



Westerville Public Library

Westerville, Ohio

Westerville History Museum
at the Westerville Public Library



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Ancient & Not-so Ancient History

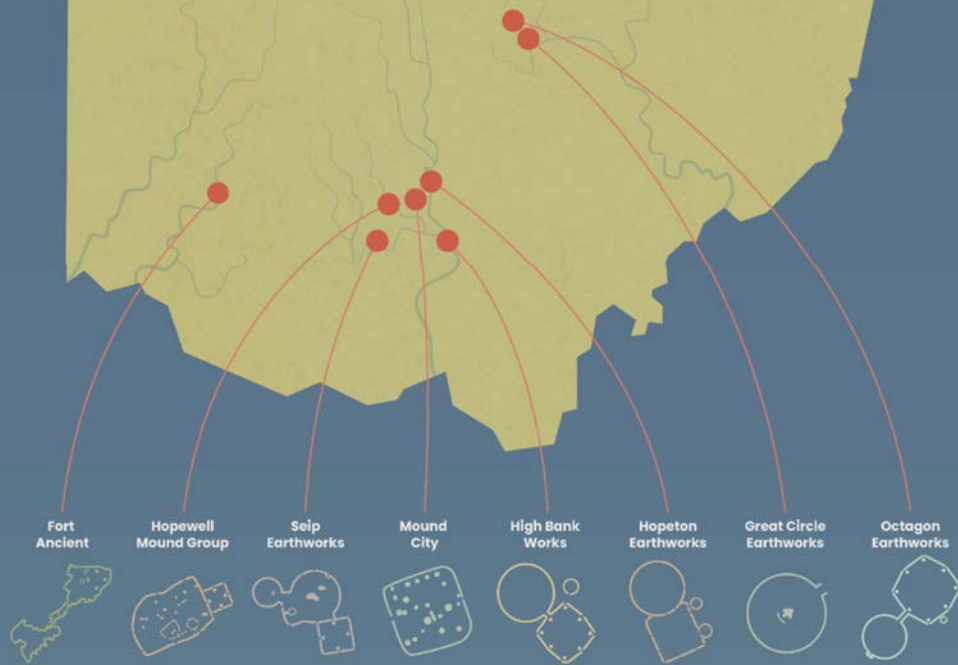


Mound Builders

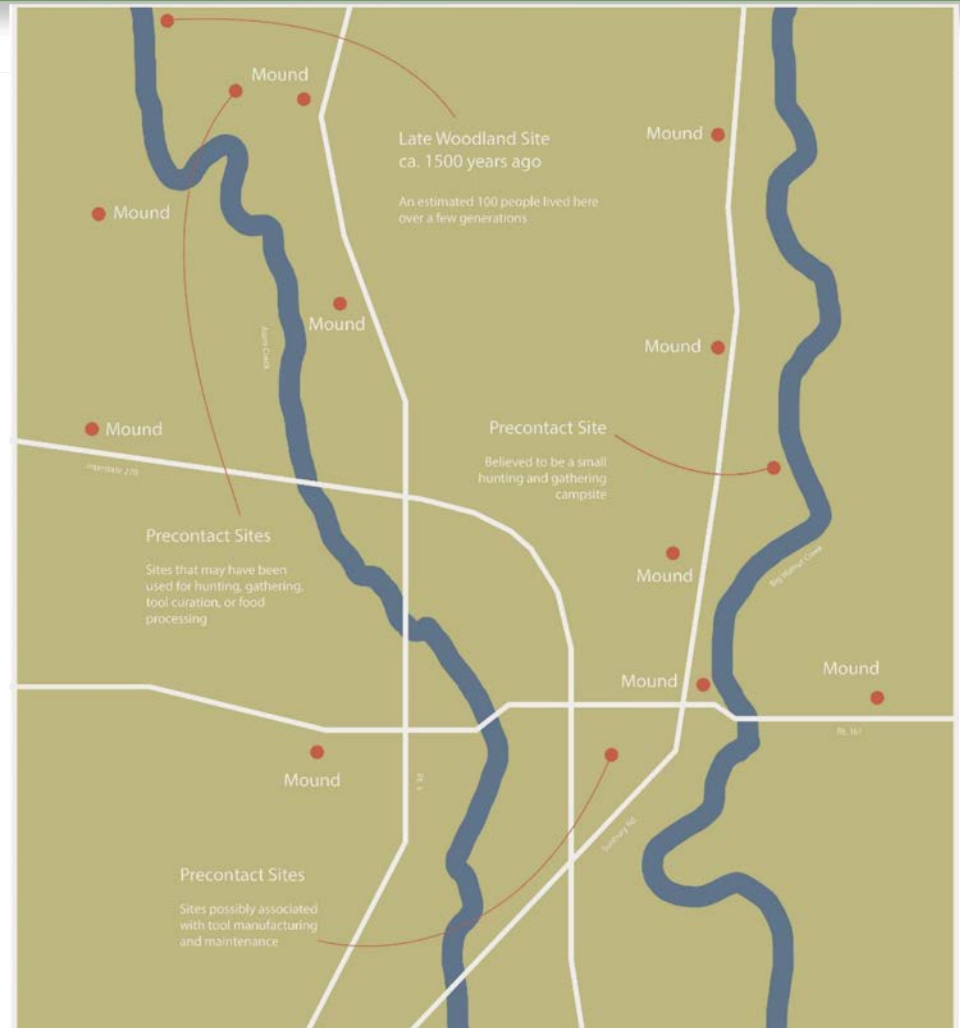
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HOPEWELL
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EARTHWORKS



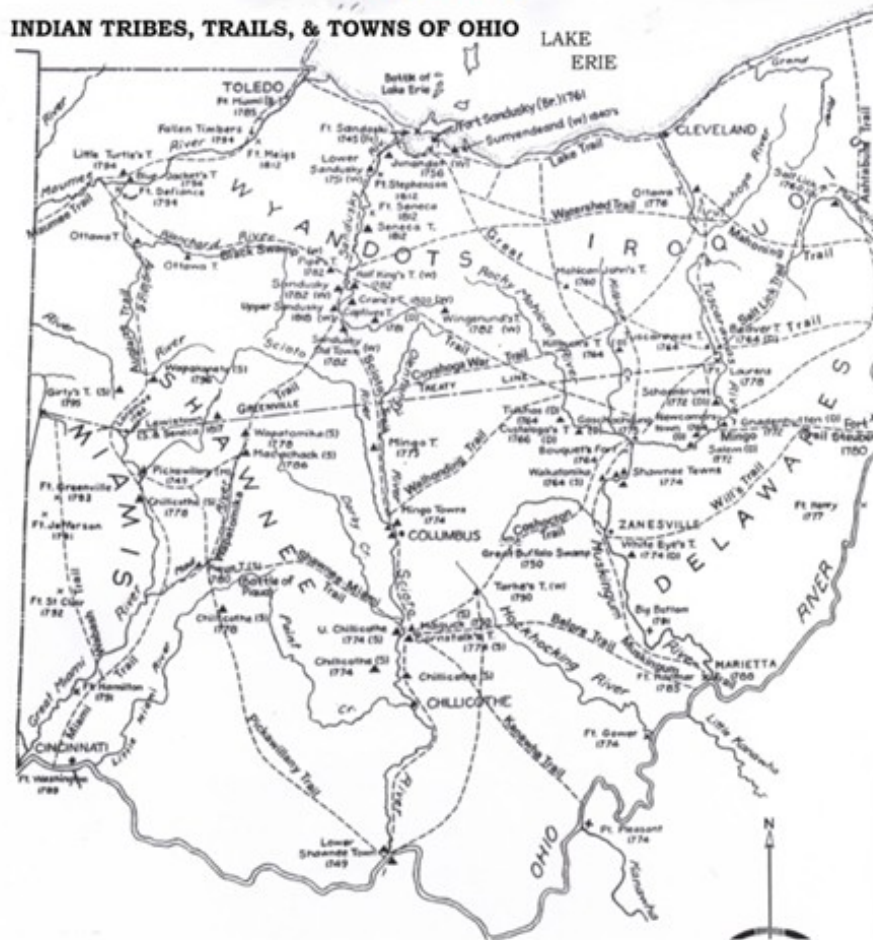
Map by Ohio History Connection





Contemporary Tribes

1654-1843



- Delaware, Miami, Seneca, Shawnee, and Wyandot/te people had claim to this region
- Forced Removal impacted all tribes in Ohio, including here
- Westerville has little remaining evidence above ground of their time here

Map by Ohio History Connection



Contemporary Tribes



- Those tribes that were forcibly removed from what became Ohio are mostly in Kansas and Oklahoma.
- They return to Ohio to work on cultural projects like World Heritage.



Walter Bluejacket 1939
David Dushane Jr. 1940 - 1941
Thomas A. Captain 1941 - 1966
Julian Bluejacket 1966 - 1970
Clyde Leroy Bluejacket 1970 - 1974



James Greenfeather 1974 - 1978
George Jacob "Buck" Captain 1978 - 1996
Nelis Captain 1996 - 1997
Glen Brock 1997 - 1998
Charles Enyart 1998 - 2006
Glenna J. Wallace 2006 - Present

Shawnee Tribe Flag; Chief Images by Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma



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Town & Gown

Otterbein University



Otterbein University

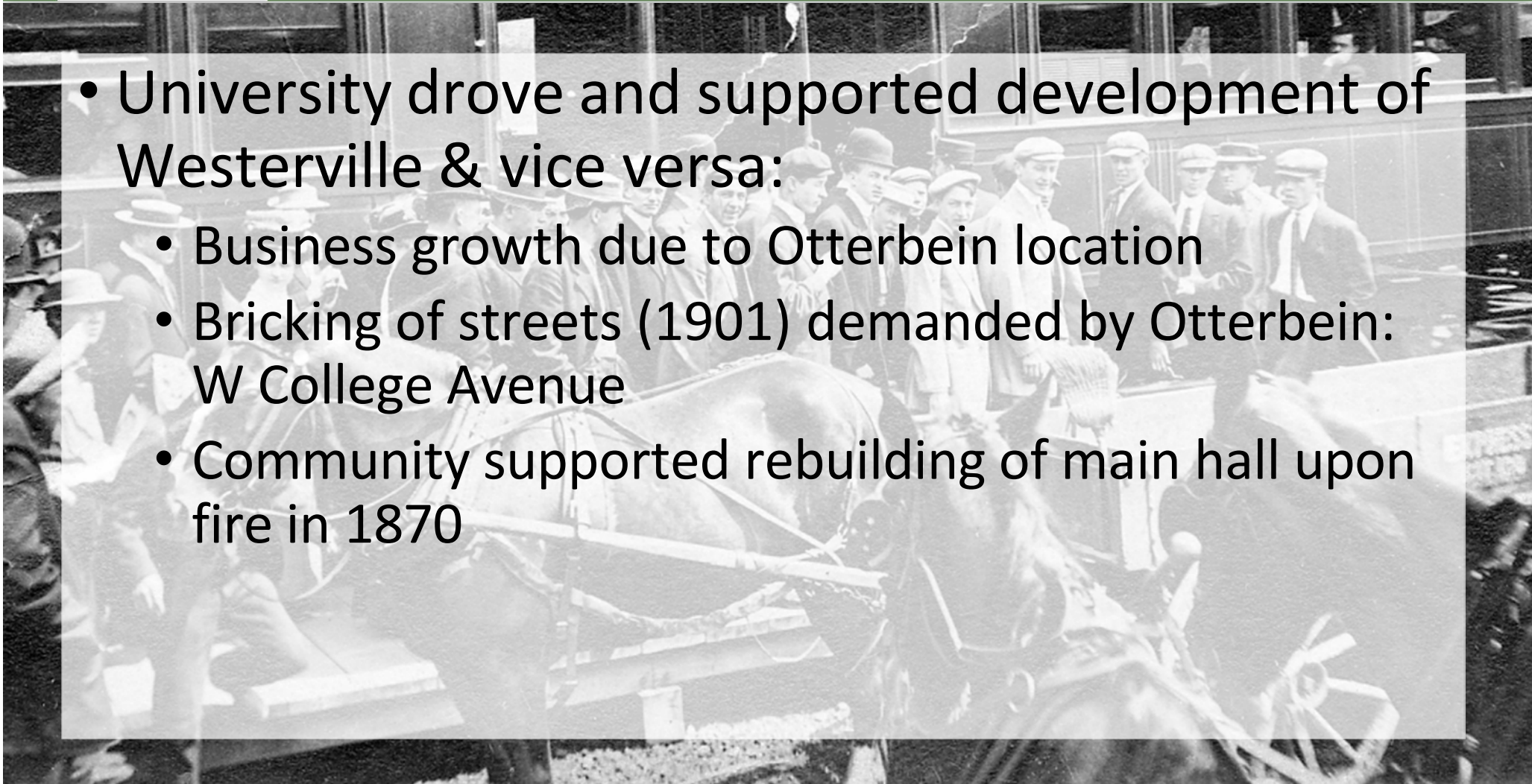
- Founded 1847
- Always allowed women faculty and students; 1st in U.S.
- Officially allowed Black students from inception; first Black graduate = 1893

Photo by Otterbein University



Otterbein University

- University drove and supported development of Westerville & vice versa:
 - Business growth due to Otterbein location
 - Bricking of streets (1901) demanded by Otterbein: W College Avenue
 - Community supported rebuilding of main hall upon fire in 1870





1858





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Westerville People & Events

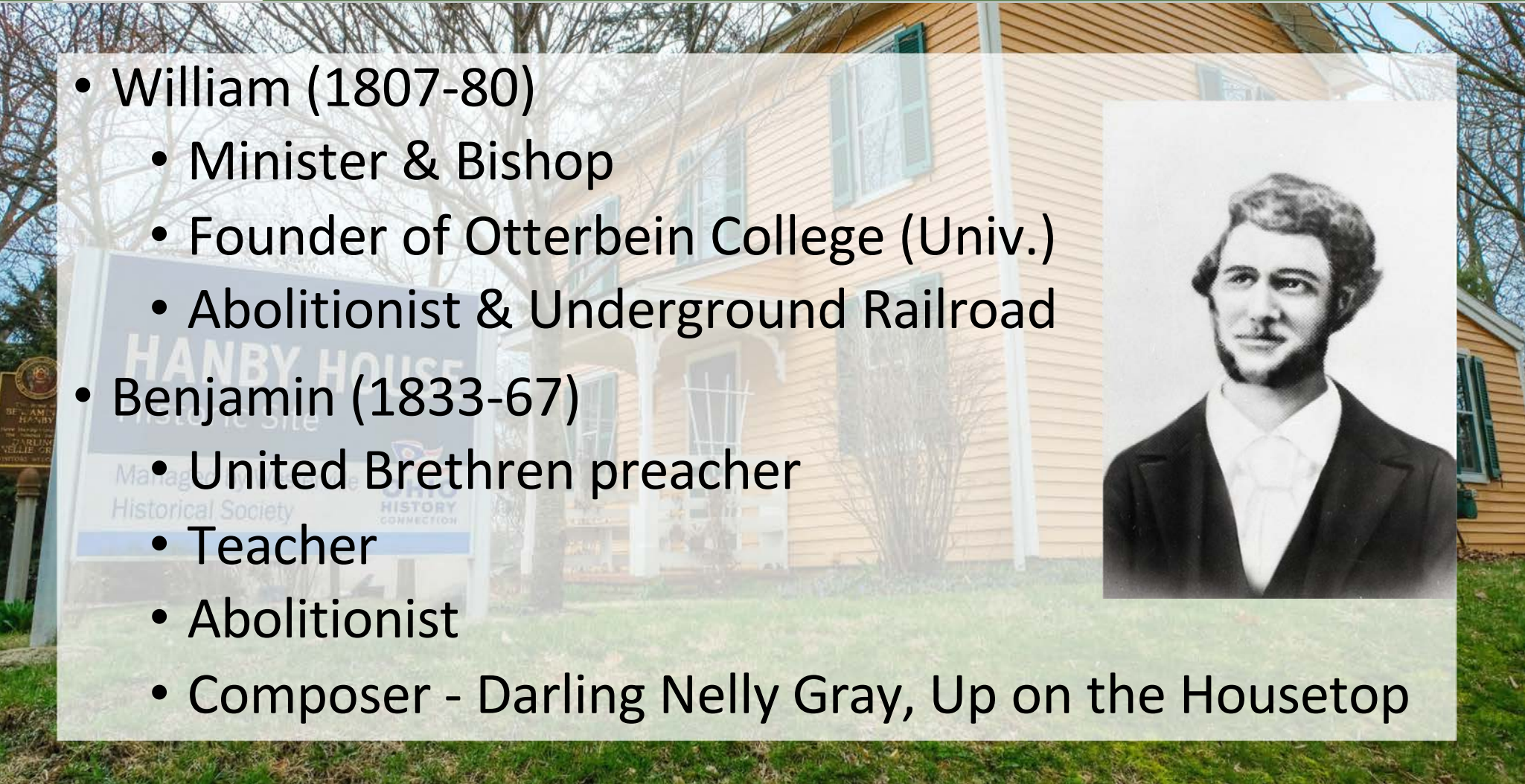
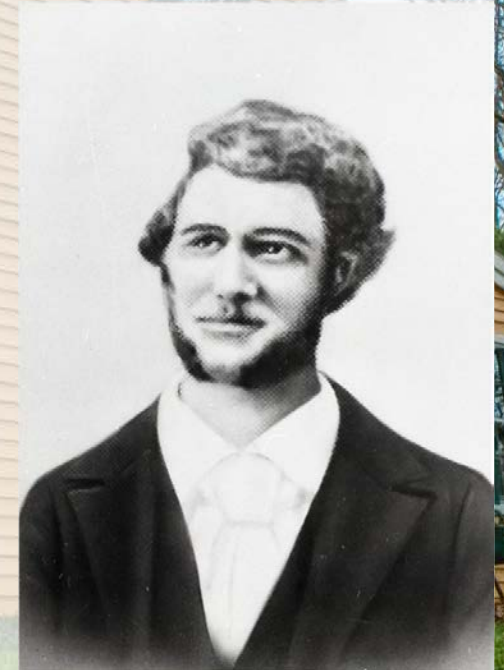
Prominent Westerville People & Moments





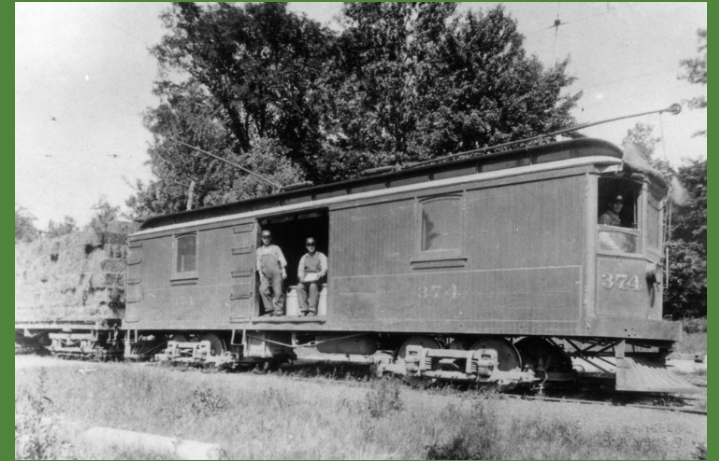
William & Benjamin Hanby

- William (1807-80)
 - Minister & Bishop
 - Founder of Otterbein College (Univ.)
 - Abolitionist & Underground Railroad
- Benjamin (1833-67)
 - United Brethren preacher
 - Teacher
 - Abolitionist
 - Composer - Darling Nelly Gray, Up on the Housetop





Streetcars: 1895-1929

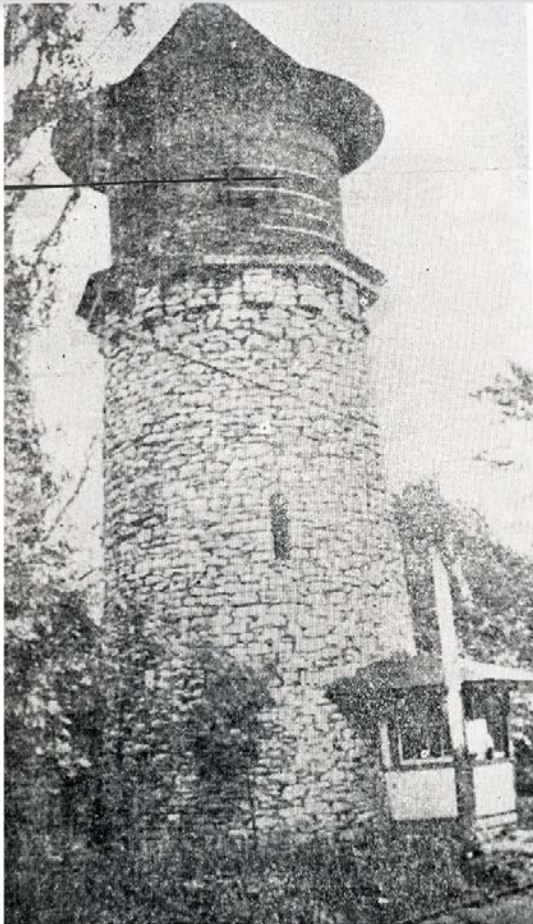




Minerva France (1906-35)



Miss Minerva France
Salutatorian
West Virginia



- Graduated West Virginia State College- Salutatorian
- Writer of prose & poetry
- Asst. Librarian at Wilberforce University; built collection including Black authors
- Namesake of Minerva Park- amusement park, neighborhood, school



The Fouse Family



1868 - 1944

- Squire & Sallie Fouse were enslaved in North Carolina until 1865. Though illiterate, they emphasized education.
- William Fouse was the first Black graduate of Westerville Public Schools AND of Otterbein University (1893).
- He was an educator, principal, activist and school namesake.



Isaac Newton Custer



Photo from Zillow

**VETERAN DENTIST
AT DEATH'S DOOR**

**Captain Isaac N. Custer Putting
Up Brave, But Unequal
Fight.**

FOUGHT IN THE CIVIL WAR

**His Last Request Is That He
Be Buried in Uniform Wrapped
in the Flag.**

Captain Isaac N. Custer of Westerville, for many years a dentist of that city, lies seriously ill at his home there, suffering from a complication of troubles, caused in part by his age, which is 75 years. He has been engaged in the practice of dentistry since soon after the Civil war, in which he served.

Captain Custer is a member of the G. A. R., and has always been an enthusiastic worker for that organization. He is as great a lover of the flag today as he was during the days of '61 to '63, when he fought for it, and it is now prominently displayed in his room, where he lies ill, so that it is the last thing he sees at night and the first in the morning.

HIS DYING REQUEST.

He has requested that when death comes, he be wrapped in the colors of his country, and that a small piece of his old army uniform, which he still keeps, be placed on his breast, and his relatives have assured him that his wishes will be respected.

Captain Custer is a member of the United Brethren church, and has been an active supporter of Otterbein university. He also served five years as captain of Company C, Fourteenth Infantry, U. S. A., since the close of the Civil war.

- Civil War Veteran
- Deeply Patriotic
- WFH Dentist
- Daughter Dacia Shoemaker led effort to save Hanby House



Trains: 1873-1950





City Manager form of Government, 1916







The Alexander Family



- Family owned foundry
- Active Underground Railroad supporters
- Owned a false-bottom wagon
- Daughter Inez was oldest county resident in 1955 (102)



Agnes Meyer Driscoll

"THIS BOOK IS A WINNER." —*KIRKUS* (starred review)

CODE GIRLS

The UNTOLD STORY of the
AMERICAN WOMEN CODE BREAKERS
of WORLD WAR II





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Temperance & Prohibition

The Anti-Saloon League

PROHIBITION

A FILM BY KEN BURNS & LYNN NOVICK



The Anti-Saloon League





18th Amendment

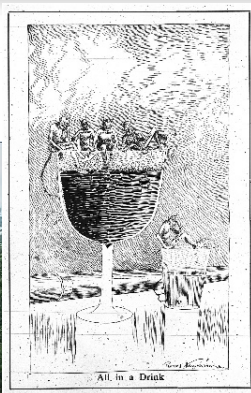
- Ratified January 16, 1919
- Banned production, transport, and sale of intoxicating liquors
- Repealed via the 21st Amendment, December 5, 1933



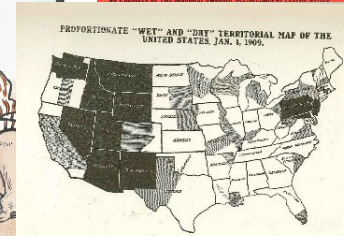
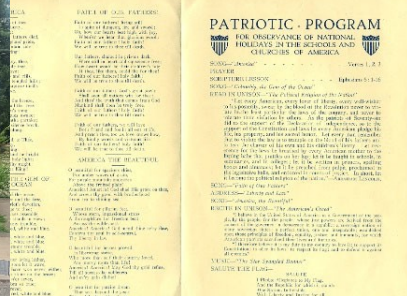
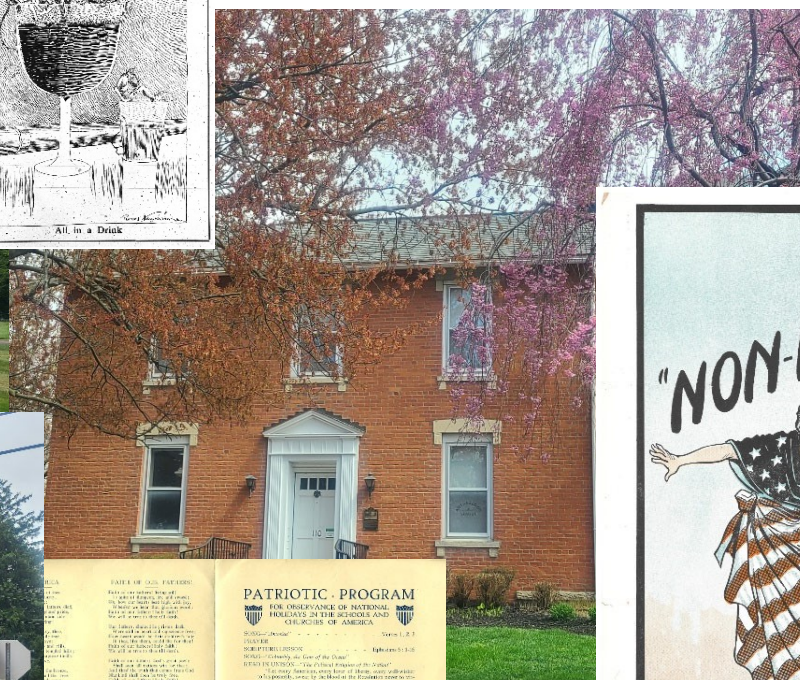


Historical Legacy

Historic Sites



Archives & Materials





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Westerville Today



Citizen Profile

- 38,911 people
- 40.8 m. age
- 57.9% college degree
- \$103,617 m. income
- 78% housing = SF units
- 6.5% foreign-born
- 83.8% white only
- 7% Black only
- 5.7% two or more races
- 2.9% Asian American only



What You See



- Busy residential suburb northeast of state capital city, Columbus (OH)
- Alum Creek (Alum Creek Lake)
- Big Walnut Creek (Hoover Reservoir)
- Historic Uptown
- Historic Sites

Photos by Army Corps of Engineers, Wander_Girl (Trip.com), Aloha Photography



City Within a Park

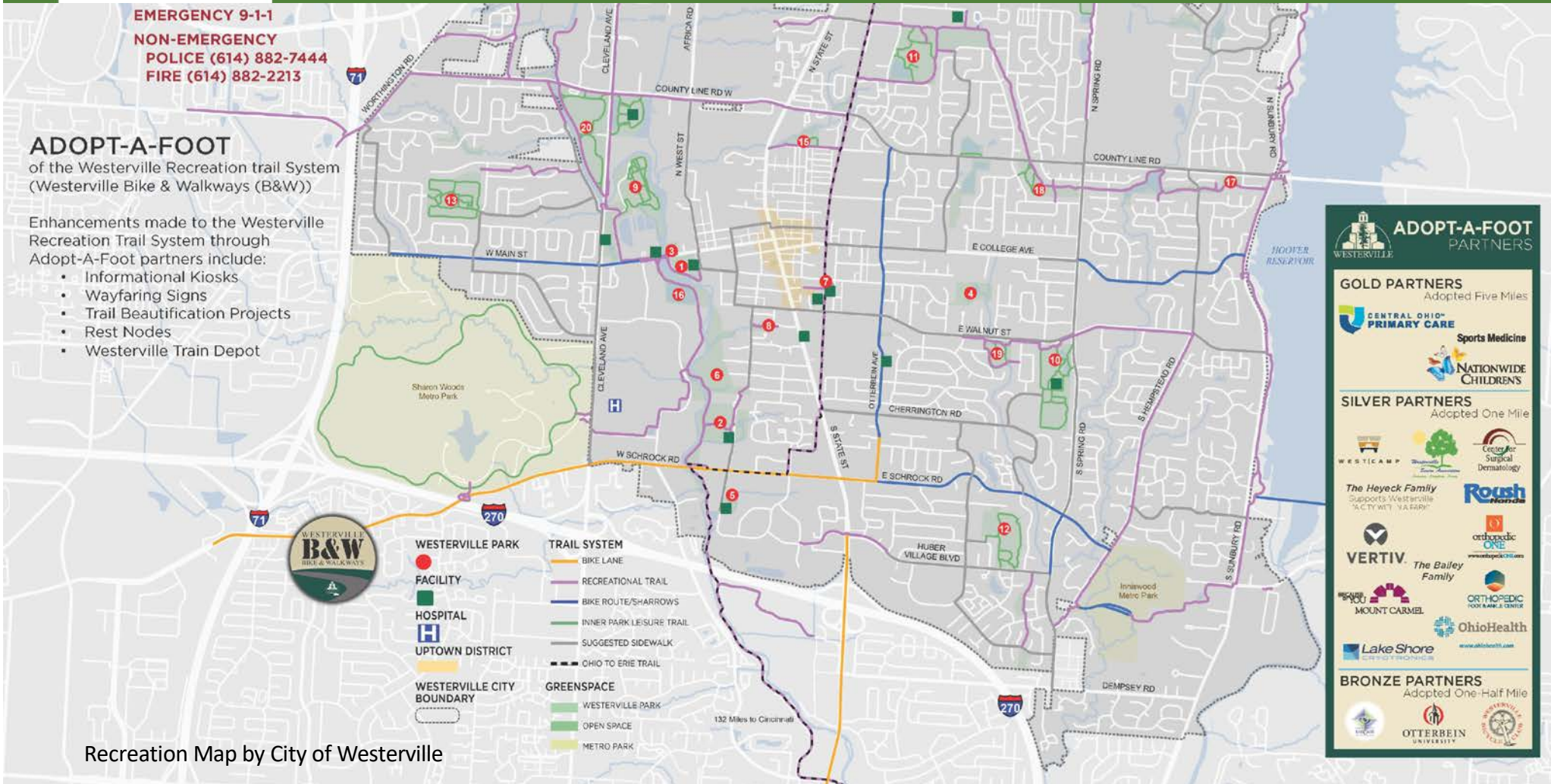
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NON-EMERGENCY
POLICE (614) 882-7444
FIRE (614) 882-2213

ADOPT-A-FOOT

of the Westerville Recreation trail System
 (Westerville Bike & Walkways (B&W))

Enhancements made to the Westerville
 Recreation Trail System through
 Adopt-A-Foot partners include:

- Informational Kiosks
- Wayfinding Signs
- Trail Beautification Projects
- Rest Nodes
- Westerville Train Depot



ADOPT-A-FOOT PARTNERS

GOLD PARTNERS
 Adopted Five Miles

CENTRAL OHIO PRIMARY CARE
 Sports Medicine
 NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S

SILVER PARTNERS
 Adopted One Mile

WESTICAMP
 The Heyeck Family
 Supports Westerville "ACTIVITY VALENTINE"
 VERTIV
 The Bailey Family
 MOUNT CARMEL
 ORTHOPEDIC FOOT & ANKLE CENTER
 OhioHealth

BRONZE PARTNERS
 Adopted One-Half Mile

Lake Shore CRYSTONICS
 OTTERBEIN UNIVERSITY

Recreation Map by City of Westerville