Stow Corners, Stow, Ohio

Historic Stow Corners Walking Tour

STOP 1 - 3512 Darrow Rd.

Stow Public Library circa 1944

Opened to the public in 1925. Moved to little house in 1930.

STOP 2 - 3493 Darrow Rd.

Stow First Christian Church & Chapel

Church building completed in 1922.
Chapel completed in 1948.

STOP 3—Intersection of Rt. 91 & Rt. 59

Stow Corners

STOP 8—3323 Kent Road

Stow Dairy / charter one bank

Erected in 1941, this building housed Stow Dairy, owned by Al Stein. Circa 1940’s. It is now home of Charter one bank.

STOP 9—3541 Elm Road

Silver Lake Aquarium / Stow Community church / new Apostolic Church

This building was first used as the aquarium at the old Silver Lake Amusement Park. It was dismantled in 1918. The bricks were hauled to Elm road and reassembled to become the home of Stow Community Church in 1920.

STOP 10—3614 Elm Road

Built around 1810, this building was across from the post office and served as a tavern. It was used as a parsonage for First Christian Church in the late 1800’s and moved to Elm road in the 1920’s.

Stow, Ohio was first settled in 1804 and was formed politically in 1808 with the formation of Portage County. Stow Corners, located at the intersection of what are now Darrow (Rt. 91) and Kent (Rt. 59) Roads, was the center of community life for many years. Stow Corners held a post office in the home of Titus Wetmore, a stagecoach stop, a tavern, a school, and several residences in the early 19th century. The first house in Stow Corners was built by Ezra Wyatt in 1806. The stage lines from Cleveland to Pittsburgh and from Warren to Wooster crossed at this intersection.

In the early 1900’s a streetcar line ran along Kent Road through Stow Corners. Businesses such as Isaly’s, Acme, Stow Hardware, Marhofer Chevrolet, and Holt’s Pharmacy, opened. Through the years, several buildings were moved from one location to another, including the original library/town hall, Titus Wetmore’s house, and the tavern building. Three houses were moved to make way for the straightening of Rt. 91 in 1935.
Stow Corners—originally settled in 1804

**Northeast Corner**

**Tavern**  Tavern moved circa 1920’s (see Stop 10)

**Spaght/Dubetz Building**

Acme #13 was in this building circa 1940

**Stop 4—Intersection of Rt. 91 & Rt. 59**

**Southeast Corner**

**Marhofer Chevrolet**

Marhofer Garage opened in 1919, Marhofer Chevrolet in the 1930’s.

**Tavern**  Tavern moved circa 1920’s (see Stop 10)

**Spaght/Dubetz Building**

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**Stop 4—Intersection of Rt. 91 & Rt. 59**

**Southwest Corner**

**Stow Township Hall/Library**

Stow Public Library opened in 1925 in the Stow Township Hall. The building was purchased by First Christian Church in 1941 and became the Children’s Chapel.

**Police & Fire Department/Vietnam Veteran’s Memorial Park**

Stow Police and Fire Station was located in the former site of Becker Wholesale Foods from 1967 to 1998. Vietnam Veteran’s Park was established in 1970. CVS was built in 1998 at this spot.

**Isaly’s #2**

3322 Kent Rd.

Isaly’s #1 first opened here in 1932. This later became known as the Blue Building.

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3322 Kent Rd.

Isaly’s was in this building from 1955 until 1998

**Stop 5—Intersection of Rt. 91 & Rt. 59**

**Northwest Corner**

**Schoolhouse**

Built in 1831, the District #3 School House was located 1/10 of a mile north of Stow Corners.

**Titus Wetmore House/Dunn Quigley Funeral Home**

Home of Stow’s first post office, this building was moved from the corner to 3333 Kent Rd. and became Stow’s first funeral home. The BP (formerly Sohio) station is now located at the original site of the Wetmore House.

**Stop 7—3310 Kent Road**

**Holt Building/Colonnade Building**

Built in 1926, this building housed Holt’s Pharmacy (later to become Stow Pharmacy), and the Stow Post Office.