

# The Importance of Maintaining Historical Records

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Over time, records can be lost, damaged, misplaced or discarded either intentionally or unintentionally.

Each time, a portion of our history erodes away  
and vanishes...

# Types of Land Records

- Road Records
  - Establishment, Right-of-Way widths, Vacating, Realignments
- Road Easements
- Road Plans
- Surveys/Survey Drawings
  - County Surveyor/County Engineer (1803 to present)
  - Private Surveys (1890s to present)
- Survey Notes
  - Field Books
  - Papers



# Types of Land Records

- Plats/Drawings
  - Subdivision Plats
  - Recorders Plat Books
  - Auditors Plat Books
  - Surveyors Plat Books (County Engineer's Office)
- Tax Maps
- Maps
  - Snapshots in time
- Aerial Photographs
  - Snapshots in time
  - 1938 SCS Photos of every county in Ohio

# Methods of Storing or Copying Records

- Paper
  - Scribes/Monks hand copying
  - Paper Copying with machines (Xerox)
- Mylar
- Microfilm
- Photography (Film)
- Light sensitive paper
  - Diazo
  - Thermal
- Digital
  - Photography
  - Scanning technology

# Examples Showing the Importance of Keeping Good Records

- *State Line Monuments and Locations*
  - *East Side of Road versus West Side of Road*
  - *References to Road, Railroad or Fence lines*
- *Road versus Railroad – which one first*
- *Dates of Recording – which one first*
- *Survey Boundary Line being the Center of a Waterway*
  - *Waterway moved by flooding*
  - *Waterway moved over a long period of time*
  - *Waterway moved by man*

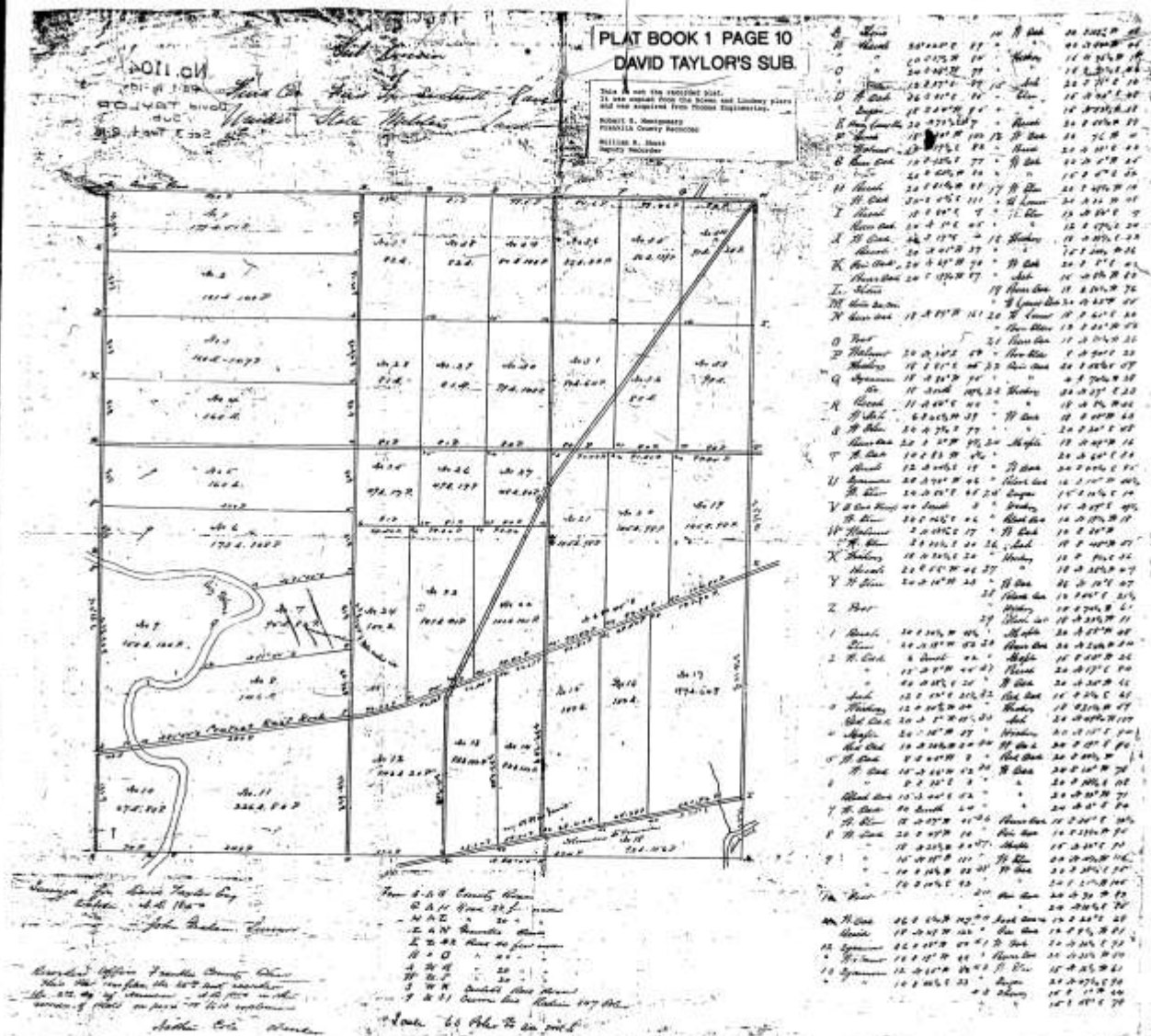
**We must realize as Makers, Users or  
Keepers of Land Records, we are the ones  
responsible for perpetuating what others  
will need in the future.**



Franklin County Recorders Plat Book 1, page 10  
(original destroyed in fire January 31, 1879)



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(copy from private records, located in 1990)



Petition  
for a road  
from Farmington  
to Madam  
Township

1804







To the Honourable body of Commissioners in & for the County of Franklin & State of Ohio. Your humble  
~~petitioners~~ being Residents of Hamilton Township & the County & State aforesaid. Relying & Trusting that you our  
 Guardians will hear the humble prayer of your ~~petitioners~~ & we your humble petitioners having full faith  
 that you our paternal Guardians will hear & rectify our Grievances as is Consistent with a Great & free  
 & happy people. We do hereby state some of our reasons appealing to your paternal magnanimity for the justice  
 there off viz: Hamilton Township is Exceeding large viz: the length being 12 miles viz: from the River State  
 Eastward to the County line & breadth is Exceeding Great which makes it very laborious for your petitioners  
 Who Reside in the Eastern part of the ~~Sd~~ Hamilton Township to Travel To & From ~~the Court~~ ~~the Court~~ ~~the Court~~  
 petitioners has to Travel from five to 12 miles for the purposes before stated & your petitioners has no  
 Roads of Communication Great distances which is very Grievous to your humble petitioners therefore your  
 humble petitioners prayeth that you would make a division of Townships & lay off your petitioners  
 a Township the Boundries as follows viz: Beginning at the County line of Franklin & Fairfield at the S.E.  
 Corner of Section 35 & Township Eleven in the 121 Range of Matthews & Survey thence N. with the County  
 Line till it Strikes the middle of the Refugee Tract thence W. 5 miles thence S. with the West line of the  
 Coleventh Township to S.W. Corner of Section 31 thence E. to the beginning Corner as your petitioners will  
 Shew by map. Your petitioners having full faith in your wisdom do hope that you will take  
 their petition in to consideration Trusting that You will Grant us a Township by the Name of  
 Truro. and such other priviledges as is Consistent with your paternal magnanimity  
 This is the prayer which your petitioners feel them selves in duty bound to state.

April 30. 1808

Matthew Taylor  
 James Rantley  
 Samuel Taylor

Nicholas  
 Abraham Switzer  
 John Rice  
 Joseph Fleming

James  
 Isaac  
 Walter News  
 Walter Ham  
 Benjamin Brinkley  
 Jacob Croner

Frederick Peterson  
 Philip Swisher  
 John Swisher  
 Charles Cherry



- William Faden Map of 1793









# 1842 Franklin County Road and Property Map





# 1857 Ohio Railroad Map





# 1895 Franklin County Road and Property Map





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# Types of Digital Storage

- Computer Hard Drives (PC and Main Frame)
- Flash Drive/Thumb Drive
- DVD
- CD
- 3 ½" Floppy Disk
- 5 ¼" Floppy Disk
- Tapes (various sizes)
  - For PCs and Main Frame Computers
- 8" Floppy Disk
  - Main Frame Computer



**Remember, today is tomorrow's history!**

**Keep good records!**

