

Entrepreneurship and Ingenuity



By 1918, William and Flora Fitts Edds moved from Southwest Virginia to buy 254 acres in Sterling. They operated a dairy farm, known as Pidgeon Hill. Using their own milk truck, William and Flora transported product to Washington D.C. for processing, often carrying milk for nearby farmers as well. It is believed that Pidgeon Hill was the largest African-American owned farm in the county.

Flora Fitts Edds (Image courtesy of Joan Martin Smith)

This 1957 aerial of the Sterling area shows the property boundaries of the farm.



