

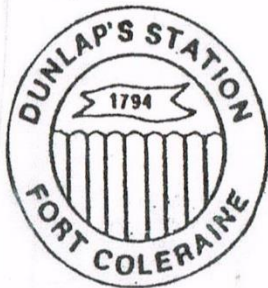
COLERAIN TOWNSHIP

CELEBRATES 225 YEARS AS A TOWNSHIP

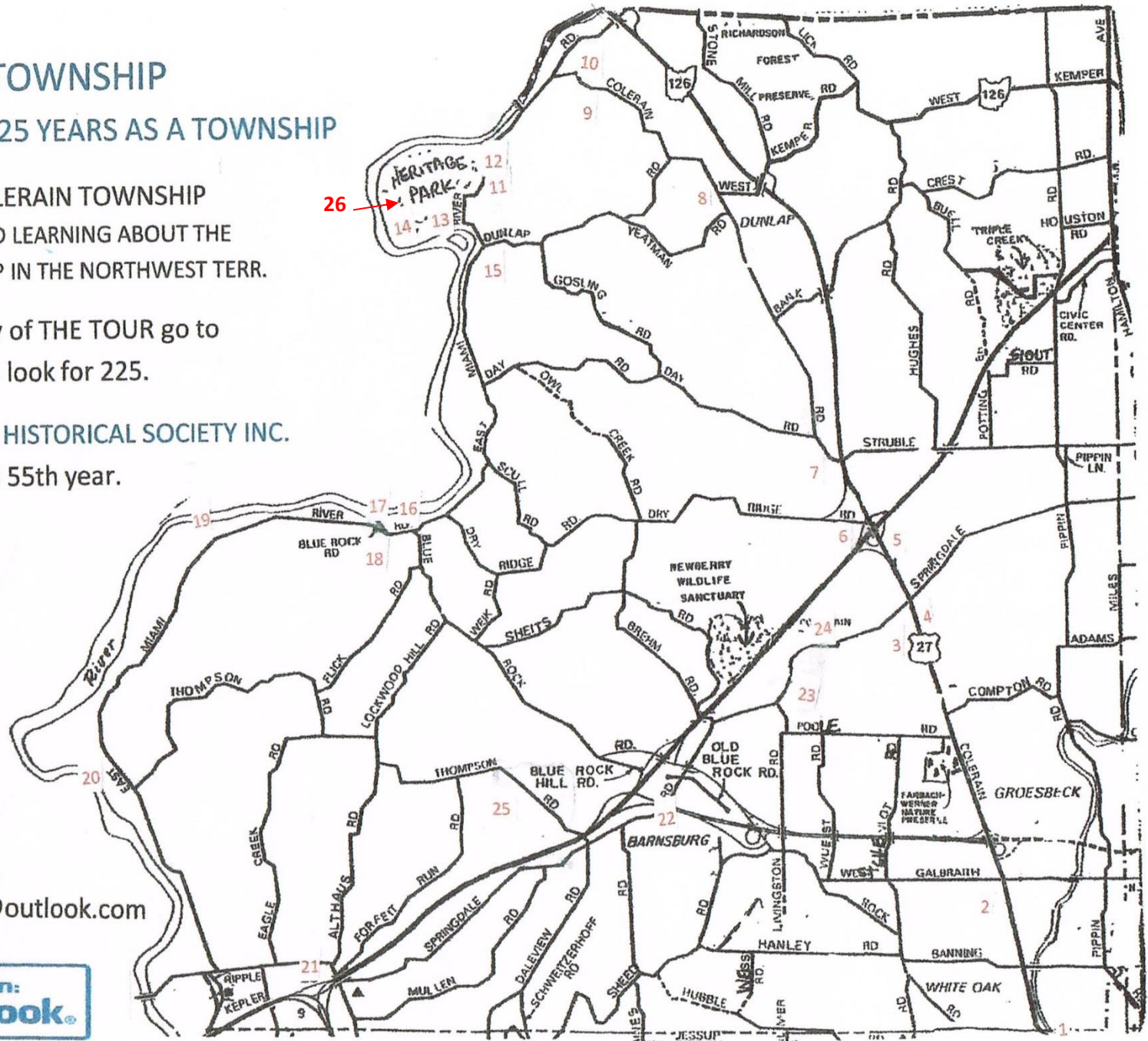
Welcome to COLERAIN TOWNSHIP
ENJOY A TOUR AND LEARNING ABOUT THE
OLDEST TOWNSHIP IN THE NORTHWEST TERR.

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A TOUR OF HISTORICAL AND OTHER SCENES IN COLERAIN TOWNSHIP

As you tour keep in mind that the township is the oldest established (1794) and the largest (about 43 sq. mi.) in the NW Territory. Many places that you see during your tour will have no parking areas and many are on private property. Please respect their privacy. Let's begin by driving north on Colerain Ave. (US27) from the City of Cincinnati and you will enter Colerain Township and observing on your right:

1. The "History Sign." This sign was erected in 2003 for the State of Ohio's Bicentennial celebration.
2. Groesbeck (West Union), Ohio. At Colerain and Galbraith Roads. This was another stop-over on the road to the Cincinnati markets. The Hotels, Taverns and General Stores, with great barns and cattle holding-pens south of Galbraith Road was the center of political, business and social for 100 years.
3. Colerain and Springdale Roads. Gateway Park a Memorial to the Pioneers, Fire and Police Departments and all Military Personnel.
4. Springdale Road was the route of John Hunt Morgan's Raiders from Harrison, Ohio to West Point, Ohio in 1863, a marker is on Springdale Rd near Arby's

5. Bevis, Ohio area, another stop-over area with Toll House, Hotels, Taverns, etc.
6. Bevis Cedar Grove Cemetery. Many early settlers and Rev. War soldiers are buried here. Included are the Bevis and Hardin families.
7. Old Colerain Road. One of the oldest roads in Colerain Township. As a Turn-Pike, a toll road, until 1860's this part of the road has changed very little.
8. Dunlap (Georgetown), Ohio. This town was laid out in 1829. Another stop-over with Toll House, Hotels, Taverns, etc. This was once the intersection of two major highways, US 27 and US 50 Bypass.
9. Watering Trough. On Old Colerain Pike hill (approx. 11900). Built by Giles Richards in 1867, the trough was made from an old road roller.
10. Town of Colerain #2 (Clip Town). This town extended from Toad Creek to the bridge to Venice (now Ross). Records show a flourishing village from 1822 to 1835 with a flour mill, cotton mill, carding mill stores, a dye house, a tavern and saw mill. There was a water powered cotton mill that had 1000 spindle capacity. The carding mill employed 100 people. The last remnants of this town washed away during the 1913 flood.
11. Dunlap's Station (1790) this was the farthest outpost from Fort Washington in Cincinnati. A very important site in Colerain's history.

12. Dunlap's Station's Pioneer (Hedges) Cemetery. Gravesite of many early pioneer families. Includes burials in 1804 and soldiers from Revolutionary War, Civil War, War of 1812, and Mexican War.
13. Heritage Park (Site of the Town of Coleraine #1, (1792) and Blue Rock Toll House Museum. Find the map (on the side of the port-o-let bldg.) showing some historical places in the area.
26. Flood Marker Pole. Heritage Park.
14. Ancient Earthworks. In the same area as Dunlap's Station, the Pioneer Cemetery and Heritage Park there was, many years ago, an Earthworks or 12foot high protective wall surrounding 100 acres of land. This is a very interesting area as the Great Miami River had a double loop and changed its course many times in recorded history.
15. Bowling Green. A very high hill on the southeast corner of Dunlap Rd. and East Miami River Road. It overlooks the entire river bottoms in the area of Dunlap's Station and is topped by the remnants of an Indian mound or lookout point. The Indians could watch the river from these hilltops and signal up and down the river at will.
16. Old Mill site. At the southwest corner of Blue Rock and East Miami River Roads there is a foundation of a saw mill which was water powered. Rock dams in the river made water flow through sluice ways to power the mill. Most of the historic buildings along the river were destroyed by the 1913 flood, the most devastating in recent history.

17. Old Blue Rock Bridge Monument.
18. Indian Mound and lookout point. On a high hill, to your left, has been used for a grave of early settler families of Colerain Township.
19. Dravo, a Township Park, with the remains of the C. & O. RR. Bridge.
20. Ohio Bicentennial Barn. One of the 88 barns that were painted, one in each Ohio County to celebrate The State of Ohio Bicentennial in 2003.
21. Turn left onto Harrison and then Springdale Roads. Part of John Hunt Morgan's Trail.
22. Barnesburg, Ohio. At Springdale and Blue Rock Roads, an early settlement with stores, tavern and a Post Office.
23. The Coleraine Historical Society Museum – 4725 Springdale Rd.
24. Colerain Township Administration Building. During work hours enter the Rotunda to visit the scale model of Dunlap's Station, also visit the Heritage Memorial outside.
25. Stone Houses. From 6100 to 6700 Thompson Road you will encounter four residences built of fieldstone by German immigrants who came to Colerain Township in the mid 19th century.

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