AN
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ATLAS
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HISTORY OF WOOD COUNTY VILLAGES

HISTORY OF PERRYSBURG AND MAUMEE CITY.

These two places are so blended together in all the accounts of the Maumee country, that it is impossible to write up a distinct sketch of either. Quite a settlement existed at the foot of the rapids as early as 1807, probably on both sides of the river.

Among the names of the earliest settlers we find the following: Three families of Ewing, Carter, Race, Carlin, Hill, Americans; and Beagrand, Momney, La Point and Peltier, French. These were principally engaged in trading with Indians and trappers.

Major Amos Spafford settled at Port Miami, as collector of customs, in 1810.

The war with Great Britain, 1812-15, broke up most of the settlements in this region, but many of the settlers returned with the advent of peace.

Prominent among the first settlers, after the war, was Dr. Horatio Conant. The Dr. was born at Mansfield, Conn., Nov. 26, 1785. He was educated at Middlebury College. In 1816 he settled at what was then called "Fort Meigs," which included Maumee City, Perrysburg, and a large extent of the surrounding country. In company with Almon Gibbs, he went into the mercantile business, and opened a store in Maumee.

About a year after his arrival he commenced the practice of medicine, making it his principal business for over fifty years. During this period he held various offices—Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, Postmaster, Collector of the Port, County Clerk, and Justice of the Peace. His professional visits extended on the river from Delaware to the lake, and many miles in all directions.

The first settlement by white men was made on the spot where the ruins of old "Fort Miami" stand, in the Full of 1809, by the Chevalier La Salle, who built a stockade fort, and it is said wintered there.

The British built a more extensive work, on the same ground, in 1794, and called it "Fort Miami." A more extended account of the early settlement of this region is in another chapter.

In 1817 Gen. John E. Hunt settled at Maumee as a trader.

Hon. M. R. Waite was also a citizen of Maumee for some years.

Jessup W. Scott settled at Perrysburg in 1838. Mr. Scott is the author of many valuable articles, descriptive, and otherwise, of the Maumee Valley, and has at various times been editor and publisher of various magazines and newspapers.

Dr. Oscar White settled at Maumee in 1828. In 1883 he was employed by the U. S. Government to vaccinate 800 Ottawa Indians.

The first post-office was established at Fort Meigs in 1818, being at that time the only one between Lake Erie and "Fort Dearborn," now Chicago.

Almon Gibbs was the first postmaster. His compensation for the first year was $14.28. The office was on the Maumee side of the river.

Wood County was organized in 1820, and included all of northwestern Ohio. The county seat was at Maumee city until 1822, when Perrysburg was made the permanent seat of justice. The present county seat is Bowling Green, near the center of the county.

The first court was held in a warehouse belonging to General Hunt, and the General and David Hull had the first case in court. Judge Todd, father of Gov. Todd, was the presiding officer.

In this connection it may be mentioned that the first steamer on the lake was the "Walk in the Water," built by Dr. J. B. Stewart of Albany, N. Y., 1818. General Hunt was the Dr.'s agent at Maumee.

Maumee City was laid out at various times by General Hunt, J. B. Beagrand, and others. It was a busy place for many years, until Toledo began to take advantage of its superior situation. Vessels once came up to the docks, which extended from the upper part of Maumee, down to old Fort Miami, and warehouses lined the landing.

Maumee and Perrysburg are in the center of one of the most interesting localities in the Union, and the old fortifications of "Fort Meigs" and "Fort Miami," with the localities where Proctor opened his batteries upon Harrison, and the battle fields of Dudley and Miller, are all within a cannon-shot of the public school in Maumee. These old landmarks ought to be preserved.

The Toledo, Walash and Western Railway passes through Maumee, as also does the Walash and Erie Canal, the latter of which furnishes considerable water power. The new "Narrow Gauge" Railway, connecting it with Toledo, will be a great advantage to the place. No finer locations can be found than those of both Perrysburg and Maumee. The future growth of both places will depend much upon the growth of Toledo, which promises, at no distant day, to reach them.

Maumee has a splendid public school building, costing $30,000, five churches, a bank, hotel, quite a large number of mercantile houses, a paper mill, three flouring mills, a large iron foundry, a woolen factory, and various other establishments, including the usual variety of artisans and mechanics.

Perrysburg was laid out in 1817, by the United States, at what was then deemed the head of navigation on the Maumee. The expectations were that it would become
the great emporium of this portion of the West; but the great increase in the shipping interests of the lakes, and the heavier tonnage of the vessels, together with the difficulty of navigating the Maumee, and the influx of heavy capital at Toledo, changed the whole current of trade, and concentrated it at Toledo. Perrysburg was, for many years, the seat of justice of Wood County. Its growth, never rapid, has been steady.

Among the settlers at Fort Meigs, in 1820, not herefore mentioned, were Judge Ambrose Rice, R. A. Forsythe, John Hollister, and T. W. Powell.

About 1816-17, a town was laid out between Fort Meigs and the river, and called by the high-sounding name of “Orleans of the North.”


David W. Hawley built the first frame house in Perrysburg, in the Fall of 1817.

All the trade of the country was then carried on in small schooners of from 60 to 120 tons. Among the first that traded at Fort Meigs were the “Black Snake,” of 25 tons, commanded by Capt. Jacob Wilkinson, in 1815, and the “Pilot,” built at Cleveland, and commanded by Capt. David Wilkinson. The principal exports were furs, fish, corn and lumber.

The first physician who settled at Perrysburg was Dr. Geo. W. Wood, in 1828.

The first lawyer was Hon. T. W. Powell. Capt. David Wilkinson settled in Perrysburg in 1828. Willard T. Way settled in Perrysburg in April, 1834.

The Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Railway passes through the town.

Perrysburg contains 7 churches, a Masonic Lodge, one of the most flourishing in the state, Sons of Temperance and Good Templars Lodges, fine schools, including a parochial school, under control of the Catholics, a newspaper, the Perrysburg Journal, a bank, 2 hotels, about 80 stores, a toy and spoke factory, 2 box factories, 2 stove and heading factories, one barrel factory, a tannery, grist mill, and shingle factory, 2 planing mills, 2 manufactories of furniture, one of veneering; wagon, carriage and blacksmith shops, a cigar factory, an ashery, etc., etc.

A great-grand-daughter of the Miami chief, “Little Turtle,” and grand-daughter of Capt. Wells, the Miami scout, lives at Maumee City, Mrs. Mary Ann Gilbert. Her father, James Wolcott, came from Fort Wayne in a “pirogue,” and settled at Maumee in 1826. Mr. Wolcott, married a daughter of Capt. Wells, who was the adopted son of “Little Turtle.” Capt. Wells was captured by “Little Turtle” when a boy, and adopted into his family, and afterwards married the chief’s daughter.

Wells remained true to his Indian education for many years, fighting against his white relatives like a true savage; but finally abandoned his Indian friends and entered the American service as a scout under Gen. Anthony Wayne.

The history of his adventures would fill a volume. He reached “Fort Dearborn” (Chicago) a few days before its evacuation by Capt. Heald, in August, 1812, with a band of fifteen Miami Indians, and perished in the massacre.

Mrs. Gilbert is proud of her Indian blood, which, though intermingled with three-fourths of white blood, still exhibits its ancient characteristics, in the piercing eye and mocasined foot, and is still true to the instincts of its race.

ROSS TOWNSHIP, WOOD COUNTY.

This township consists of a narrow strip, a little over one mile in width, lying in the northern portion of Wood County, and adjoining the City of Toledo and Oregon Township on the north. It is badly cut up by the various railway lines and turnpikes diverging from Toledo to the south and east.

The first settlements were made, in connection with other early settlements, along the Maumee River. (See History of Lucas County.)

Among the early settlers were Philander Wales, Robert Gardner, and Thomas Burt, in 1831. Soon after came Ezra and Job Cozy; Green, Hartman, Isaac Rideout, Augustus Prentice, Michael Horton and Oscar L. Wales.

The first school house was built on Sec. 32, about 1836-7.

Mary E. Wales was the first person born in the township, May 31, 1834.

Ross Township was detached from Perrysburg Township, and erected into a separate one by an act of the Legislature, passed April 18, 1874. (?) It is a fine tract of land, mostly well improved.

CONCLUSION.

The history of Wood County has been largely made up from information obtained of Gen. John E. Hunt, and a few others, and from the “History of the Maumee Valley,” by H. S. Knapp, Esq., to all of whom we would express our sincere obligations.

An immense amount of the most interesting material for history could be found in and around Toledo, and along the Maumee Valley, but the limits of our Atlas do not admit of the use of even a moiety.

Mr. Knapp has written a most valuable work, and still a vast amount of most interesting matter remains for other pens.

Gen. Hunt has material from his own recollections which would furnish sufficient for a large volume, and it certainly ought to be worked up while the veteran pioneer is able and willing to give his time and attention.

The meager township history which we give has been picked up among what few “old settlers’’ we could find in the various townships. Of some townships we have not been able to get information. The early history of the county is believed to be reliable.

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