

City of Painesville – History, Notable People, Places, & Events

Painesville Ohio

http://www.ohiohistorycentral.org/w/Painesville,_Ohio

- County seat of Lake County
- First settlers came in 1800. Gen. Edward Paine & John Walworth led a band of 66 pioneers.
- Established in 1805 and was originally named Champion for Henry Champion, the man who surveyed the community.
- The town's most prominent resident during its first years was Ohio Gov. Samuel Huntington, who died in Painesville in 1817.
- In 1846, the town contained 4 churches, 14 stores, 1 flour mill, 1 bank, and 1 newspaper office.
- By 1886, 4 newspapers, 5 churches, 3 banks existed in the town.
- The Paige Manufacturing Co., a machine works, was Painesville's largest employer in 1886 with 48 workers.
- In 1852, the Town of Painesville became a village and in 1902 the village became the City of Painesville.

Evergreen Cemetery

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohlcs/painesville/evergree.html>

East Main Street, on the bluff overlooking the valley of the Grand River

- The first recorded burial occurred on January 23, 1860.
- The first lot deed was issued on June 20, 1860.
- In November 1877, the cemetery directors began the construction of a storage building and vault.
 - Architect was J.C. McDonald.
 - Built of Amherst blue stone and designed in the Gothic style costing \$2,500.

http://www.painesville.com/index.asp?Type=B_BASIC&SEC=%7BC6F90CF5-2D27-4EA8-90A1-5E63FB4DED3C%7D

- Over 300 Civil War & 13 Revolutionary War veterans, and many local heroes are buried there.
 - Thomas Harvey
 - Charles Eledge – Corporal in the U.S. Infantry during the Civil War. He is one of 2 Black Civil War Veterans in the cemetery and lies in an unmarked grave.
 - Eleazer Paine – Nephew of Edward Paine who was a drummer boy in the Revolutionary War.
 - Samuel Huntington – Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court in 1804 and Ohio's third governor.
 - Anson Sessions – Fought in the Revolutionary War.
 - Edward Whiten – Fought in the Civil War and is one of 2 Black Civil War veterans in the cemetery. He rests in an unmarked grave.
 - Monument Row – Many prominent Western Reserve families rest in this row including: Young Family, Pratt Family, Milton Canfield, Holcomb Family, Jack and Frances Casement, and Catherine Roddick.
 - Joseph Adams Potter – A direct descendent of Samuel Adams.
 - Howell Burr Treat – The only Civil War Veteran in a Lake County cemetery to receive the Medal of Honor.

First Church Congregational

<http://firstchurchcongregational.org/>

22 Liberty St.

- Founded on June 17, 1810 by Rev. Nathan Darrow.
- 13 people gathered in a small wood building which stood on the site of the present Lake County Courthouse.
- In 1823, the Church met in various places around the city park and built their first permanent house of worship.
- In 1862, the cornerstone of the new church (corner of Mentor Ave. & Liberty St.) was placed and the congregation has met continuously since then.
- During the time that the church occupied its first building in 1823, many of the Congregationalists were involved with the Underground Railroad and assisted hundreds of slaves on their final leg of their escape into Canada.
- In 1835, noted Abolitionist, Thomas Weld, came to Painesville to deliver lectures. Being the only meeting house in town, he was granted use of the Church's pulpit.

Lake County YMCA Historic Marker

<http://www.lakecountnymca.org/about-us/history-of-the-y/>

- On the evening of December 29, 1866, a group of men gathered in the First Baptist Church for a prayer meeting which resulted in the founding of the Painesville Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA).
- In 1868, the YMCA outgrew its headquarters at the Baptist Church and moved upstairs to rooms at 71 Main Street.
- In 1905, the YMCA purchased the former Steele mansion on Painesville's Park Place and relocated.
- In 1922, the Painesville YMCA and the county YMCA merged in 1922 to become the Lake County YMCA, the second oldest YMCA in continuous existence in Ohio.

Saint Mary's Roman Catholic Church

<http://www.stmarypvl.org/parish-life/about>

- On March 16, 1849, land was purchased by three trustees for a Catholic Church.
- Property was located on South State, opposite to its intersection by Washington Street.
- The first Saint Mary's was established on this location.
- In 1856, property was purchased at North State Street where the church, the rectory, and the convent currently stand.
- The building was under roof in 1857 and completed in 1861.
- In 1895 & 1940, the church was expanded to accommodate more space.

Painesville Telegraph

<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn84028174/>

- Publisher: H.C. Gray
- Dates of Publication: 1845-1906
- Founder & Editor: Eber Dudley Howe
- Howe was the author of one of the first books critical of Joseph Smith, Jr.'s spiritual claims.

Railroad Depot

<http://www.remarkableohio.org/index.php?/category/820>

- It was considered the jewel of Painesville with its Richard Romanesque style architecture, sandstone walls, slate roof, red oak and marble interior, and its hanging chandeliers.
- In 1971, the last passenger train left the Painesville yard, ending nearly 100 years of passenger rail service.
- On February 8, 1848, the Ohio Legislature incorporated the Cleveland, Painesville, and Ashtabula Railroad Company.
- It reached Painesville in 1851 with a track and depot.
- The Lake Shore Railroad Company replaced the Cleveland, Painesville, and Ashtabula Railroad Company in March 1869 followed by consolidation with the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway Company in June of the same year.
- The Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway replaced the original 1851 depot and built the present station in 1893.

Thomas W. Harvey House

<http://www.remarkableohio.org/index.php?category/814>

143 Mentor Ave.

- Former home of educational leader Thomas W. Harvey.
- Italianate-style house.

Veterans Park

http://www.painesville.com/index.asp?Type=B_BASIC&SEC=%7B280242F8-5D3D-4BDC-915D-C4153CAD1581%7D

1 Liberty St. <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn84028174/>

- Has been a City park since 1800.
- Host to special events throughout the year including: Winter Carnival, Summer Gazebo Concerts, Party in the Park, Spirit of the Season, etc.

National Register of Historic Places

Administration Building, Lake Erie College:

<http://www.nationalregisterofhistoricplaces.com/oh/lake/state.html>

391 W. Washington St.

- Added in 1973
- Historic Significance: Event, Architecture/Engineering
- Architect, builder, or engineer: Charles Wallace Heard
- Architectural Style: Italian Villa
- Area of Significance: Education, Architecture
- Period of Significance: 1850-1874

<http://www.news-herald.com/lifestyle/20150408/historic-sites-college-hall-the-grand-dame-of-lake-erie-college-rich-in-tradition>

- Commissioned in 1857, College Hall was designed by Charles Wallace Heard, a son-in-law of Western Reserve architect Jonathan Goldsmith.
- Last remnant of the original floor plan is the grand Social Parlor.

Casement House (Jennings Place)

<http://www.nationalregisterofhistoricplaces.com/oh/lake/state.html>

436 Casement Ave.

- Added in 1975
- Historic Significance: Event
- Architect, Builder, or Engineer: Designer – Charles W. Heard & Builder – Charles Clement Jennings
- Architectural Style: Italianate Style
- Area of Significance: Architecture
- Period of Significance: 1850-1874
- Historic Function: Domestic

<http://www.remarkableohio.org/index.php?category/815>

- Western Reserve agriculturalist Charles Clement Jennings built the Casement House for his daughter Frances Jennings Casement in 1870.

<http://www.news-herald.com/lifestyle/20150421/historic-sites-step-back-in-time-at-casement-house>

Indian Point Fort (Painesville Fort)

<http://www.nationalregisterofhistoricplaces.com/oh/lake/state.html>

East of Painesville

- Added in 1974
- Historic Significance: Information Potential
- Area of Significance: Prehistoric
- Cultural Affiliation: Erie Indian
- Period of Significance: 1749-1500 AD, 1499-1000 AD
- Historic Function: Domestic

<http://www.remarkableohio.org/index.php?category/812>

- Sometime before 1650, Prehistoric Indians built a fortification across the land.
- The stockade and steep embankments provided a safe location for an Indian village.

Lutz's Tavern (Rider Tavern)

<http://www.nationalregisterofhistoricplaces.com/oh/lake/state.html>

792 Mentor Ave.

- Added in 1973
- Historic Significance: Architecture/Engineering
- Architect, Builder, or Engineer: Jonathan Goldsmith
- Architectural Style: No Style Listed
- Area of Significance: Architecture
- Period of Significance: 1800-1824
- Historic Function: Commerce/Trade

<http://www.news-herald.com/general-news/20130203/riders-inn-in-painesville-owner-sees-benefits-of-national-register-of-historic-places-with-video>

- Built by Joseph Rider and opened on June 16, 1812.
- The inn was a popular stop on the stagecoach line from Buffalo to Cleveland.
- Served as a hiding place for runaway slaves on the Underground Railroad and a resting place for Union soldiers during the Civil War.
- Added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1973.

http://www.ohiohistorycentral.org/w/Rider%27s_Inn

- The Rider family operated the inn until 1902.

- George Randall purchased the inn and expanded it to open a speakeasy during Prohibition.
- The Lutz brothers acquired the inn in 1940 and operated it until 1979.

Matthews House

<http://www.nationalregisterofhistoricplaces.com/oh/lake/state.html>

309 W. Washington St.

- Added in 1973
- Historic Significance: Architecture/Engineering
- Architect, Builder, or Engineer: Jonathan Goldsmith
- Architectural Style: Greek Revival
- Area of Significance: Architecture
- Period of Significance: 1825-1849
- Historic Function: Dwelling

<http://www.remarkableohio.org/index.php?/category/832>

- Residence of Dr. John H. Mathews
- Considered to be one of the finest Goldsmith houses.

Mentor Avenue District

<http://www.nationalregisterofhistoricplaces.com/oh/lake/state.html>

Wood St. & Mentor Ave. from Liberty St. to Washington St.

- Added in 1978
- Historic Significance: Person, Architecture/Engineering
- Architect, Builder, or Engineer: Multiple
- Architectural Style: Greek Revival, Italianate, Queen Anne
- Historic Person: Thomas Harvey
- Area of Significance: Politics/Government, Education, Social History, Architecture
- Period of Significance: 1875-1899, 1850-1874, 1825-1849, 1800-1824
- Historic Function: Domestic, Religion

<http://www.remarkableohio.org/index.php?/category/813>

- 54 buildings comprise the Mentor Avenue District.
- Federal, Greek Revival, Early Romanesque Revival, Italianate, Second Empire, Queen Anne, and other 20th century eclectic styles.

The Methodist Episcopal Church of Painesville

<http://www.nationalregisterofhistoricplaces.com/oh/lake/state.html>

71 N. Park Place

- Added in 1998
- Historic Significance: Architecture/Engineering
- Architect, Builder, or Engineer: Jacob Snyder, Ira J. Lewis
- Architectural Style: Gothic Revival
- Area of Significance: Architecture
- Period of Significance: 1900-1924, 1875-1899, 1850-1874
- Historic Function: Religion

Lewis Morley House

<http://www.nationalregisterofhistoricplaces.com/oh/lake/state.html>

231 N. State St.

- Added in 1978
- Historic Significance: Architecture/Engineering
- Architect, Builder, or Engineer: Jonathan Goldsmith
- Architectural Style: No Style Listed
- Area of Significance: Architecture
- Period of Significance: 1825-1849
- Historic Function: Domestic
- The last known all brick Goldsmith in the area.

Octagon House (Hobday-Walzer House)

<http://www.nationalregisterofhistoricplaces.com/oh/lake/state.html>

1615 Mentor Ave.

- Added in 1975
- Historic Significance: Architecture/Engineering
- Architect, Builder, or Engineer: John Homby
- Architectural Style: Octagon Mode
- Area of Significance: Architecture
- Period of Significance: 1850-1874, 1825-1849
- Historic Function: Domestic

Painesville City Hall

<http://www.nationalregisterofhistoricplaces.com/oh/lake/state.html>

7 Richmond St.

- Added in 1972
- Historic Significance: Architecture/Engineering, Event
- Architect, Builder, or Engineer: Henry Wigglesworth
- Architectural Style: Greek Revival
- Area of Significance: Politics/Government, Architecture
- Period of Significance: 1825-1849
- Historic Function: Government

Uri Seeley House

<http://www.nationalregisterofhistoricplaces.com/oh/lake/state.html>

969 Riverside Dr.

- Added in 1973
- Historic Significance: Architecture/Engineering
- Architect, Builder, or Engineer: Unknown
- Architectural Style: No Style Listed
- Area of Significance: Architecture
- Period of Significance: 1825-1849
- Historic Function: Domestic

http://www.waymarking.com/waymarks/WM5RQX Uri_Seeley_House_Painesville_OH

- Built in 1819, for Uri Seeley, one of the earliest settlers of Lake County.
- Seeley and his family were dedicated to the anti-slavery movement and used this residence as a stop for travelers on the Underground Railroad.

Sessions House (Tuscan House)

<http://www.nationalregisterofhistoricplaces.com/oh/lake/state.html>

157 Mentor Ave.

- Added in 1973
- Historic Significance: Architecture/Engineering
- Architect, Builder, or Engineer: Charles Wallace Heard
- Architectural Style: Italianate
- Area of Significance: Architecture
- Period of Significance: 1850-1874
- Historic Function: Unknown

Smead House

<http://www.nationalregisterofhistoricplaces.com/oh/lake/state.html>

187 Mentor Ave.

- Added in 1974
- Historic Significance: Architecture/Engineering
- Architect, Builder, or Engineer: Unknown
- Area of Significance: Architecture
- Period of Significance: 1875-1899
- Historic Function: Domestic

St. James Episcopal Church

<http://www.nationalregisterofhistoricplaces.com/oh/lake/state.html>

141 N. State St.

- Historic Significance: Architecture/Engineering
- Architect, Builder, or Engineer: Charles Wallace Heard
- Architectural Style: Gothic Revival
- Area of Significance: Architecture
- Period of Significance: 1850-1874
- Historic Function: Religion

Notable People & Events

Daniel Beard

<http://www.remarkableohio.org/index.php?/category/817>

- Nationally known illustrator and artist.
- Founded the Sons of Daniel Boone in 1906.
- He helped to establish the Boy Scouts of America in 1910.
- Since then, millions of boys have become scouts.
- Served as Boy Scouts of America's first commissioner and participated actively until his death in 1941.
- The uniform design and emblem are among his many contributions to Scouting.

Jack Casement (1829-1909)

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/features/biography/tcrr-casements/>

- Civil War soldier and railroad builder
- He was instrumental in the completion of the first transcontinental railroad in 1869.

- Along with his brother Daniel, they received the contract to lay 1,044 miles of track for the Union Pacific Railroad.

Frances Jennings Casement (1840-1928)

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/features/biography/tcrr-casements/>

- Prominent activist for women's rights.
- Organized the Painesville Equal Rights Association in 1883.
- Served as the first president of the Ohio Woman Suffrage Association from 1885 to 1888.
- Worked closely with Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton.

Betty M. Cowles

http://www.ohiohistorycentral.org/w/Betsy_M._Cowles

- Cowles is a noted feminist, reformer, and early leader in the abolitionist movement.
- From 1858-1860 she served as the superintendent of Painesville schools

Thomas Harvey

http://www.ohiohistorycentral.org/w/Thomas_Harvey

- In 1833, Harvey's family moved from NH to Concord Twp. in Ohio
- At the age of 15, Harvey left home and moved to Painesville
- Around 1865, Harvey became superintendent of Painesville schools
- In 1871, Gov. Rutherford Hayes appointed Harvey as the Ohio State Commissioner of Public Schools
- He helped to establish the Ohio State Teachers' Association and the Northeastern Ohio Teachers' Association

Samuel Huntington

http://www.ohiohistorycentral.org/w/Huntington,_Samuel

- In 1802, Huntington served as a member of the first Constitutional Convention
- In 1803, Huntington served as a judge on the Ohio Supreme Court.
- In 1804, Huntington became Chief Justice of the court
- In 1807, Huntington moved from Cleveland to Painesville Township
- Served as Ohio's third governor from 1808-1810

Ohio Women Suffrage Association

http://www.ohiohistorycentral.org/w/Ohio_Woman_Suffrage_Association

- By the 1870's there were 31 different women's suffrage organizations in Ohio. At this time there was no effective statewide organization
- In May 1885, the Ohio Woman Suffrage Association (OWSA) was formed in Painesville.
- Unlike many organizations, OWSA didn't discriminate and encouraged African American women to participate

President Abraham Lincoln Visit

<http://www.remarkableohio.org/index.php?/category/820>

- In 1851, the Cleveland, Painesville, and Ashtabula Railroad Company reached Painesville with a track and depot.
- President-elect Abraham Lincoln arrived in Painesville on February 16, 1861 on his way to his inauguration in Washington, DC.

