

Clough Pike

Ichabod Benton Miller (1764- 1839), a surveyor from New Jersey, headed west in 1789. In 1792, he married Sarah Mercer and helped her father lay out Mercersburgh (today's Newtown). In April 1796, he purchased 440 acres between the Little Miami River and Clough Creek; his diary suggests that he had already built his log house on this land. Miller served as a justice of the peace in Anderson Township, a county commissioner and state representative in 1803. Today the Miller-Leuser Log House remains on its original site and is owned by the Anderson Township Historical Society.

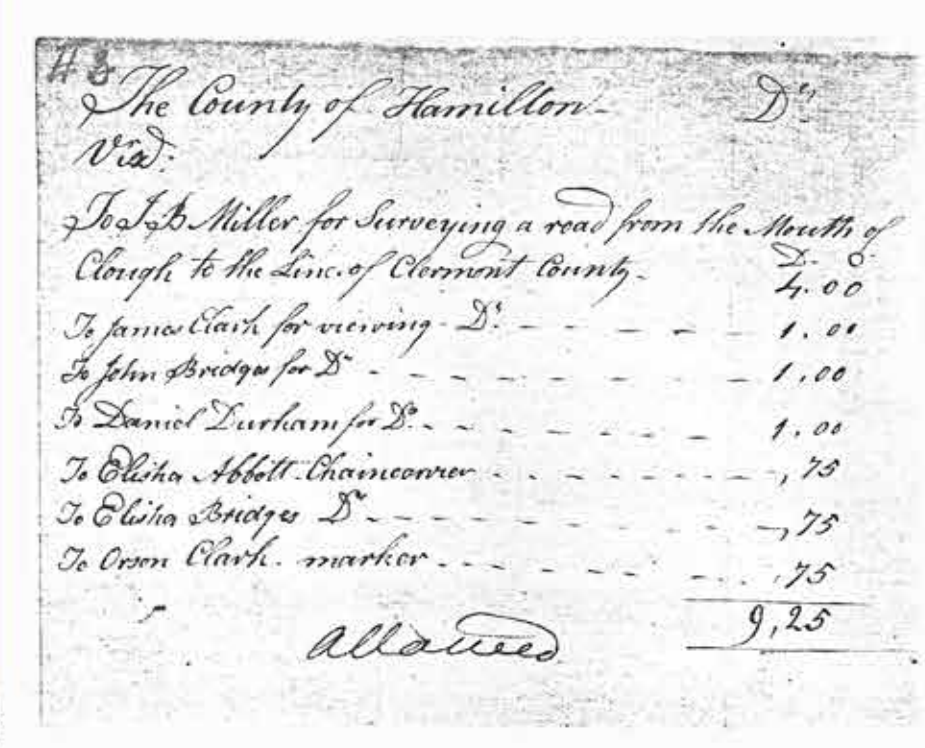
Miller surveyed many roads in this area, including laying out the route from the mouth of Clough Creek to the line of Clermont

County in 1805 that was the forerunner of today's Clough Pike. This east-west route is one of the oldest roads in the township. From about 1830 to 1910, Clough Pike was operated as a turnpike by private corporations until it was taken over by Hamilton County and became a public roadway.

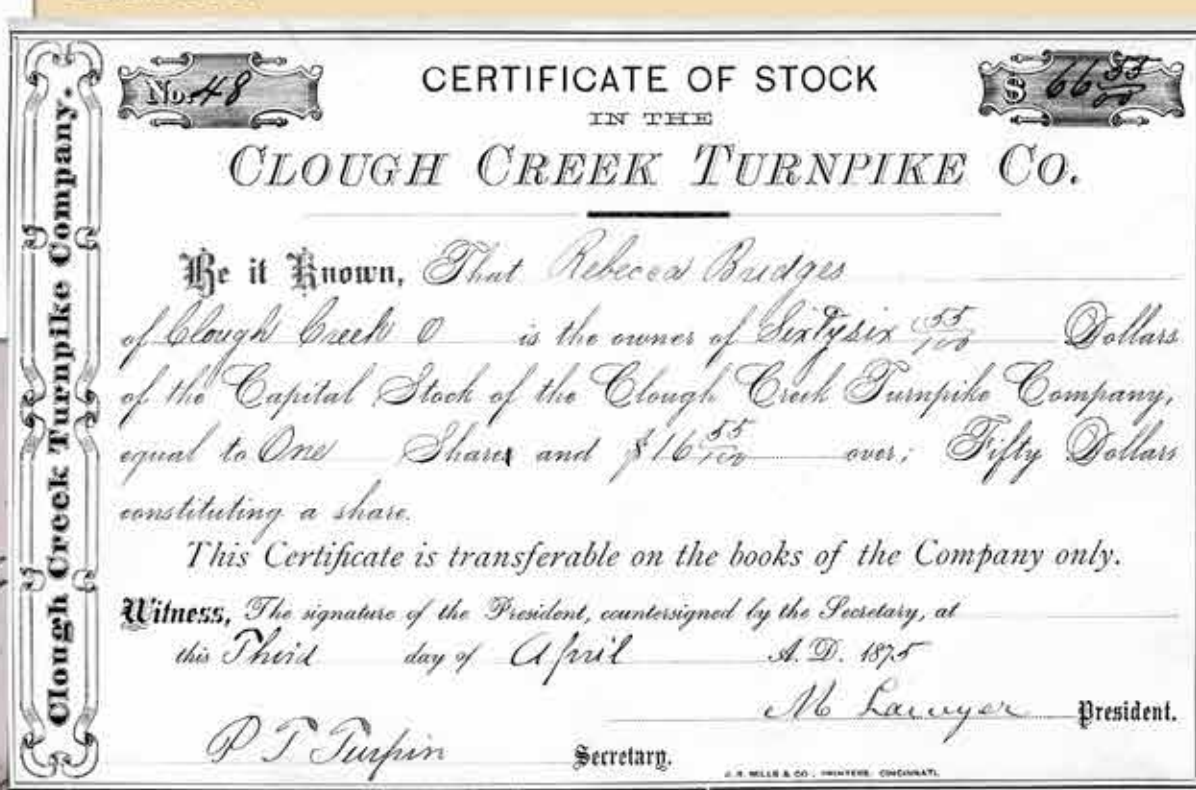
About 1801, James Clark (1765-1852) built his family home along Clough Creek. The large house of dressed stone is one of the oldest stone houses in Ohio. After Clark and his family came to Anderson in 1797, he taught school, ran a distillery, operated a mill and orchard nursery, and served as a justice of the peace, a judge and a state legislator.



Ichabod Benton Miller - surveyor (1764-1839)



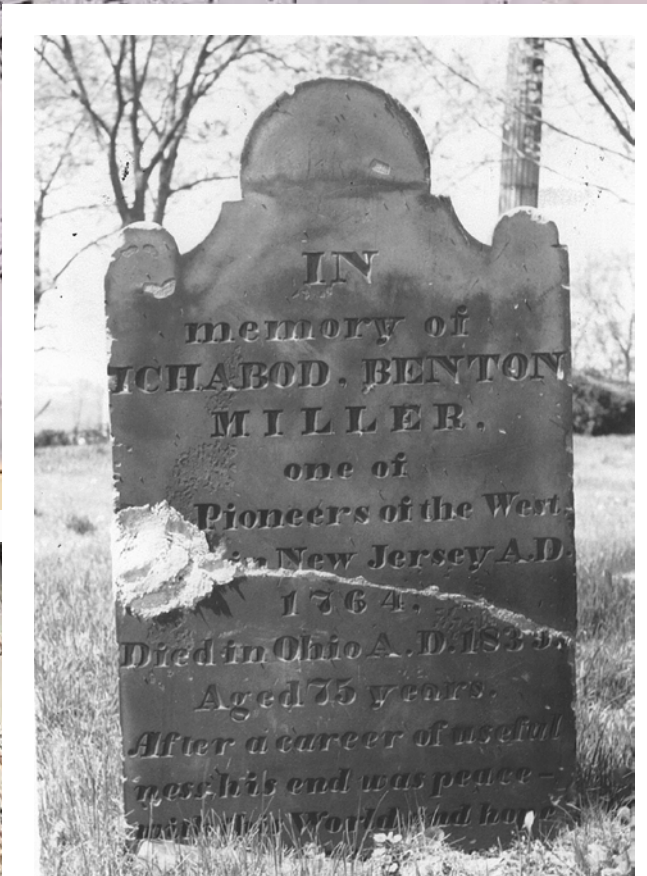
Left - A copy of an invoice Ichabod B. Miller presented to Hamilton County for the surveying of road from the mouth of the Clough Creek to the Clermont County line. Notice the familiar names of his assistants: Clark, Bridges, Durham and Abbott.



Surveying compass and chain - 100 links (66 feet) or 50 links (33 feet)



Surveyor's tools of the 1790s



Gravestone of Ichabod Benton Miller at the Columbia Baptist Church Cemetery on Wilmer Avenue. Photo about 1955.



The Miller-Leuser Log House in 1926. It was built in about 1795 and continuously occupied until the 1960s.



Tabitha Noble, one of the occupants of the Miller-Leuser Log House in photo from about 1865. She and her husband James raised 10 children in the home.



Lawrence Leuser renders lard in his yard at the Miller-Leuser Log House in this 1926 photo.



Pupils at play at the District 9 School at the corner of Little Dry Run and Bridle roads. Photo about 1903.



The Miller-Leuser Log House still on its original site. It is owned by the Anderson Township Historical Society. Photo from 2015. By C. Wallace.



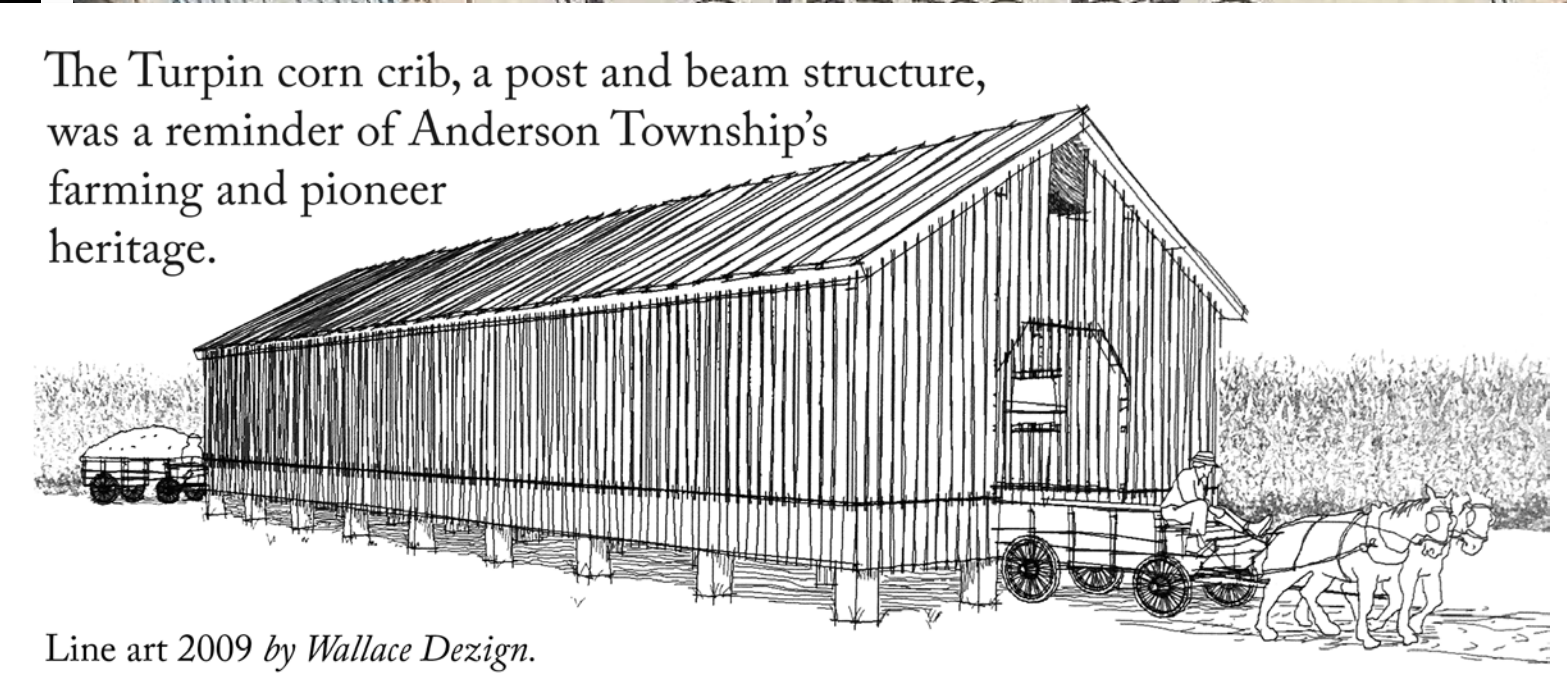
Photo from about 1912 of Matilda Leuser (1866-1941) with her three daughters, daughter-in-law and first grandchild on the steps of the west side of the James Clark Stone House.



The James Clark Stone House in 1971. The impressive dressed stone house was built in about 1801.



Interior of corn crib showing damage.

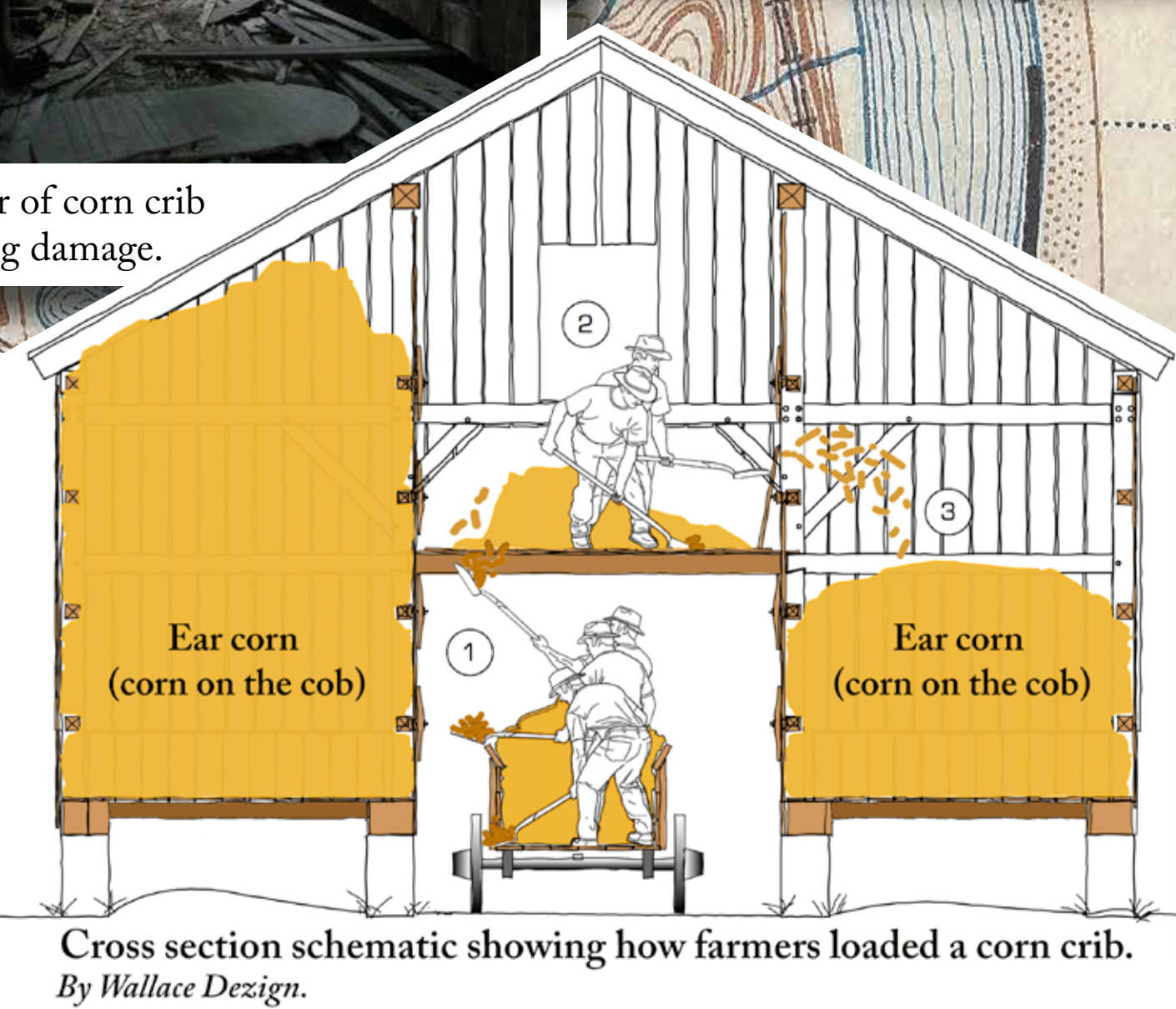


The Turpin corn crib, a post and beam structure, was a reminder of Anderson Township's farming and pioneer heritage.

Line art 2009 by Wallace Design.



This corn crib from the late 1800s was located on the south side of Ohio 32 near the intersection of Clough Pike. It was disassembled in 2008 and a section moved to the Anderson Township History Room in Anderson Center.



Cross section schematic showing how farmers loaded a corn crib. By Wallace Design.



Image of Clough Valley in 1900, looking east. Corby Road on bottom of image. Clough School (now Clough Crossings Restaurant) top left.



In 1920, Anna Heis Motzer (right) and her son Louis lived on Clough Pike, roughly opposite Bartels Road. Chickens wandering around farmyards were a common sight in Anderson Township.



Lawrence Leuser and William Kuntz haul gravel from Clough Creek near Clough Pike and today's Berkshire Road for road repairs around 1915.



Aerial view of the James Clark Stone House and Station 101 on Hunley Road in 1999. By Henry C. Dolive.

Map source: Department of the Interior U.S. Geological Survey Ohio - Kentucky, East Cincinnati Quadrangle Surveyed in 1898 Edition of 1914, reprinted 1936 Polyconic projection, North America datum. Note: Present-day road and place names have been added to the map.

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