To reflect its diversity the company changed its name to Cooper Industries, Inc.

Two years later, Cooper Industries, Inc moved its headquarters to Houston. (See 1979)

The (Sharon) Herald bought the *Grove City Reporter-Herald* and three other weekly newspapers in eastern Mercer County in 1965.

Note:

In 1968, the four newspapers, the *Grove City Reporter-Herald*, the *Mercer Dispatch*, the *Slippery Rock Signal*, and the *Lakeview Breeze* were merged to form the Allied Newspapers. Allied Newspapers began publishing the *Allied News*. Allied Newspapers, Inc. was incorporated on August 9, 1965.

In 1971, the *Allied News* (as well as the (Sharon) *Herald*) was purchased by Ottaway Newspapers, Inc. The name *Allied Newspapers* was registered on May 5, 1976 by Ottaway Newspapers, Inc. (Corporate changes were made in 1973.) (See 2002)



Patricia Wettig was raised in Grove City during the 1960s.

Note:

Wettig was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on December 4, 1951. She was one of four daughters one of four daughters of (Pam, Patricia, Phyllis and Peggy) of Clifford Neal Wettig, a basketball coach and his wife Florence an elementary-school teacher.

She grew up in Grove City during the 1960s and graduated from Grove City High School in June of 1970. After graduation, she attended Ohio Wesleyan. She graduated from Temple University in 1975 with a degree in drama.

Wettig moved to Manhattan to pursue a career in the theater where she continued studying acting at The Neighborhood Playhouse School of the Theatre. In 2001, she completed a master's degree in playwriting at Smith College.



Wettig became a successful actress and playwright. She appeared on stage, on television and in motion pictures. She was a three-time Emmy winner for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Drama Series and a Golden Globe: Best Performance by an Actress in a Television Series – Drama.

Context:

In 1966, Congress passed the Uniform Time Act, which standardized the start and end dates for daylight saving time (still allowing individual states to remain on standard time).

The Johnstone Foundries Company was incorporated on September 30, 1966.

Note:

It was dissolved on November 5, 1973.

Frank Bryer opened an appliance and television business.

Note:

Bryer had begun the business in New Wilmington. In 1966, he moved the business to Grove City and opened for business on Lincoln Ave at the site of the old Creamery.

In 1970, Frank Bryer moved his appliance and television business to Broad Street. He added furniture sales to the business and named the business Bryer's Home Furnishings. On September 3, 1985, Bryer's Furnishings, Inc. was incorporated with Frank Bryer, Jr. as President.

Grove City College built the Hoyt Hall of Engineering.

Note:

The Hoyt Hall of Engineering was named in honor of Dr. Creig S. Hoyt, Chairman of the Department of Chemistry and Dean of the College for many years.

The Hoyt Hall of Engineering facilities were renovated in c2000. The renovated facilities included multimedia classrooms, laboratories for machine design, thermal systems, mechanical systems, communications systems, control systems, as well as computer systems.



Gerald Filer began a plumbing and heating business in a one-car garage on PA Route 173.

Note:

Although Filer had worked with his dad in the auto body business while growing up, after high school he had also worked for a plumber, "Bing" Winger.

Filer moved the plumbing and heating business to Stoneboro and then Lake Latonka. In 1984, he began building apartments

When his eldest son Ken expressed an interest in the plumbing business in 1985, Filer bought a building on North Broad and reentered the plumbing business. In 1986, his son, Mike, joined the business. In 1990, the Filers added an addition to the building.

In 1991, his son, Doug, joined the business. On December 30, 1991, Filer Brothers, Inc. was incorporated with Kenneth L. Filer as President. (See 1993)

On February 3, 1998, Filer Plumbing, Heating & Construction, Inc. was incorporated with Kenneth L. Filer as President and Michael Filer as V President.

Gerald left the business and returned to the apartment and land developing businesses. Filer Land Development Co. L.L.C. was created on February 6, 2002. Filer Properties, LLC was incorporated on September 14, 23009.

1967

Context:

The First AFL-NFL World Championship Game, later known as Super Bowl I, was played on January 15, 1967 at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.

The borough council voted to begin purchasing all electric power from the Penn Power Company.

In 1967, the Church of Epiphany built a new facility.

Note:

The new facility was built at 870 Liberty Street Extension, Route 173, south of Grove City.

The cornerstone was laid in 1967 and the building was dedicated on May 25, 1968.





Rev. David Lassalle was the first priest in the new facility.

Interstate 80 and the cloverleaf connecting it to Interstate 79 opened for public traffic.

Note:

The proximity of this major transcontinental highway, and the (1975-1976) the opening of Interstate 79, provided easy access from Grove City to the national highway system. Not since the coming of the railroad was Grove City provided with such an economic stimulus and commercial opportunity. Access to the Interstate 80 was easily accessible from Grove City through the interchange north of town at Barkeyville (PA Rt 173) and to Interstate 79 south east of town at London (PA RT 208).

Interestingly, this interchange was not included in the initial planning. The project was originally planned as part of the Pennsylvania Turnpike system and was to connect Sharon and Stroudsburg. The roadway was to run through northern Pennsylvania parallel to PA Rt 6. When the National Interstate and Defense Highways Act of 1956 was passed the road was re-envisioned as part of the interstate system. On May 22, 1957, Pennsylvania's plan to move the roadway south was approved by the Federal Highway Administration.



The construction of I-80 began in 1959 and was not completed across the state until 1970.

Grove City College built Hicks Hall men's residence dormitory.

Context:

The "Hong Kong flu" caused roughly 34,000 deaths in the United States during the 1968-69 flu season.

On April 4, 1968, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a leading civil rights leader, was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee.

In 1968, the Federal Communications Commission licensed the Grove City College radio station WSAJ to broadcast using FM (frequency modulation).

Note:

WSAJ-FM began broadcasting with a power of 10 watts broadcasting at a frequency of 89.5 MHz.

In 1984, WSAJ was granted a power increase to 280 watts.

During the 1990s, WSAJ began broadcasting at 91.1 MHz.

A power increase was granted in 1995 allowing WSAJ to transmit at 3000 watts, enabling broadcasting over a nearly 50-mile radius. The station utilized a syndicated classical music format from the Beethoven Satellite Network.

In 2004, WSAJ again began to broadcast student programming.

In March 2007, WSAJ switched its syndicated programming to Public Radio International, added news programming from the British Broadcasting Corporation, and added a variety of specialty classical, jazz, bluegrass, and folk music shows throughout the week.

Penn Grove Apartments, Inc. was incorporated on April 10, 1968.

1969

Context:

On July 20, 1969 The Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin, landed on the surface of the moon while Michael Collins remained in lunar orbit.

On December 1, 1969, the first United States military draft lottery since 1942 was held.

Ten of the twelve Mercer County school districts formed an agreement to create the Mercer County Vocational Technical School.

Note:

In April 1969, a committee, representing Grove City, Commodore Perry, Greenville, Hermitage, Jamestown, Lakeview, Mercer, Reynolds, Sharpville, and West Middlesex school districts voted to establish and construct a Mercer County Vocational-Technical School to serve the students in their districts.

A 95.6-acre site in Coolspring Township was purchased for the school on PA RT 58 north of Mercer the county seat. A director was hired and construction was begun. The groundbreaking ceremony was held in October 1970. The school was dedicated on September 16, 1973.

Classes began in the 1973-74 school year. The school functions as a half-time educational program in which students spend one-half of their day at their home school and the other at the career center.

The Mercer County Vo. Tech was accredited by Middle States Association Commission on Secondary Schools in 1988.

In August 1992, the name of the school was changed to Mercer County Career Center.

In 2010-2011, the facilities were remodeled.

