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Historical Sketch of Ross County.

Ross county was formed by preemption of Ottawa, Scioto, and Huron Counties, on the 30th of August, 1818, being the 46th county formed in the North Western territories. It was named after the Ohio River, from Alleghany, Pennsylvania. The surface is extremely diversified, ranging from the heart of the rolling hills to the narrow valleys of the numerous ranges of rugged hills. The principal streams are the Scioto river, and Paint creek. The latter enters into the Scioto a short distance above Columbus. There are seen on this page some views of the Scioto river, showing the beauty of its scenery. The Scioto river is a navigable stream, and its waters are used for the transportation of merchandise to and from the interior of the state. The scenery along the river is beautiful, and the country around is fertile and prosperous.

The following statistics show the names and number of towns in Ross county, together with the number of acres, or square miles, and the population of each town. The population of each town is given separately.

Population of United States by States and Territories.

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Total: 40,450

No direct reference is made to Ross county in the text provided. However, the text describes the general history of Ohio and provides information about the Scioto River and Paint Creek, which are located in Ross County. The text also includes a table showing the population of each town in Ross County.

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*From Ohio's Minstrel, page 33.*
Historical Sketch of Townships, Situated in Ross County, Ohio.

BUSHNELL TOWNSHIP—Buchtel territory, c. 1830 to 1838, and the original location of other parts of territory, c. 1818.

The first settlers held at the house of John B. Bushnell, the first settler.

The town is built on the bank of a good Mud Creek on the principal street.

The settlement commenced in the fall of 1818, although the first act of organization was in 1819, and the present system of government, with its public and private interests, was established in 1821.

The father of Henry Bushnell, a settler of the township, was a Scotchman, and his name is Bushnell.

The township was named in honor of the Bushnell family.

BUSHNELL TOWNSHIP—This is the second largest township in Ross County, Ohio.

The purpose of the township is to collect the taxes and to pay the county.

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Residence of THOMAS MURRAY, Buchholz Township.

“Rosedale Cottage,”
Residence of DR. J. M. COX, South Salem. Sept. 24, 1874.
"Pleasant Home,"
Residence of H. E. Slaile, Oct. 19, 1874.

"Pleasant Ridge Farm,"
Residence of Dr. William Latza, Concord Township.
"Davis' Scioto Valley Farm,"
Residence of R. S. HOUSTON. 12 Miles South of Columbus, O.

View of State Dam on the Scioto,
Including Residence and Store of JOS. HINN & BROTHER.
"Mount Pleasant,"
Residence of Mr. DAVID CROUSE, ¾ Mile North of Chillicothe. Oct. 18, 1874.

"Westville Farm,"
Residence of Mr. J. H. WEST, ¾ Mile North of Chillicothe, on Zanesville and Marysville Pike.

"Kinnickinnick Stock Farm,"
Residence of Mr. LINCOLN G. DELANO.
Residence of Austin Pepple,

Near Sandridge, O.

"Paint Crossing's Farm."

"Fruit Hill,"
Residence of Hon. W.H. Allen, Governor of Ohio.

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PREFACE

The reprinting of the 1875 ATLAS OF ROSS COUNTY, OHIO (printed over 100 years ago) is a bicentennial project of the Ross County Genealogical Society.

Our county is divided into two types of land - Congress Lands and the Virginia Military District - a total of sixteen townships.

The CONGRESS LANDS, divided into SECTION numbers, located east of the Scioto River are (1) Colerain, (2) Green, (3) Harrison, (4) Jefferson, (5) Liberty, and (6) Springfield townships. We have indexed these according to the first few letters of the township (see abbreviations below), then the section number. In the townships of Green, Jefferson, Liberty and Springfield, you will find duplicate section numbers. For example: If you look in Green township for section No. 1, you will find it on the right side of the map as well as the left. Please check both sides for your section.

The VIRGINIA MILITARY DISTRICT, divided by SURVEY NUMBERS, located west of Scioto River contains (1) Buckskin, (2) Concord, (3) Deerfield, (4) Franklin, (5) Huntington, (6) Paxton, (7) Paint, (8) Scioto, (9) Twin and (10) Union. We have indexed these according to the first few letters of the township (see abbreviations below), and as a finding aid to names, etc., we have used Road Map directions, using the number first with the letter following.

A SURVEY NUMBER INDEX has been included to make our Atlas invaluable for locating survey numbers used in deeds, and in locating cemeteries, even though an ancestor may have left Ross County many years before.

A PLACE, THING INDEX has also been added as another research aid. If you note BD after a name, this will indicate that a particular person is located in the Business directory of the township and may not have owned property.

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

Ad = Adelphi
Ba = Bainbridge
BD = Business Directory
Bo = Bourneville
Bu = Buckskin
Ch = Chillicothe
Cl = Clarksburg
Col = Colerain
Con = Concord
De = Deerfield
Fa = Farmersville
Frk = Franklin
Frt = Frankfort
Grd = Greenland
Grn = Green
Ha = Harrison
Hal = Hallsville
Ho = Hopetown
Ru = Huntington
Je = Jefferson
Ki = Kingston
La = Lattaville
Le = Lewiston, Lewisville
Li = Liberty
Lon = Londonderry
Lst = Londonderry Station
Ly = Lyond
Pai = Paint
Pax = Paxton
Ma = Massieville
Mo = Mooresville
O = Letter O (Underlined)
Ri = Richmond (Dale)
Ro = Roxabel
Sc = Scioto
Sp = Springfield
SS = South Salem
Tw = Twin
Un = Union
W = Ward
Ye = Yellowbud
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HUMBERSTON OF D. C. LOGG
Located on Lyndon Station, Ohio
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"SALINAS RESIDENCE"
Located west of Chillicothe in South Salem, Buckskin Township.
This large frame home building was built in 1862. The building at the back in the picture was demolished in 1890 and replaced, the academy in part of the Buckskin School facility and used for storage. This building has been nominated to be placed on the National Register for preservation.

"PAINTWATER" Home
Residence of Thomas Murray.
Located two miles west of Lyndon, off Route 26 on Beysley Road one-half mile in Buckskin Township. A large substantial brick residence of high elevation overlooking miles of beautiful farmland. This town has nine main rooms and originally had a fireplace in every room. Beautiful walnut and oak woodwork, stained glass and a large room. This home was once owned by Captain Tom Murray. It has been nominated to be placed on the National Register for preservation.

"ROSEAPPLE GUESTHOUSE"
Residence of Dr. J. M. Cox.
Located near Chillicothe in South Salem, Buckskin Township.
Dr. Cox and his wife rented their home out. He was the second owner of the house. His son John M. Cox was a physician and later served as a doctor in the Civil War. After the war, he married Margaret Winters of Buckskin Township and had one daughter, Lelia, wife of Fred. C. Oldfield, Pueblo, Colorado.

"PLEASANT MEADS"
Residence of R. E. Skale.
Located ten miles northwest of Franklin off the old Hope-Austin Road on Douglass Road, Concord Township. This is an imposing brick house built in 1867 by Henry M. Skale. A beautiful circular stairway faces the door. A blend of the English and Gothic Revival styles. The woodwork is of interest in one room is an intricate pattern of small hardwood pieces of flooring. There is a covered balcony with iron railing at a side entrance.

"PLEASANT MEADOWS"
Residence of Dr. William Lattans.
Located 10 miles northwest of Chillicothe on Route 35 on the left near the foot of Mary's Hill, Concord Township. This sturdy brick building looks much like it did a century ago. The building has been nominated to be placed on the National Register for preservation.

"POTTER'S VALLEY" Home
Residence of J. V. Rigby.
Located ten miles south of Chillicothe off Route 36 to the right Food Project Road, on the shore of Three Lakes. This largest of the lights in the valley, the largest in the valley. It is a beautiful brick house situated on a hill overlooking the lake valley. It is a beautiful brick house situated on a hill overlooking the lake valley.

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"VIEW OF STATE PARK ON THE DODOT"
Located approximately six miles southeast of Chillicothe off Route 23 on the Three Lakes Road in Franklin Township. The dam is still in existence, but has crumbled and deteriorated some. The dam for the three lakes of the dam are in good condition and is a perfect place for fishing. The dam was built in 1868 after the dam of the Normandy dam. The last boat on the canal in this area was around 1900. The canal had served its purpose and benefited many people, but gave way to the coming of the railroad as a means of transportation. The residence nearby was once the site of the old dam.

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Dr. Cox and his wife rented their home out. He was the second owner of the house. His son John M. Cox was a physician and later served as a doctor in the Civil War. After the war, he married Margaret Winters of Buckskin Township and had one daughter, Lelia, wife of Fred. C. Oldfield, Pueblo, Colorado.

"VIEW OF STATE PARK ON THE DODOT"
Located approximately six miles southeast of Chillicothe off Route 23 on the Three Lakes Road in Franklin Township. The dam is still in existence, but has crumbled and deteriorated some. The dam for the three lakes of the dam are in good condition and is a perfect place for fishing. The dam was built in 1868 after the dam of the Normandy dam. The last boat on the canal in this area was around 1900. The canal had served its purpose and benefited many people, but gave way to the coming of the railroad as a means of transportation. The residence nearby was once the site of the old dam.
RESIDENCE OF J. H. WEST

Located eight miles north of Chillicothe on Route 159, Green Township. This comfortable seven-room frame home was built by Mr. John West about 1840. West, an addition over the years have been made, only to modernize it. One of the additions was the large window on the front. The house faces west overlooking rich fertile fields.

John H. West was born December 20, 1825, in Pendergrass County, Maryland, and died 1897, aged 72 years. He brought this farm in 1860, moved to Clark County, Illinois, in 1864, where he remained eleven years, only to return to his farm in Ross County where he lived until his death. He was married in 1852 to Mary Canavan. After her death the following year, he married Mrs. E. Barton from Fairmount, Ohio.

Joseph Grimes purchased the farm from the West heirs and is now in the possession of a grandson, Howard Grimes, Ohio.

"HEINDIKSTOUK FARM"

Residence of Lincoln D. Delano

Located six and one-half miles north of Chillicothe on Route 139, Green Township. This picturesque Farm residence was built by John Delano, the father of Mrs. Lincoln D. Delano (see biographical notes under David Cross, a brother). The buildings are in a fine state of preservation and look just like the picture. This house has a two-story cupola with tall and arched floor windows. He was a director of the Science Valley Agricultural Society, noted race track steward to the right of picture. Delano home and Delano Station on the old rail line were named for him.

The Delano's are buried in Forest Cemetery, Circleville, Ohio. They have four children.

This home is now owned by the Misses Bassie, Louise and Irene Pyle.

"FALL CREEK FARM"

Residence of George Sayre

Located approximately four miles north of Chillicothe, off U.S. 23 on the Hartlotta Road, Springfield Township. The house is a relic and hasn't been occupied for several years. This was the second home George Sayre built for his family, the log barn and the remains of the first set of buildings are further back in the field and are visible from the highway.

George Sayre, Sr., came to Ross County from Schenectady, Virginia with Thomas Wadsworth in 1790. He was the first blacksmith in the county and brought with him the iron material for a saw mill and grist mill which was located on Spring Branch near farm house. George Sayre and Sallie Ann Grove, a native of Maryland, were the parents of four children and many descendants in Ross County. Both are buried in the Hopewell cemetery.

The residence and adjoining farm land is owned by the Frederick Delano heirs.

"COURTS GROVE"

Residence of N. E. Dixon

Located southeast of Chillicothe on Route 50, one mile north of Lebanon. This picturesque home on the low, Liberty Township. The well-preserved residence was the home of Wm. and Rebecca Jones Dixon. At the time Roger D. B. Dickey owned this property it was owned by the Dickey family. The Dickey family was surrounded by Jemima Dickey. The Dickey's daughter of N. E. and Rebecca Dixon married Jaredah Dixie. George and Beulah, brothers, farmed the land for many years.

The farm presently is owned and occupied by Robert Drake.

"JACKSON & WOODS'S LUTHER, SUNDAY AND BOARDING HOUSES"

Located on Second street, between Winton and Point Streets in Chillicothe. This building was once used as a Methodist church until the Methodist built on North Walnut Street where the offices of Dr. Asman and Barrett are now located. Following the Methodists, the building was occupied by the St. Marks Congregation until its Second Point Street church was completed. It is now the Jackson & Woods boarding house, and the former buildings serve as residences and window panes. The exterior has changed very little.

The building is occupied by Jackson & Woods Company and is owned by the Poland Estate.

"RESIDENCE OF PRICE TAYLOR"

Located on Route 50 east of Chillicothe, off of the highway within viewing distance. The house is white brick and contains fourteen rooms.

Price Taylor was born in 1803. His father, William Taylor came from Kentucky in 1801. Price Taylor was one of two men who laid out the first addition to the original plat of Chillicothe. He was a large landowner and his descendants were long identified with the development of the city. Present owners and occupants are Mr. and Mrs. William (Barbara Borel) Viscount.

RESIDENCE OF AARON PERINE

Located in east Belchbridge, on the right side of Main Street. The house was built in 1836 and was the home of Joseph G. White and widow window in front. The house faces west overlooking rich fertile fields.

Joseph G. White was born December 20, 1825, in Pendergrass County, Maryland, and died 1897, aged 72 years. He brought the farm in 1860, moved to Clark County, Illinois in 1864, where he remained eleven years, only to return to his farm in Ross County where he lived until his death. He was married in 1852 to Mary Canavan. After her death, the following year, he married Mrs. E. Barton from Fairmount, Ohio.

Mr. White built a smaller house next door for his son, now known as the "Little White House." This is the home of the Robert Bowers family.

Mr. Aaron Perine was the second owner of the house. The house was bought in 1898 by the Ross family and Howard Hens has lived there until recently when they sold the house to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Zimmerman, the present occupants.

RESIDENCE OF AUSTIN PIPPLE

Located on State Route 50 East, two miles beyond Belchbridge, second house on the left side of the highway passing Route 132, Delaware. The large twelve-room brick house stands on a rise. The wood trim in the house is limed and dark walnut. The large rooms have four doors.

The house is presently being extensively renovated and restored for a family home.

Abraham Pipple came from Kentucky in 1810. His son Austin Pipple purchased a tract of land from Colonial Surveyors in 1850 and built the residence. The stone Crawford family purchased the property in 1890, and it was recently sold to Mr. Austin Bullock whose ancestors have long been identified with this area.

"FAIRVIEW FARM"

Residence of R. H. Seymour

Located a distance less than two miles east of Belchbridge, off State Route 50, left side of the road, near the present double bridge. The house was built in 1890, and was designed by a famous French architect, who designed Adams. Several pieces of glass in the house were imported from England.

Emmanuel White, the original owner of the house was a Revolutionary soldier and was given the large tract of land in exchange for his military service. Mrs. White operated the first brewery and kept a ferry boat at this location.

This site is famous for the last Indian battle fought in Ohio in 1795 between Chief Muskingum's surveying party and a strong band of Shawnees. Those Shawnees and John Logan, a native of Virginia, were the parents of many children and many descendants in Ross County. Both are buried in the Hopewell cemetery.

The residence and adjoining farm land is owned by the Geo. A. Miller family. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller are the present occupants.

"NEW MILL"

Residence of H. W. Ammon

Located one mile west of Chillicothe on Ohio Hill Drive, Newark Heights, Alum Creek Township. This gracious home was built about 1830 by General Joseph Blackmur and was one of the most historic homes in the Athens Valley. It was destroyed by fire in 1889 and all that remains is a brick house.

This was the home of the two Ohio governors, Daniel Blackmur who served from 1833 to 1838 and his son-in-law William Allen who served from 1873 to 1876. Daniel Blackmur was born in Delaware County, New York in 1772, died 1850. Blackmur and wife Nancy McAllister (1770-1858) are buried near the site.

The present owner is the late Daniel A. Blackmur, a native of North Carolina. Their grave sites are located on the property.

"RIVERSIDE FARM"

Residence of A. H. Mrinnel

Located western section of Chillicothe at Goodridge and First Streets bitmap Southington. This is a very old house and was originally two log cabins with a driveway in the middle. Log cabins could be driven in as a protection from Indian attacks. Today it is one long drawing room with fireplace in both ends. The walnut cornerboards have the original hardware. One can see the heavy log beams overhead and the log exterior. The window panes are the original.

This was the home of pioneer Joseph McConnell, son of Dennis, who emigrated from Ireland to Virginia to Ross County. Joseph and Rebecca Janes McConnell are buried on Grandview.

The house was remodelled shortly after the Civil War and several times since. It was in the possession of Mary A. Story from 1904-1915 when it became the Chillicothe Country Club (79 acres).
Located south of Chillicothe on Route 23, Seloia Township in the town of Nelsonville. These buildings do not exist today. The buildings were constructed between 1865 and 1866. The town of Nelsonville in 1832-1856 is buried on Broadview.

**HURRIA FARM**
Residence of Matthew S. Cook
Located one mile south of Chillicothe on Cook’s Mill Road (old U.S. 25) Seloia Township. "Hurria Farm" which means beautiful view, was built in 1856 by Matthew Cook for his bride, Eleanor Tiffin, daughter of Geo. Tiffin, of Seloia. The spacious home of the Cook family remains unchanged in appearance except for the porch across the front door. The front of the house is composed of the original brick, used for the windows which are still intact and some of the original stonework still exists. A summer kitchen was separate from the big house.

This property is presently owned by Mrs. Marian Scott Cook and children.

**MOONSTONE HOUSE**
Residence of John Krasove
Located on Darce’s Hill, Chillicothe, Ohio, Seloia Township. The house was built in the early 1830’s of brick and stone of English revival style with overhanging turrets and contains fifteen rooms. The brick was laid on the hillside. The house is said to have been built by Mr. Jesse and son William K. in 1838 before the 1840 revolution. It is also credited to Mr. Keatingham.

Later owners were Dr. Farier, Fuller, Alex. E. Hunt, Richard Winger who planned to make it into a resort place, but the cost of the project turned too large for an investment and the idea was abandoned. The Krasove family owned the property, then a will contest threatened on the market. Dr. F. N. Nichols purchased the house and his family resided there until his death. Mr. C. H. Fretwell bought the house in 1899. Mr. T. H. Butler was one of the world’s greatest hunters and printing was a descendant of former owners of the Chillicothe News Advertising.

Butler Bar Jr. is the present owner and operator.

**SPRING MEADOWS FARM**
Residence of James F. Anderson
Located five miles west of Chillicothe, off Route 50 on the Anderson Station Road, Union Township. This is one of the very oldest homes in Ross County. The Anderson family has documented proof that the home was there when the Andersons and Numie came to Ross County in 1793.

The front of the house was built by Levi Anderson in 1802. The brick was laid on the hill. It was at this time that the spring was discovered and still flowing strongly today. Thus the name "Spring Meadows." There are eleven rooms and hallways with a cherry spiral, hand carved staircase through three stories to the attic. The house looks the same on the exterior, situated a nice distance from the highway, surrounded by many apple trees. The Andersons were farmers, had a leather tanner, made farm implements and shipped cattle with the Illinois. James B. Anderson (1863-1893) and Mary J. Morris Anderson (1865-1896) are buried on Springtown.

The farm is now owned by the Anderson heirs, great-great-grandchildren of James B. Anderson, Donald and Anne Anderson, and Howard.

**OLYMPIC FARM**
Residence of Mr. & Mrs. Jones
Located four miles southeast of Chillicothe, seven miles northeast of Beesburg on Route 25, Twin Township. This house brick house is situated on a high hill facing southeast, overlooking Fair Valley. The house was erected by Josie Brereton in 1880, but economic factors and the death of his son in the Civil War forced him to sell to William A. Jones. (Now buried by the same bedroom.) There were eight rooms and originally had eighteen fireplaces. The brick was laid on the hillside. Six of the years are in the cellar, still supporting the chimney. There are two interior stairways, one in the entrance room. There is a square front porch window run on top of the house. The house was finished about 1880. Later the front porch was added and the side porch enclosed.

William A. Jones, farmer, stock dealer, was born in South Carolina, Virginia 1830. He and his wife Jane Stears, daughter of John Stears were the parents of eight children. The Joneses are buried on Temple View.

The farm is now owned and operated by a great-grandson Robert Jones, William A. Jones and L. C. Ross (page 127) were cousins and came to Ross County at the same time.

**PLEASANT VIEW FARM**
Residence of Alex Sonka
Located on State Route 10 West, five miles from Chillicothe near Nelsonville. The house is on the left side of the highway. It is

white frame and built in 1860, with eight rooms. The woodwork is walnut and oak. The fireplace in the upstairs are the original. Outside trim on the eaves is outstanding.

The house was owned by the Alex Sonka and the Sonka families. W. A. Sonka was a soldier in the War of 1812. Davis Sonka was named for Davis Sonka and later changed to Nelsonville. Sonka House (1822-1856) is buried on Broadview.

**RESIDENCE OF DAVID HOUSE**
Located seven miles west of Chillicothe on State Route 50, left side of the highway, near the junction of Cassiel Road. This house is white frame, two stories, brick floors, and the original fireplace is still intact. The original steps, radii 28 inches of diameter for landing the stair. A cast iron fireplace is in the study in the style of the old homes. There are five arched doors behind the house was doors, which allowed to mixture on the floors. These steps are not reserved for dressers. These steps are open on the outside only.

George House, father of David House, was born in Pennsylvania in 1757. The old house is not near the house. It is said that House House once stayed at the Moore House.

Mr. and Mrs. William Wright are the present owners and operators of the house. A recent picture was found by the family that has been identified in the David Moore family.

**RICHARD FARM**
Residence of O. C. Flye
Located approximately seven miles south of Chillicothe on Route 20 Concord Township. The house was changed to that "Richard Farm" is now in Concord instead of Smith. The log barn remains about the same as in the picture. Not the house has been replaced. The Flye farm owned vast acres of land, much of which was in orchards. This area, now known as Flye’s Ridge.

Clinton Cloverly Flye was the grandson of Caleb Cloverly, the Revolutionary soldier who came to the state from Pennsylvania in 1785. O. C. and Charity Cloverly Flye, daughter of John House, are buried at the Concord Presbyterian Cemetery.

The property is now owned by William Flye, a grandson of O. C. Flye.

**CLINTON FARM**
Residence of John Krasove
Located five miles west of the city limits on Route 101, South Township. This historic stone house was built by David Adams, pioneer merchant in Bainbridge and one of the first families of Ross County. The house grew as the Adams family increased.

David Adams (1760-1826) and wife Eliza (1780-1871) and several children are buried on Broadview. This was also the home of the Adams family, Francis M. Adams, prominent manufacturer and breeder of fine livestock as well as his 1850 era farm "Columbia Farm" and Montgomery Farm (now owned by Mr. Peter Dense) are buried on Broadview.

"Clinton Farm" was the headquarters of Camp Hall in the War of 1812 and of the community center of Camp Thomas. The house was dismantled in 1929 and never rebuilt. This is now U.S. Government property.

**RESIDENCE OF S. F. PENCE**
Located on Route 35, Nelson Township. This was a log cabin house which was dismantled only a few years ago. A two story brick building is all that remains.

Suse Pence, the father of Sylle Pence, was born in Ross County, Virginia in 1820. She was married to Judge Pence in Nelson Township, in 1840. moved to Chillicothe 1875.

Other owners of the farm were Charles Schoepfer and Edward Townsend. Miss Mary Townsend willed the property to the Chillicothe Junior Chamber of Commerce, now the J. B. Golf Course.

**CLOVER DALE FARM**
Residence of Isham P. Flye
Located east of Chillicothe, off Route 25, off Eliza Run Road, on the property of the creek. This creek runs from the name of Issin. The house is named for the creek.

Isham F. Flye (1851-1877) was the grandson of Ephraim Flye of Ontario County and both are buried on Broadview. Later the farm was owned by John V. House, who in 1862, enlisted "Minta Dale Farm" of his farm to become an orphan's home for the youth of Ross County.

Today it is known as "The John W. Vacation Boys Ranch, Inc., owned and operated by the Chillicothe Optimist Club, James Carrell, director,"
In 1852, the public square complex of buildings was found to be too small for housing Ross County offices. The old buildings were demolished to make room for a new courthouse. The new structure was designed by the architect of the new building is a portion of the iron and stone frame in front of the Ross County jail, Main Street.

Institution of the new courthouse began in 1855 under the supervision of General James Rowe and Josiah Shaw Lines, a county commissioner.

The backbone structure of modified Greek revival architecture was completed in 1855, incorporating debt $16,000. Numerous changes have been made in the structure over the years, including the third floor building was replaced in 1857 with stone structure, but this was replaced with present jail and residence 1877.

The tower containing the clock was originally built as a bell tower. The courthouse was enlarged in 1929, constructed in keeping with the same style of the building - a stone from the earlier one was placed in the wall. There was a major renovation in 1972 when some offices were enlarged. A second story was added at the rear of the building, which was reinforced for the county engineer.

The present structure was completed in 1974. One of the two staircases leading to the Cowen County Courthouse was removed, an elevator installed. It also received new heating and cooling systems.

These again will flourish along Paint and Main Streets as new plantings have been made.

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