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Founded in 1855, Millersville University was established to meet the academic needs of central Pennsylvania. Since its initial function as Pennsylvania's first Normal (Teacher's) School, Millersville's mathematics department has grown and adapted to the diverse mathematical demands of our region, serving as a leader in mathematics education, pure mathematics, applied mathematics, and statistics. Through an exploration of historical records as well as interviews with former and current members of the department, this paper will describe how our mathematics department has faced the challenges of serving an evolving population and will share the stories of some of the key people who provided leadership to the department and university. (Received September 20, 2016)