

Jackson Township Community

Founded 1815



Thousands of years ago

- First Jackson inhabitants were the Paleo-Indians.
- They lived in what we call Nobles Pond.
- The first group of Indians were known as the “Clovis”.
- The Muskingum Indian trail passed through Jackson Township at Crystal Springs.

1785

- The Treaty of Fort McIntosh made the Tuscarawas River the boundary between the United States and the Indian Territory.
- A boulder (big rock) monument can be found on Erie Street in Crystal Springs as a reminder of this Treaty.
- The Western boundary of the United States was in Jackson Township at one time!



1803

The state of Ohio was created.

1806

- The first known settler in Jackson Township was George Miller.
- Jackson Township had good rich soil so crops could grow easily.
- The Miller family also raised sheep on their farm.

1814

- The first church in the township was Mt Zion church.
- It was built on Pittsburgh Road in what is now called the North Canton cemetery.
- Two congregations used this church.
- There was also a one-room school named Mt. Zion near the church.

1815

- Jackson Township government was founded.
- The township was named after Andrew Jackson.
- St. Jacob church was founded in the township.

1816

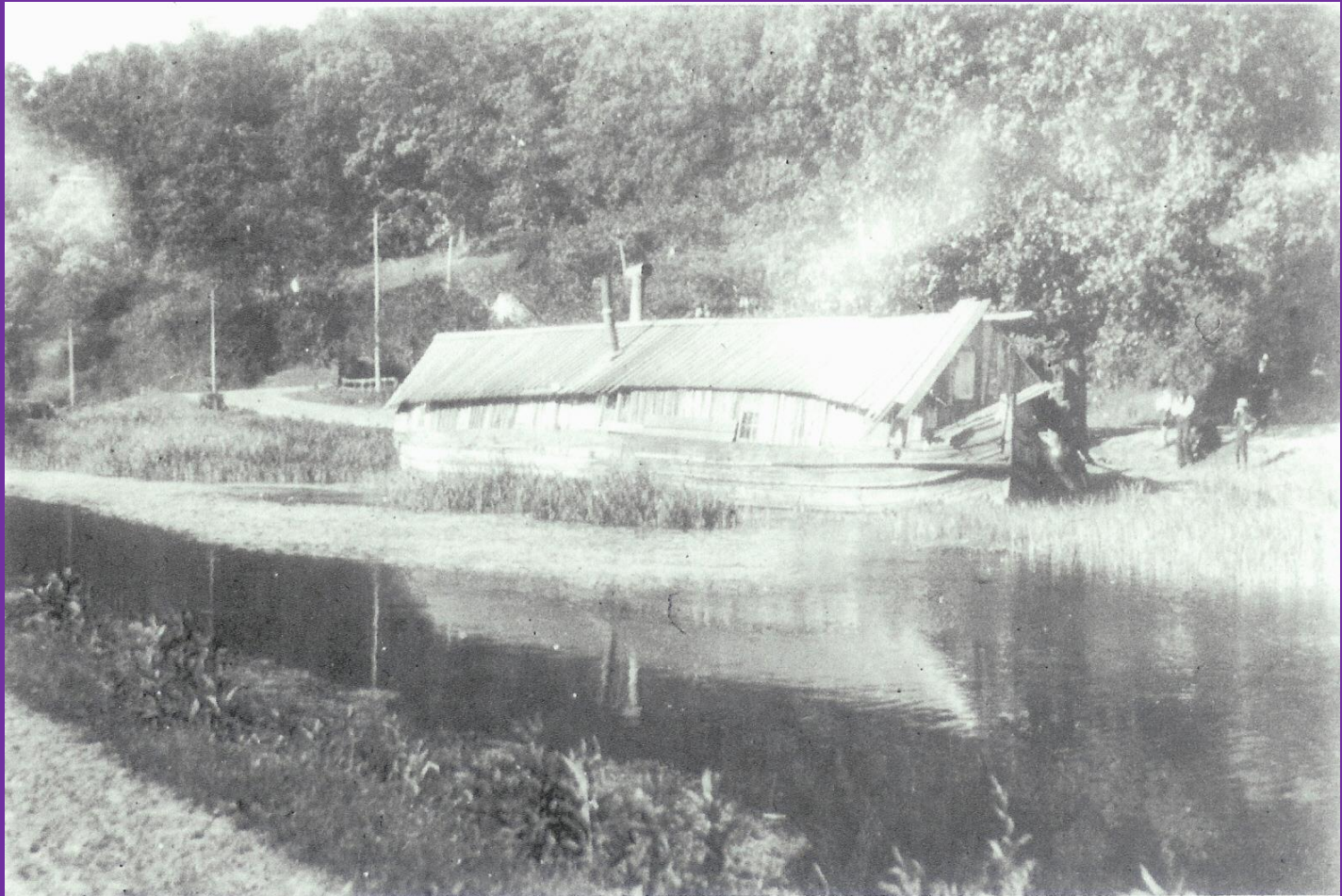
- Early schools were mostly one-room schoolhouses.
- They provided education in grades one through eight.
- If you wanted to go to a high school you had to transfer to Canton, North Canton, Massillon or Canal Fulton High School.
- Heat was provided by one pot-belly stove in the middle of the room.
- Recess brought games of crack the whip, Fox and Geese, marbles, baseball or jump rope.
- There were no school buses to pick children up , most walked even in the winter months.



This is what the school may have looked like.

1827

- The Ohio and Erie Canal was opened through Jackson.
- Many Irish immigrants came to America to build this canal.
- Horses pulled the canal boats along a trail next to the canal called the towpath.



1829

- The first village was McDonaldsville.
- McDonaldsville was an important stopping point between Akron and Massillon.
- There were stores, a post office and an Inn for travelers to get something to eat and to sleep.

Mc DONALDSVILLE

Jackson Township.
Scale 20 Rods to the Inch.

S. K.

A. Streby

*J. D.
Palmer*

J. Keck

J. K.

H. Keck

H. K.

C. Keck

*Blacksmith
Shop
J. Brougher*

L. Haue

*H.
Hansen*

W. Moose

*Shoe Shop
J. K. Weidler
Store*

*Hotel
P. O.*

D. Conrad

*D.
Roush
Shoe Shop*

*L.
Hammer
G. Moose*

*D.
Coonrad*

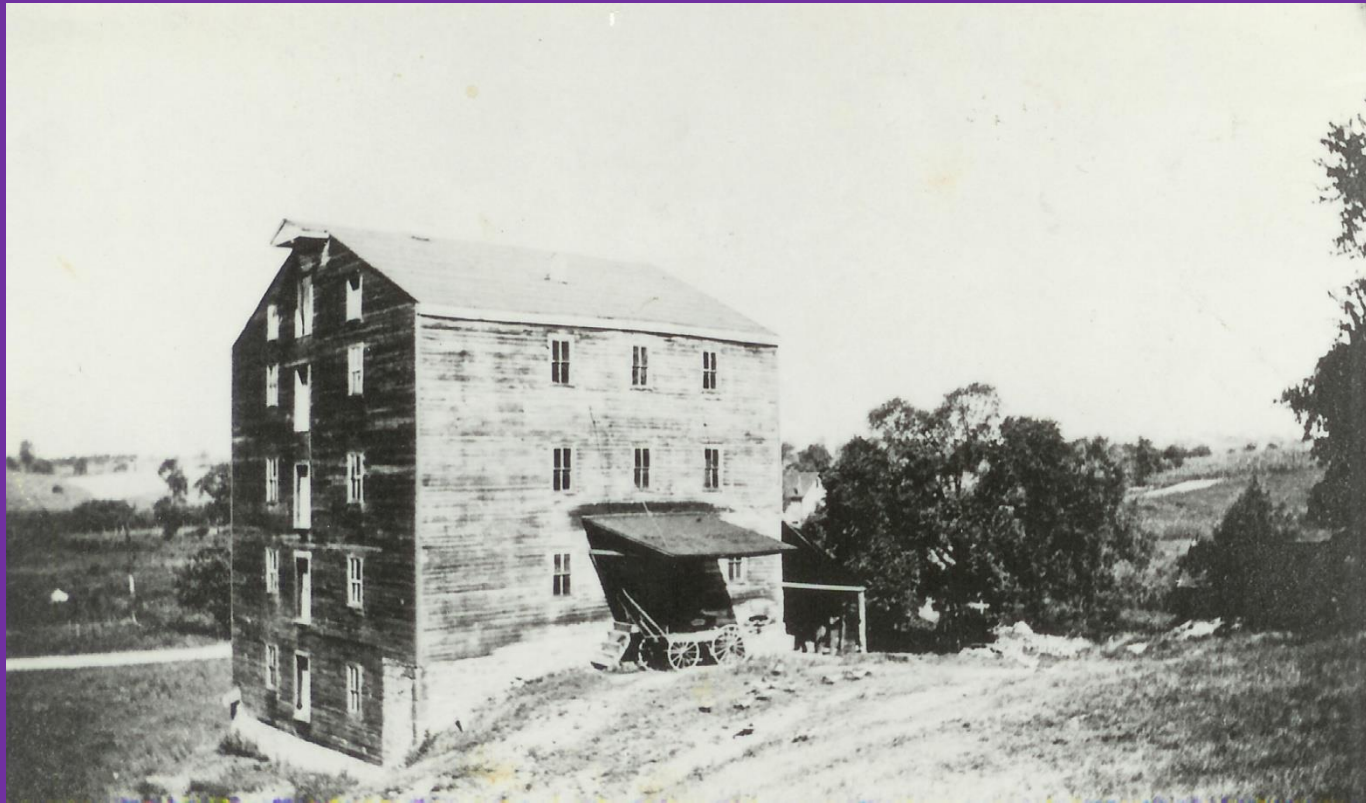
J. Hammer

G. M.

L. Hammer

1829-Continued

- Daniel Slanker built “The High Mill” five stories tall.
- The mill ground grain crops like wheat to make flour.
- Mills were important to the community because most people were farmers.
- Farmers’ children would miss days of school causing them to be behind in their studies.



1923

- Two brothers named Cable, bought the farms on Fulton Road.
- They built a dam, dug dirt out and let the springs fill the lake.
- The Lake Cable area was named after the brothers.



1930

- Jackson Township built a new school for all twelve grades.
- It was the first township to consolidate their schools together.
- This building is still in use today as the front part of the middle school.
- It has been added on to several times.



Jackson Township School after an addition to the left side.

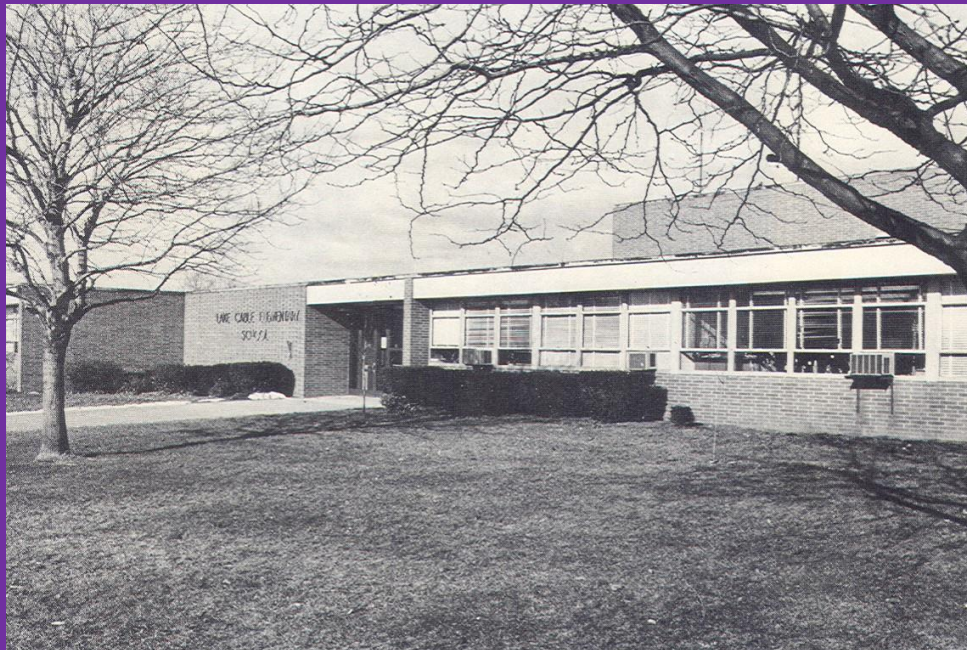


1960

- Sauder Junior High School was dedicated as the population of the community continued to grow.
- Sauder was later converted into Sauder Elementary School.

1963

- Lake Cable Elementary was dedicated on December 15 as the second elementary school.



1964

- Amherst Elementary School was dedicated on November 15 as the third elementary school.
- It is a mirror copy of Lake Cable Elementary School.

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Presenting the New
AMHERST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Dedicated to the Youth of Our Community

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1964 2:00 P.M.

1970

- Belden Village Mall was built and opened.
- This started to bring large numbers of families to Jackson Township. More people, businesses, roads and more traffic lights were seen in Jackson.



1976

- High school students had to go to school in shifts, morning shift and afternoon shift. Jackson High School was opened in 1976.
- The “old high school” was remodeled into Jackson Memorial Middle School and Sauder was remodeled into an elementary school.

1998

- Jackson Center School, an original one-room schoolhouse, was moved from its location on State route 241 to Fulton Road, west of the new high school.
- It was opened in 2002 as a history museum.



2002

- Strausser Elementary School Opened.
- Amherst, Lake Cable and Sauder Elementary schools received significant upgrades.



Strausser Elementary School