



## ORIGINAL MEIJER STORE

Dutch immigrant Hendrik Meijer (1883-1964) settled in Greenville in 1912 as a barber. In 1934, desperate to make loan payments on a vacant storefront next door to his barbershop on N. Lafayette St., he opened a small grocery. Competing with larger chains, he expanded that original store nine times. It burned and was replaced by a new supermarket across the street, which in turn was replaced by one of the earliest Meijer "Thrifty Acres" discount department stores. That store occupied a site that included part of Hendrik's small farm on the northern edge of Greenville.