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You're invited to Bainbridge's Celebration of Ross County's Bicentennial

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22 • 8:00 PM

AT THE PAXTON THEATRE

Bainbridge Historical Society Open 3:00pm-6:00pm
Dr. John Harris Dental Museum Open 3:00pm-6:00pm
IN THE VILLAGE PARKING LOT
Adelphi Band 4:00pm
Steady Stompers Cloggers 6:00pm
Bells & Bows Square Dancers 6:30pm



DR. JOHN HARRIS DENTAL MUSEUM
The first dental school in the world was located in Bainbridge. The school, conducted by Dr. John Harris, operated through the years 1825 and 1830. The museum is maintained in the original building and contains many artifacts donated from near and far. The museum will be open Saturday, August 22 from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm.



HOME OF NATHANIEL MASSIE
Hospitality of the Massie's was well known throughout the area. Massie died in 1813, a brilliant energetic life cut short.
Officially founded in 1805, a Post Office was established in 1806 with Jervis Cutler as first Postmaster. Two of the very early homes, the Winton House and the Elijah Rockhold House sit side by side on North Quarry Street and are occupied by residents who appreciate their history. Rockhold and Christian Benner were both engaged in the early development of Bainbridge. Descendants of Mary Ann and Christian Benner still reside in the village.
The majestic hills that surround Bainbridge are alive with brilliant color in the fall and the Annual Fall Festival of Leaves the third week-end in October.



BAINBRIDGE STREET SCENE ABOUT 1910



WEYMAN CHAPEL - BUILT IN 1834

A Brief History Of Bainbridge
Bainbridge was surveyed and later settled in 1805 by General Nathaniel Massie and his party in beautiful Paint Creek Valley, halfway between the county seat of Ross County, Chillicothe and the county seat of Highland County, Hillsboro.
The center of a prosperous farming community, the village was overjoyed when a railroad was built in 1876, providing transportation for both people and grain and other produce. It was abandoned in the 1950's and later the tracks were removed.
The Moundbuilders, the first known civilization, early recognized the potential of Paint Valley, and they left behind their earth works, Seip and Kilvern Mounds, one east and one west of the village. When Seip Mound was opened in 1926, several bodies wrapped in pearls were discovered. Freshwater pearls from the mussels in Paint Creek were, no doubt, abundant in those days.
After Moundbuilders came the Indians, the Shawnee and Mingo tribes. Later came more surveying parties and despite the Indians' fierce protection of their land, the last Indian Battle was fought just east of town at Reeves Crossing. Here in Paint Valley, Nathaniel Massie built his own home near Paint Creek and brought his bride from Kentucky. The



THE PAXTON THEATRE



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