

WELCOME TO THE RTHS HISTORY CENTER

114 Valleyview Drive
Englewood, Ohio 43222-1324



Located in a historic brick building, parts of which

date back to 1861, the RTHS History Center provides visitors an opportunity to enjoy the early architecture, view two floors of exhibits of local historical interest, attend varied educational programs, and carry out personal



research in the Society's archives room. During visiting hours, hosts are on

hand to give tours, field questions, and assist with finding research materials.

**VISIT SOON AND BECOME A MEMBER!
ADMISSION TO THE CENTER IS FREE
DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED**

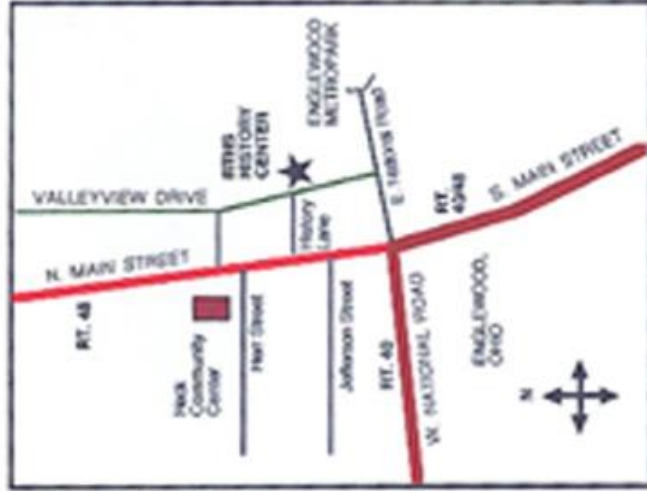
FIND MORE INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE:

www.rths.org

LOCATION OF THE RTHS HISTORY CENTER



Take History Lane to Randolph Township Historical Society and the RTHS History Center.



HISTORY CENTER HOURS

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Second Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS/EVENTS

Check calendar in newsletter/local papers

SCHEDULED VISITING HOURS

Saturdays, 1-4 p.m. April - November
Also by appointment, Call (937) 832-1858

Membership Information

Yes! I want to become a Member of Randolph Township Historical Society.

Date _____

New _____ Renewal _____ Gift _____

Name(s) _____

Address/ _____

P. O. Box _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Membership Level: (check one)

Individual @ \$10.00/yr (\$8.00 Senior)

Family @ \$15.00/yr

Sustaining @ \$25.00/yr

Sponsoring @ \$50.00/yr

Individual Lifetime @ \$100
(one time payment)

Corporate @ \$150/yr

Extra Cash Donation: (check one)

_____ RTHS Building Fund

_____ RTHS Unrestricted

Enclosed is my check for _____ total

Please mail check and completed form to:

Randolph Township Historical Society

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DISCOVER THE RICH HERITAGE OF RANDOLPH TOWNSHIP, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO

RANDOLPH TOWNSHIP

Formed in 1804, the settlement of Randolph Township took place in two migrations. The first, in the early 1800s, was led by Quakers from Randolph County, North Carolina, who came by flatboat up the Ohio River to Cincinnati, thence north through Dayton following Indian trails along the Stillwater River. These trails later became known as the Dayton-Covington Pike, today's Ohio Route 48, and now Main Street that passes through Clayton, Englewood, and Union. A second migration involved German Baptist Brethren families traveling overland from Pennsylvania via the National Road, which reached the township in 1838.

A township government existed from 1810 until January 1998, when residents of the area voted to merge the unincorporated parts of the township with the Village of Clayton. The township name now exists only for survey purposes. Old township boundaries - Westbrook Road on the south, Stillwater River on the east, County Line Road on the north, and Diamond Mill road on the west - now encompass the three cities of Clayton, Englewood, and Union.

CLAYTON, OHIO

Originally named Salem, Clayton was platted in 1816 and was home to many businesses including a distillery and warehouse owned by the Turner and Heck families. From 1905 to 1925, Clayton was a stop on the Dayton-Northern traction line, which connected Dayton to Union City, IN. The line also ran

through Brookville, fostering trade between residents of these towns. The 1998 merger of old Clayton with unincorporated parts of Randolph township, gave Clayton the largest coverage within its city limits of the three cities now making up the township.

ENGLEWOOD, OHIO

Founded as Harrisburg, Ohio (Tamton, P.O.) Englewood was platted in 1841. Situated at the crossroads of the National Road and the Dayton-Covington Pike, early businesses in town focused on providing food and lodging to travelers. The Dayton, Covington and Piqua (DC&P) Traction line and Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton (CH&D) steam railroad both had stops in Englewood until the mid-1920s, at which time automobiles became the most preferred mode of travel. Englewood has the largest population of the three cities in the area, and takes pride in its proximity to Englewood Dam and Englewood Metro Park.

UNION, OHIO

Union, platted in 1816 on bluffs overlooking the Stillwater River, has an abundance of springs, and was the site of many early water-powered mills including the Hoover gristmill, Shaw sawmill, and Sheets boring mill, used in the manufacture of long rifles. Union was served by the DC&P traction and CH&D steam railroad until the mid-1920s. At one time it had an opera house and its own post office. Its city boundaries now extend east across the Stillwater River and north into Union Township, Miami County.

RANDOLPH TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC. RTHS HISTORY CENTER

Randolph Township Historical Society, Inc. (RTHS) is a nonprofit group, dedicated to preserving and promoting local history. The Society is incorporated in the State of Ohio, and is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)3 charitable organization. Members of the Society meet monthly, sponsor history-related educational programs and publications, and operate the RTHS History Center where guests may view artifacts and information including:

- Plat maps and properties
- Historic sites
- Schools and churches
- Business/agriculture/transportation
- Cemetery records/family genealogies
- Governments and military history

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- INTERESTING MEETINGS
- SPECIAL PROGRAMS
- MUSEUM DISPLAYS
- RESEARCH ARCHIVES
- NEWSLETTER
- HISTORY PUBLICATIONS
- DISCOUNTS ON GIFT ITEMS



Union
Englewood
and
Clayton

"UNITING THE PAST WITH THE FUTURE" IN CLAYTON, ENGLEWOOD, UNION AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS