

Summit Historical Minute – The Summit Diner
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The Summit Diner was originally built in 1938 on Union Place and Summit Ave. by the Jerry O'Mahoney Diner Company to take the place of an older diner. Today, the Summit Diner is considered by the Independent Press "the most distinctive diner in New Jersey, a state known for its diner culture." Additionally, the diner has prestige of having earned a spot on the national register of historic places. While the builder was visiting the diner during construction he took such a fancy to Summit that he would regularly visit the town. He spent his final days in Summit and in Overlook Hospital. He would consider the Summit Diner to be the nicest diner his company ever created. Today, the Summit Diner is currently the oldest operating diner in the state of New Jersey. Throughout the diner's history many people have passed through its chrome deco door including Rex Ryan, Jim Cramer, Meryl Streep, and Al Pacino, among many others. Additionally, Al Pacino also shot scenes from his movie *City Hall* at the Summit Diner. Legend has it that Ernest Hemingway was once a regular at the Summit Diner.