

## 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, then north through Dayton following Indian trails along the Stillwater River. These trails later became the Dayton-Covington Pike, also known as State Route 48 and Main Street, which passes through Clayton, Englewood, and Union. A second migration involved German Baptist Brethren families who traveled overland with their wagons 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

Clayton, originally platted in 1816 as Salem, Ohio (Clayton P. O.), was home to many early businesses including a whiskey distillery and warehouse owned by the Turner and Heck families. From 1905 to 1925, Clayton was a stop on the Dayton-Northern traction line

that connected Dayton to Union City, IN. The line also ran through Brookville, Ohio in Clay Township fostering commerce between residents of these towns. As a result of the 1998 merger, Clayton has the most acreage within its city limits of the three cities now making up the township.

### ENGLEWOOD, OHIO

Founded as Harrisburg, Ohio (Iamton 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 preferred mode of travel. Englewood boasts the largest population of the three cities in the area, and takes pride in its historical ties to Englewood Dam and Englewood MetroPark.

### UNION, OHIO

Union, platted in 1816, was famous for its water-powered mills – the Hoover gristmill, Shaw sawmill, and Sheets boring mill. Sheets family gunsmiths provided long rifles for the War of 1812. Union was served by the DC&P traction and CH&D railroad until the 1920s. At one time the town had its own opera house and post office. Some City of Union housing developments now extend east across the Stillwater River into Butler Township, 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 related to:

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

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- DISCOUNTS ON RTHS PUBLICATIONS
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