RANDOLPH TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

Randolph Township Historical Society, Inc. (RTHS) is a nonprofit group dedicated to preserving and promoting local history. RTHS is incorporated in the State of Ohio and is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)3 charitable organization. Members 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
- Genealogies and cemetery records
- Governments and military history

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- Interesting monthly meetings
- A quarterly newsletter
- Special programs
- Research archives

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS 3 & 5

3. Another Harrisburg and Salem existed in Ohio, and the Post Office didn't permit two towns with the same name in a state.
5. At the western edge of the township, just west of Hardscrabble Park in Clayton. (Don't worry. There are no more rattlesnakes there.)

RTHS HISTORY CENTER

Turn east onto History Lane at the sign on North Main Street. The RTHS History Center lies directly ahead.

HISTORY CENTER HOURS

Meetings: Second Wednesdays
Nov.–Mar. 1:00 p.m.; Apr.–Oct. 7:00 p.m.

Special Programs/Events
Check Web site, newsletter, & local papers

Scheduled visiting hours
2–4 p.m. on 1st and 3rd Sundays, Apr.–Oct.
Also by chance or appointments
Call 937-832-8538

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

COME AND VISIT THE RTHS HISTORY CENTER

114 Valleyview Drive
Englewood, Ohio 45322-1324

Located in a historic church building with sections dating back to 1861, the Center provides visitors with an opportunity to enjoy early architecture, view exhibits of regional historic importance, attend a variety of history programs, and carry out personal research in the Society's archives room. Hosts are available during visiting hours to answer questions, assist with finding research materials, and give tours for community and school groups by appointment.

Visit soon and become a member! Admission is free, although donations are appreciated.

Find more information on our Web site www.rths.org, and Facebook. E-mail us at Rths@frontier.com

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 (Main Street), which passes through Clayton, Englewood, and Union. A later migration involved German Baptist Brethren families who traveled overland with their wagons from Pennsylvania via the National Road, which reached the township in 1838.

In January 1998, the Village of Clayton merged with unincorporated areas of Randolph Township to form the City of Clayton. The township name now exists only for survey purposes.

Local residents formed the Randolph Township Historical Society to preserve the name, along with historical artifacts and records, and "to disseminate historical information about the community through special programs and events that promote public understanding and interest in the area's past and present."

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, Indiana. 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 the city limits of the three cities now making up the tri-city area.

Englewood, Ohio

Founded as Harrisburg, Ohio (Iamton P.O.), Englewood was platted in 1841. 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 there until the mid-1920s, when automobiles became the preferred mode of travel.

Englewood boasts the largest population of the three cities 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. The DC&P traction line and CH&D railroad served Union 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.

"Uniting the Past with the Future" in Clayton, Englewood, Union and the Surrounding Areas