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COUNTIES,
TOWNS,
VILLAGES,

|| SETTLEMENTS, ||
ROADS,
RIVERS,

|| LAKES
SPRINGS,
MINES, &c.

IN THE STATE OF OHIO;

Alphabetically arranged.

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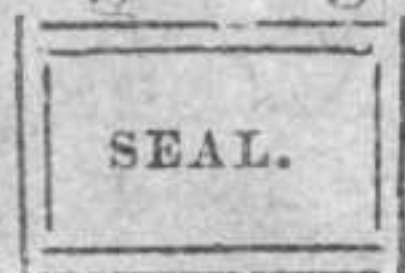
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BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the ninth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, and in the fortieth year of the Independence of the United States of America, JOHN KILBOURN of the said district, hath deposited in this office, the title of a book, the right whereof he claims as author, in the following words, to wit: "*The OHIO GAZETTEER; or Topographical Dictionary, containing a description of the several Counties, Towns, Villages, Settlements, Roads, Rivers, Lakes, Springs, Mines, &c. &c. in the state of Ohio, alphabetically arranged.*" In conformity to the act of the Congress of the United States of America, entitled "An act for the encouragement of learning, by securing the copies of maps, charts and books, to the authors and proprietors of such copies, during the times therein mentioned;" And also of the act entitled "An act supplementary to an act entitled an act for the encouragement of learning, by securing the copies of maps, charts and books to the authors and proprietors of such copies, during the times therein mentioned, and extending the benefit thereof to the arts of designing, engraving and etching historical and other prints."



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HUMPHREY FULLERTON,

Clerk of the Ohio District Court.

PREFACE.

The state of Ohio is rapidly rising into importance, both in the estimation of the neighbouring states of the west, and in the eyes of the eastern members of our Columbian Republic. Much solicitude has been evinced, and much enquiry recently elicited in the east, concerning this state, respecting its extent, soil, climate, navigableness of its rivers, the relative fertility, population, healthiness, and advantages and disadvantages of different districts and sections of the country.

Considerable expenditures of time and money are, consequently, frequently incurred in personally exploring the country, by those interested here, or those contemplating a removal hither, when much of them might be avoided, and the acquisition of the desired information greatly facilitated, by having some concise and correct topographical sketches of the different places and most common objects of enquiry at hand for immediate reference.

Such a work, too, if properly executed, would likewise be particularly beneficial to the people of this state generally, by enabling them not only to gratify a laudable curiosity, but also duly to appreciate those natural advantages and those acquired resources which they actually possess. In every point of view, therefore, a portable compend of such sketches would prove useful, and constitute an object in which the public generally would be interested. No such publication con-

river, and opposite the mouth of St. Joseph's river. It is remarkable for a vigorous and successful defence made by its garrison, in August, 1812, against a large body of Indians and British. The present notice of this post is here taken, because it forms a part of the same general line of frontier defence, with those before described; although it is not situated in the state of Ohio, but, lies within the limits of the state of Indiana.

Fort Winchester. [See *Fort Defiance.*]

Four mile creek, a stream, running into the west side of Miami river, in Butler county.

Fowler, a township of Trumbull county.

Frankfort, a town of Guernsey county, 15 miles easterly from Cambridge, on the great road leading from Zanesville to Wheeling in Virginia.

Franklin, a township of Portage county.

Franklin, a township of Columbiana county.

Franklin, a township of Licking county.

Franklin, a township, in the southern borders of Ross county, on the western side of Scioto river. The direct road from Chillicothe to Portsmouth, passes through this township.

Franklin, a township of Jackson county.

Franklin, a lively post town, containing 45 families, situated on the eastern side of the Great Miami river, near the northwestern corner of Warren county, just above Clear creek. Distance, 10 miles northwesterly from Lebanon, 18 south by west from Dayton, 34 north by east from Cincinnati, and 84 southwesterly from Columbus.

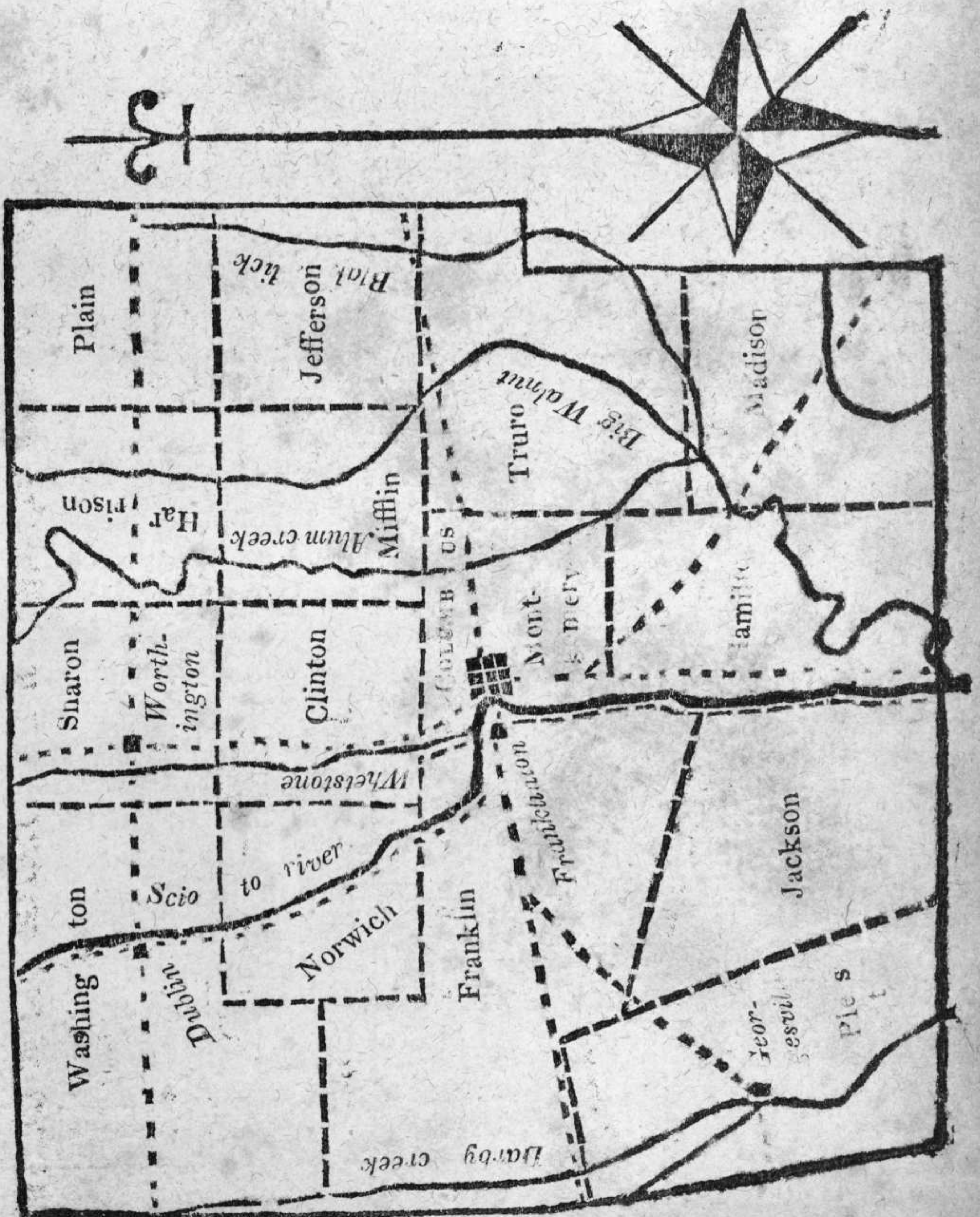
Franklin creek. [See *Twin creek.*]

Franklin, a central county, bounded on the north by Delaware, east by Licking and Fairfield, south by Pickaway, and west by Madison counties. It is somewhat above 22 miles square, being exactly of that extent upon its east and south limits, $22\frac{1}{2}$ on its west, and 25 on the line dividing it from Delaware on the north. The land is generally level, but rather low and wet, than otherwise, yet most exuberantly fertile, and is exceedingly well calculated for grazing farms, and raising stock. The principal waters are the Scioto and Whetstone rivers, Alum, Big Walnut, Black lick, and Darby creeks. All these unite in one common stream, the Scioto river, before leaving the county; excepting Darby creek, which does not join the river until entering Pickaway county. Franklin county contains a

population of 6,800 inhabitants; and a valuation of two million, thirty eight thousand, four hundred and seventy five dollars. It is divided into the fifteen following townships, namely: Clinton, Franklin, Harrison, Hamilton, Jackson, Jefferson, Madison, Mifflin, Montgomery, Norwich, Plain, Pleasant, Sharon, Truro, and Washington. The towns are Columbus, Franklinton, Worthington, Dublin, and Georgesville.

MAP OF FRANKLIN COUNTY.

—Scale, 7 miles to an inch.—



east from Columbus. It contains two stores, and it being a stopping place for the lake Erie steam boat, on its passage up and down the lake, between Buffalo and Detroit, it bids fair to become a place of considerable importance. The name of this town, as recorded, is Sandusky City.

Sandusky, also, another town, laid out, in 1817, on the west bank of Sandusky river, opposite Croghansville.

Sandy creek, a stream of Columbiana and Stark counties, running 15 or 18 miles southwestwardly into Nimishillen creek.

Sandy, a township, situated on a creek of the same name, in the southeastern quarter of Stark county.

Sandy store, a place at which is kept a post office in Columbiana county.

Schœnbrun, a Moravian missionary settlement, on the Muskingum river, in Tuscarawas county, three miles below New Philadelphia. The name signifies "clear spring."

Scioto, a river, the second in magnitude of those flowing entirely within the state. It rises in a morass 12 miles northerly of the Indian boundary line above Logan county; runs firstly a northeastwardly direction 10, thence southeastwardly 30 more, where it receives Little Scioto from the northeast, and there it gradually turns into a south by east, and finally into a generally south direction 130 miles further, when it empties into the Ohio river between Portsmouth and Alexandria, by a mouth 150 yards wide. It is navigable 130 miles. Immediately above Columbus it receives Whetstone river from the north, which is navigable in some seasons of the year, to Worthington, nine miles. Its other principal tributaries are, Big Walnut, Lower Walnut, and Salt creeks, from the east, and Paint, Deer, Darby, Mill, and Boke's creeks from the west. On the eastern bank of this river, about five miles northwesterly, or up the river from Columbus, is an almost inexhaustible bed of free stone or marble, which has recently been found to be capable of receiving a very high polish. When quarried, it is nearly white; but when polished, becomes grey. Extensive bodies of valuable land are situated adjacent, either immediately upon, or in the neighbourhood of this river, and that region of the state bordering upon it, is frequently designated by the name of the Scioto country.

Scioto country, is that portion of the interior and southern part of the state, which is watered by the Scioto river and its numerous branches. Delaware, Franklin, Madisen,

Fayette, Pickaway, Ross, Pike, Jackson and Scioto counties, compose that portion of the state thus designated. The main Scioto river runs from north to south across and nearly through the middle of all these counties, excepting Madison, Fayette and Jackson, which are situated on some of its tributaries. It extends about 130 miles from north to south, and, upon a medium, 40 from east to west. It may therefore be considered, in round numbers, as containing 5,200 square miles, or 3,328,000 acres. The northern parts are very level, fertile, and peculiarly well adapted for grazing farms. But that same quality of the ground which causes its fertility, also renders it very bad for roads, unless considerable labor is bestowed upon them; much more indeed than is actually bestowed. The land in the middle parts, through Pickaway and Ross counties, are more elevated, dry and rolling, consequently, extraordinarily well adapted for the production of grain of the various kinds, which it produces in abundance. South of Ross county, the lands are rough, hilly, and comparatively sterile, excepting the meadows along the runs, and an inconsiderable portion of the upland, which is remarkably fertile.

Scioto salt works, a place where considerable salt is made, on a tract of land reserved by the United States, near the centre of Jackson county, and 28 miles southeastwardly from Chillicothe.

Scioto, Little. [See *Little Scioto*.]

Scioto, a central township of Ross county, on the west side of Scioto river, in which the town of Chillicothe is situated.

Scioto, a township of Delaware county, situated on the western side of Scioto river.

Scioto, a township of Pickaway county.

Scioto, a township of Jackson county.

Scioto, a river county, bounded on the north by Pike, east by Jackson and Lawrence counties, south by the Ohio river, and west by Adams county. It is 28 miles long from east to west, and of very irregular breadth, containing about 575 square miles. It contains 3870 inhabitants, and property valued at 466,748 dollars. Seat of justice, Portsmouth. Scioto river flows through the middle of this county. The land is generally uneven, and of an indifferently good quality. It is divided into the ten townships of Bloom, Vernon, Green, Porter, Madison, Jefferson, Wayne, east

friends, who have a large brick meeting house of 80 by 40 feet area.

Weathersfield, a lively town of Trumbull county, five miles southeasterly from Warren, and containing a forge, and furnace, where bar iron and hollow ware are made to a considerable extent. The principal village is situated at the junction of Musqueto creek with Mahoning river, seven miles below Warren.

Wesley, a township in the western borders of Washington county.

West, the name of a township in Columbiana county.

Westchester, a new town in Oxford township, Tuscarawas county.

Western Reserve. [See *Connecticut Reserve*.]

Westfall, a town of Pickaway county, on the west side of Scioto river nearly opposite Circleville, and 30 miles south from Columbus.

Westland, a township of Guernsey county.

West Union, a post town, and seat of justice for Adams county. It contains seven mercantile stores, a bank, and a printing office. Distance, 53 miles southwesterly from Chillicothe, and 96 south by west from Columbus. N. lat. $38^{\circ} 51'$. W. lon. $6^{\circ} 24'$.

West Union, a township of Columbiana county.

Wheatsborough, a post township of Huron county.

Wheeling, a township of Guernsey county.

Wheeling, a township of Belmont county.

Wheeling Creek, Indian. [See *Indian Wheeling*.]

Whetstone, a river rising in the southwestern quarter of Richland county, and running thence southwestwardly across a corner of the Indian country 15 or 20 miles to the boundary line, which it crosses, and then runs a generally south by east direction 35 miles farther, where it joins the Scioto river immediately above Columbus.

White Oak creek, a large stream rising in the western part of Highland county, from whence it runs in a southwardly by west direction above 20 miles, across Brown county, into the Ohio river, four miles above, but opposite Augusta in Kentucky.

White Water, a river of Indiana state, which runs eastwardly into the state of Ohio, 20 miles northwestwardly from Cincinnati, and after crossing the state limit, and proceeding little over a mile, suddenly turns south, as if sensible of its intrusion, and runs about six miles south-

Wayne county. It contains a bank, a printing office, about 60 dwelling houses, six stores, and a land office for the sale of Congress lands in Canton district; also a handsome brick court house 45 feet square, and a goal. Two miles northwest of the town, a well for salt water, has quite recently been sunk 460 feet deep, which furnishes large quantities of very salt water, which it is expected will produce a sufficiency of salt for supplying the inhabitants for a considerable distance around. Wooster is situated in the center of Wayne county, one mile east from Kilbuck creek, which is navigable, in some stages of water, for boats of 10 tons burthen, to this place. N. lat. $40^{\circ} 50'$. W. lon. 5° , and 48 miles south of lake Erie, 23 west of Kendall, 87 northeasterly from Columbus, and 32 east from Mansfield.

Wooster, a central township of Wayne county, containing 1200 inhabitants, and in which is situated the above described town.

Wooster, a township of Washington county.

Worthington, a township of Richland county, immediately southeast from Mansfield.

Worthington, a post town of Franklin county, in Sharon township, 58 miles west from Zanesville, and nine northerly from Columbus. This village is beautifully situated upon a rolling site of ground on the east side of Whetstone river, on the great road leading from Kentucky by way of Chillicothe, Columbus, &c. to lake Erie. In the middle of the public square, in the centre of the town, the post road leading from Zanesville to Urlana, Greenville, &c. crosses the former. Worthington, contains 64 dwelling houses, stores and work shops, including the factory buildings, many of which are large and handsomely built with brick, four mercantile stores, and a building for an academy. On the river, three fourths of a mile below the public square, is an extensive manufacturing establishment for woollen cloths, and other articles.

Wrightsburg, a lake township in the northern borders of Ashtabula county. It is new, but fast settling.

Wrightstown, a small town of Belmont county.

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Xenia, a post town and county seat of Greene county, situated on Shawnoe creek, three miles east from the Little Miami. It contains "eleven stores, about 600 inhabitants,