

4th & 5th Grade Osborn Program Activity Overview

- I. Introduction – 3 minutes**
 - a. Introduce myself
 - b. Discuss: what is an archives? - show PowerPoint pictures

- II. PowerPoint (just includes photos) – 3 minutes**
 - a. Discuss photos of 1913 Flood and construction of Huffman Dam

- III. Timeline Activity – 10 minutes**
 - a. Discussion Questions

- IV. PowerPoint (just includes photos) – 5 minutes**
 - a. Pass out some of the photos and maps that are in the PowerPoint and discuss – Pertains to the town of Osborn and the move

- V. Map Activity – with maps and photos – 30 minutes**
 - a. Divide into groups – each group will get the same packet
 - b. Map and worksheet
 - c. Discuss Answers

Greene County Osborn Educational Program
Designed to Fit the Following Ohio Social Studies Educational Standards:

4th Grade:

- 1) The order of significant events in Ohio and the United States can be shown on a timeline.
- 2) Primary and Secondary sources can be used to create historical narratives.
- 12) People have modified the environment since prehistoric times. There are both positive and negative consequences for modifying the environment in Ohio and the United States.

5th Grade:

- 4) Globes and other geographic tools can be used to gather, process, and report information about people, places and environments. Cartographers decide which information to include in maps.
- 7) Variation among physical environments within the Western Hemisphere influence human activities. Human activities also alter the physical environment.
- 9) Political, environmental, social and economic factors cause people, products and ideas to move from place to place in the Western Hemisphere today.

6th Grade:

- 3) Globes and other geographic tools can be used to gather, process, and report information about people, places and environments. Cartographers decide which information to include and how it is displayed.
- 6) Variations among physical environments within the Eastern Hemisphere influence human activities. Human activities also alter the physical environment.

THE "OLD" TOWN OF OSBORN & THE 1913 FLOOD

1851:
The Town of Osborn is established.



Old Osborn - "Early Views of Fairfield & Osborn Ohio" By Allan Routt

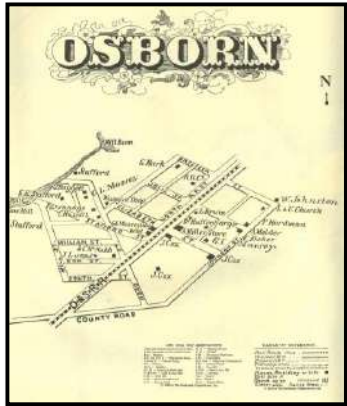
1913 Flood - March 21-23 :
Heavy rains throughout the Miami River Valley .

March 26: Water crest reaches 20 feet in downtown Dayton.



Chronicing America - Library of Congress

1919-1922:
5 dams are built to control the Great Miami River.



1855 Map of Osborn - Greene County Archives

1905:
The town of Osborn had several shops, a hotel, a mill and four churches.

March 24:
Great Miami River rises to 11.6 feet and continues to rise.



4th St. Looking Toward Main St. - Dayton
Miami Conservancy District Photo Collection

March 27-31:
- More than 360 people died
- 20,000 homes destroyed.



Constructing Huffman Dam
Miami Conservancy District Photo Collection

THE "DOOMED" TOWN OF OSBORN AND THE BIRTH OF FAIRBORN

1918:
Miami Conservancy District purchases the town of Osborn.



Town of Old Osborn Residents
"Early Views of Fairfield & Osborn Ohio" By Allan Routt

1921:
The Osborn Removal Company began moving houses 1 mile in 90 minutes.



Town of New Osborn
"Views of Fairfield & Osborn Ohio" By Allan Routt



Huffman Dam - Miami Conservancy District Photo Collection

1950:
The towns of Fairfield & Osborn merge to form Fairborn.



Dayton Daily News Article
Greene County Historical Society

1921:
1,000 people live in Osborn.



"Views of Fairfield & Osborn Ohio" By Allan Routt

1921:
The entire town moved 2 miles Southeast next to the town of Fairfield.

Dec. 1921:
Huffman Dam's construction is completed.



Map of Present-Day Greene County, Ohio and Surrounding Communities



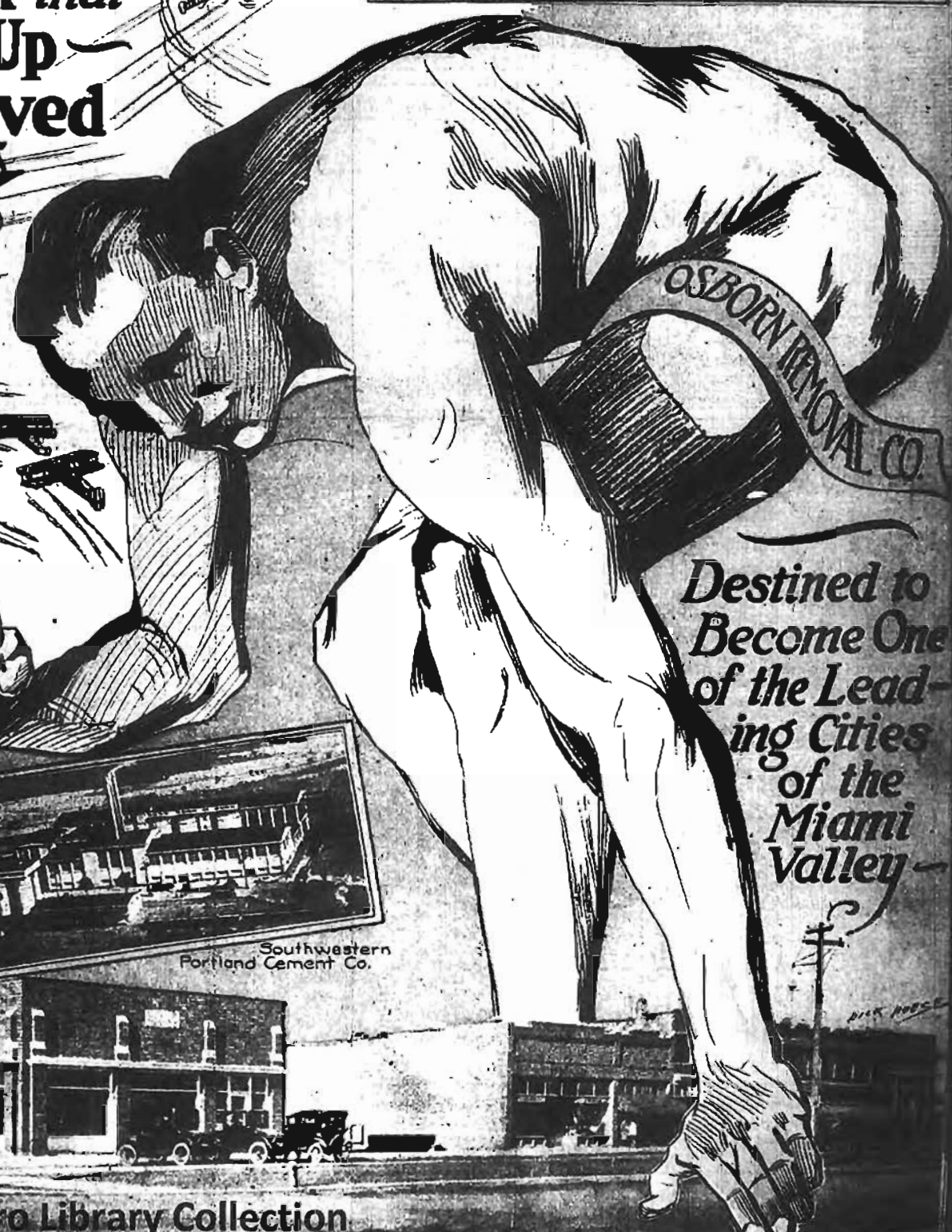
Old Town of Osborn
Greene County Historical Society Collection

DAYTON, OHIO, SUNDAY, MAY 3, 1925.

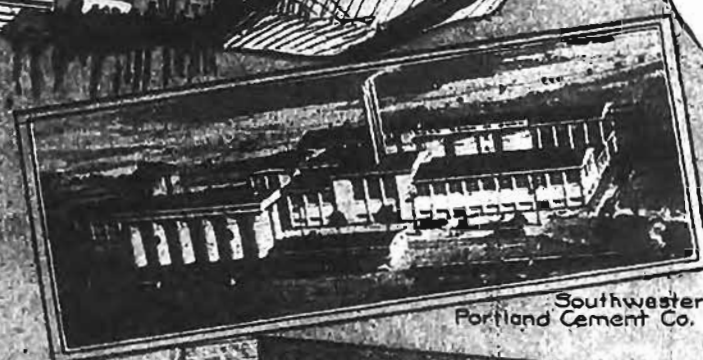
OSBORN

The Town that Packed Up and Moved

Bath Township Consolidated School
for Osborn



*Destined to
Become One
of the Lead-
ing Cities
of the
Miami
Valley*



Southwestern
Portland Cement Co.





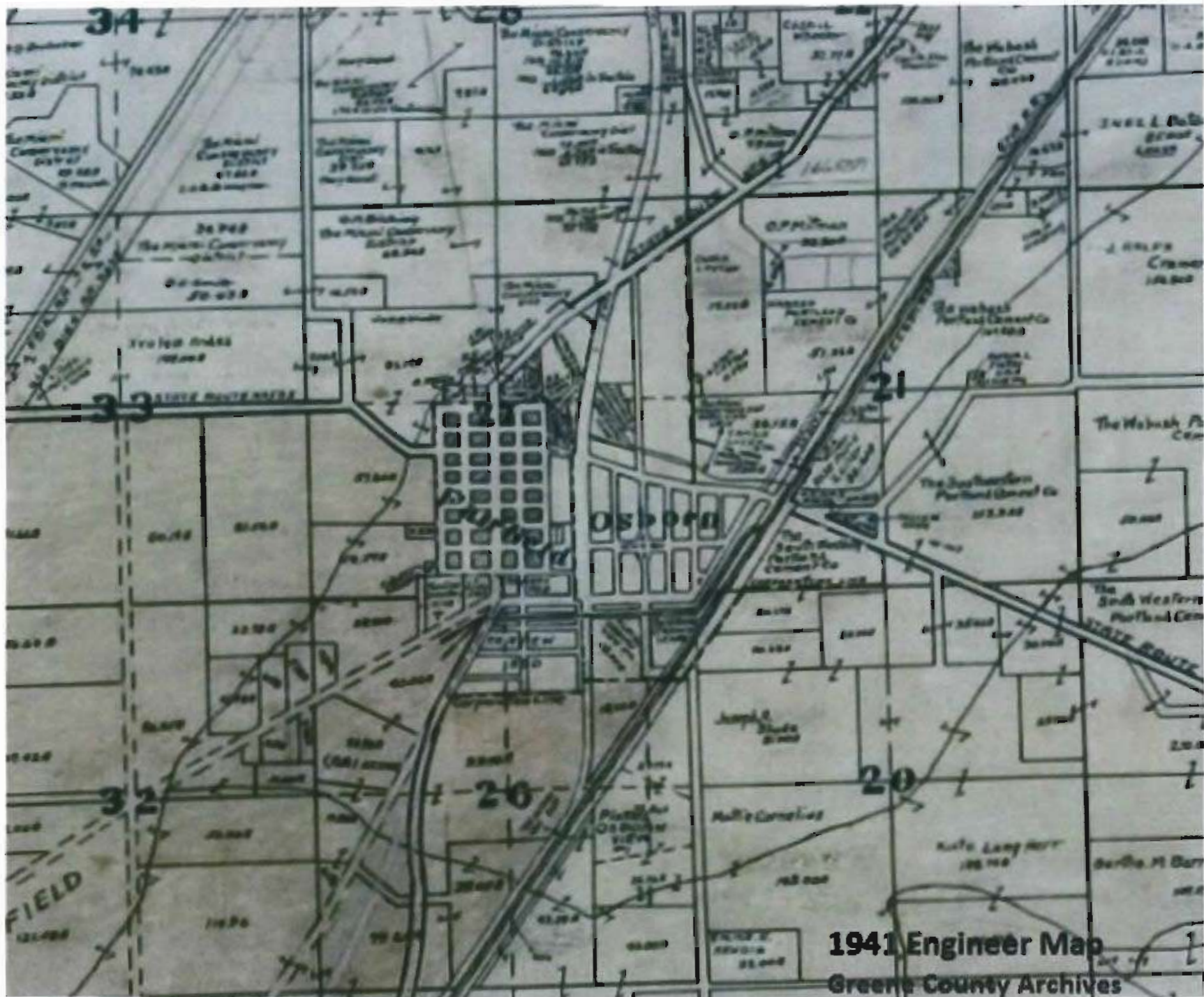
Zeller Family

"Early Views of Fairfield & Osborn Ohio" by Allan Róutt



Sidenstick Family House

"Early Views of Fairfield & Osborn Ohio" by Allan Roult



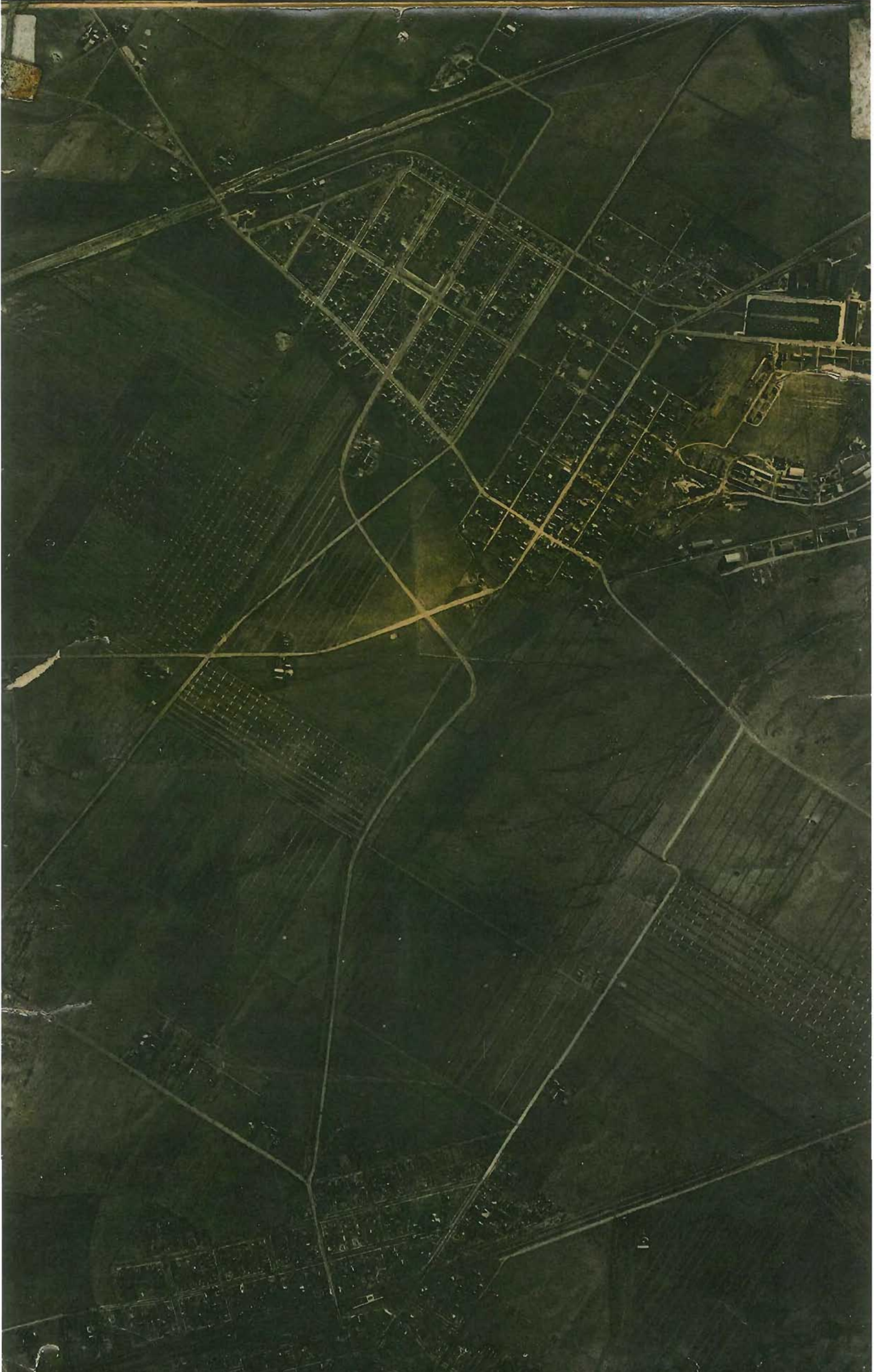
1941 Engineer Map
Greens County Archives

1926

New Town of Osborn

"Early Views of Fairfield & Osborn Ohio" by Allan Roult





1924 Aerial of Fairfield & Osborn
Greene County History Society Collection

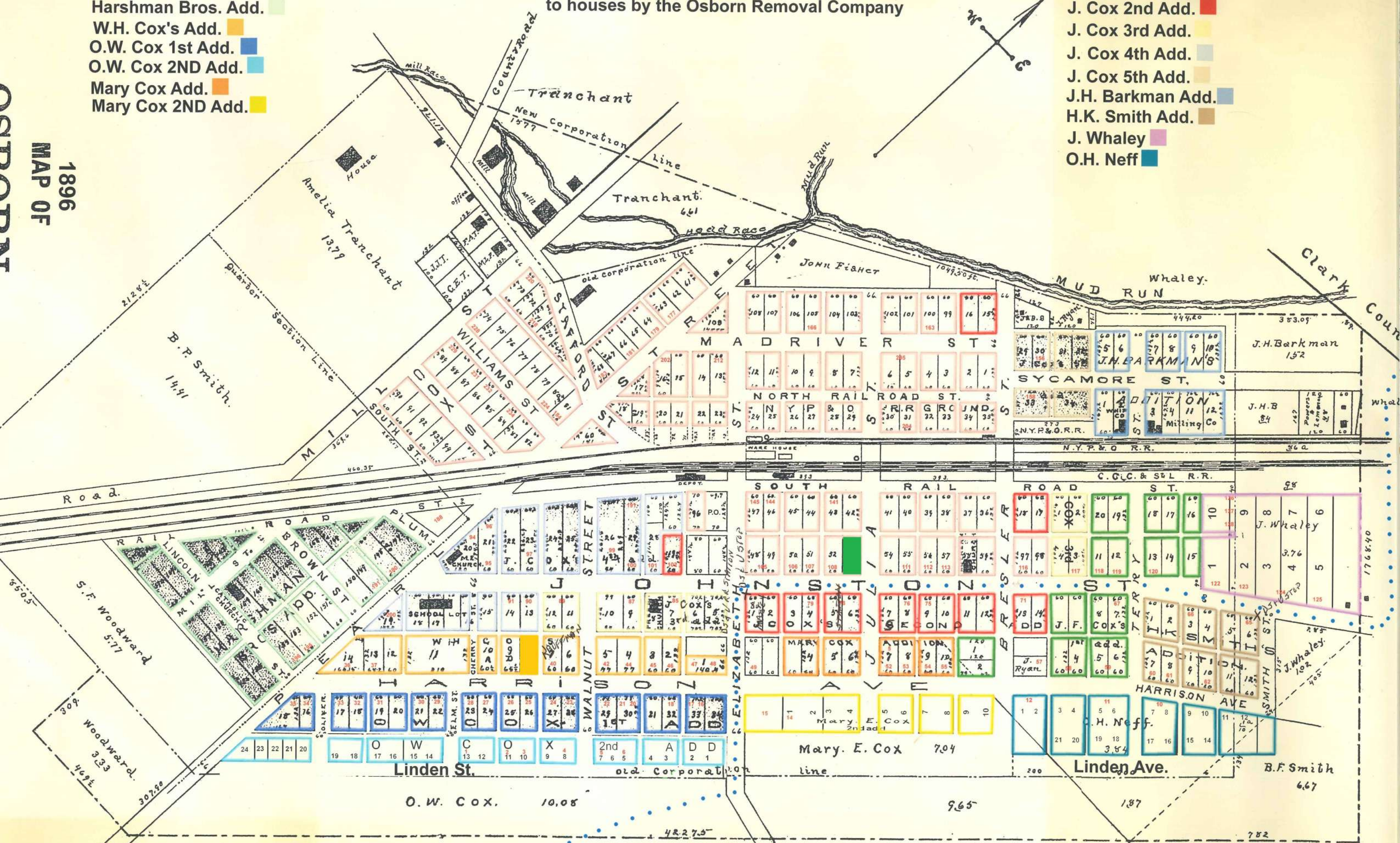
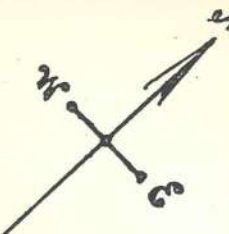
ORIGINAL

1896
MAP OF

- Original
- Harshman Bros. Add.
- W.H. Cox's Add.
- O.W. Cox 1st Add.
- O.W. Cox 2ND Add.
- Mary Cox Add.
- Mary Cox 2ND Add.

Numbers in red are the numbers that were assigned to houses by the Osborn Removal Company

- J. Cox 1st Add.
- J. Cox 2nd Add.
- J. Cox 3rd Add.
- J. Cox 4th Add.
- J. Cox 5th Add.
- J.H. Barkman Add.
- H.K. Smith Add.
- J. Whaley
- O.H. Neff



Name: _____

Osborn Map Activity

1. The Sidenstick Family house is colored and filled in yellow (looks highlighted). On what street is it located?

2. What building is located northwest of the yellow house on the corner of Johnston Street and Pearl Street?

3. The Zeller family's house is at an intersection and is colored and filled in green. What two streets cross there?

4. Find the compass on the map. Use the compass to locate the two streets that run north and south in Osborn.

5. There is a railroad line that crosses through Osborn. On what street is the railroad depot located?

6. Imagine that you were one of the citizens of Osborn, and you had to move your house. How would you prepare for the move? How would you feel?

Answer Key to Map Activity

1. The Sidenstick house is located on Harrison Avenue.
2. The landmark that is located in the same neighborhood as the Sidenstick house is a school.
3. The Zeller family house is located at the intersection of Johnston Street and Julia Street.
4. The two streets that run north and south are Mill Street and Pearl Street.
5. The railroad depot is located on South Rail Road Street.
6. The student uses his/her imagination to answer this question.

List of Resources

1. Timeline created by Greene County Archives
2. Bath Township Map – Greene County Archives
3. Photograph of Old Town of Osborn – Greene County Historical Society Collection
4. Insert from The Dayton Journal, May 3, 1925 – Dayton Metro Library Collection
5. Photograph of the Zeller Family – “Early Views of Fairfield & Osborn Ohio” by Allan Routt
6. Photograph of the Sidenstick Family House – “Early Views of Fairfield & Osborn Ohio” by Allan Routt
7. 1941 Engineer Map – Greene County Archives
8. Photograph of the New Town of Osborn – “Early Views of Fairfield & Osborn Ohio” by Allan Routt
9. 1924 Aerial Map of Fairfield and Osborn – Greene County Historical Society Collection
10. 1896 Map of Osborn – Greene County Archives