

## Small Towns across America

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### Brief History of Nazareth, Pennsylvania

Moravian missionaries founded the small town of Nazareth, Pennsylvania in the late spring of 1740. The Moravian missionaries traveled to Pennsylvania because they were experiencing hostility from neighbors and government officials in Georgia. The reason why they were experiencing such great hostility is because the neighbors and government



officials did not approve of their friendliness towards local Cherokees and enslaved African-Americans.

Up until the mid 1990s, the population of Nazareth was mainly of German origin, also known as Pennsylvania Dutch. In the late 1900s there was a huge immigration boom and the population expanded significantly. This immigration boom came about mainly because of the completion of many main roads, highways and interstates.

### Location and Driving Directions from closest major U.S. Airport(s)

Nazareth Pennsylvania is located between Scranton, Pa, and Philadelphia, Pa. Nazareth is located about twenty minutes from Lehigh Valley International Airport. From Lehigh Valley International Airport go east on route 22 and then north on route 191. Route 191 leads to the very center of Nazareth.

### Who was President when this town was founded? And what was the political environment in America at that time?

There was no president when Nazareth was first established. Forty-nine years later in 1789, George Washington became president.

### Oldest businesses/largest businesses today

The oldest business in Nazareth is the Martin Guitar Factory. The Martin Guitar Factory was established in 1833 and has been making guitars ever since.



## City government

A mayor-council government runs Nazareth. There are a total of nine council members. The members serve a two-year term unless re-elected.



## Historic attractions in the area. Festivals and Events.

Some of the historical attractions in Nazareth are the Martian Guitar Factory, Nazareth Library and the Whitefield house. The Whitefield house is home of the Moravian historical society, the third oldest historical society in Pennsylvania. The historical society was established in 1857.

There are also festivals and events here in Nazareth such as Nazareth Day. Nazareth Day is held in downtown Nazareth and is an event that includes sidewalk sales, carriage and trolley rides, a petting zoo, food, fire truck display and fireworks.



## Where can we stay if we visit Nazareth Pennsylvania?

There is one bed and breakfast in Nazareth called the Classic Victorian Estate Inn. The Estate Inn is a classic bed and breakfast located on North New St in Nazareth.

## Why would I want to visit this historic small town?

I live in this historic small town already. However if I were to move away I would want to come back and visit this small town to see how much it has changed since I was last there. I would also like to go back and visit the parks and shops my family and I spend time at and shop at.

## Links you may wish to visit

<http://www.nazarethboroughpa.com/index.html>

<http://www.moravianhistoricalsociety.org>