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1900 Census		
1910 Census	Owner Wife Son Daughter Son	Pearson, Harry T, age 44, house contractor " Amanda I, age 35 " Nelson C, age 10 " Lillian, age 10 " Henry T, age 6
1920 Census	Owner Wife Son Daughter Son Servant	Pearson, Harry J, age 53, architect " Amanda, age 44 " Nelson C, age 20 " Lillian, age 18 " Henry T, age 16 Cobb, Alice, age 30 (B)
1927 Directory		Fuller, George
1930 Census		
1935 Directory		Anderson, Bessie W Mrs.
1940 Census		
1945 Directory		Kennedy Hall Kennedy, Mabel Mrs. Revell, Anne C (wid E John W)
1950 Directory		Kennedy Hall Kennedy, Mabel Mrs.
1960 Directory		Kennedy Hall Kennedy, Mabel H Stratford College Alumna Assn
1970 Directory		
1971 Survey		Rated Excellent
1977 Directory		Danville Reading Center School
1984 Directory		Danville Reading Center School
1990 Directory		Under Construction
1998 Tour		Kennedy Hall
2015 Assessor	Transfer	Stratford House Center Properties Inc. to MCAP Danville Inc.

Bee 26 Dec 1924: The funeral of Harry T. Pearson who died on Tuesday morning ... from the home, 103 South Main street ...

Bee 2 Aug 1926: For Rent – My residence, 103 South Main Street. Mrs. H. T. Pearson. Phone 546

Bee 28 Mar 1933: There will be a meeting of the Alumnae Association of Stratford College ... at the home of the president, Mrs. Roscoe Anderson, 103 South Main street. ...

Bee 7 Dec 1942: Corporal Thomas T. Anderson, son of Mrs. Joseph R. Anderson, 103 South Main Street, has reported to the Armored Force School ...

Bee 8 Nov 1943: Mrs. Vienna Selden Watson died at Memorial Hospital this morning ... Her husband, Walter D. Watson, died in 1914. She is survived by five children: Mrs. J. Roscoe Anderson ... Funeral services will be conducted at 103 South Main Street ...

Bee 31 Jul 1944: Display Ad: Auction Sale, Household Furniture and Furnishings ... 103 South Main St. – Home of Mrs. Bessie W. Anderson ...

Bee 6 Dec 1945: The Garden Club of Danville will hold a business meeting ... with Mrs. E. J. W. Revell as hostess at 103 South Main Street. ...

Bee 1 Nov 1947: Episcopal circle 5, Mrs. E. J. W. Revell, 103 South Main Street ...

Bee 27 May 1957: The Music Study Club will meet ... with E. J. W. Revell, 103 South Main Street. ...

Tour Book 1988:

Four massive two-story white columns with Corinthian capitals dominate Kennedy Hall, now the business and marketing office for Stratford House, a continuing-care retirement community set to open in the former Stratford College Main Hall next door. Architecturally, Kennedy Hall contributes greatly to the streetscape at the triangle where Main, South Main, and West Main streets converge.

Built in 1903-04, this handsome Neo-Classical Revival brick house was designed by London-born architect-contractor Harry T. Pearson for his residence. After his death in 1924, Mr. Pearson's widow continued to live in this house until 1931.

For the next 13 years, this was the home of Bessie W. Anderson, widow of Joseph Roscoe Anderson. Mrs. Anderson, a member of Danville's leading social and cultural organizations, entertained here frequently. She enlarged the house by enclosing the back porches with brick, and filled its rooms with antiques acquired during her world travels.

When Mrs. Anderson sold the property to Stratford College in 1944, the house was occupied by Dean Mabel Kennedy and other faculty forced out of "Old Main" next door because of increased student enrollment. Dean Kennedy lived on the first floor here until her death in 1969. The Stratford Alumnae Association named the house in honor of the beloved Dean Kennedy. After Stratford College closed in 1974 Dean Kennedy's friend and colleague, Mrs. Ann Carrington Revell, continued to live here until her death in 1977 at age 99.

For a number of years since The Memorial Hospital acquired Stratford, the future of Kennedy, and Main Hall next door, remained uncertain. Happily, in its proposals for a retirement complex, the hospital was able to incorporate these historic structures together with plans for sensitively-

designed new buildings to begin “New Traditions” for Stratford House residents about a year from now.