

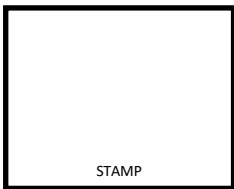
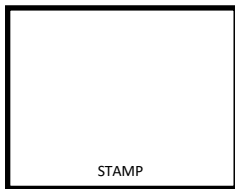
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RichHistory Weekend Passport Contest

Go to www.richhistory.org or download the “richhistory” mobile app for the RichHistory Weekend schedule.

Contest Rules:

- Elementary Students Only
- Fill out your name and contact information on the other side of this page.
- Have your passport stamped at two RichHistory Weekend events (first weekend in May).
- When you have two locations stamped, cut out this page and turn it in at the last location visited to enter the prize drawing. See richhistory.org for details and prizes.



RichHistory Weekend Passport Contest

Name _____

Grade _____ School _____

Teacher _____

Contact Parent or Teacher

Name _____

Email _____

Or

Phone _____

PASSPORT TO HISTORY

By
RichHistory Alliance

Our member organizations collaborate to discover, preserve and share history in Richland County, OH. Join, visit, volunteer and support these groups that preserve our rich heritage.

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The Richland County Historical Society

Mansfield, OH
2020



Public Square, Mansfield.

RICHLAND COUNTY

Northern Ohio was once the hunting ground of the Erie Indians, who were decimated and scattered about 1656 by the Iroquois of Northern New York state. The Leni-Lenape, or “Delaware” Indians then successfully petitioned the Iroquois Nation of six tribes for permission to move into the former Erie lands, and subsequently paid an annual tribute to remain.

Arriving settlers found this area sparsely populated by immigrant bands of Delaware, Chippewa, Shawnee and Mingo. The Treaty of Fort Industry (Toledo) in 1805 extinguished Indian claims north of the Greenville Treaty line, which is at the southern boundary of Richland County, and south of the 41st parallel.

This land, known as the New Purchase lands was surveyed and sectioned off in 1806/07. James Hedges, surveyor of the New Purchase, laid out the town of Mansfield in 1808. The county of Richland was established in 1808 and organized in 1813. Between 1845-1847 land was taken from “Old Richland” to form parts of Crawford, Ashland, and Morrow Counties, leaving the boundaries as we know them today.

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DOWNTOWN MANSFIELD INC.

128 N. Main St.
Mansfield, OH 44902
downtownmansfield.com

Established in 1998, Downtown Mansfield, Inc. (DMI) is a nonprofit membership based organization whose mission is to stimulate economic development, improve the appearance and create a positive image of the downtown as a desirable place to work, live, visit, shop and invest. In order to accomplish these goals we have implemented the National Main Street Model for commercial district revitalization and follow our Strategic Redevelopment Plan. The National Main Street Model for commercial revitalization relies on the four point approach to commercial district revitalization. This approach includes: Organization, Design, Economic Restructuring and Promotion and is the foundation for the programs and projects of Downtown Mansfield, Inc. (DMI). Through these strategies we organize committees, establish programs and projects and maintain ongoing revitalization initiatives.



KINGWOOD CENTER GARDENS

50 N. Trimble Rd.
Mansfield, OH 44906
kingwoodgardens.org

Built in 1926 for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kelley King, the 47-acre estate opened as a public garden in 1953, one year after Mr. King's death. Mr. King, who was married and divorced twice, never had children. He left most of his estate to the private foundation that continues to operate Kingwood Center today.

Mr. King made his fortune in Mansfield, Ohio working with the Ohio Brass Company. Hired as the company's first electrical engineer in 1893, he led Ohio Brass into new ventures, particularly the manufacture of electrical fittings for railroads and trolleys. Mr. King eventually became President and Chairman of the Board of Ohio Brass.

Kingwood Center Gardens now offers various events throughout the year, workshops, plant sales, and is open for daily visits during our regular season (April - Oct).



LITTLE BUCKEYE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

44 W. Fourth St.
Mansfield, OH 44902
littlebuckeye.org

At Little Buckeye, we know that exploration and play are critical to healthy child development. We know that play benefits children socially, emotionally and intellectually! We also know that not every child gets the opportunity to play in a safe and creative environment.

Little Buckeye Children's Museum is proud to provide that opportunity. Our museum features hands-on, imagination-based exhibits designed to promote curiosity, develop problem-solving skills, encourage critical thinking, expand social skills and more! That's what makes us the perfect place for families and school groups with children ages 2-10.



LUCAS AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
252 W. Main St.
Lucas, OH 44843

The Lucas Area Historical Society was created shortly after the village of Lucas celebrated its 175th birthday. Our future goal is to have a museum. Until then, we hope to preserve information and historical items from the village and Monroe Township.

We meet monthly on the second Monday of each month except December, January & February, but you can find us at the Lucas Community Center (address above) on the first Saturday in May during the RichHistoryAlliance Weekend.



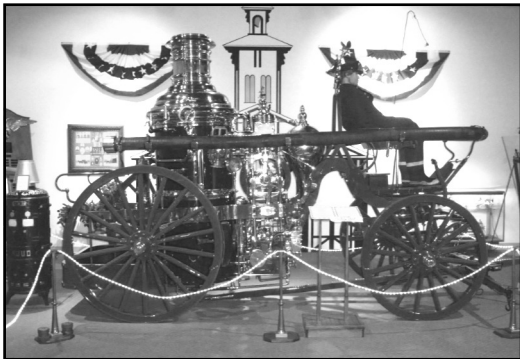
MALABAR FARM STATE PARK

4050 Bromfield Rd.
Lucas, OH 44843

parks.ohiodnr.gov/malabarfarm

Malabar Farm was established in 1939 by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Louis Bromfield and was his home until his death in 1956. It became a State Park in 1976.

The park grounds, including Mt. Jeez, are open from dawn to dusk. Mt. Jeez, picnic areas, outside restroom facilities, and campgrounds are closed November through April. Malabar Farm State Park offers a variety of activities, including tours of the big house, hiking, wagon tours, and a program of special events in the rich, green surroundings so beloved by Bromfield. Amenities include a primitive campground, horse camp, an onsite, award winning restaurant, and picnic grounds. The park, however, aspires to a larger educational function as well. It already maintains a working farm (on a smaller scale than of old, lacking Bromfield's lavish staff), exhibits on grass farming, interpretive programs, and a twenty-five-hundred-volume library on sustainable agriculture.



MANSFIELD FIRE MUSEUM

1265 W. Fourth St.
Mansfield, OH 44906

Mid-May thru mid-October, Sat. and Sun., 1pm—4pm

Admission Free, Donations are welcome

From the bucket brigade to the horse drawn fire apparatus, through the internal combustion powered equipment, experience the many aspects of the history of fire service. See a reproduction of a turn of the century Fire Station and even hear the antique alarm bell that alerted the firemen. You can almost see the horses leave their stable to be hitched to the hose wagon.

Stroll down part of Mansfield's historic North Main Street where you see the original City News, Coney Island Diner, and also visit an old time drugstore with an authentic marble soda fountain.

MANSFIELD MEMORIAL MUSE- UM

34 Park Ave. W.
Mansfield, OH 44902
fb.com/mansfieldmuseum
Saturdays, 10–4
Sundays, Noon–4



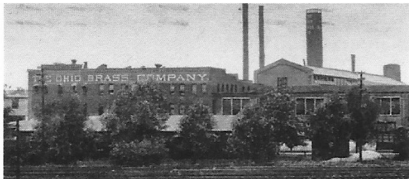
The Mansfield Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Building is the first Memorial Building to be built in Ohio. Through the efforts of the (GAR) Grand Army of the Republic a state law was passed to build a building in Mansfield. The Library Association was added to the building as its' permanent home. They raised together \$65,000.00 in bonds for the building, which included a 658 seat Opera House used for the income of the building. The Mansfield Memorial Museum is the first museum in Richland County and was housed on the 3rd floor of the building. The building opened to the public in 1889 and is the oldest continually used Veterans Hall in Ohio. The Mansfield Memorial Museum was moved from the 3rd floor to the 1st and 2nd floors in 1999. The museum is very eclectic having something for everyone. "Elektro" is on display at all times and was the Westinghouse Robot built for the New York World's Fair of 1939-40.



MANSFIELD/RICHLAND COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Sherman Room, 43 W. Third St., Mansfield, OH 44902
mrctl.org

In 1901 Miss Margaret Mercer became the head librarian of the Memorial Library, which was then housed in the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Building. Miss Mercer traveled to New York and met with James Bertram, Andrew Carnegie's secretary. In 1903 Carnegie awarded a grant for \$35,000 for the construction of a new library here in Mansfield. The future looked promising. It took almost two years for a location to be secured and in January of 1905 the site of the Grace Episcopal Church on West Third Street was chosen. A few months later the library board selected Vernon Redding, of Mansfield, as architect for the new building. The new library was dedicated on December 19, 1908 and the Mansfield Public Library was open for business. The Library has since added 8 branches, Bellville, Butler, Crestview, Lexington, Lucas, Madison, Ontario and Plymouth and made expansions on to the original Carnegie Library in 1950 and 1989. A variety of programs are offered throughout the year to patrons of all ages, including crafts, computer training, movie screenings and live music.



NORTH CENTRAL OHIO INDUSTRIAL MUSEUM; NCOIM

100 Reformatory Rd.
Mansfield, OH 44905
fb.com/NCOIM

Richland County has a long and impressive history of manufacturing and industry. Today's local business landscape shows that the entrepreneurial spirit that drove our rich past is still alive and well. The NCOIM showcases the history of manufacturing in the Richland County area and also recognizes that we continue to be a community of inventors and innovators.

OAK HILL COTTAGE

310 Springmill St.
Mansfield, OH 44903
PH 419.524.1765
oakhillcottage.org



Guided tours Sundays, 2pm to 5pm, April thru December. (\$5 adults/\$1 children). Other events Free or special rates, and group tours

are also available.

Oak Hill Cottage is a large “cottage villa” in the Gothic Revival style. Railroad builder and grist mill owner, John Riley Robinson, built the home beside a giant old oak tree in 1847, on a hill overlooking his industrial accomplishments.

In 1864, it became the home of the Dr. Johannes Jones family, who updated and furnished the home as we see it today. All of the furnishings throughout the house belonged to the Jones family.

The Richland County Historical Society

The RCHS purchased Oak Hill Cottage and its contents in 1965 from the youngest Jones daughter. It was restored and opened as a house museum in 1984. The Society also fosters historic preservation and sponsors the Richland Preservation Action Group.



OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

611 St. Rt. 97 W.
Bellville, OH 44813
ogs.org

The Ohio Genealogical Society is a research library for those interested in family and local history. We feature over 60,000 volumes, manuscripts, microfilm, and electronic files. This is the place to visit if you wish to learn more about early Richland county history, Johnny Appleseed, Native Americans, or the story of your own family. We have census records, old family Bibles, newspapers, cemetery records, obituaries, yearbooks, directories, and many items filed by surname or geographical location.

The library is open Tuesday through Saturday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Best of all, students working on projects (along with their parent/guardian) get free admittance. This includes school assignments, 4-H, scouting programs, and more. We welcome you to the Ohio Genealogical Society!



OHIO STATE REFORMATORY

100 Reformatory Rd.
Mansfield, OH 44905
ohiostatereformatory.org

Walk the same halls as history's most infamous prisoners. The prison was built between 1886 and 1910 and remained in operation until 1990, when a United States Federal Court ruling ordered the facility to be closed. It was made famous by the film *The Shawshank Redemption* (1994) when it was used for the majority of the movie.

Most of the grounds and support buildings, including the outer wall, have been demolished since the closing. In 1995, the Mansfield Reformatory Preservation Society was formed. They have turned the prison into a museum and conduct tours to help fund grounds rehabilitation projects and currently work to stabilize the buildings against further deterioration.

PLEASANT HILL LAKE PARK



3431 State Route 95
Perrysville, OH 44864
PH 419.938.7884

pleasanthillparkohio.org

Open year-round – Mon-Fri.

8a-4p

Seasonal : Sun-Thr. 8-4pm,

Fri-Sat. 8a-8p.

Gate Admission in sea-
son, Camping, Cabins,
Boating, Fishing, Hunting,

Swimming, Hiking, Special events, Horse Camp and Trails. The Great Ohio Flood, March of 1913, caused massive flooding, killing 467 people and causing \$300 million in losses, that's over \$7.5 Billion in today's value. In June 1933, The Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District (MWCD) was created and went to work planning, funding, designing and building 14 flood control dams. The MWCD watershed drains about 20% of Ohio surface water and covers 8,000 square miles. Pleasant Hill Lake, an impoundment of the Clear Fork River was completed in January of 1938 but due to politics and World War II the lake didn't reach its full pool and open for camping until 1950. The town of Newville, platted in 1823, boasted 20-acre village with two hotels, school house, churches, general store, and 31 houses. The Delaware Indians abandoned Hell Town in 1782, it remained a hunting camp until 1812. Today both towns are gone and lie below the lake.



PLYMOUTH AREA MUSEUM

7 E. Main St.
Plymouth, OH 44865
pahsohio.org

The Plymouth Area Historical Society was founded in 1984 along with the original Museum located at 15 Sandusky Street Plymouth, Ohio.

During the late 1980's, plans were put into place for the Village of Plymouth's 175th Birthday as well as a need to find a larger building for the growing organization. In the early 1990's, the Society purchased the building located at 7 East Main Street in downtown Plymouth. The organization had a fund-raising drive in an effort to restore the building as a new museum. With the gift from Eleanor Searle Whitney McCollum, the Society was able to raise enough money to remodel.

This building today houses three floors of exhibits of local area history. A need for a meeting room led to Mrs. McCollum to purchase the neighboring 5 East Main Street and restore it to a beautiful 80 seat meeting room.



Renaissance Theatre
138 Park Avenue West, Mansfield, OH 44902
(419) 522-2726
www.RenTickets.org

The Renaissance Theatre is North Central Ohio's premier venue for the performing arts. Each year a myriad of events are offered such as Broadway musicals, live concerts, comedy shows, and more!

The theatre opened in 1927 under the name of the Ohio Theater. On January 19, 1928, and in near blizzard-like conditions, over 1,000 people came to the first event at the theatre - the showing of *Get Your Man* starring Clara Bow. Since that time, the theatre has seen many changes, but the original beauty still exists.

In Fall 2018, the Renaissance Performing Arts Association opened a second venue at 166 Park Avenue West, called Theatre 166. This Black Box theatre is a space where a collective of artists and arts advocates can expand and explore their artistic vision while celebrating the craft and passion of the arts.



RICHLAND EARLY AMERICAN CENTER FOR HISTORY; REACH

South Park
100 Brinkerhoff Ave.
Mansfield, OH 44903

fb.com/richlandearlyamericancenterforhistory

The Mansfield Blockhouse is a unique hand-hewn log structure that was built in 1812 on the square in downtown Mansfield by militia from Knox and Coshocton counties for the protection of area settlers. From 1813 through 1816 it served as Richland County's first courthouse and jail.

The 1808 log cabin reconstructed in South Park will feature music of the past, open hearth cooking, historical dinner programs and other educational events to help you visualize what it was like to live in Richland County 200 years ago.

REACH is a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization. REACH developed after Mansfield Bicentennial volunteers completed the Mansfield Blockhouse and decided more should be done to remember our history. REACH plans to transform the park area into an 18th century village by adding other buildings, such as a blacksmith and a woodworking shop.

REACH hosts events throughout the year which are free and open to the public. Some are: a Spring Living History Event, Fall Re-enactment, and Christmas Open House. REACH also participates in the Mansfield City Parks Dept. "Fun in the Park" every June and July. The blockhouse is open the last full weekend of the summer months from 1:00 to 3:00.

Increase your knowledge of local history. Visit the blockhouse and log cabin in South Park.



RICHLAND COUNTY MUSEUM

51. W. Church St.
Lexington, OH 44904

richlandcountymuseum.org

The Richland County Museum is dedicated to the preservation and presentation of the history of Richland County, Ohio. Housed in a *circa* 1850 school house, the Museum displays a variety of artifacts from the 19th and 20th Centuries, illustrating the rich history of our area.

Museum volunteers serve as docents during regular Museum hours, lead special tours for school and club groups, and take the Museum “on the road” to classrooms and meeting halls around Richland County, and to events at Malabar Farm State Park. Volunteers also supply the necessary “behind-the-scenes” brain and muscle, designing and executing displays, conserving artifacts, and planning programs and events.



SHELBY MUSEUM OF HISTORY

23 E. Main St.

Shelby, OH 44875

shelbyohiomuseum.com

Museum admission is free, but donations are greatly appreciated.

The museum is open 2-5 PM on Sundays from May through October, except Mother's and Father's Days. It is also open by appointment.

History

The museum was organized by a group of women who were members of "The Questers Inc.". It was incorporated on March 16, 1976, as a non-profit organization. The dedication was on June 11, 1976, a tribute to the memory of Raymond Wilkinson, a well-known historian and former Shelby Mayor, who often expressed the wish that Shelby have a museum. After his death, a fund was created by a group of citizens to start the museum and the city agreed to provide space. His heirs donated his Shelby photographs, paper and memorabilia collection that pertained to this project and these dedicated Gamble's Mill Quester members saw the museum come to life.

The museum houses a collection of artifacts and memorabilia from businesses and the people of Shelby, Ohio. Across the street, in Central Park, is our log cabin, that was discovered, rescued, moved, and reassembled from under the siding of a house being razed at 16 Walnut Street.



SHILOH AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

18 W. Main St.
Shiloh, OH 44878
Mail: 77 W. Main St.

In 1989, a group of people interested in preserving the history of the Shiloh area including Cass and Bloominggrove Townships met to form the Shiloh Area Historical Society. The museum opened for the first time in July of 1989 during the annual Shiloh Fireman's Ox Roast.

In 1990 the Village of Shiloh offered S.A.H.S. an old building that was located behind the bank on Church Street. As the Village was erecting a city park the building had to be moved. A group of volunteers came forward and literally moved the building to its current location. That building was later determined to be the Boorman Building, built by Thomas Boorman in 1852, and the first residence in Shiloh. Today it houses primitive tools, farm implements, and other antiquities for S.A.H.S.

The Boorman Building along with the museum located at 18 W. Main St. Shiloh is open April through October. Find us on facebook @Shiloh Historical Society to check days and hours. Special event openings will be publicized, and individual tours may be arranged in advance.



ST LUKE'S POINT OF GRACE

ST LUKE'S CHURCH, MANSFIELD, OH
W. G. PRESTON ARCHITECT, BOSTON

2 Marion Ave.
Mansfield, OH 44903
Paul Lintern 419-571-9920

St. Lukes was built in 1891 as a Lutheran Church, beautiful in architecture and anchoring what is now the west end of downtown Mansfield, on the point where Marion, Park Ave. West, Sturges and Bowman meet.

It now houses Church Requel, a giant collage of The City of Churches, an outdoor display of Scouting history here, with a blockhouse replica, Point of Grace House of Prayer, county veterans' Point of Freedom, neighborhood meals, historic dinner theaters and an eclectic collection of this and that from pastor and author Paul Lintern, for whom St. Luke's is home.

MALABAR FARM FOUNDATION

4050 Bromfield Rd.

Lucas, OH 44843

mffspecialevents@yahoo.com

The Malabar Farm Foundation was founded in 1993 to provide resources in support of the vision and programming of Malabar Farm State Park. In addition, the Foundation preserves, educates, promotes and extends the legacy of Louis Bromfield in the fields of agriculture, conservation and literature.

The Louis Bromfield Society is the membership program established to raise funds in support of this mission. Donations to the Foundation have helped to fund many projects at Malabar Farm State Park, including two nationally televised PBS documentaries, over \$500,000 toward the construction of the Visitor / Education Center, funding for educational exhibits, house and artifact restoration, and the creation and maintenance of the website, www.malabarfarm.org.

RICHLAND COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

611 St. Rt. 97 W.

Bellville, OH 44813

rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohrichgs/

The Richland County Genealogical Society was organized in 1959 as The Ohio Genealogical Society. In 1964, it was reorganized as the Richland County Genealogical Society, the first county chapter of The Ohio Genealogical Society.

The Society meets January through March on the third Saturday of the month at 1:00 p.m. and April through October on the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m., except for July and November when no meeting is held.

Most meetings are held at the library of The Ohio Genealogical Society, 611 State Route 97 West, just west of downtown Bellville, Ohio

RICHLAND PRESERVATION ACTION GROUP
RichlandPreservation.org
c/o Richland County Historical Society
310 Springmill St., Mansfield, OH 44903

RPAG is supported by the Richland County Historical Society to foster connections and advocate for the built environment and our shared historic cultural resources through projects, workshops and encouraging volunteerism. Find us on Facebook @RichlandPA

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MOHICAN WILDLIFE WEEKEND



A Celebration of Wildlife, Habitat, Heritage & Natural History

Mark your calendar for the last weekend in April and check our website for programs! www.mohicanwildlifeweekend.com

Explore the Natural History of the area by using trails by foot, bike, horse, and water. No place offers so many ways to explore the great outdoors in Ohio.

Lots of free family-friendly events for hiking, biking, and more!



JOHNNY APPLESEED HISTORIC BYWAY

The Johnny Appleseed Historic Byway helps preserve, conserve and promote the scenic, cultural, historical, natural, architectural, archaeological and recreational integrity and significance of Ashland and Richland counties, Ohio.

www.dot.state.oh.us/OhioByways