

ADDITIONAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Preble County has many special places and historical sites within its boundary lines. Described here are just a few of the many that can be seen. Refer to *Preble County, Ohio*, and other Preble County Historical Society publications to learn about others.

- PCHS Phillips-Swartzel House (c.1830), brick Federalist style house located on right-hand (north) side of Aukerman Creek Road, after first left-hand bend.
- Wayne Trace, General Anthony Wayne's campaign route north from Fort Washington (Cincinnati).
- Old Camden Pike was the original Rossville to Eaton turnpike, later replaced by US 127. Bricks from the old road bed now form paving of approaches to Roberts Bridge at its new site in Eaton.
- Original Roberts CB site is located on Old Camden Pike about 1/4 mile south of Consolidated Road. Access to the site is blocked off.
- Orlistus Roberts farm and graves of Roberts and the Campbell's are situated on a rise north (to right) of Old Camden Pike-Consolidated Road intersection.
- Original site of Dixon Branch CB, now located in Lewisburg Community Park, was 1/4 mile east of Concord Church on Concord Road.
- St. Clair Street Bridge (1888) was built under the same county engineer, RE Lowry, as six of the seven remaining Preble County CBs, and it is older than four of them. Note the new brick road bed.
- West Main Street Bridge was the site of Eaton's Old Red Bridge (1840-1896), another of Preble County's several double-barreled CBs.
- Eaton-New Hope Road, early settler's route from Richmond (Eaton was then more important than Richmond).
- Forty Foot Pitch (1 1/2 miles) and old Zion Church (3 1/4 miles) are located on US 127. Behind the church is the site of "Lowrey's Massacre;" soldiers killed in that skirmish were buried at Fort S1. Clair. Millstones from Risinger's Mill near Forty Foot Pitch were fashioned from local glacial boulders.
- Just west of where Yohe Road intersects old National Road, there was a 1/2 mile stretch of "corduroy road" over what was then a swamp.
- The area around Warnke CB in pioneer times was the one most troubled by native populations in Preble County.
- Looking southwest about 1/2 mile from the intersection of Jordan Road and US 40, one can see a white farmhouse. It is a log building and was the home of William Harper whose little daughter was kidnapped by Indians. Years later when she was found, she refused to return to her childhood home.
- Just east of the Y -intersection of Salem Road-Dayton Street-Clay Street is the Lewisburg Depot, relocated to this site and undergoing restoration by the Lewisburg Historical Society.
- New Lexington was the first village in Preble County. Nisbet House (1811), located east of SR. 503 on Lexington-Salem Road, was the first brick house in the County. The route of this tour and most of the information about additional points of interest is based on a 1976 PCHS covered bridge tour planned by Seth S. Schlotterbeck.