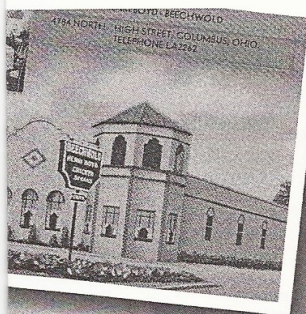




Clintonville Area - the early years

- 1796 The United States Congress passes legislation calling for the survey and division of the land then known as the Northwest Territory. The land is divided into townships that are five mile square. Those townships are in turn divided into quarters. What is known as the Clintonville Area is made up of a portion of two of the Clinton township quarters and a small portion of Sharon township.
- 1804 John Wilson and his wife arrive in Clinton Township. They settle in the northern portion of the Southwest quarter of Clinton township. Their farm is located near what we see as Tulane Road. Their son, Andrew, marries Chloe Bull-the daughter of another early family. Later, the Wilson farm becomes the home of the world known Olentangy Amusement Park.
- 1809 Lewis Gay comes to the Ohio frontier. He was born in Nova Scotia. When he arrives here, he is a single man. In 1811, he marries his first wife. Living in Ohio is tough. His first wife dies and he remarries. In 1821, he leaves this area for Zanesville. He sells his land to Philologus Webster.
- 1812 Thomas Bull arrives from Vermont. He purchased 680 acres of land from John Rathbone. His large farm encompasses the area between Brevoort and Weber Roads.
- 1814 Eliza Rathbone Wetmore and her husband Dr. Charles Wetmore arrive in Ohio. Eliza's father is John Rathbone. John Rathbone is a New York merchant and the original owner of the Northwest quarter of Clinton township. The Wetmores establish their home, at the northern edge of Clinton Township-at what we see as Morse Road today. Dan Case, and brothers Rodney and Chauncey Cooke establish a grist/sawmill on the Olentangy River-later, this mill would be owned by the Weisheimer family and would continue operation until the 1950s. Amariah Stanley and wife Hannah of Connecticut purchase land from John Rathbone. They ultimately transfer their ownership to son Edward and his wife Abigail. Edward serves as a Clinton Township Justice of the Peace for many years. The Stanley farm later becomes the Fuller Farm now home of Whetstone Park.
- 1817 Bishop Philander Chase arrives in Ohio and begins farming south of Worthington, now known as Chaseland.
- 1837 Bill Moose is born. He is the last of the full blooded Wyandotte Indians in Ohio. Bill's family frequented the ravines of Clinton township. Later in life, Bill lives in a shanty along the railroad at what is now Morse Road and Indianola Avenue.
- 1838 The Clinton Chapel is built on land set aside by Thomas Bull-now Balanced Family Academy
- 1840 The Census shows 966 residents in Clinton township
- 1846 Alanson Bull, Thomas Bull's son, establishes building lots on High Street in order to attract "mechanics" to the farming community. Since this area is the center of Clinton township, he calls it "Clintonville"
- 1847 A Post office bearing the name "Clintonville" opens at what is now Orchard and High Streets
- 1851 The railroad comes to the area
- 1878 The Maple Grove School is built at Henderson and High Streets
- 1881 St James Episcopal Parish is formed
- 1883 The "Villa" opens-later it becomes Olentangy Amusement Park. At one time, it is the world's largest amusement park. It is located on the West side High North of Doderidge Avenue.
- 1890 James Loren, Annabel Loren, and Herman Dennison Plat East North Broadway. This becomes the first paved road north of Fifth Avenue. The road ends at the Big Four Railroad. There is a depot at the tracks bearing the name "Evanston"
- 1904 A zoo is built in what is now historic Beechwold. The zoo was not financially sound and was quickly closed. Clinton Township's first high school is opened. This buiding was demolished in the spring of 2014.
- 1910 Most of Clintonville south of Oakland Park is annexed by the City of Columbus

Olympic Pool