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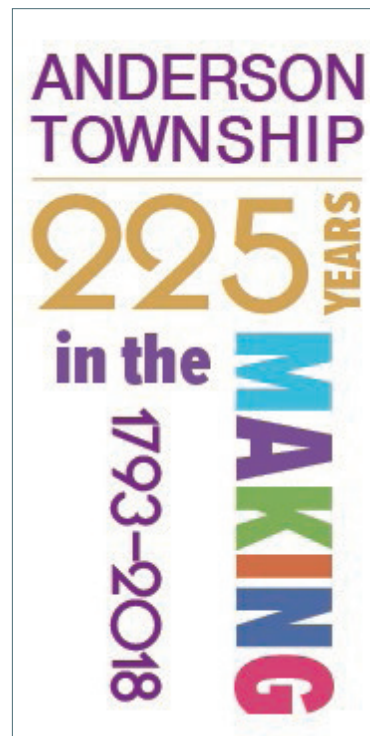
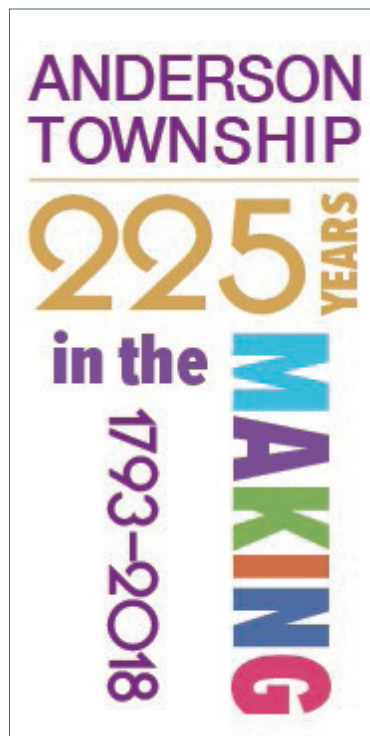
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225 Years in the Making

As part of Anderson Township's 225th Anniversary, also known as a quasibicentennial, the township has rolled out a series of historic banners throughout several locations in Anderson. Interesting photos from Anderson Township's past are displayed on over 100 of these colorful banners, which include the approximate year the photo was taken and a brief description of what the photo is. More in depth descriptions of each banner and photo can be found throughout this Banner Guide. Below are some of the banners which illustrate the theme of Anderson Township's quasibicentennial: 225 Years in the Making!



225 Banner Locations

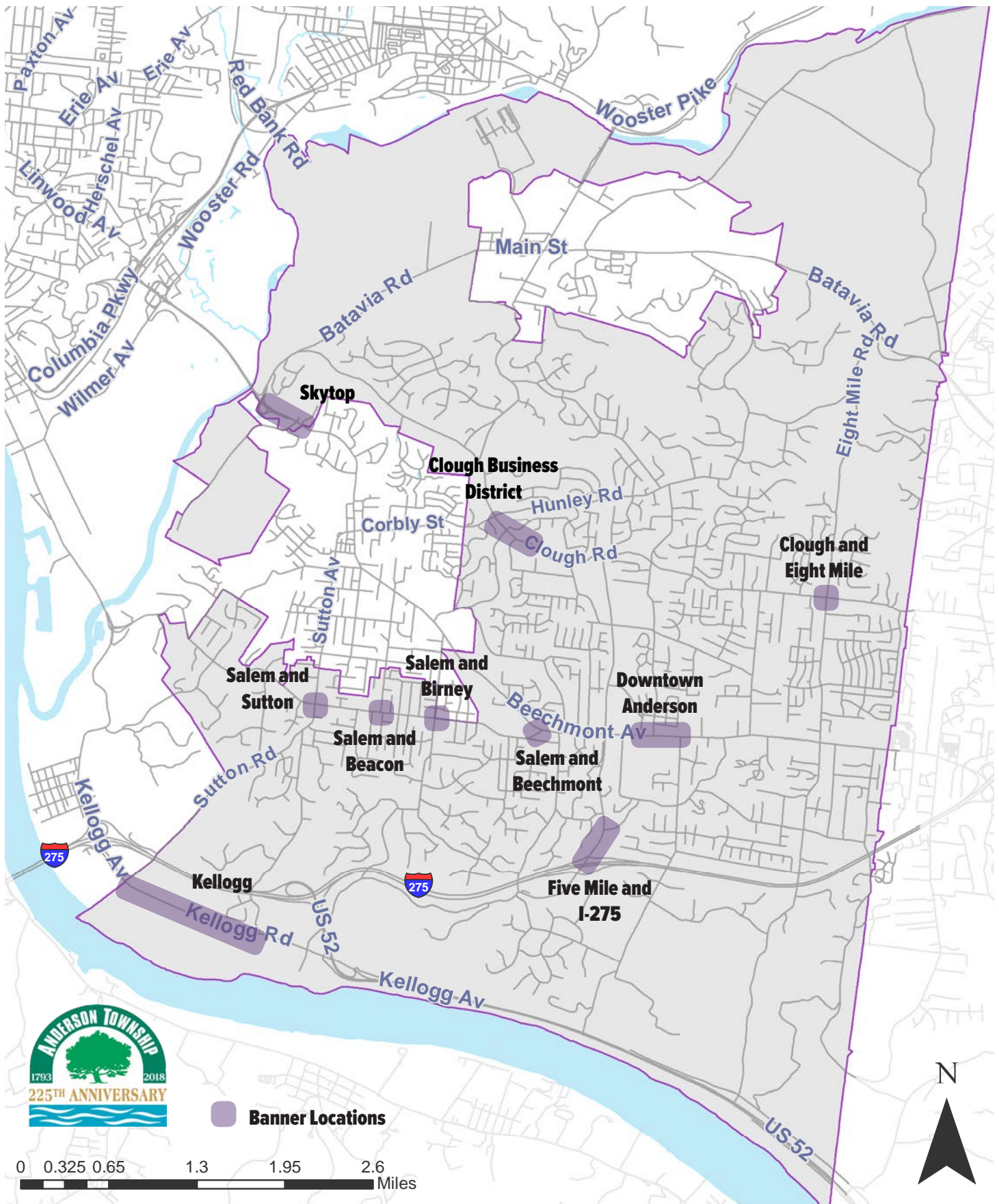


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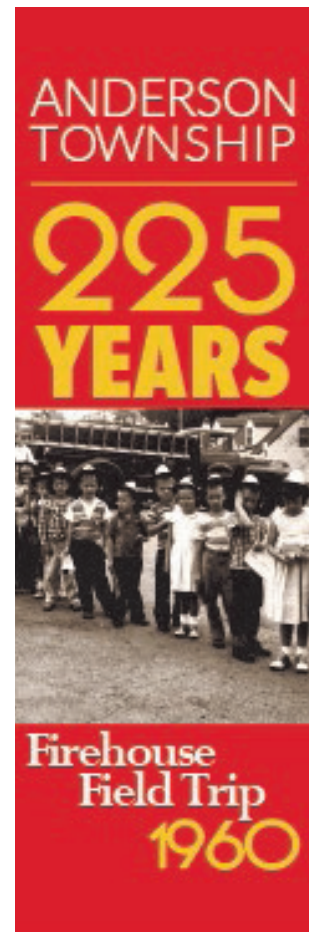
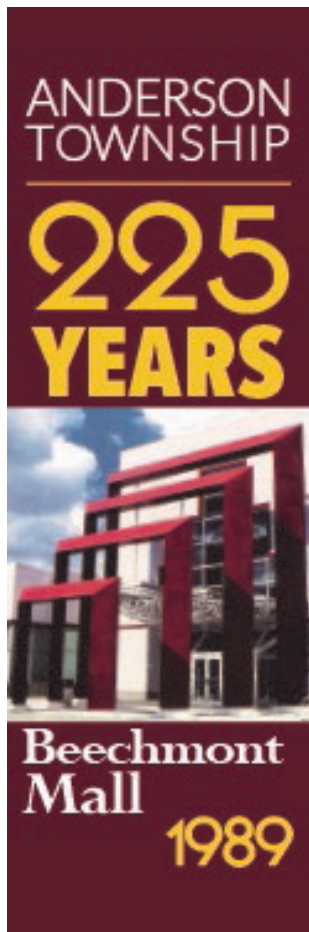
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Downtown Anderson

Anderson Township School

Orchestra- Music students pose for a formal orchestra photo in 1931 at the front of the Anderson Township School. This photo was featured in *The Andersonian*, the first yearbook.

Beechmont Frisch's Big Boy-

The Cincinnati-based Frisch's restaurant on Beechmont was a hot spot for socializing during the 1960s era.

Beechmont Mall-

One of the first enclosed malls in Cincinnati, Beechmont Mall during its heyday hosted some 50 stores, mostly attracting shoppers in the Anderson area. The mall took on many anchors and lives during its years. Today, the site is the Anderson Towne Center owned by Georgia-based Victory Real Estate Investments.

Firehouse Field Trip-

Appropriate fire gear apparently was needed when these youngsters took a tour of a township fire house in 1960.

ANDERSON TOWNSHIP


225 YEARS



Joab Hopper Family
1895

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Ebersole Family
1875

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Harry Dunn Store
1923

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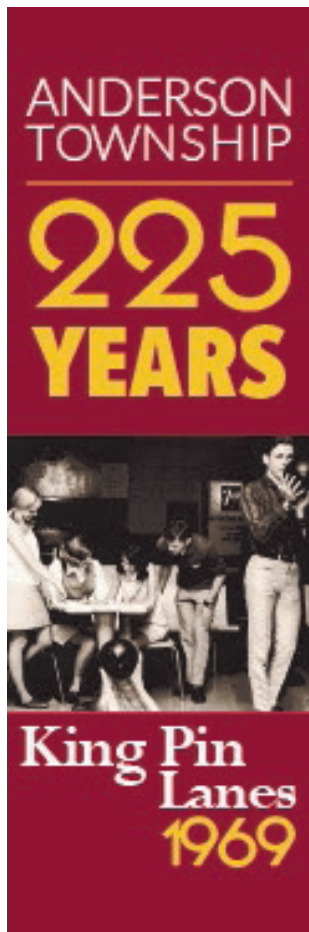
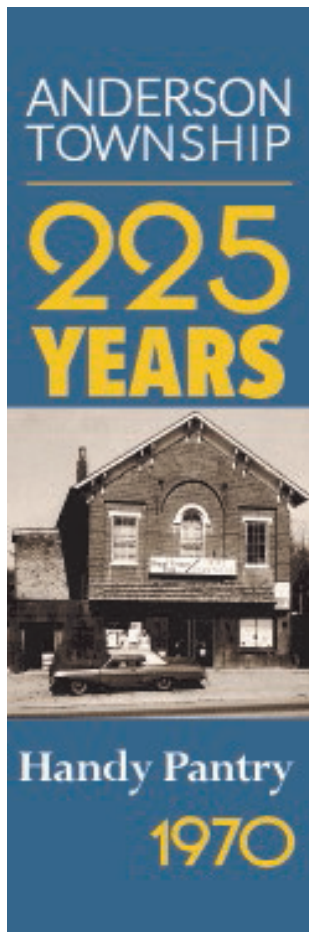
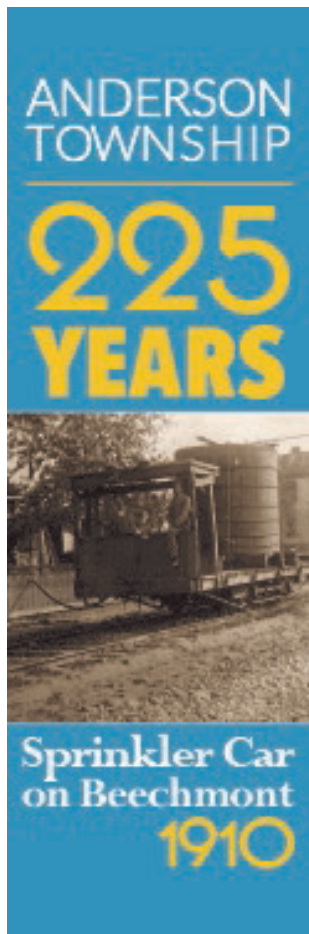
Asbury School
1891

Joab Hopper Family- Joab and Eunice Hopper and their family stand in front of their new house in 1895, which was located at today's Beechmont Avenue and Wolfangel Road.

Ebersole Family- Three members of the Ebersole family pose for a family portrait in 1875. The boy is Stanley Ebersole (1860-1944) and his sister Martha (1857-1939) with their aunt Mary Ebersole (1803-1891).

Harry Dunn Store- Harry Dunn's grocery store was famous throughout the area for its homemade ice cream. Dunn (1884-1973) took over a grocery store on the north side of Beechmont Avenue near Wolfangel Road in 1915. Photo from 1923.

Asbury School- Teacher Martin Wheatley and his pupils line up for a photo, along with a drummer and a flag, at the Asbury District School which was built in 1891 at the corner of Asbury Road and Woodruff Road.



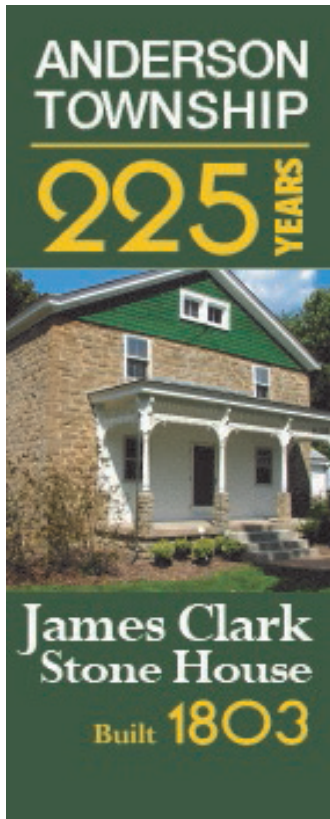
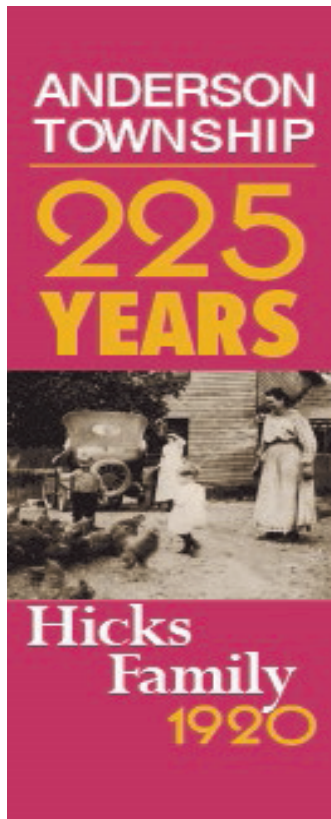
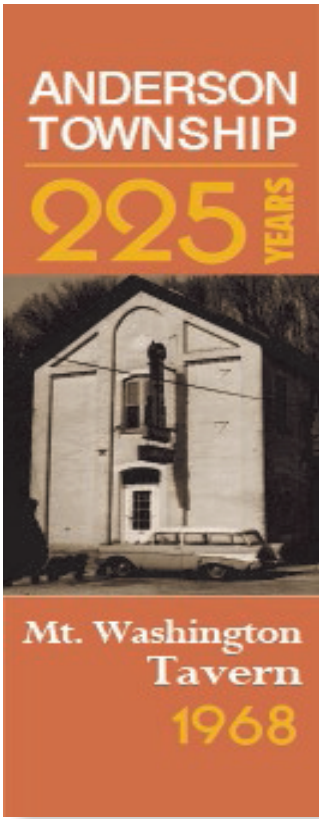
Sprinkler Car on Beechmont-

Water was delivered by tanker and the sprinkler car of the electric Suburban Line of the IR&T during dry summer months to local residents along Beechmont Avenue. Dust was sprayed away along the tracks by the car's sprinkler. Photo about 1910.

Ayer Motor Car Co.- One of the earliest, and perhaps the first, car dealer in the township was Ayer Motor Car Company, located at the corner of Beechmont Avenue and Wolfangel Road. The company handled Fordson tractors, plus Ford cars and trucks.

Handy Pantry- The Handy Pantry store occupied the former Fruit Hill District 13 School on Beechmont, across from the intersection from Salem, for more than two decades from the 1950s to 1970s.

King Pin Lanes- A visit to the King Pin Bowling Lanes at 7735 Beechmont Ave. was a popular recreational event during the 1960s-1970s.

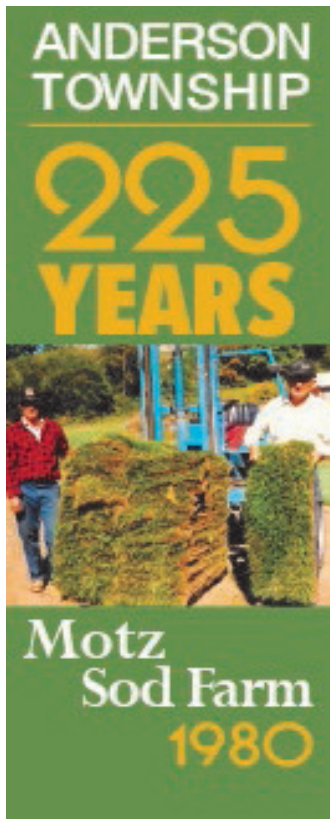
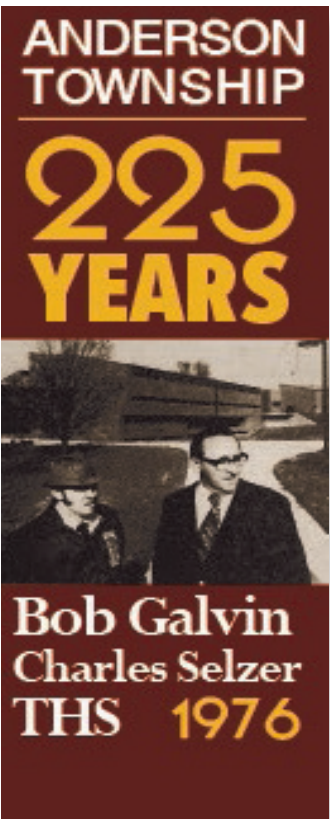
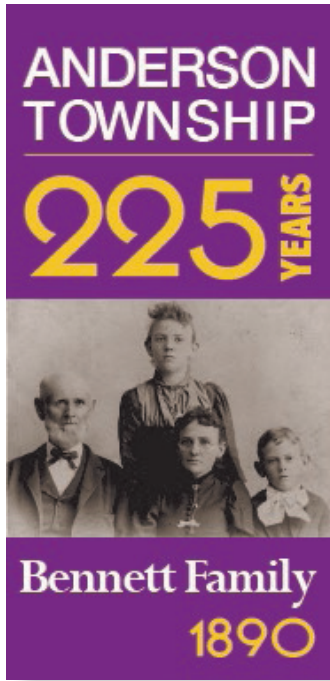
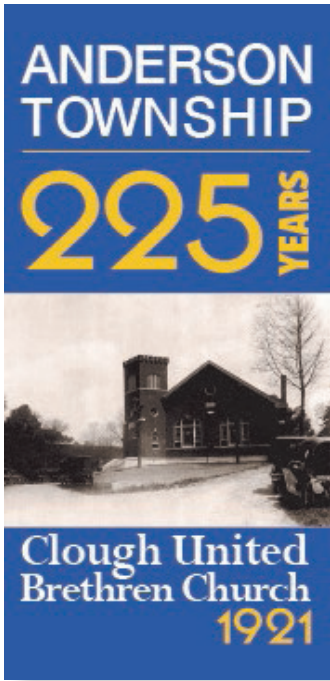


Clough Business District

Mt. Washington Tavern- Built in 1874, the Anderson Township District 7 School, or Clough School, served students from the Clough Valley. After the school closed in 1929, the building took on other lives. The Mt. Washington Tavern opened there in 1943 and operated for more than 40 years. Today it is the home of Clough Crossings Restaurant.

Hicks Farm- Anna Heis Motzer Hicks and her son Louis Motzer lived on a farm on Clough Pike across from today's Bartels Road. This photo from about 1920 shows a flock of chickens in the farm yard.

James Clark Stone House- Built about 1801, the James Clark Stone House is one of the oldest standing stone houses in Ohio. It is owned by Anderson Township and receives an Ohio Historical Marker in a dedication planned for September 2018.



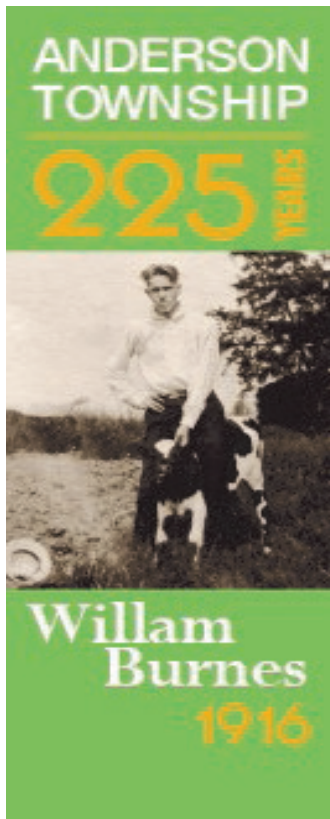
Clough United Brethren

Church- This photo dates to May 1921 when the new church building in the triangle between Clough Pike and State Road was dedicated. In 1920 a fire had consumed an earlier building erected in 1886.

Bennett Family- This studio portrait from about 1890 shows Dr. John Bennett, his wife Harriet and their daughter Elvah and son Lester. The Bennett family moved to Anderson Township in the mid-1880s and the family lived on Beechmont Avenue for many decades.

Turpin High School- As Anderson Township grew in the later part of the 1900s, a need for a second high school resulted in the building of Turpin High School. Bob Galvin and Charles Selzer are shown in a 1976 dedication photo.

Motz Sod Farm- The family-owned Motz Turf Farm has been in business for some 50 years at its Clough Pike location.

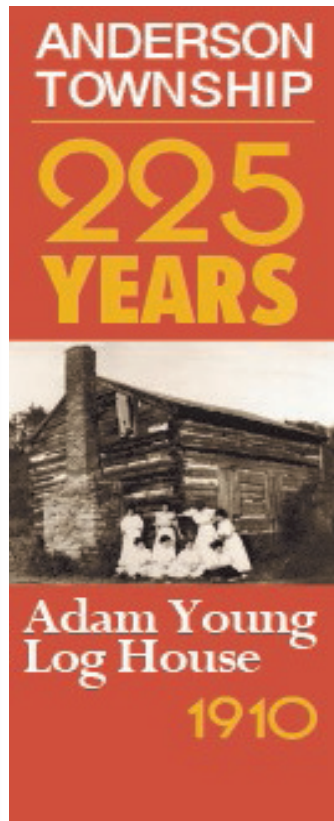
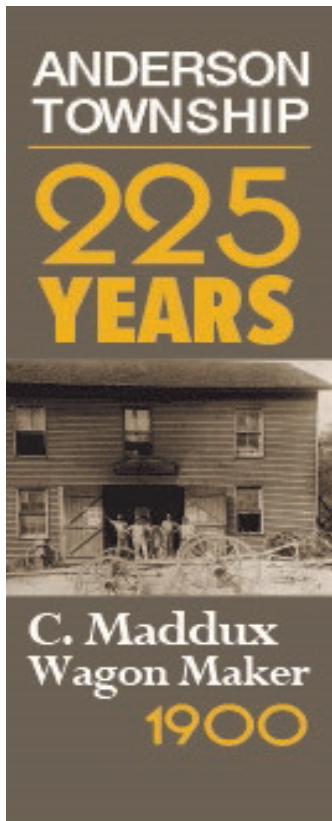


William Burnes and Farm Calf- Rounding up a frisky calf, Williams Burnes was not smiling in this photo taken in about 1916 at the family farm on Birney Lane near Bennett Road.

Thelma Widman & Friends - Labor Day- A group of friends enjoy the holiday in 1922 at Clough Creek. Thelma Widman recorded the events, including this picnic, in her journal.



Richard Clough Anderson- Richard Clough Anderson (1750-1826) fought in the Revolutionary War from 1776 to 1783. After the war he was appointed the Surveyor General for the western land given to Virginia to be distributed to the Virginia veterans. Anderson Township was a part of this land called the Virginia Military District. Anderson moved to Louisville, Kentucky, in 1784 and directed the numerous surveyors who worked for him from there. Both Anderson Township and Clough Creek are named for him

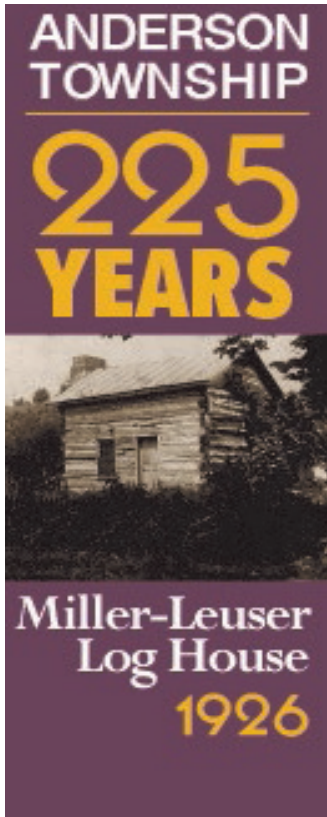


Maddux-Weil Shop- The Maddux and Weil Wagon and Blacksmith Shop on Clough Pike near Berkshire Road is seen in the photo from about about 1910.

Adam Young Log House- This early log house once stood on Clough Pike, near today's Goldengate Road. Photo from about 1900.

Little Dry Run School- In 1826, Anderson Township public school students were organized into 12 districts. The District 9 Little Dry Run School, built in 1878, was located at the intersection of Little Dry Run and Bridle Road. The District 9 School was closed in the early 1900s because of a shortage of pupils living nearby. Photo about 1903.



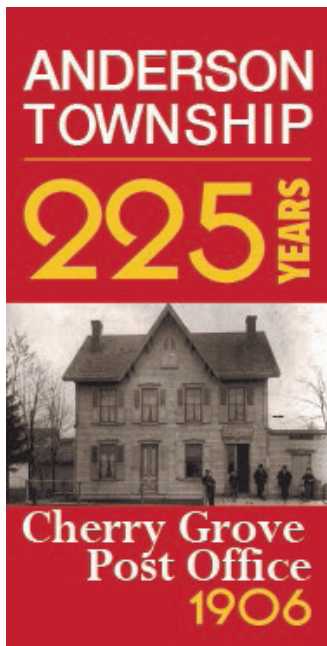
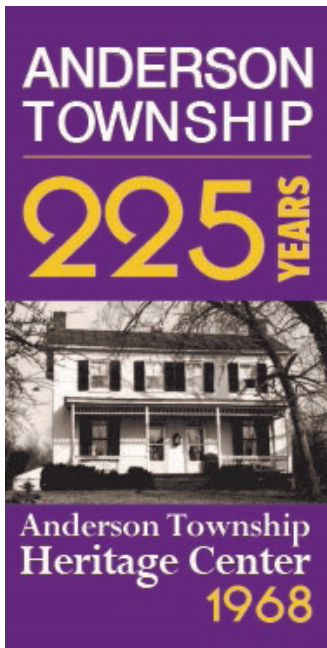


Miller-Leuser Log House-

This early log home stands on its original site along Clough Creek. In 1796 surveyor Ichabod Benton Miller purchased 440 acres north of Clough Creek. His diary suggests that he and his wife Sarah Mercer had already built the log house there in 1795. Today the house, buildings and grounds around it are owned and maintained by the Anderson Township Historical Society.



L. Leuser Lard Rendering- An important part of butchering farm pigs in the fall involved rendering the lard from the animals. Lawrence Leuser, who lived in the log house on Clough Pike near Bartels Road, is shown in this photo taken in 1926.

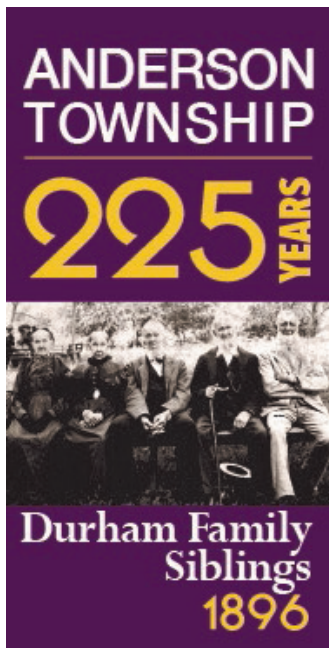
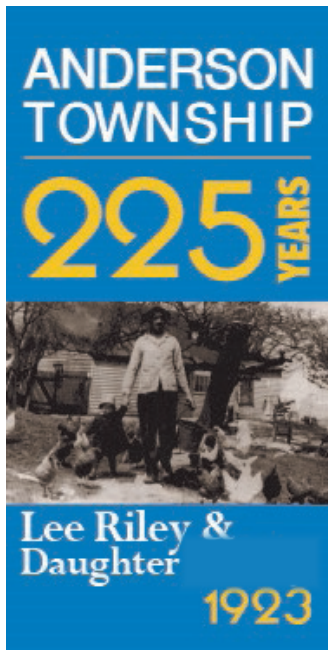
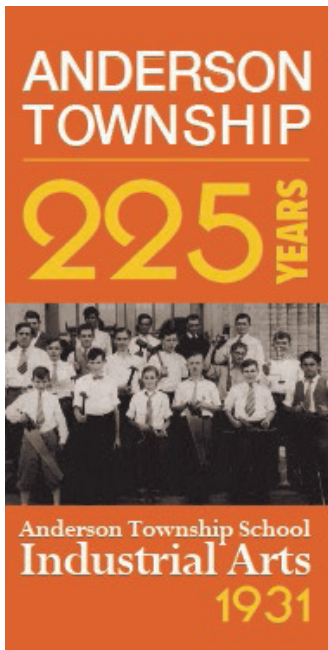


Clough Pike and Eight Mile Road

Anderson Township Heritage

Center- Restored for use as a public venue during a Bicentennial Anniversary project in 1993, the Anderson Township Heritage Center once served local farm families as a homestead. Originally known as the Bellville-Markley House, the Heritage Center's origins date back to 1812, when James Bellville and his family bought 100 acres and then built a one-room structure.

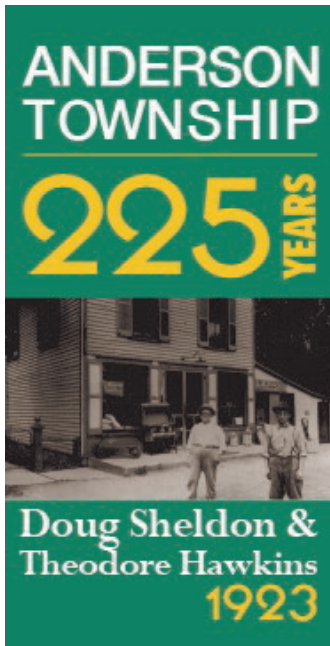
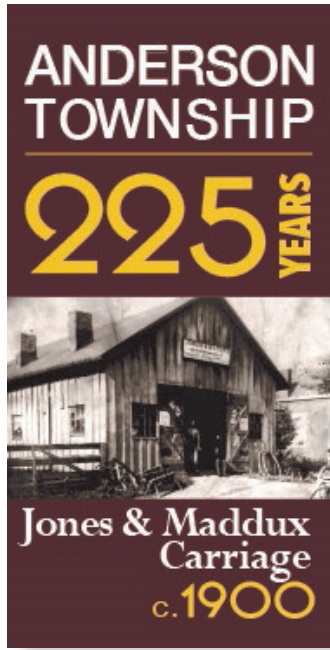
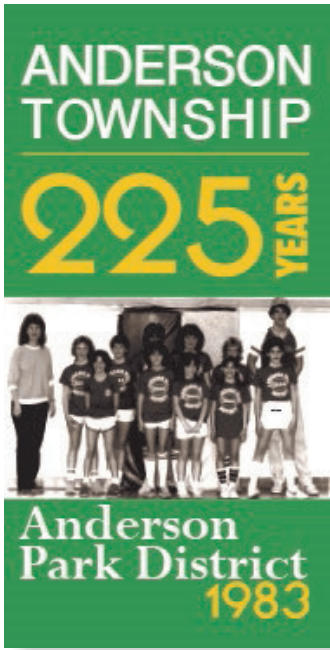
Cherry Grove Post Office- The Cherry Grove Post Office operated in a grocery store once located at today's Beechmont Avenue and Eight Mile Road for more than 30 years. Photo 1906.



Industrial Arts at Anderson Township School- This photo was taken in about 1931 at the entrance of the central Anderson Township School that opened in the fall of 1929 at the corner of Beechmont Avenue and Forest Road. Teacher M. Jay Ellis and his students posed with their industrial arts tools.

Lee Riley & Daughter Feeding Chickens- The Riley family had a farm near Kellogg. This photo from about 1923 shows Lee Riley and his daughter feeding their flock of chickens.

Durham Siblings- The Durham family hosted a picnic in 1896 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the arrival of the Joshua Durham family at the lower Little Miami Valley. Pictured are five children of Aquilla and Harriet Durham, all born in a log cabin along what is now Little Dry Run Road.



Anderson Township Park

District- Since 1975, Anderson Park District has grown to eight parks and more than 500 acres of parkland. Youth basketball leagues are one of the many recreational offerings by the park district.

Jones and Maddux Carriages

& Wagons- Owners William Ayer Maddux and his father-in-law John W. Jones operated this successful shop on Beechmont Avenue west of Eight Mile. The blacksmith shop produced and maintained the carriages, wagons, plows, and tools needed by the farming community of Anderson from 1872 to 1920.

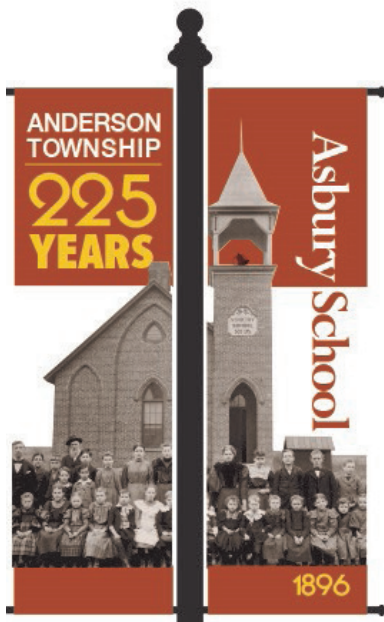
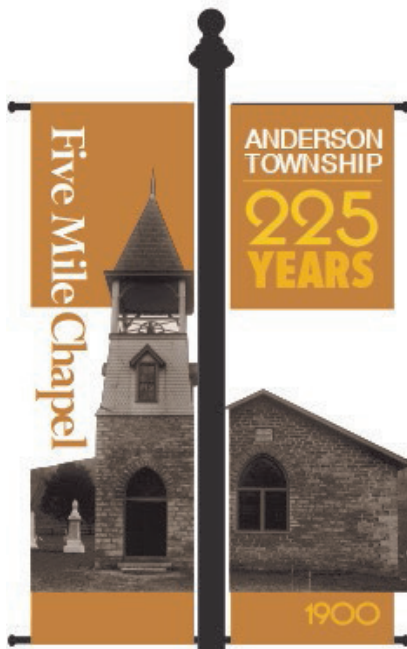
Sheldon Hardware- In the early 1900s the Sheldon Hardware store was on south side of Beechmont in Forestville, today's Festival Market area. Douglas Sheldon sold the store in 1927 to the Forestville Fuel and Supply Company that continued in business for some 40 years. Photo from 1923.

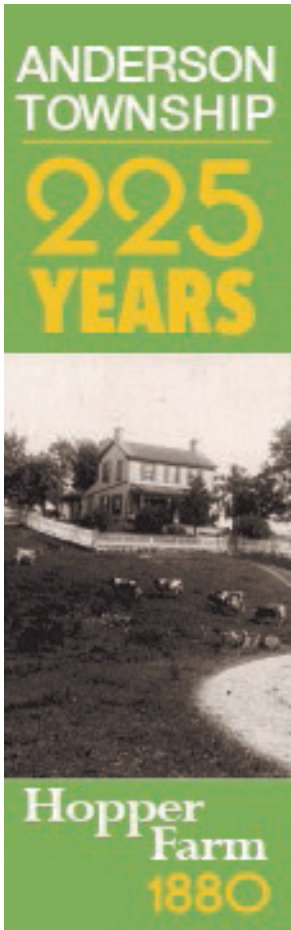
Five Mile Road and Old Five Mile Road

Five Mile Chapel- This historic Church of the United Brethren in Christ building was erected in 1844. Today it is owned and maintained by the non-profit Five Mile Chapel Society. The church and cemetery were entered in the National Register of Historic Places in 1978. Photo about 1900.

Forestville Baseball Team- In early 1900s, local baseball leagues were a popular sport for the men of the township. Photo from 1909.

Asbury School- Benjamin Fiscus and his pupils are pictured in about 1896 posed in front of Asbury School. The district school closed in 1929 when the Anderson district schools were consolidated into one central school building on Beechmont. The Asbury School building burned down in the late 1930s.





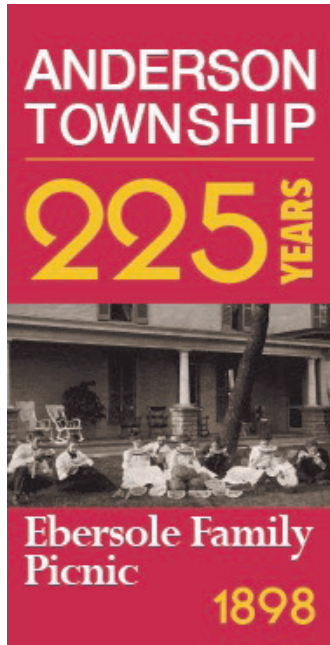
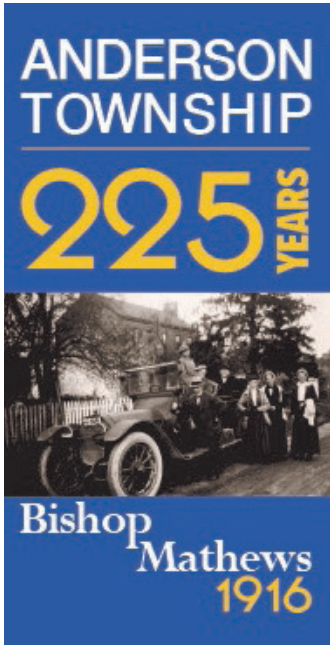
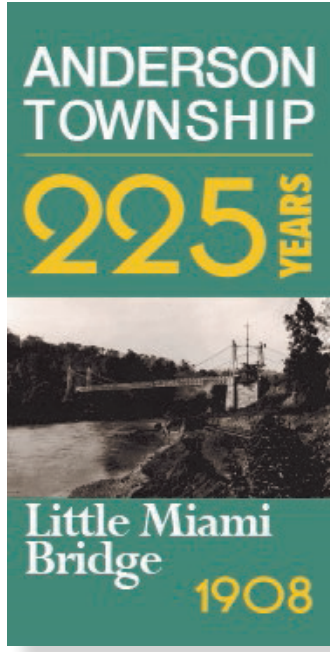
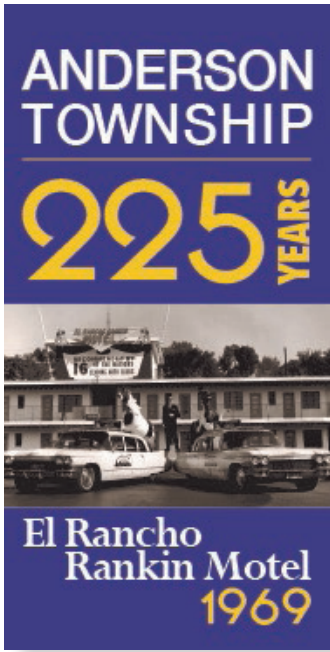
Five Mile Road at I-275

Beechmont Avenue- Tracks of the electric Suburban Division of the Interurban Railway & Terminal Company (IR&T) ran along Ohio Pike (today's Beechmont Avenue) in this c. 1910 photo.

Hopper Farm- Aaron Hopper called his prosperous farm on Markley Road Fruit Hill. The local post office took the name Fruit Hill and even today this area of Anderson Township is called Fruit Hill. Photo about 1880.

Jean Mergler- Jean Mergler (1883-1981) of Mt. Washington wore a beautiful hat in this formal portrait taken in the early 1900s.





Skytop Business District

El Rancho Rankin Motel- Rankin Harrison purchased some land on Beechmont Avenue near Lunken Airport and built a 104+ room motel complex that sported a Mexican motif, coin-operated Westinghouse television sets and a fleet of Cadillacs used to transport out-of-town airport guests. Harrison and his Cadillacs were a familiar sight at parades in Mt. Washington. The complex was closed in 1996.


Little Miami River Bridge- Spanning the Little Miami River between Cincinnati and Anderson Township, this 353-foot-long suspension bridge was built by Hamilton County in 1876. Photo about 1908.

Ebersole Family Picnic- A picnic on the front lawn evokes happy summer memories in this photo of the Ebersole family at home in a photo dated about 1898.

Bishop George Mathews- Anderson Township native Bishop George Mathews returned to his boyhood home with his family for a visit in 1916. The party posed for a photo near today's 7024 Salem Road.

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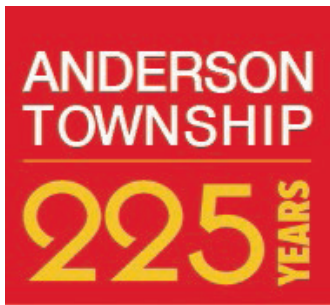
Doug Sheldon
4th of July
1916

Garard/Martin Station- This Ohio Historical Marker recognizes the site of the first fortified settlement in Anderson Township and one of the first in the Virginia Military District. John Garard and Joseph Martin were the founders of this station, who, along with others, came by two flatboats with families and livestock from Garards Fort, Pennsylvania, via the Ohio and Little Miami rivers. They landed here on December 23, 1790.

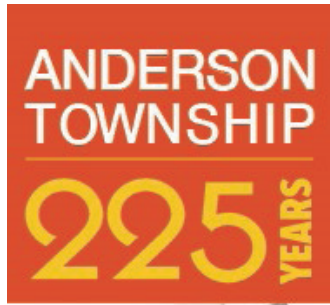
Heitel Store- There was a general store built at the corner of Beechmont Avenue and Birney Lane in 1848. This photo shows the Heitel family who bought the store in 1903.

Asbury School- The Asbury District 15 School was built in 1891 at what is the northeast corner of Asbury and Woodruff Roads.

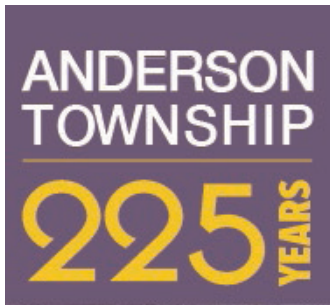
Doug Sheldon on 4th of July- His festively decorated International Harvester truck set the stage for the July 4th holiday for merchant Doug Sheldon and his friends.



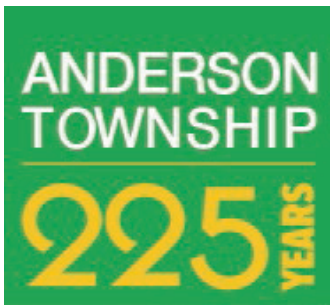
Salem Fire House
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Davis Fruit Market
1925



Fruit Hill District 13
1916



P. & J. Fruit Market
1971

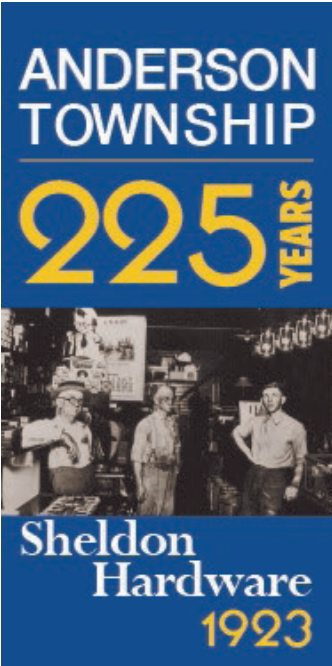
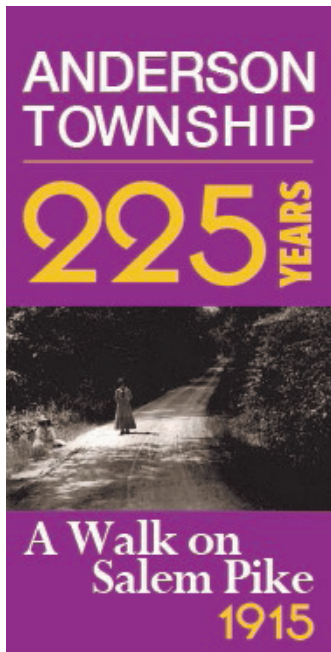
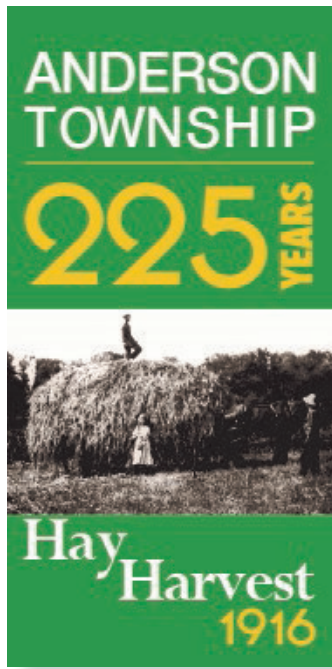
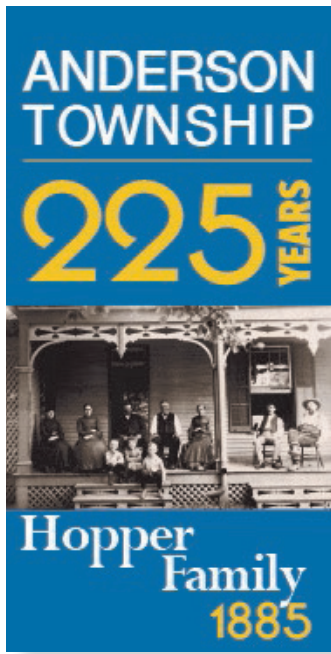
P. & J. Fruit Market- Father and son “Pete” and Jim Wolfangel began operating a roadside market on Beechmont near Salem in 1945. This 1971 photo shows their remodeled market building completed in 1967.

Salem and Beechmont

Salem Fire House- The Salem Fire House was dedicated in 1942, the same year in which the Anderson Township Fire Department bought its first fire engine.

Davis Fruit Market- Clem Davis and his son Mont Davis operated this market on Beechmont near Salem in the 1920s. Much of the produce came from Mont Davis’s farm on Markley Road.

Fruit Hill District 13- The Fruit Hill District 13 School was built about 1870 on the north side of Beechmont, across from the intersection with Salem Pike. After Anderson Township opened one central school in 1929, the building was used for commercial purposes until it was razed in the 1970s.



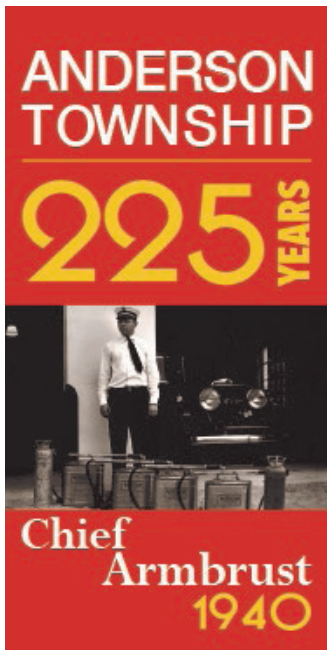
Salem and Birney

Hopper Family- The Aaron Hopper family was photographed in about 1885 relaxing on the porch of their farm house on today's Markley Road.

Hay Harvest- A good harvest was an important event for farming families. Taken in 1916, this photo shows a full wagon of hay that was being moved off to storage at the Collord family farm near Barg Avenue.

A Walk on Salem Pike- A photo taken in about 1915 by Anderson resident Mary Shinn shows the lush Salem Pike area. According to local legend, this section of Salem Pike was once known as Lovers' Lane.

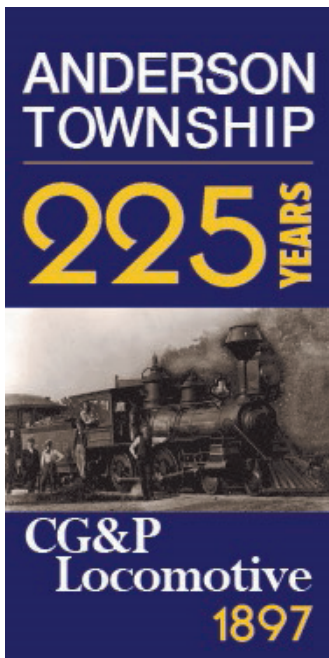
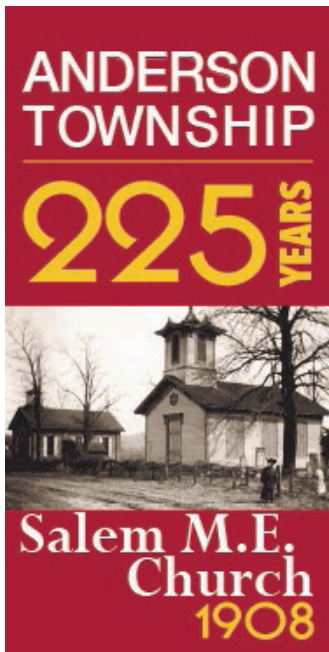
Sheldon Hardware- Merchant Douglas Sheldon sold a variety of wares in his Forestville hardware store, including paint, lanterns, teapots and cement. The store was located at what would be 7721 Beechmont today.



Salem and Beacon

Chief Armbrust- Chief Clarence Armbrust was the first chief of the township's fledgling fire department and was one of seven original members who formed the fire department in 1940. After the fire house was built, he was appointed Chief in 1942.

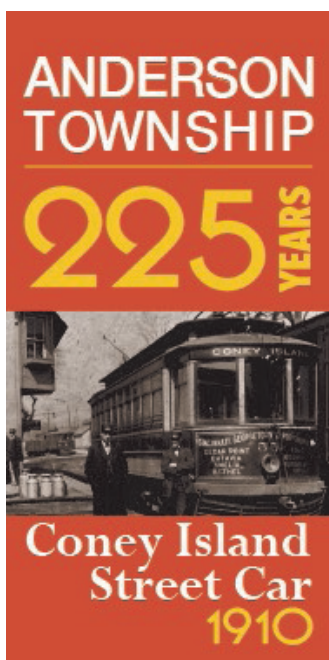
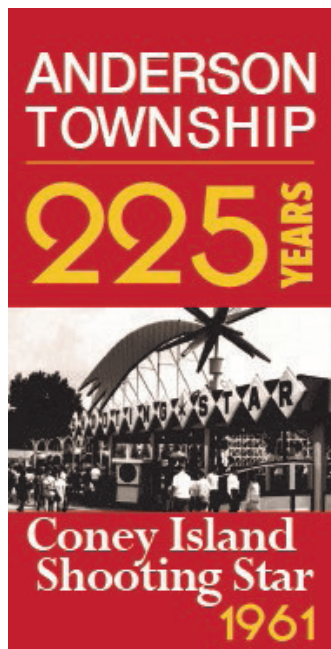
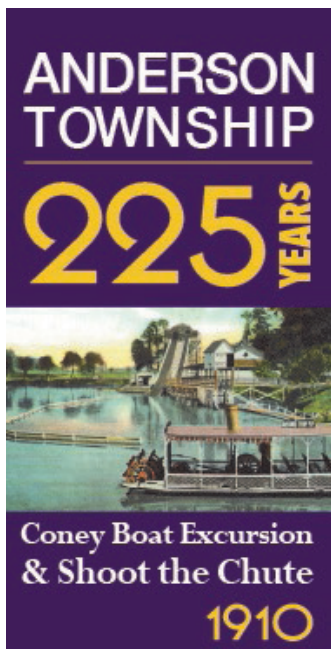
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Salem and Sutton

Salem M.E. Church- Mary Shinn, a descendent of the Rev. Francis McCormick, took this picture of her church in about 1908. The two buildings are still in use today.

CG & P Locomotive- The Cincinnati, Georgetown and Portsmouth Railroad locomotive made its first run in 1877 from Carrel Street station in Cincinnati's East End through Mount Washington and Anderson Township and then out to Mount Carmel. Photo from 1897.

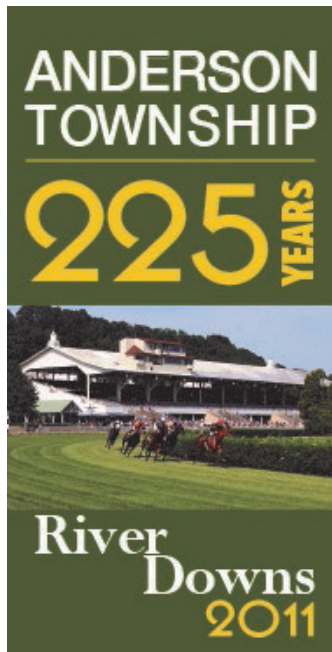
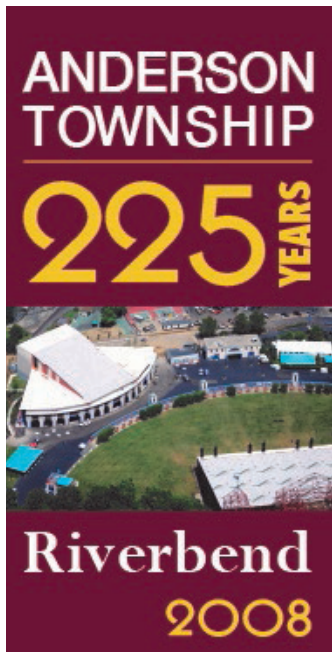


Kellogg Avenue

Coney Boat Excursions and Shoot the Chutes- This Coney Island postcard from about 1910 shows the popular Shoot the Chutes ride on Lake Como. The ride was first installed in 1895 and then enlarged and rebuilt several times until it was removed in 1922. Scenic Lake Como, created in 1893, remains today.

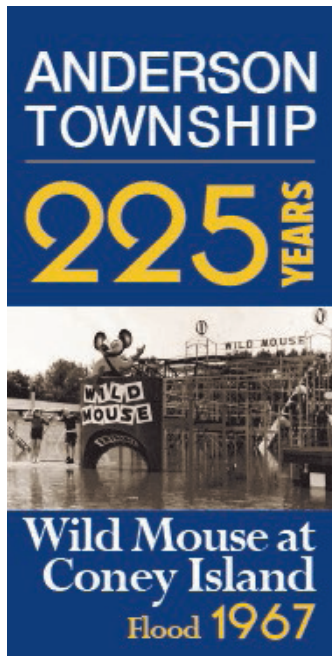
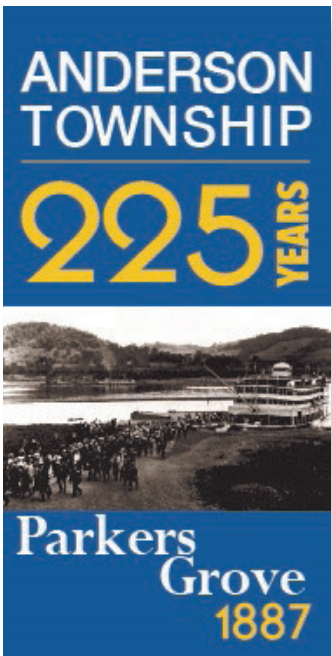
Coney Island Shooting Star- The Shooting Star roller coaster operated from 1947 to the closing day of Old Coney in September 1971. It was a high-speed wooden sit-down roller coaster.

Coney Island Street Car- This photo from about 1910 shows Cincinnati, Georgetown and Portsmouth Railway car #55 at the Carrel Street Station in the East End. In 1925 there were 16 daily runs on the C. G. & P. main line through Anderson and 16 runs on a branch line to Coney Island.



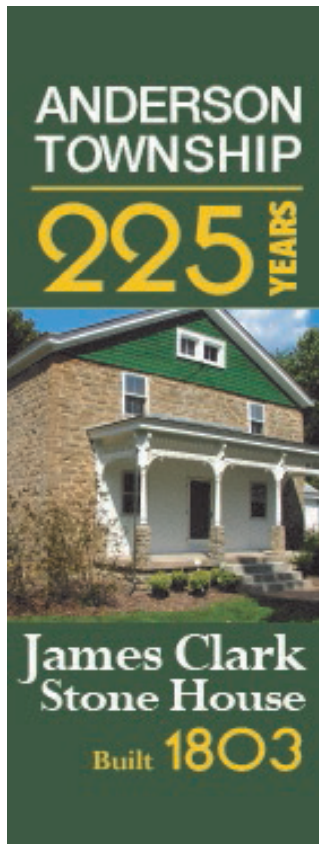
Riverbend- Opened in 1984, outdoor amphitheater of the Riverbend Music Theater sits on the banks of the Ohio River.

River Downs- River Downs opened in 1925 and became known as one of the most picturesque race courses in America. It was purchased in 2011 by Pinnacle Entertainment, and is now Belterra Park.



Parkers Grove- Coney Island 1925 - Coney Island had its start in the 1870s as Parker's Grove, a delightful picnic area. On June 21, 1886 it opened with great fanfare as "The New Coney Island of the West." One of the most popular ways for visitors to reach Coney was to take a steamboat from downtown Cincinnati. The photo from about 1925 shows a crowd arriving on the Island Queen and heading up the walkway from the Ohio River to the park.

Wild Mouse- A flood in 1967 at Coney Island surrounds the Wild Mouse roller coaster, which was removed in about 1969. Water levels reached up to 59 feet.



Anderson Center

James Clark Stone House-

Built about 1803, the James Clark Stone House is one of the oldest standing stone houses in Ohio. It is owned by Anderson Township and serves as the site for the Greenfield Plant Farm. This unique structure receives an Ohio Historical Marker in a dedication planned for September 2018.

Anderson Township Heritage

Center- Restored for use as a public venue during a Bicentennial Anniversary project in 1993, the Anderson Township Heritage Center once served local farm families as a homestead. Originally known as the Bellville-Markley House and set at the corner of Eight Mile and Forest roads, the Heritage Center's origins date back to 1812 when James Belvel (later spelled Bellville) bought 100 acres and built the core of the house in the 1820s. Today the building is owned and maintained by Anderson Township.

