

NEW STANTON DEVELOPED IN BURSTS

New Stanton is a community of some vintage. Benjamin Snyder laid it out along the old road from Somerset to Pittsburgh in the early 1800's.

Its first surge of development came in the 1870's. In the 1870 census, New Stanton, despite being more than a half-century old, had only 145 inhabitants. A new school was built in 1871. At that time, John Sell was the leading merchant and operated a tannery. J. Steiner had a tanning establishment. J. Moore & his Son had a saddlery shop. Harry Byers and J.C. Steiner had boot and shoe shops.

Its first church was a Reformed congregation, which laid the cornerstone for its building in 1875.

New Stanton has had a post office since Aug. 12, 1841. The first postmaster was J. Zuck. Its present-day prominence came from a 1940 development, the opening of the Pennsylvania Turnpike from Carlisle to Irwin. The pike happened to cross Route 119 in the area of New Stanton, and it became a strategic transportation point. The results have been obvious.

