

# Montgomery History Explorer



**Ages 6 & Up**

**This workbook belongs to:**

# Welcome History Explorers

Welcome History Explorers,

We are pleased to have your family participating in the Montgomery History Explorer program. This program was developed by the City of Montgomery Recreation and Community Development Departments to encourage youth and families to explore Montgomery and learn about our various historic landmarks.

The Montgomery History Explorer program is designed for ages 6 and up. Throughout the workbook you will find a variety of activities that will engage your family in learning about Montgomery and our historic landmarks in a fun and active way. This is a great program to enjoy as a family, as younger children may need assistance in completing their activities. To assist in finding the locations of each landmark, we have included a map of the city as well as the street location of each landmark mentioned in the workbook.

We look forward to helping your family become Montgomery History Explorers. Please bring your completed workbook to City Hall located at 10101 Montgomery Road. A member of our recreation team will review the workbook and contact you to inform you when your explorer certificate and patch are ready. Your completed workbook will be returned to you to keep with your certificate and patch. This program will be ongoing, so invite your family, friends and neighbors to become a Montgomery History Explorer with you.

City of Montgomery,  
Recreation and Community Development Staff



## What is a Montgomery historic landmark?

Any property which has special character, historical aesthetic, architectural, or archaeological value as part of the heritage, development, or cultural characteristics of the City and has been designated as an approved landmark by City Council.

The Montgomery History Explorer program was developed in partnership with the Montgomery Historic Preservation Association and the Montgomery Landmarks Commission.



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Landmarks Commission

# Historic Montgomery Landmarks

## Landmarks Listing and Locations

1. Wilder-Swaim House c. 1832
2. Parrott-Smith House c. 1897 ★
3. Taulman House c. 1830 ★
4. Snider House c. 1817
5. Weller House c. 1807
6. Former Village Hall c. 1925
7. Hopewell-Montgomery Presbyterian Church c. 1829
8. 1930's Pure Oil Gas Station c. 1931
9. Blair-Barker House c. 1875
10. Smethurst House c. 1869
11. Universalist Church c. 1837
12. Crain-Conklin House c. 1820
13. Pioneer Building c. 1818-1819
14. Johnson-Murdough Building c. 1890
15. James Ayers House c. 1820
16. Mason House c. 1861 ★
17. Hoffman House c. 1870 ★
18. Cameron-Feintheil House c. 1891 ★
19. Mills-Hellman House c. 1839-1847 ★ *demolished as of 3-20-2002*
20. Patmore-Lumley House c. 1810 ★
21. Wooley-Kelsch House c. 1890 ★
22. Yost Tavern c. 1805
23. Sage Tavern c. 1818-1819
24. Snider-Crain House c. 1818
25. Jonathan Crain House c. 1845
26. Bell House c. 1825
27. Arstingstall-May House c. 1907 ★
28. Crain-Eberhard House c. 1884 ★
29. Crist House c. 1815 ★
30. Hopewell Cemetery Pioneer Section c. 1803



**Yellow highlight designates workbook landmarks**

**★ This landmark is a private residence. Please enjoy this landmark from the sidewalk.**

31. Grover-Kjellenberg House c. 1840 ★
32. Stix-Durbrow House c. 1928 ★
33. Johnson Nature Preserve c. 1974





# Universalist Church

Corner of Montgomery and Remington Roads

The historic Universalist Church was built in 1837. During your visit, you will notice the many unique features of the building. The building houses the original bell that is still functional. The Universalist Church features a cupola that was originally designed to add natural light and ventilation under the roof. The bricks for the church were made on site and some of those bricks have a special imprint. There are 100 keys imprinted into the brick of the columns, building and porch floor. There is one special brick that features a key that is different. Can you find it?

Which side of the church can you find this 1 special key? \_\_\_\_\_



In the space provided below, draw a picture of the key imprint that you see.

Bonus points, attach a picture of you visiting Universalist Church.



# Crain-Conklin House

9463-9465 Montgomery Road

The Crain-Conklin house has a distinguishing feature on each side of the building. This feature is an iron star-shaped plate that anchors a tie rod running through the building to hold it together.

Can you locate the star anchors?

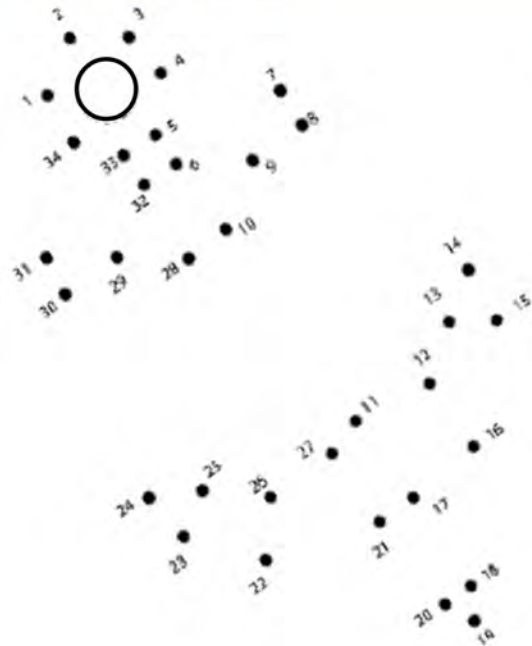
Once you locate the star anchors, use the box provided to draw what you see.

How many star anchors can you find? \_\_\_\_\_



# James Ayers House

9423 Montgomery Road



Connect the dots to reveal and then color the image.

What is the image?

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James Ayers was the original owner of this house. He was a shipbuilder and in 1829 was elected Justice of the Peace.



# Yost Tavern

7872 Cooper Road

Yost Tavern is a simple wood-frame building that was both home and a place of business for Abraham Yost. The Yost Tavern is the oldest remaining building in the City. The house was modified on the first floor to make a tavern, which continued until the 1840s. After that it was turned back into a home where the Miller family resided for almost 100 years. In 1968, the Kiwanis Club purchased the building, and in 1987, turned it over to the City. The Yost Tavern was put on the National Register of Historic Places in 1993.

**Using the puzzle below find these Montgomery history words.**

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- Landmark
- Metal Roof
- Preservation
- Lamp Post
- Facade
- Historic
- Plane Crash
- Explore
- Montgomery
- Village
- Terwilliger



# Former Village Hall

7816 Cooper Road

This small building was built in 1925 using money collected from fees during Prohibition days. The 600-square-foot building served as Village Hall and the Village jail for 44 years. In the 1960's the current City Hall was built on land donated by the developer of Montgomery Heights subdivision and Montgomery Square Shopping Center. If you look at the windows of the building at 7816 Cooper Road, you can still see the bars from the old jail cell.



As you walk around the building, try to locate the window with the jail bars. Once you locate it, take a picture of yourself with the window in the background. Then print and paste the photo below.

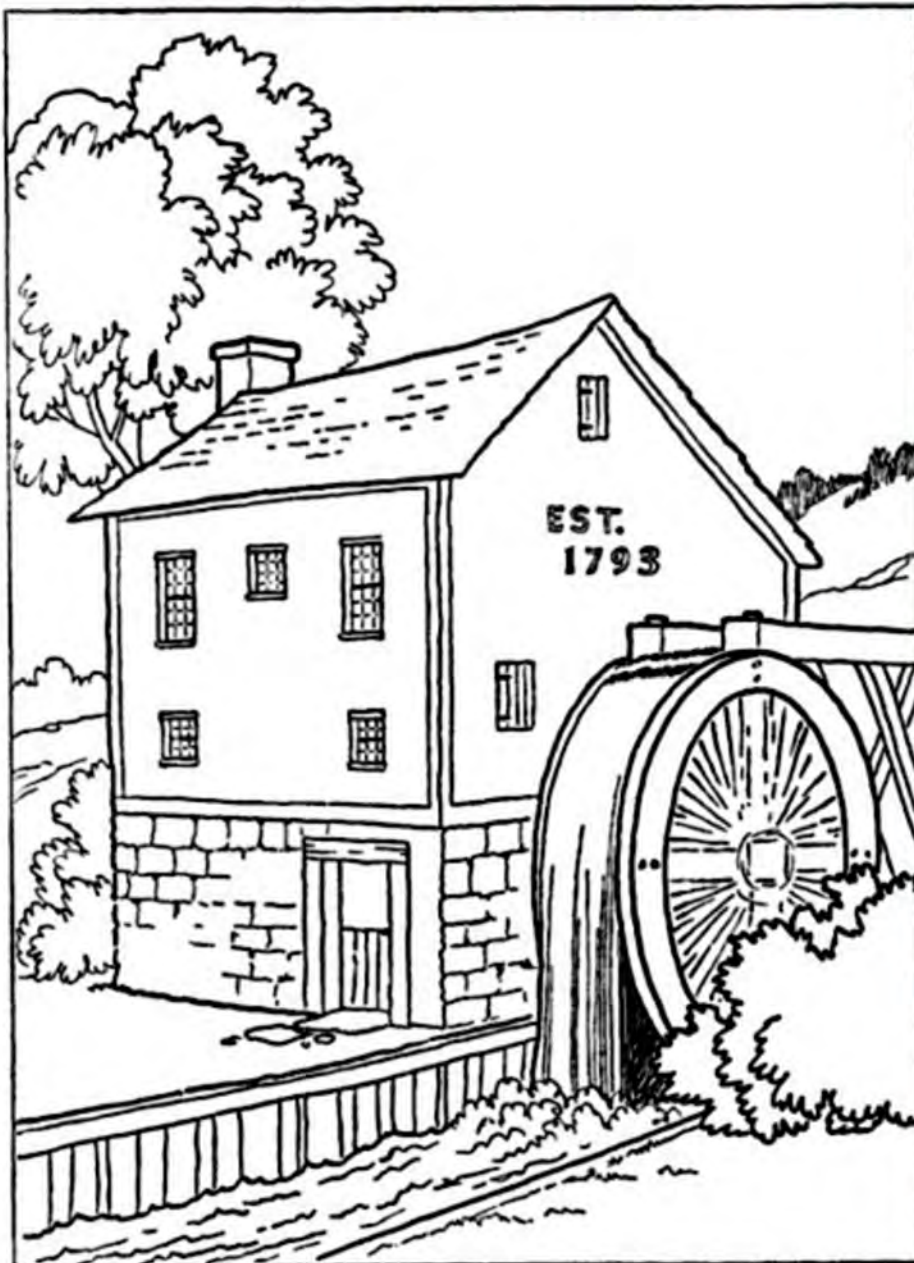




# Snider House

7789 Cooper Road

Color the image of the gristmill below. Cornelius Snider owned one like it.



The Snider House was first owned by David Snider, son of Cornelius Snider, one of the original founders of Montgomery. Cornelius Snider established a grist mill which stood at the corner of Main and Cooper Roads.



This leather baby girl's shoe, which appears to date to the 1820s, was found in the floor of the attic.





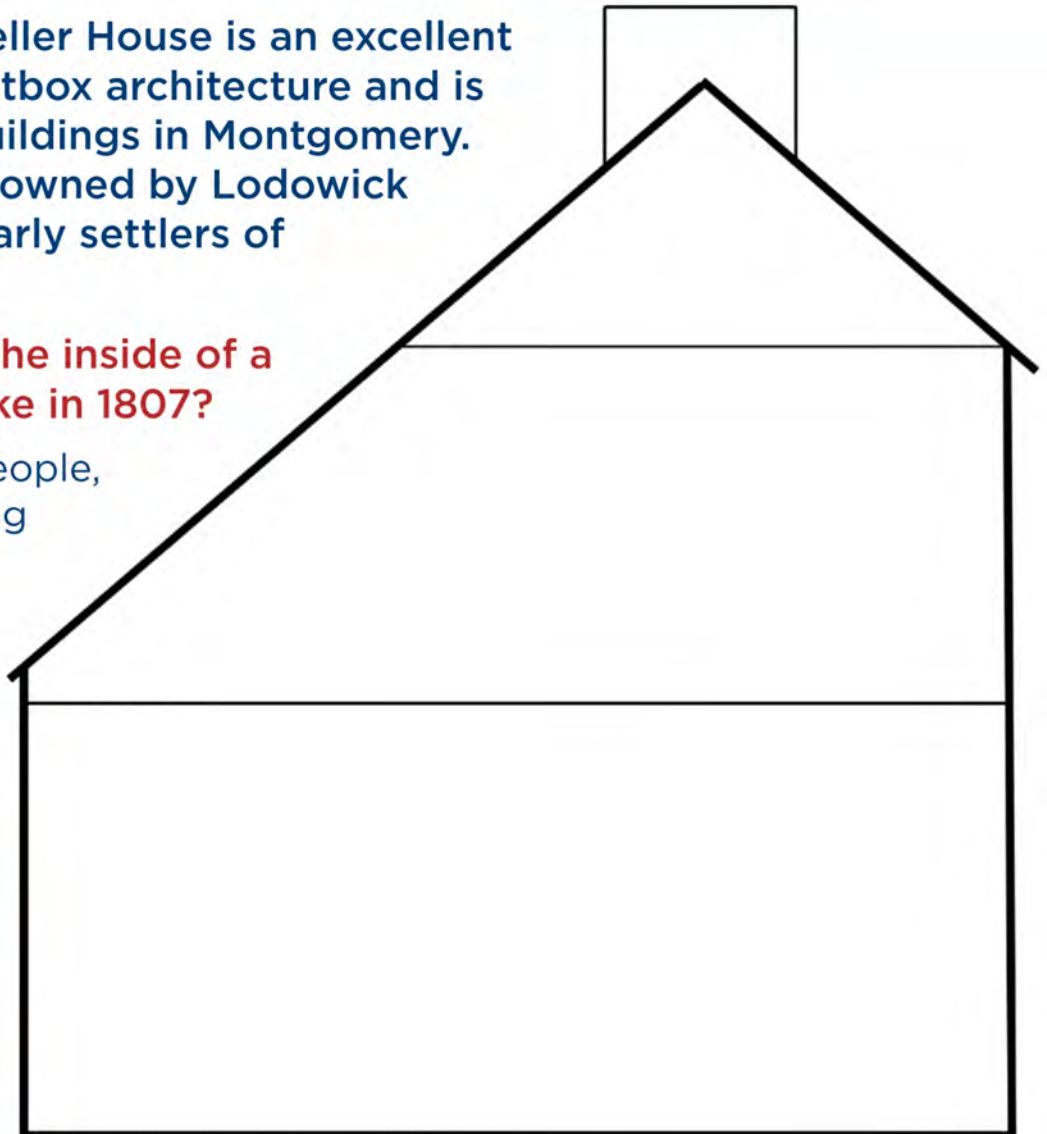
# Weller House

7795 Cooper Road

Built in 1807, the Weller House is an excellent example of early saltbox architecture and is one of the oldest buildings in Montgomery. The house was first owned by Lodowick Weller, one of the early settlers of Montgomery.

**What do you think the inside of a house would look like in 1807?**

Fill this house with people, furniture, and anything you think would be found in a home over 200 years ago!



**What is a saltbox house?** It is a Colonial style of architecture which originated in New England. Saltboxes are frame houses with two stories in front and one in back. They have a pitched roof with unequal sides, being short and high in front and long and low in back. The front of the house is flat and the rear roof line is steeply sloped. The sturdy central chimney is a simple but effective focal point. The simplicity and strength of this design, first seen around 1650, continues to make saltbox houses popular today\*

\* Library of Congress, [http://www.log.gov/rr/print/list/175\\_sal1.html](http://www.log.gov/rr/print/list/175_sal1.html)



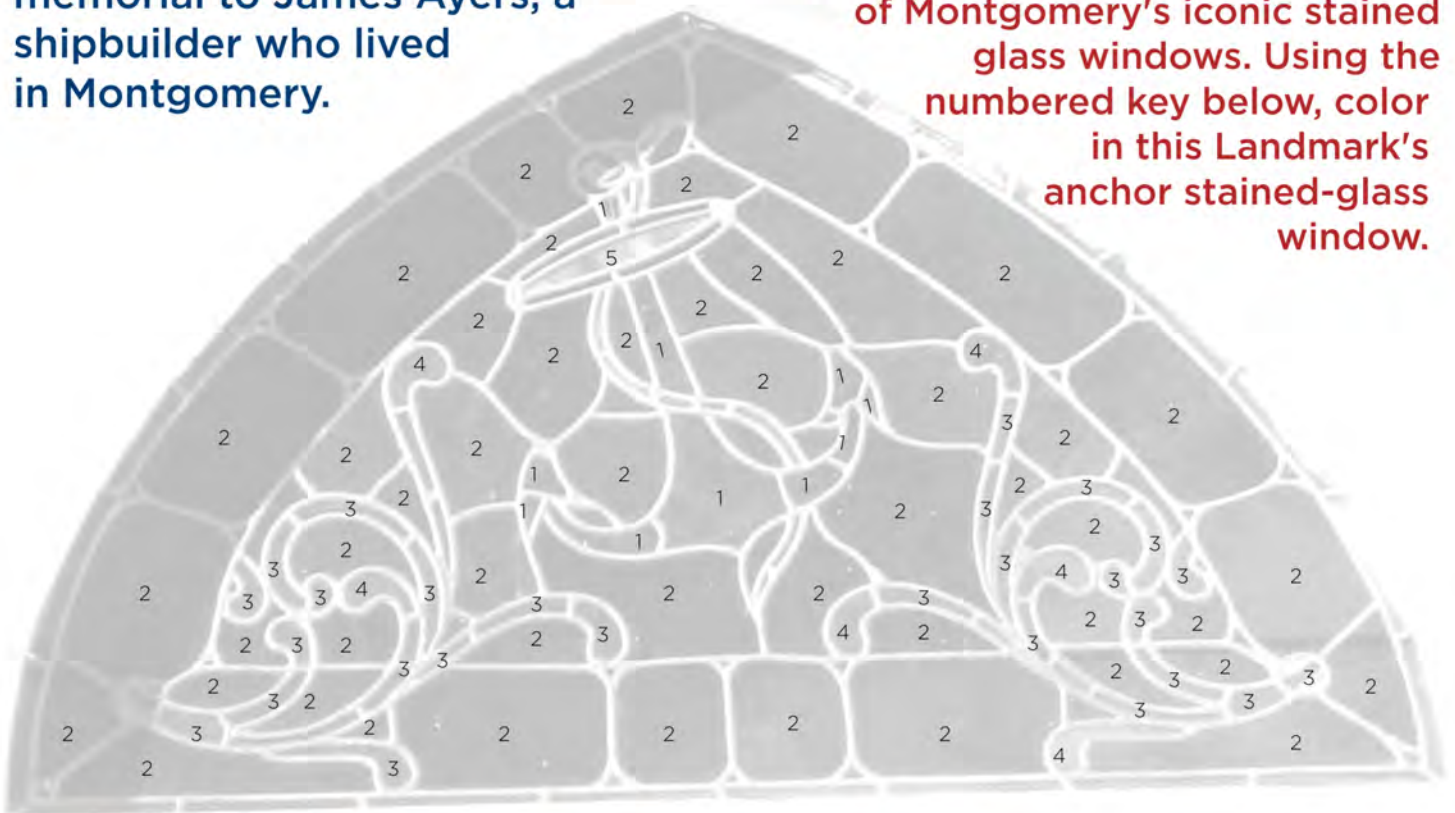
# Hopewell - Montgomery Church

9431 Shelly Lane

The Hopewell-Montgomery Presbyterian Church is the oldest church in Montgomery. The church is adorned with beautiful stained-glass windows. These stained-glass windows are memorials to early church members. The blue anchor rendered in blue glass is a memorial to James Ayers, a shipbuilder who lived in Montgomery.



Now it's your turn to recreate one of Montgomery's iconic stained glass windows. Using the numbered key below, color in this Landmark's anchor stained-glass window.



1 - Blue    2 - Orange    3 - Green    4 - Yellow    5 - Grey



# Blair-Barker House

7844 Remington



**Pure Oil**  
9426 Shelly Lane



**Across**

- 4. This newspaper was one of the City's first and was printed at 9424 Shelly Lane, where Haute Chocolate is located now. \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5. Haute Chocolate has this animal in their logo.
- 7. The oldest remaining landmark building in City is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9. The Pure Oil Building used to be used as this \_\_\_\_\_.

**Down**

- 1. The Pure Oil Building used to be located on the corner of Montgomery and this Road.
- 2. Marion Kjellenberg published the City's first newspaper. This street was named in his honor. \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3. Montgomery's logo is the historic \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6. This is the color of the Montgomery street signs.
- 8. The Blair Barker house has this type of roof.



# Smethurst House

7850 Remington Road

The first owner, James Lloyd Smethurst, was a carpenter by trade. He was elected Montgomery's first Mayor in 1920. The house originally sat at the corner of Remington and Montgomery Roads. It was moved to its current location in 1987 to save it from demolition, prior to the construction of Kotsovos Bridal, Prom, Furs & Fine Apparel.

The Smethurst House used to be located on what street?

The Smethurst House was relocated for the construction of what business?

The Smethurst House was built in 1869 for James Lloyd Smethurst, who was the City's first \_\_\_\_\_.

James Lloyd Smethurst was a \_\_\_\_\_ by trade.



# Wilder-Swaim House

Corner of Cooper and Zig Zag Roads

This house was built in 1832 by James and Susan Wilder, who arrived from Rhode Island. William Swaim, a principal of Montgomery school, purchased the property in 1917. In 1933 the property became a golf course and in 1976 a City-owned park.

**In the space provided draw your favorite part of Swaim Park.**

Approximately what year was the Wilder-Swaim House built? \_\_\_\_\_

Before becoming Swaim Park, this property used to be what?  
\_\_\_\_\_



# Hopewell Cemetery

Corner of Deerfield and Montgomery Roads

Using the map, explore the Pioneer Section of the cemetery as you learn about some of our City's founding fathers. As you walk through, take notice of their gravestones and how different each one is.



## (1) Row 1, Grave 6

### James W. Radabaugh

Was born in Montgomery and was a farmer just as his father was before him. At age 20 he was drafted to the Civil War. He served 2 years in the Union Army.

What year was he born?

How old would he be if he were still alive today?

## (2) Row 12, Grave 4

### Cornelius Snyder

Was born in Montgomery, New York. He served in the Revolutionary War in NY. Cornelius was said to be the leader of the group of settlers who sold their farms and eventually settled in Montgomery, Ohio.

What year was he born?

How old would he be if he were still alive today?

## (3) Row 20, Grave 7

### Nathaniel Terwilliger

Is a Revolutionary War veteran and one of the first families to come to Montgomery, Ohio in the spring of 1795. He purchased 540 acres, which on this land the Village of Montgomery was established.

What year was he born?

How old would he be if he were still alive today?

## (4) Row 25, Grave 6

### James Ayers

Was one of the founding fathers of the Presbyterian Church. The blue anchor in the stained-glass window of the Hopewell Montgomery Church is placed in honor of James and his wife Catherine.

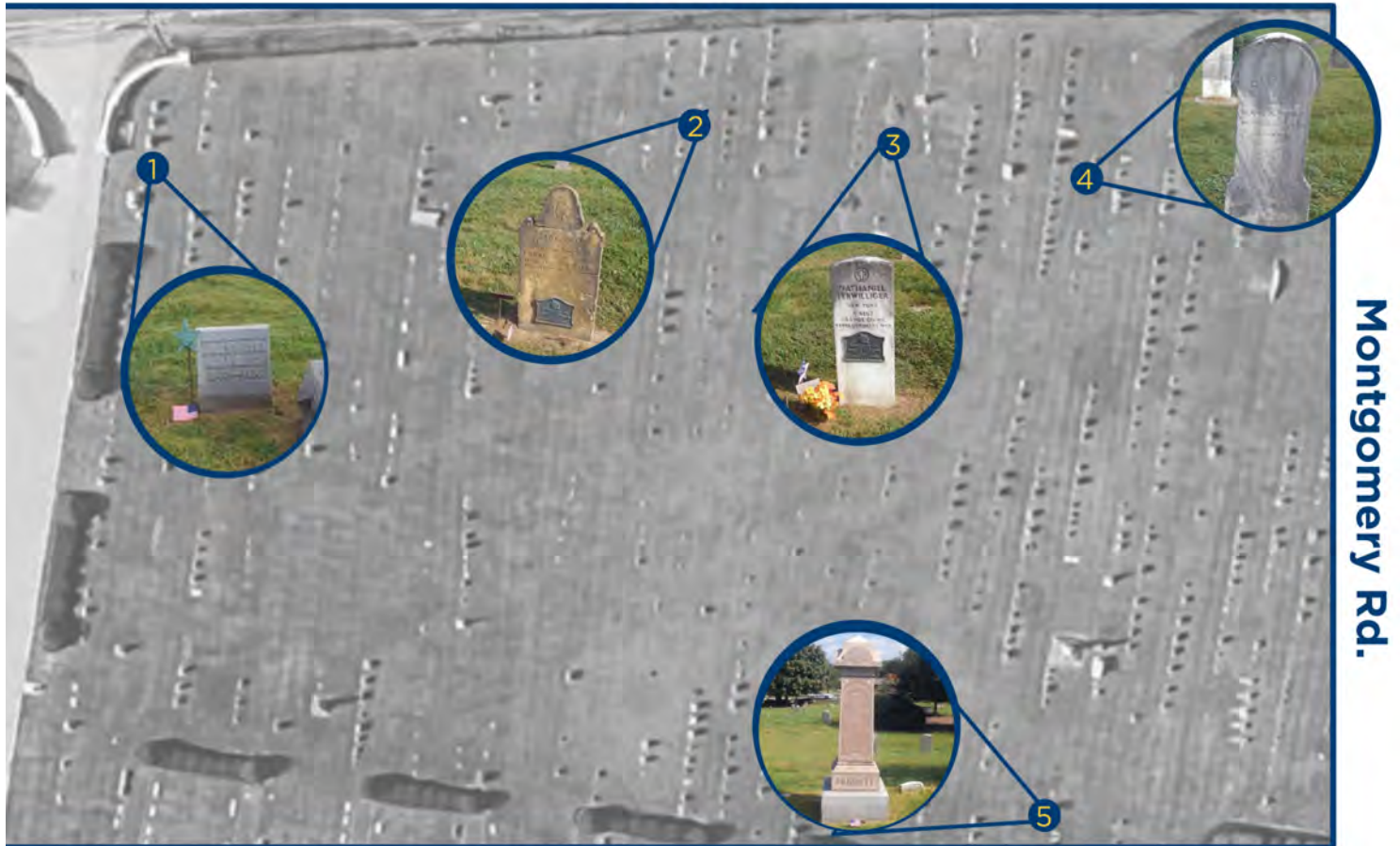
What year was he born?

How old would he be if he were still alive today?

# Pioneer Section

C. 1803

Deerfield Rd.



Montgomery Rd.

## (5) Row 25, Grave 32 Richard Parrot

Managed the Parrot General Store at the southeast corner of Montgomery Road and Cooper Road. In 1931, the building was sold and used as a pharmacy until 1959.

What year was he born?

How old would he be if he were still alive today?

How many Revolutionary War heroes are located within the Pioneer section of Hopewell Cemetery?

What was one interesting thing you noticed about the Pioneer section of Hopewell Cemetery?



# Johnson Nature Preserve

10840 Deerfield Road

On July 4, 1974, this 7.2-acre preserve was dedicated and given to the City of Montgomery by Dr. and Mrs. Frank L. Johnson. It is adjacent to the 65-acre University of Cincinnati's Harris M. Benedict Botanical Preserve, which is still used for research today. In 1999, these properties were hit by a massive tornado. The Johnson Nature Preserve features a 0.35-mile path walkway that allows visitors to walk through and explore nature's beauty.



**What year did the tornado occur?**

**What local University still does research in Johnson Nature Preserve and the adjacent Preserve?**

**Record your observations below during your visit to Johnson Nature Preserve.**





# Completion Checklist

## City Hall

10101 Montgomery Road

### Activity Checklist

- Universalist Church
- Crain-Conklin House / James Ayers House
- Yost Tavern
- Former Village Hall
- Snider House
- Weller House
- Hopewell-Montgomery Church
- Blair-Barker House / Pure Oil
- Smethurst House
- Wilder-Swaim House
- Hopewell Cemetery
- Johnson Nature Preserve
- Favorite Landmark Picture

In the space provided, attach a picture of you with your favorite landmark.



What is your favorite landmark?

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Child's Name

Age

Phone Number

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Email Address

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Recreation Staff Signature

Date

# Thank You

To learn more about Montgomery's history, the Montgomery History book celebrating the city's Bicentennial year in 1995 is available for purchase at City Hall for \$5, or you may download the book for free at [www.montgomeryohio.org](http://www.montgomeryohio.org).

In addition, many of Montgomery's Landmarks are featured in an ornament series, which are also available for purchase at City Hall for \$8 for one or \$7 for two or more.



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