



Local History Topics: Communication in History

History of the Abolition Movement

- Harriet Beecher Stowe – Abolitionist and author of Uncle Tom’s Cabin
- Joshua R. Giddings – Abolitionist, one of the founders and member of the Republican Party. Violated Gag rule on discussing Slavery
- Lane Seminary Debates
- The Nasby Letters- Satirical letters written by Ohio newspaper editor David Ross Lock that garnered support for Abolition and the Union.
- Ohio in the Underground Railroad
 - John P. Parker
 - John Rankin
 - Levi Coffin

Civil Rights History

- Harry C. Smith – Journalist & Legislator who championed Civil Rights in Ohio
- United Freedom Movement

Cultural History

- Natalie Clifford Barney – American playwright, poet and novelist
- The Great Lakes Exposition
- Alan Freed-Radio DJ who helped promote and popularize Rock and Roll
- James Thurber- Writer, cartoonists, and humorists.
- Paul Laurence Dunbar– African American Poet and activist
- Birdtown- Lakewood neighborhood historically occupied by Eastern European Immigrants.

History of Transportation

- Completion of the Miami and Erie Canal (1845)
- Completion of the St. Lawrence Seaway
- Construction of the National Road in Ohio (1825-1838)

History of Science

- Paul Christian Lauterbur – Chemist whose research led to the creation of the MRI
- Thomas Alva Edison – Inventor of the phonograph, motion picture camera, and the first long-lasting light bulb
- The SETI Program
- Granville Woods- African American inventor who had many patents including a combination of the telegraph and telephone.

Labor History

- Baldemar Velasquez – American labor union activist and co-founder of Farm Labor Organizing Committee, AFL-CIO.
- Cleveland Strike at General Motors – Formation of the United Auto Workers
- Youngstown “Little Steel” Strike – Led to the formation of the United Steels Workers Union

Constitutional and Legal History

- Ohio Un-American Activities Committee

Military History

- The Toledo War



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- Censorship of German language publications during WWI.
- Civil War correspondence.

History of Space & Aviation

- John Glen- First American to orbit the Earth
- Niels Armstrong- First person to walk on the moon
- Judith Arlene Resnik – Second American women in space and NASA astronaut

Sports History

- Jesse Owens – 1936 Berlin Olympics

Women's History

- Betsy Mix Cowles – Prominent educator, activist & suffragist
- Gloria Steinem – Famed women's advocate
- Lucy Stone – Abolitionist & Suffragist
- Victoria Woodhull – First women to be nominated for president in 1872 and member of the suffrage movement
- Ohio Women's Convention at Salem

Prohibition

- Prohibition Publishing Houses
- Women's Crusades

Politics

- Front Porch Campaigns of James Garfield, Benjamin Harrison, William McKinley, and Warren G. Harding.

Journalism

- William O. Walker- Publisher and editor of the *Cleveland Call and Post*, one of the most influential African American Newspapers

Education

- William Holmes McGuffey- Writer of the *McGuffey Reader*, the mostly widely used textbook in the 19th century
- Ohio School for the Blind- First school for the blind in the U.S.
- Ohio School for the Deaf.