

HISTORIC LANDMARK AWARDS

1864 - **Scharlau House**, 747 South Oakland Avenue



It was 1864 when the David Scharlau family set their roots in this farmhouse, and raised their family. It was among the first houses built in the area by the early settlers. The property was much larger than it is today. The Scharlau's grew crops and maintained a fruit orchard. In 1881, William Scharlau bought the property. Through the years the land was subdivided. In 1952, the house was purchased by Edward Holland who lived here for 22 years. The Cattapan family purchased the house in 1974. In 1989, the Franz family purchased the property. This house still features a canning kitchen, coal bin, and a milk door for delivery.

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