

A BRIEF HISTORY OF MARKET SQUARE

Public gathering places are a vital and vibrant characteristic for all cities, where neighbors and newcomers gather in community and experience what sets the city apart from all others.

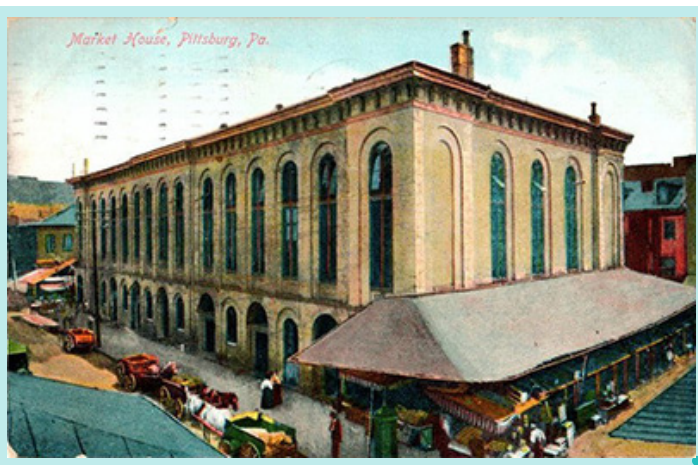
1764

A **diamond** is born



1794

The first **courthouse** and **market** are built



1836

Courthouse moves to Grant Street and parallel wooden structures occupy the square

1853

The first **city hall** is built

1870

Oyster House opens



1872

City Hall moves to Smithfield Street and both structures serve the purpose of **market house**

1919

Nicholas Coffee opens



1915

Diamond Market House is built



1961

Diamond Market House is demolished to open the space to **pedestrians and cars**



1984

PPG Place construction is complete

2011

First annual **Christmas Market**

2010

Market Square reopens as a **European-style piazza**