GHOST TOWNS & SETTLEMENTS OF UNION COUNTY

● **TRUE GHOST TOWNS** – *Once existed but are not now.* [1]   Blue

● **SEMI-GHOST TOWNS** – *Once existed but have less than 10% of their original inhabitants or businesses.* [1]   Red

● **PAPER (GHOST) TOWNS** –*Towns that were plotted and recorded but never existed.*[1]   Yellow

● **OLD TOWNS** –*Towns that have existed for at least 100 years and have moved or changed their names from what they were at their beginning.* [1] - Green

Darby Township (Organized 1820):

1. Bridgeport *(Blue)* - Village on Darby Creek at iron bridge across from Fairbanks Schools at southeast corner of intersection of Streng Rd. & Rt. 38. First settled in 1799.[2 & 5]

2. Chuckery *(Red)* –Located on St. Rt. 38 and St. Rt. 161. Now St. Paul's Lutheran Church and school are located near there. [2, 4 & 5]

3. North Liberty, Union, Darby & Jerome Twp.(Blue) - Located between present day Unionville Center and Plain City. It was located on the south side of the Big Darby Creek.[5]

4. Sodom *(Blue)* – Located 2 – 3 miles from Dipple located at Fladt Rd. and Rt. 736.[7]

5. Unionville/ Unionville Center *(Red)* – The town was surveyed in 1847.[2] It was the only town listed in the 1877 Union County Atlas for Darby Twp.

6. Upper Liberty *(Blue)* – Located on the north banks of the Big Darby between Milford Center and Bridgeport at Reed Rd. [5]

Millcreek Township (Organized 1820:

7. Oraville *(Blue)* - Would be the crossroads of Bell & Harriott Roads now.

8. Watkins *(Red)* – Platted in 1838 and the only village in township.

Union Township (Organized 1820):

9. Homer *(Blue)* - Platted in 1834 and located Rt 36/4 & Homer Rd.

10. Irwin *(Red)* – Was founded in 1808 by John Irwin.[1]

11. Milford, Mill Ford, Darby Ford, Flint, *(Green)* – Laid out in 1816, now Milford Center. [2]   First Courthouse for Union County located here.

12. Post Road Settlements *(Blue)* – They were located between Pleasant Valley and Irwin. **The Green Settlement** and east of there was **the McCloud Settlement.** [1]

13. Rice City/Ricetown *(Blue)* – 1816 Located on Connor Rd. where the Hathaway Cemetery lies along the banks of Treacle Creek.

Jerome Township (Organized 1821):

14. Arnold *(Red) 1893* – Located south of New California on the West side of Rt. 42.

15. Frankfort/ Beach Town/Beechtown *(Green)* – Present day Jerome. Platted in 1846 and first know as "BeachTown/Beechtown". Located near the line between Union and Delaware Counties. [2]

16. Converse Settlement (Blue) – 1802 on Big Darby near Plain City.

17. *Mingo Indian Village (Blue)* – 1802 on banks of Big Darby Creek.

18. *New California (Green) 1853* – Located on the gravel road between Marysville and Columbus.[2]

19. *Salem (Blue)* – Located at Rt. 739 and Rt. 42.[7]

Paris Township (Organized 1821):

20. *Amrine Settlement* (Blue) 1817 – Located on East side of Raymond Rd. Historical Marker located at Amrine Cemetery.

21. *Dipple (Blue)* – Also called the town of **Myers** which is now the present site of Scotts railroad yard on Scotslawn Rd.[1]

22. *Shady City (Green)* - Now present day Marysville was settled in 1816 and named for all the maple trees in the area.[2]

23. *Otter (Blue)* – Located near Westlake Lee and Dog Leg Roads.[1]

24. *Elliotsville/Elliottsburg (Blue)* – The area was located at Cradler-Turner Rd., Paver Barnes Rd., Dog Leg Rd., Barker Rd. and Northwest Parkway.[1]

25. *Fleetwood Park (Blue)* – Just north of Fairgrounds between Rt. 4 & Rt. 31.

57. **Ginger Hill** (Blue) – Northern edge of township with part of Taylor Twp.

Liberty Township (Organized 1822):

26. *Kingsville (Yellow)* – Platted in 1834 near Delaware – Bellefontaine Road. 13 lots were laid out but never sold and appears to be a failed venture. **Kingsville** was located between **Garwood Mills** and **Carter's Settlement.**

27. *Lunda/Pepper Corners (Blue)* – Located at Rt. 347 & Lunda Rd.

28. *Peoria (Red)* – Laid out in 1870 and located on the Atlantic & Great Western Railroad.

29. *Newton/Raymond (Green)* - Platted in 1838.[2]

Leesburg Township (Organized 1825):

30. *Blues Creek (Blue)* – Settlement about 1820 in southwestern part of the township of immigrants.[1]

31. *Magnetic Springs (Red)* – Also known as "Green Bend". Established in 1879.

32. *Maple Dell (Blue)* – Located just east of Pharisburg where a church camp and cemetery is located today on Rt. 37.[5]

33. *Pharisburg (Red)* – Formerly known as "Scott's Crossroads" in 1847.[2]

34. *Sheneman's Corners (Blue)* – Located 1 ½ miles west of Pharisburg. In existence to early 1900's.

Allen Township (Organized 1827):

35. *Allen Center (Red)* – The town was founded about 1848.[1]

36. *Bear Swamp (Blue)* – was a geographic area that was formerly called *Flat Woods* and covered land in *Liberty, Paris & Allen Townships*.[6]

37. Pottersburg *(Red)* – The town was laid out in 1868 and located on the Atlantic & Great Western[5] Railroad.[2]

Jackson Township (Organized 1829):

38. Essex *(Red) 1836* – Located about 4 miles northeast of Richwood.[2]

39. West Jackson *(Blue)* – Corner of intersection Rt. 739 and Winnemac Rd. (Co. Rd. 336)

40. Woodland *(Blue)* – Located in east Jackson Twp.

Claibourne Township (Organized 1834:

41. Bigelow Corners *(Blue)*. – Located at the corners of Rt. 4 & Rt. 37 where Richwood Meats is now located.[5]

42. Claibourne *(Red) 1881* – located at the intersection of Claibourne & Bethlehem-Claibourne Rds.[1]

43. Leesburg – Located on South bank of Fulton Creek 2 miles south of Richwood.

44. Richwood (Green) 1832 – Known as the "rich woods" with many varieties of timber.[8]

York Township (Organized 1834):

45. Summersville/Somersville *(Green)* – Laid out in 1835. The post office was established in 1840 as Bokes Creek.[2]

46. York Center *(Red)* – The post office was established in 1861. [2]

47. Williams Post Office (Blue) 1855 – Intersection of Williams & Osborne Rds.

Washington Township (Organized 1836:

48. Arbela/Arbelia *(Blue)* – Located at the intersection of McAdams and Cunningham-Arbela Rds. The village was laid out in 1838 with 45 lots and two streets.

49. Pennyville/Pinneyville/Byhalia *(Red)* – Town was founded about 1852.[1]

50. Hainesville *(Yellow)* – Would have been located on the south bank of Rush Creek and near the junction of Rocky Fork.

Dover Township (Organized 1839:

51. New Dover *(Red)* – It was organized in 1839, quite a busy little town.

52. Henpeck Corners *(Blue)* – Located at Whitestone Rd. and U.S. 36, east of New Dover.

56. Grassy Run (Blue) – Located on northern edge of Dover Twp & Leesburg Twp.

Taylor Township (Organized 1849:

53. Broadway *(Red)* – Began in 1865.[2]

54. Taylor Center *(Blue)* – Located at the intersection of Rt. 31 and Martin Welch Rd.[1]

55. Union Center/Broadway Corners *(Blue)* - Was located at Rt. 31 and Rt. 347.

Ghost Towns adjoining Union County

Lamb's Corners, Franklin County – Was located at the intersection of Cosgray Road and Rt. 161.[5]

Lewisburg, Rush Twp., Champaign Co. – Laid out in 1826 as North Lewisburg. North was dropped in the 1840's. Now is the village of North Lewisburg.

Mudsock/Hartford/Smithville, New Albany – now Woodstock, also in Champaign County.

West Middleburg, Harrison Twp., Champaign County – Was called Spring Hills until the post office was established. Now the town of Middleburg.

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(1) "Ohio Ghost Towns, No. 42, Union County", by Richard N. Helwig and Virginia G. Helwig. Published by The Center for Ghost Town Research in Ohio, Sunbury, Ohio. First Edition, 2004.

(2) 1877 Union County Atlas, A.S. Mowry, CE, Harrison, Sutton & Hare, Philadelphia, PA – The Union County Genealogical Society has reprints to these for sale.

(3) This website, "Ohio Past and Present Locations" also lists towns in Ohio and lists them by counties: www.geocities.com/ohioplaces

(4) Articles that were printed in the Union County Community News on Ghost Towns: Chuckery – Friday, July 14, 2000 and Homer – Friday, March 17, 2000. They are found in the folder of Ghost Towns at the Marysville Public Library. And
        An article from the "The Messenger", Union County Federal Savings & Loan Newsletter, Fall 1983. Frank Greeneisen had an article called "The Ghost Towns of Union County". Copy is found in the file folder, "Ghost Towns."

(5) E-mail dated 1/18/2001 from Lois Barr and her father, Joe Morse who worked in the County Engineer's Office 50 + years.

(6) Other resources I used for this topic were from: Ohio – Towns and Townships to 1900: A Location Guide by Julie Minot Overton. This book is a reference book in our genealogy section of the Marysville Public Library.

(7) Union County Genealogical Society Meeting, August 16, 2005. These towns were mentioned by members and guests of the society.

(8) If you would like to read more about early Union County History you can go to this site and look for the 1883 Beers Union County History: https://archive.org/details/historyofunionco00dura

Family Heritage Union County, Ohio 1986 – Published by the Union County History Book Committee 1985

Union County Chapter of OGS Website is: www.uccogs.org
The Early Ohio Maps were found on a link from our genealogy website. Our genealogy group meets the 3rd Saturday of the Month at the Marysville Public Library in the basement meeting room "A" at 10 a.m.

Thank you to Union County Engineer's Office for the 2012 Union County Maps.

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