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New Harmony 10 Facts

1. The nation's first kindergarten, free public school, free library, and equal schools were all created in New Harmony.
2. Ball State film team created a documentary on New Harmony in 2008. Maybe we could find some video footage from them if needed?
<http://www.bsu.edu/news/article/0,1370,58572--,00.html>
3. In 1994, there was only 1 traffic light in the town (not sure if this is still the case.) You could see almost the whole town by standing at this light at Main and Church streets. Could be cool to do a virtual tour type experience in the book from this light.
4. The Thrall Opera House, which was home to the Golden Troupe, has had many uses throughout the years including a movie theater and a gas station.
5. Robert Owen's purpose of coming to New Harmony was to create a model community where the people were treated equally both on an education and social level. The society did not work because people wanted his land and did not want to work for it
6. The New-Harmony Gazette ran from 1825-1835 and recorded the progress of the colony (starting the year Robert Owen settled in New Harmony)
7. In the Paul Tillich Park, there are several large stones with quotes from Tillich's writing
8. Founder Robert Owen's son, Robert Dale Owen's, was a member of the House of Representative where he introduced the bill establishing the Smithsonian Institute
9. The Harmonie symbol was a golden rose, which was the reason the roofless church was created how it was. It is in the shape of an inverted rosebud and the shadow of a full-blown rose.
10. The Harmonists built labyrinth in all three of their towns.