



HISTORICAL NOTES ON HARRISON COUNTY

THE LAND: Harrison County comprises over 400 square miles of the ancient and deeply eroded Allegheny Plateau. In general, the surface of the county consists of rounded, gently sloping ridges, thickly interspersed with valleys. A divide, on the eastern fourth of the county and on which Cadiz stands, separates the streams flowing to the Upper Ohio from those flowing to the tributaries of the Tuscarawas. Streams east of the divide, Short, Cross and Wheeling Creeks, are known for their narrow, stony valleys and swift currents. These creeks west of the divide, Big Stillwater, Little Stillwater and Conotton, are noted for their broad, alluvial valleys, meandering courses and sluggish flow.

Since early settlement, the limestone and clay soil of Harrison County has yielded abundant timber, grains, hay and pasture. Beneath the soil lies considerable mineral wealth, including coal and limestone in the eastern third of the county, sandstone near Freeport and Tippecanoe, and petroleum and gas at various points throughout the county.

Highest Elevation above sea level 1366
Lowest Elevation above sea level 861

THE PEOPLE: Harrison County's earliest settlers, who arrived circa 1796, were mostly Virginians. Later Pennsylvania contributed great numbers of pioneers to the county, most of whom were Irish. People of German descent settled the northern fifth of Harrison County. Other races and nationalities followed the Irish and the Germans: British Peoples, a very few French Negroes who few were actually manumitted, Italians, Poles, Slovaks and Hungarians. Of this last wave of settlers, the Polish are probably the largest and most permanent single group.

INDUSTRIES: Historically, Harrison County has always been a prominent stock-raising area: at one time (1887), it was recognized as one of the nation's leading producers of fine wool. Coal mining dominates in the eastern third of the county and timbering, stock-raising in the western parts. With the construction of Tappan, Piedmont and Clendening Dams, an important recreational industry promises to develop in the future.

INSTITUTIONS: From Indian times, Harrison County has been a crossroads of paths linking the Ohio Valley and the Interior of the State. Improved road through the county were established as early as 1802 and railroads by 1856.

The development of transportation in the county was accompanied by the evolution of an educational system. Common Schools existed as early as 1806 and at one time the county boasted three college, Franklin of New Athens, Hopedale Normal and Scio College. Currently Belmont Technical College survives.

Harrison County's political system operated from earliest settlement, achieved autonomy in 1813 when the county was established from parts of Jefferson and Tuscarawas Counties, and reached a measure of maturity in 1833 when present county Boundaries and 15 Townships were defined.

VILLAGES AND MEMORIALS: The Villages of Harrison County were established as follows: Bowersville, now Bowerston, 1852; Deersville, 1815; Fairview, now Jewett, 1851; Franklin, now Tappan, 1837; Freeport, 1810; Georgetown, 1814; Harrisville, 1814; Hopedale, 1849; Jefferson, now Germano, 1815; Masterville, now Conotton, 1851; Moorefield, 1815; New Athens, 1817; Hanover, 1812; New Market, now Scio, 1836; New Rumley, 1813; Symma, 1817; Tippecanoe, 1840; Butler-Collinsport, now Piedmont "just groved" in the years following 1880.

Cadiz, founded in 1804, is the largest village and the County Seat, and has the honor of being named the "Proudest Small Town in America". The bronze plaque received for this distinction is mounted on the rough stone located on the corner of the Court House Grounds. The most prominent monuments in Harrison County are a statue of John A. Bingham, which stands on the Court House lawn in Cadiz, and a bronze figure of General George A. Custer located in the State Park in New Rumley. In addition, historical markers are being erected throughout the county by the local Historical Society.

NOTEWORTHY CITIZENS: Harrison County is justifiably proud of it's achieving citizens. Prominent among them have been General George A. Custer, hero of the Bull Run, Clark Gable, actor, John A. Bingham, prosecutor of Lincoln's assassins and Minister to Japan; Matthew Simpson, Bishop of the M.E. Church; William Henry Holmes, artist and scientist; Charles A. Hanna, financier and historian; Lyn Harold Hough, theologian, Percy Hammond, critic; Frank Hatten, Postmaster General of the U.S.; David Thompson, Governor of Idaho; Gen. Thomas Vincent, Assistant Adjutant of the Union Army; Edwin M. Stanton, Harrison County Prosecutor who became Lincoln's Secretary of War; Tom Custer, twice awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, and Boston Custer, brothers of the famous General. Samuel Bryan, who established the Japanese postal system.

The above Information was compiled by the Harrison County Historical Society.

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CADIZ		SCIO		JEWETT		HOPEDALE		BOWERSTON		DEERFIELD		ADENA		FREEPORT	
AIRPORT RD	X-64	2ND ST	D-55	ARBAUGH RD	A-70	2ND ST	C-77	AUTUMN RD SW	A-45	ADAMS RD	M-51	BROAD ST	L-80	BARBALL RD	U-51
ALLEN AV	L-57	BOWER RD	G-54	BARRY ST	D-63	3RD ST	C-78	BOWEN RD	D-48	CHURCH ALEXY	K-52	COVE AV	F-75	BIRNINGHAM RD	U-52
BINGHAM TERR	M-67	CADIZ-DEERFIELD RD	C-53	CADIZ-JEWETT RD	F-58	ALICE DR	D-79	BRADWAY ST	E-44	DEERSVILLE RIDGE RD	L-56	FRANKLIN RD	K-73	BURRILL AV	U-53
BROCKOVEN DR	Q-69	CADIZ-HOPEDALE RD	C-54	CADIZ-SCIO RD	E-65	BAKER DR	C-79	EAST ST	D-45	GEORGETOWN ADENA RD	M-65	GLYN ST	K-74	DEVY AV	Q-52
BURKOVEN DR	M-64	CADIZ-NEW ATHENS RD	R-65	CADIZ-STEUBENVILLE RD	E-66	WHEELING ST	C-79	GRANT ST	E-44	WOODLAND AV	M-66	HAYLA DR	K-75	EASY ST	T-54
BURTON DR	P-70	CADIZ-SCIO RD	L-71	CADIZ-STEUBENVILLE RD	E-67	WHEELING ST	C-79	JACKSON RD	H-72			HIGH ST	Q-56	FREEPORT-TIPPECANOE RD	Q-56
CADIZ AV	P-68	CADIZ-STEUBENVILLE RD	R-65	CADIZ-STEUBENVILLE RD	E-68	WHEELING ST	C-79	JACKSON RD	H-72			HIGH ST	Q-56	HIGH ST	R-54
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