

Coshocton County

Coshocton County is located in the central eastern part of the state and is bounded by Knox, Holmes, Tuscarawas, Guernsey, Muskingum and Licking counties. The county has a long history. The important deposits of Upper Mercer flint and its position at the "Forks of the Muskingum" have meant that Coshocton County has been settled since Paleoindian times. The Lenape, or Delaware tribe, located their principal village at "the Forks," giving it the name of *Goschachgunk*, which was later anglicized to *Coshocton*. Many settlers passed through Coshocton in the 1800's due in part to the building of the Ohio and Erie Canal.

Coshocton County is located in the middle of the United States Military District, lands that were reserved by Congress for Continental Army officers and soldiers. Population centers include Coshocton, Warsaw, and West Lafayette. The county's twenty-two townships are Tiverton, Monroe, Clark, Mill Creek, Crawford, New Castle, Jefferson, Bethlehem, Keene, White Eyes, Adams, Perry, Bedford, Jackson, Tuscarawas, Lafayette, Oxford, Pike, Washington Virginia, Franklin and Linton.

Coshocton Public Library

655 Main Street, Coshocton, OH 43812

740 622-0956 email: coshgen@coshoctonlibrary.org

Web: <http://www.coshoctonlibrary.org/>

The Coshocton Public Library makes its local history resources available in the Local History Room. The Local History Room also houses the Coshocton County Genealogical Society. Included in this collection are microfilmed newspapers dating back to 1826.

Other links on the library's genealogy webpage include:

- An Obituary Index from 1909 to present. An index is available for obituaries printed from 1816 to 1909 in paper format; library volunteers are currently working on adding this to our online index.
- A list of the Family Histories in our Collection
- Index of Archived Newspaper Clippings.
- A complete list of the microfilm and other genealogical resources available at the library.
- A list of Probate Court cases from the 1850's through the 1940s. These include divorces, guardianships and naturalizations.

Library volunteers are working to digitalize our Index of Estates, 1811 to 1960 and a general Index to the Coshocton County Cemetery Books (at present the cemetery books are indexed according to township).

Coshocton County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society

P.O. Box 128, Coshocton, OH 43812-0128

Web: <http://www.coshoctongenealogy.org/>

The CCCOGS is housed inside the Coshocton Public Library Local History Room. A full list of their publications is provided at their website. An incomplete set of cemetery readings is available in the Local History Room, the CCCOGS is working to supplement this.

The Roscoe Village Foundation, Inc.

600 N Whitewoman Street, Coshocton, OH 43812

Tel: 740 622 9310 Historian: Chris Hart

Web: <http://www.roscoevillage.com/index.php>

A restored 1830s canal town, historic Roscoe Village is located along what once was the Ohio-Erie Canal. Its mission is to interpret Ohio's Canal Era. Located in the historic village is the Johnson-Humrickhouse Museum.

Walhonding Valley Historical Society

124 Bridge Street, Warsaw, OH 43844

Tel: 740 824 4000

The society operates a museum which highlights artifacts that tell the history of western Coshocton County.