



S. K. Whiting Park

An Historic
Welcome to the
City of Ellsworth

The park is named for Samuel Kidder Whiting. S.K. Whiting and his brothers were important merchants in Ellsworth who owned several sea vessels and an entire block in the downtown area in the 1800s. In 1821, the Whiting family purchased a large portion of the land at the corner of Main and Oak streets. In 1866, S.K. Whiting sold a portion of the land abutting Oak Street to the Unitarian Church which built a place of worship there. The remarkable Gothic architecture, coupled with its key location, made the church an important landmark. Its tragic fate was to fall into disrepair and to be demolished in 1971. A year later, a Dunkin' Donuts shop was built on the site.

The other splendid piece of architecture Whiting contributed to the city is still standing. Around 1971, Mr. Whiting built the beautiful French Empire Revival-style home on Main Street which is now owned and maintained by the Rosborough family. The S. K. Whiting Park is designed to complement the Rosborough building which will be its nearest neighbor.