

## SUGAR GROVE:

They call it "The Sweetest Little Town on the Map."

But until 1821, what is now Sugar Grove Borough was actually known as Brownsville, named after one of the earliest settlers, David Brown.

On March 8, 1821, Sugar Grove Township was formed and officially named for the remarkable predominance of maple trees in the area.

By most accounts, the first settlers of Sugar Grove Borough were Revolutionary War veterans who arrived in the area in 1802.

The area around Sugar Grove was a hotbed of abolitionist activity during the 19th Century and became an important stop on the "Underground Railroad."

For two days in June of 1854, Frederick Douglass, the escaped slave who served as an advisor to President Abraham Lincoln during the Civil War and led the national anti-slavery movement, visited Sugar Grove.

Douglass was among those who attended an anti-slavery convention which he later referred to as the "crowning convention of them all."

The annual "Juneteenth" celebration in Sugar Grove commemorated the event for several years.

Sugar Grove is surrounded by Amish farms and horse-pulled Amish buggies are a common sight both in the business district and the roads surrounding the town.

Sugar Grove's estimated population in July 2005 stood at 576, with the median age being 36.7 years and a median household income of \$36,125.